

Network



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Reflections by Pastor Craig

Most often when I have heard it asked, "how is your summer?" people have replied, "it is going way too fast." I agree, though I am not sure why that is. There are still the same number of hours in a day. Same number of days in a week and weeks in a year, but it seems each year, the time passes more quickly than the previous year. Perhaps it has something to do with the long awaited warmth that made summer such a coveted season this year. Maybe it has to do with more emphasis on summer school and sporting activities that allow families to participate in several sporting leagues one after another and there is less structured time for summer. Structure and scheduling is no longer a 9-month pattern but a year-long experience. With all the scheduling and active living, please remember to take time to worship and participate in the life of the church. A regular pattern of spending time in worship and centered in God's word and sacraments helps shape and gives deeper meaning to daily life. Growing in faith and faithful living is an important and foundational pattern for life.

As we transition from the summer activities into the fall schedule, it is time to reset our commitment to once again participate in the ongoing work and mission of the church. Please read the following pages carefully as they include information that you will want to know about Sunday school, confirmation classes, choir rehearsals, bible studies, and monthly stewardship sessions based on topics of great importance.

Wednesday evening activities begin **September 3** and the fall Sunday schedule with worship time change, Rally Sunday and Church Picnic all begin **September 7**. Sunday evening bible study classes based on a study of the book of Mark will start **September 14**. Check the calendar inside and highlight those classes and events that are important for you.

Note also an opportunity to attend a wonderful worship experience in Appleton on September 20 as our newly elected bishop, Gerald Mansholt, is installed. There is an invitation to this event on page 2 of this issue.

So if you are ready for an adventure, check out all the opportunities that begin soon and are highlighted in this Network issue. Thank you for your participation and support for the ongoing work and mission of Christ's church.

Sunday Fall Worship Times Begin

September 7

8:00 & 10:30 am

*Also, please note the office will be
closed on Labor Day
Monday, September 1*

The life and ministry of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church shall be open to all who wish to express their faith in God through Jesus Christ by *worship, learning, witness and service.*

– From Mission Statement



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More Information regarding the
2015 ELCA National Youth Gathering
can be found on **page 4**

Come to the SALC Annual Church Picnic!

Sunday, September 7, 11:30 am
(following worship)

The cooks will be grilling hamburgers, hotdogs and brats. Please bring a side dish or dessert according to the first letter of your last name: A – M bring a salad or side dish; N – Z bring a dessert.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with picnic.



Play Group at SALC

Thursday, September 4
10-11 am

Bring your children who are not yet in pre-school for conversation, fellowship and a time for playing. Join the group on the **first Thursday of the month**. As we continue to enjoy nice weather, please call the church prior to coming in the event the location has changed to an outdoor site. Invite a friend!

OWLS

Thursday,
September 2,
11:30 am

Join the OWLS for a potluck lunch at the church then, weather permitting, travel to Monk Gardens to enjoy the summer flowers. Along with your dish to share, bring your favorite memory or item from summer.



Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Sunday, September 21** to help offset the shipping costs for LWR school bags and quilts.

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 21**.

SAINT ANDREW CHOIRS BEGIN *by Al Freiberg*

The Saint Andrew Choirs will begin the 2014-2015 season with rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3 for the Chancel Choir at 6:30 pm and the Bell Choir at 8 pm. Children's Choir will begin Sunday, September 14, after the 10:30 service. We are always looking for additional members for all choirs. We ask that bell choir members can read notes, have a basic knowledge of rhythms and can make a commitment to most rehearsals. We strive for 100% attendance with bell choir rehearsals. Chancel choir and children's choir members should be able to sing a melody and maintain an accurate pitch in each of the parts. We will teach the parts you will be asked to sing. It is not that hard but it is very rewarding and enjoyable to sing praise to God. Contact me if you have any questions about the choirs or you are welcome to just show up for rehearsal.

