

Network



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Reflections by Pastor Craig

Mission. The church of Christ is all about mission. What we do together is actively live out our faith in response to the gifts God provides. Doing mission takes place in a variety of ways but in my opinion, even in this modern and technological world, there is still no substitute for face to face, interpersonal communication as the foundational expression of mission. Social media offers great tools but provides no ideal substitute for a real live human connection as the most authentic way of reflecting and fulfilling mission work in God's kingdom.

October provided several interpersonal experiences that enriched our identity as a faith community. For four weeks, Pastor Jenn and I engaged in conversation with 34 ninth grade youth who then affirmed their faith through the rite of confirmation on October 26. It is always fun for us to share foundational convictions about life and faith and we hope that what we do has at least some impact on the lives of these young people so that they come to realize the real gifts of life do not come from our efforts but are gifts received from a good and gracious God. Faith is our response to what God freely shares. A personal sharing in this relationship enriches life and allows us to experience the joy of being generous with others.

It was also exciting to engage in conversation with individuals and families who are new to the life of Saint Andrew. Through face to face conversations we practice empathy and honesty as we learn how shared life stories shape our lives. It is clear that people appreciate ministry efforts that are reflected through four main areas of mission through Saint Andrew: worship, learning, witness and service. As our Mission Statement describes: *"From this gathering of God's people shall come Christian love as its members minister to each other, the community, the nation, and the world."* Ministering to each other in times of joy as well as sorrow, we reflect a community that models an openness to share in life together and reflect God's love in our world. *"With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the life and mission of this church can be fulfilled by those within it. Therefore, we wish to express our love of Jesus Christ through faithful support of, and active participation in, the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church."* - from Saint Andrew Mission Statement.

Mission. The church of Christ is all about mission. Getting involved and sharing in that mission in a variety of ways helps us fulfill the work God entrusts to us as we learn from and with one another. Thank you for the many ways you participate in and support the exciting mission work we can do together.

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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Weekly Worship

Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 and 10:30 am



Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 2 at 2 am
Remember to set your clocks
back one hour.

Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
Wednesday,
November 26, 6:15 pm



Play Group at SALC

Thursday, November 13,
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 **second Thursday of the month.**

Thank You, Thank You!

The Property Ministry would like to thank all who participated in the fall clean-up. A beautiful day combined with great attitudes and efforts by all made the event a quick success. Thank you!

OWLS

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 11:30 am
Meet at Chang Gardens on Jefferson Street for lunch at 11:30 am. At 1 pm, we will then tour the Marathon County Historical Society (free) and/or go to the Yawkey House Museum across the street (\$5-\$6 charge.) Please RSVP to Joy at the church office at 715-842-3333 by October 31.



Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Sunday, November 16** in support of Matt Seegert's January global studies trip to Guyana.

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 16.**

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 11 am-1 pm

All are welcome to a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal at Saint Andrew. A free-will offering will be received. If you would like to volunteer please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 7, 9:30 am

It's that time of year when the best cookies are made...What fun to make more to share and to trade! Please join us in the fellowship hall for the annual Cookie Exchange and enjoy fellowship while your assortment of treats are put together for you. Here's how it works:

- 1) Bake six dozen homemade holiday cookies.
- 2) Package your cookies in fun bundles of six to exchange. Be creative!
- 3) Attach a copy of your cookie recipe to each package. (Optional)
- 4) Bring a container to take your cookies home.



"THE WINTER ROSE" CANTATA

Sunday, December 21, 2 and 7 pm

Nearly 100 singers and instrumentalists are currently preparing to present "The Winter Rose". The cantata is based on the song, "Lo How A Rose E'r Blooming." Mark your calendar and plan to come and enjoy the beautiful sounds and story told. There is still time to join the choir. **Rehearsals are: Sundays at 9:15 am, Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.**

Gingerbread House Decorating

Sunday, December 7, 12 pm

Get into the holiday spirit by helping to decorate a gingerbread village that will be donated to a local nursing home. The gingerbread houses, frosting and candy will be provided as well as lunch. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 by December 4 to sign up!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Saint Andrew is blessed to have many new members received into its faith family in October:

Pat & Jan Bresnahan

Bruce & Linda Beyer

Ryan & Amanda Krueger, Isaac and Aidan

Jason & Sarah Lammert, Rowan & Avery

Mike & Jeannine Matushak, Michaela and Marissa

Frank Melville & Amanda Weinkauff

Julio Murillo

Todd Nagel

Glen & Marlene Opichka

Lamoine Poeske

Roger & Coreen Poeske

Bonnie Price

Robert & Karen Voigt

Duane & Laurie Zietlow

Please give them a warm welcome as you see their many new faces in worship or as they begin to participate in the life of Saint Andrew!

NYG BASKET SILENT AUCTION

November 23-December 14

This silent auction event is another great opportunity to support the youth of Saint Andrew as they prepare to attend the **ELCA National Youth Gathering (NYG)** in Detroit next summer. The silent auction will have themed baskets ranging from a movie night to a relaxing spa night made by the youth attending the National Youth Gathering. Look for these amazing gift ideas in the coming weeks. If you would like to create and donate a themed basket for the youth please contact Craig at craig@salc-wausau.org or call the church office, 715-842-3333, by November 19!