This year marks the 50th year that I have been conducting music. God has blessed me richly with very talented accompanists, musicians, singers and ringers; just plain wonderful and supportive friends and family throughout the years; and also presented me with beautiful music from wonderful composers. I choose to celebrate this milestone with Saint Andrew Lutheran Church and the community by preparing and contributing beautiful music for the worship services and even a couple of cantatas throughout the year. We will perform "The Winter Rose" cantata near Christmas and another cantata in the spring. Both will be with full orchestra and additional singers from the community (about 100 singers). If you would like to join us for this special year of musical experiences, you can do so in segments - just one cantata or everything. Just be at the appropriate rehearsals to learn the music. You do not have to be a member of Saint Andrew to sing in the choirs. We will be holding extra rehearsals on Tuesday evenings, and Sundays

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*The East Central Synod of Wisconsin
cordially invites you to attend
the Worship Celebration and
Installation Service for*

Bishop Gerald L. Mansholt

*Saturday, the Twentieth of September
Two thousand fourteen
Two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Trinity Lutheran Church
Appleton, Wisconsin*

A reception will follow the service

Interpreted, American Sign Language

*Rostered Leaders are invited to vest and process
The liturgical color is red*

between services, and time during the regular choir rehearsals for the cantatas to enable singers from the community to join us as well. We will also need listeners and worshipers for these presentations. If you do not sing please support the performance and worship experience regularly.

HEY GANG, YA GOTTA SEE THESE!



Stew's Sunday Sessions

First Sunday of the Month – 6:30 pm

(Allow 2 hours for the presentation, discussion, and questions)

(Pick & choose which presentations you want to attend OR attend all)

(A nursery will be provided if requested)

September 14 - A Will: Why do I need one and who will execute it?

What happens to your assets (including your children) when you don't have a will? What is the difference between a will and a Trust? Learn about the Durable Power of Attorney Finance. What is probate? Plus more....

Facilitator – Tom Brunner is a local Attorney and a member of SALC who has concentrated on business law, but also practices municipal government, taxes, wills, trusts, estates, probate and real estate law.

October 5 - What is our SALC Endowment Program?

How does it work, what are the different ways to invest in this fund, and then, what can we do with the money in this fund? Why should this matter to me?

Facilitator – Ray Skare is the current Chair of the SALC Endowment Committee and has been in the financial services business for over 20 years. His focus has been helping families created financial strategies that make sense based on their needs.

November 2 - Nursing Home or Long Term Care Knowledge

How is one admitted to a nursing home, what are the different levels of care available, and what are the costs for those levels? What is Long Term Care Insurance and what does it cover? What if I need Long Term Care and I can't afford it? PLUS much more you should know.

Facilitator – Amy Forst has been the Director of Operations of Homme Heights Inc, for almost 13 years. She oversees Homme's Wausau Campus which is comprised of Forest Park Village's independent and independent plus apartments, the Homme Adult Day Care Center, The Gardens Apartments Resident Care Complex and the Stone Crest Community Based Residential Facility.

December 7 - Final Expenses

What happens when I die? How do I get to a funeral home? What are the many different funeral options available to me? What is the cost of an "average" funeral or cremation? How do I get a cemetery plot and a head stone? Are things different for children? PLUS much more you may wish to know but have not asked.

Facilitator – Jamie Sarver has worked with the Brainard Funeral Home for 8 years and is a certified Advance Funeral Planning Counselor and licensed agent for burial agreements.

January 5, 2015 - Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Program

In this nationally known 9 week course we will cover Dave Ramsey's ideas on how to reach **Financial Independence** through Family Financial Planning & Budgeting. Learn how to control your expenses and work your way out of debt. This program has helped hundreds of thousands of people get out of debt, and stay out. The average family reduces their debt by \$5,300 and saves \$2,700. That's an \$8,000 change in your financial position. The cost of purchasing this program from Dave Ramsey is \$93 per family. This course will run for 9 consecutive Sunday nights. Sign-up and order your program kit BEFORE December 1st. Each Family must have this kit in order to participate. For a better understanding of what this course is all about, go to:

<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/51575/class/261127>

I'm sure you will get excited about this course after you see the above video and want to spend the \$93 to participate in all 9 life-changing sessions.

Facilitator – Bill Radloff will lead us through these video programs.

Bill is the chair of the SALC Finance/Stewardship Ministry.

2014-2015 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SAINT ANDREW

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN DETROIT, JULY 13-19, 2015

Thousands of Lutheran students from around the country will be gathering in Detroit in the summer of 2015. Will you join us? More information, including a video invitation and commitment form can be found at www.salc-wausau.org for students finishing 8th-12th grades in the Summer of 2015. Attend a Q & A informational meeting on **Sunday, September 14 @ 11:30 am** to find out all you need to know to get to the ELCA National Youth Gathering!

In order to take a group from Saint Andrew, a solid commitment will need to be made by mid-October. **The commitment form and \$100 deposit needs to be returned by October 6th.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF! RALLY DAY INFORMATION—September 7

Sunday school begin at 9:15 am with a rally and registration in the sanctuary for Pre-K through 8th grades! Parents and students are invited to attend together as we kick the year off with celebration and learn about Sunday school details and connect kids with their teachers and classes.

Regular classes begin September 14 with large group time in the sanctuary at 9:15 am. Registration forms are available at church on the information desk, or may be found on-line at www.salc-wausau.org. Registrations are welcome at any time, but in order to best prepare, we ask that forms be returned to the office by **Tuesday, September 2.**

Please note: Registration through the Spark Website will not be utilized this year.

Thursday Church School will not be offered this year.

6th GRADE STUDENT FAMILIES

Over the past few years, the confirmation program transitioned to a two-year structure for those in 7th and 8th grades. Because of this change, there is a strong emphasis placed on attendance for 6th grade students to attend Sunday school **at 9:15 am.** Students will focus on Bible basics in anticipation of and preparation for confirmation.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Confirmation will kick off on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:15 pm with orientation and registration in the Fellowship Hall. **Students in 7th and 8th grades, along with their parents, are to attend together.** Regular classes will begin the following week and will be held every Wednesday, 6:15-7:30 pm. Registration forms and detailed information has been sent out to families with students in these grades. Please call the church office if you did not receive this information. Forms are also available at church on the Information Desk. Incoming 9th graders will receive information shortly regarding the writing of faith statements and Confirmation Worship which will take place on Reformation Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

Confirmation (7th/8th Grade)	Sept. 3
2 nd Grade Bibles Given	Sept. 14
Acolyte Training	Sept. 21
9th Grade Confirmation	Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22
Christmas Program	Dec. 14

TEACHERS AND MENTORS NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider sharing your gift of teaching with SALC's youth. **Teachers are needed to job share in 2nd, 3rd & 6th grades.** Enjoy working with older children? Then, maybe stepping into a mentor role is just for you! Job sharing for all is a great option! Please call the SALC office at 715-842-3333.

STAYING CONNECTED ADDRESSES

Please contact the church office (715 842-3333) with new or updated information for the young adults in your family who may have or will be moving so the church can "Stay Connected" with them throughout the year.

SEPTEMBER

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	September 7		September 14		September 21		September 28
Altar Guild		Team 5	Team 6	Team 6	Team 6	Team 2	
Usher Team		A	B		Brekke	Weidman	
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am	Marv Meier Marilyn Olson	Eric Verber Carolyn Kiesau		Diane Goetsch Dewey Allen	Mike Spalding Sue Paisar	
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am	Eric & Jamie Hane Fred & Pat Fuchs	Bill & Doreen Radloff Teri Deininger & Shirley Schultz		Tony & Wendy Howe Doug and Marilyn Olson	Duane & Sharlene Kreft	
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am	Eric & Jamie Hane Mary Wittich & Ann McDonald	Dick & Mary Jarvis Doug & Marilyn Olson		Joel & Sara Widmann Craig & Marnie Holmes	Bill & Doreen Radloff Mike & Carrie Clement	

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28
Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:[1-7]8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

A BAPTISM PRAYER

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism, we lift up those children, parents and sponsors who have recently been received into the family of faith. We pray especially for:

Romeo Harper Pagels - July 3	Aaron Phillip Voigt - August 24
Skye McKenna Pagels - July 3	Katherine Kelly Brandt - August 31
Cody Alan Pagels - July 3	William John Burazin - August 31
Ean Julio Murillo - July 6	Chase Russell Weiland - September 14
Brianna Elizabeth Birchler - July 17	Merritt Justin Robinson - September 14
Beckett James Brueggen - July 20	Catlyn Cunthia Crabb - September 21
Aislyn Joe Steingraber - July 27	Maliah Daniel Kubat - September 28
Evan Michael Pittsley - August 3	Ivy Mae Kasson - October 5
William James Skadahl - August 10	Layla Jo Cornele - November 2
Parker Seth Jia Sierk - August 10	

A WEDDING PRAYER

In celebration for lives joined together in the covenant of marriage, we pray especially for:

Justin Socha & Sherry Norton - August 9
 Jason Weith & Sara Geiger - August 23
 Jon Black & Kady Henschel - September 27
 Adam Malm & Ashley Patterson - October 11
 Derek Hilmershausen & Kate Schutte - October 18

WE PRAY...

for the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:

Nancy Moyer

PRAYER CENTER

In response to personal requests, the Prayer Center list will not only be recognized in worship but also on this side of the calendar each month. As you review the day to day list of events that take place at Saint Andrew, please also give consideration to those who have requested prayers. Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? *(Please ask first)*. Call the church office at 842-3333 to have names added to the list at the Prayer Center. Names will be updated on a regular basis.



FOR THESE WE PRAY...

Babs	Jack	Roland	Bryan
Barb	Jackie	Sabrina	Amy
Bev	James, Henry & Elsie	Susan	Jean
Brianna	Jennette	Theresa	Carrie
Callie and Zak	Jennifer	Tom	Noah
Chuck J.	Jerry	Tyler	Megan
Chuck P.	John	Walt	Dan and Lynne
Connie	Julie	Zerin	Sam
Deb	Kevin	Ella	Adrienne
Dennis	Lynn	Kathleen	
Dorothy	Mary	Jim	
Felicia	Patricia	Katie	
Gary	Quinn	Diane	
Gene	Rebecca	Chris and Cassandra	
Irma B.	Robin	Clayton	

Thank you, Lord, for always answering prayer, but not indulging my every petty, private request. Thank you for winnowing and refining, vetoing and delaying, refusing and revising. Thank you for being God and never less, for freeing me for wide horizons, for protecting me from my limited vision and wayward will. Thank you for foiling my every effort to unseat you and make myself king. Thank you for keeping it safe for me to pray.

—Gerhard E. Frost

From Seasons of a Lifetime: A Treasury of Meditations (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1989, p. 118)

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Family Education*
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Upcoming Events/Activities

September 3	6:15 pm	Confirmation Parent Orientation—7th & 8th Grades Choir Rehearsals Begin
September 7	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 11:30 am	Sunday Fall/Winter Worship Begins Sunday School Rally Day SALC Annual Picnic
September 10	6:15 pm	Confirmation Classes Begin—7th & 8th Grades
September 14	9:15 am	Second Grade Bibles Given/Bible Orientation
September 14	11:30 am	National Youth Gathering 2015 Informational Meeting
September 14	6:30 pm	Stewardship Event
September 14	6:30 pm	Bible Study
September 21	9:15 am	Acolyte Training
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October 1, 8, 15	7:30-8:30 pm	9th Grade Confirmation/Faith Statement Writing
October 22	7:30-9:30 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Faith Statement Sharing /Rehearsal/Pictures
October 26	2:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Worship



"Equipping Laity for Christ's Mission"

Lay School of Ministry

Classes begin Friday, September 19 at Saint Andrew. Topics include: Old and New Testament, Church History, Theology, Worship, and Spirituality. Individual classes as well as a two-year certificate program are available. For more information, call Jeanette Carlson at 715-848-2108 or visit the East Central Synod of Wisconsin Lay School of Ministry website: www.wausaulayschool.org.