Current Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry has recently been used by many. Any non-perishable foods are needed to help re-stock the shelves. Donations can be dropped off in the baskets located inside the entrances. Thank you!

Memorial Gifts Received

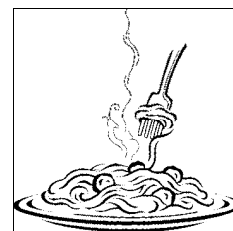
Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Nancy Moyer, Chris Millard and in honor of Mary Wittich's birthday.

Thank you for all gifts received in honor or in memory of someone special. If you would like to give a memorial gift to Saint Andrew, please contact the church office.

SPAGHETTI LUNCH NYG FUNDRAISER!

Sunday, November 9, 11:45 am

Come and enjoy a spaghetti lunch in support of the Saint Andrew youth going to the **ELCA National Youth Gathering (NYG)** in Detroit, MI next July. A pull-tag board is now available in the Fellowship Hall with needed items to be donated for this lunch! A free-will offering will be received.



STEW'S SUNDAY SESSIONS

Sunday, November 2, 6:30 pm - 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.

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.

January 5, 2015 - Financial Peace University

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>

Please register now so we can plan for this exciting life-changing program that has helped bring about a renewed sense of financial peace for countless families.



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

Saint Andrew currently has six youth signed up for the National Youth Gathering in Detroit. You still have time to sign up and go on this wonderful life-changing experience next summer. Contact Craig or Pastor Jenn for more details.



CONFIRMATION ON REFORMATION

By the grace of God, after two years of faithful preparation, thirty-four 9th grade students affirmed their baptism in worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 26**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Macy Jo Babb
Bennett Anton Baumann
Silas James Beranek
Sydney Claire Draeger
Sophie Danielle Dreas
Kayla Jean Durr
Alyssa Alyzae Gale
Rebecca Lynn Geiger
Hannah Elizabeth Gessler
Alaina Emily Goetsch
Brennan Lloyd Herwig
Samuel Joseph Hessel
Benjamin Michael Johnson
Johnathon Jacob Kloth
Karissa JoAnn Kroll
Olivia Kristine Lemke
Natalie Lynne Lucht

Tyler Lee Markrof
Brianna Nicole Nelson
Skylar Marie Pauls
Madalyn Ann Peterson
Isabella Mae Rought
Shelby Alexis Samz
Emily Elizabeth Seanor
Shane Hunter Sonnentag
Megan Brooke Soukup
Cadin Bryce Stankowski
Nathan Allyn Stoffel
Bradley Daniel Szeklinski
Kaiden Patrick Turnquist
Benjamin Scott Vandehey
Alexis Jean Walters
Tyler James Weisenberg
Benjamin Jaymes Weller

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Reading Reflections

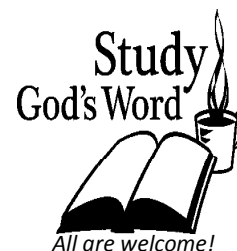
Tuesdays, 9 am

Bible Study

Sundays, 9:15 am

Bible Study

Sundays, 6:30 pm



CUP O' JOY CONCERT & ROAD TRIP

When: Saturday Nov. 1

Meet @ Saint Andrew by 4:00 pm.

We will return by 12:30 am.

Cost: **FREE** (Bring \$10-20 for dinner and band apparel)

Who: 7th Grade and up!

Bands: **Remedy Drive & PAGE 2** (Rock/ Pop)

Where: Cup O' Joy in Green Bay

The Cup O' Joy is a family friendly music venue in downtown Green Bay which brings in Christian artists from all over the country.



3-5 GRADE WINTER RETREAT

Who: 3-5 Grade Students

What: Winter Retreat

Where: Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI

When: Friday, January 23—Sunday, January 25

Cost: TBD (will need to provide your own transportation)

Parents are welcome to attend, too! More information will be available in the December Network .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOVEMBER

Saturday, 1

Sunday, 9

Sunday, 23 thru
Sunday, 14

Wednesday, 26

Sunday, 30

Cup O' Joy Concert Road Trip

Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser

Silent Auction & Basket Sale (For NYG)

No Confirmation/Thanksgiving Worship, 6:15 pm

No Sunday School

DECEMBER

Sunday, 14 9:15 am

Sundays, 21 & 28

Wednesdays, 24 & 31

Sunday School

Christmas Program

No Sunday School

No Confirmation

NOVEMBER

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23/26(T-giving Eve)	November 30
Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 5	Team 5	Team 6/6	Team 6
Usher Team	Brekke	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd/A	B
Layreaders	8:00 am 9:30 am Gary Hibbard Cheryl Allen	Faith Martinson Marilyn Olson	Shelby Niskanen Lynn Lawson	Dan Malm Craig Holmes	Shirley Bickford Judith marshall
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am Eugene Moyer & Jim Jacobson Billie Schmidt & Linda Vogen	Mike & Lyn Weis Jerry & Marlene Kort	Roger Otto & Joanne Howard Amy & Jesse Frolik	Tony & Wendi Howe George & Bonnie Alafouzoz	Larry & Annette Bindl Doug & Marilyn Olson
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am Stankowski Family Greg & Jeanne Willems	Steve & Kay Sitko Adam & Kathy Wurz	Susan Tobin & Lenette Hoover Russ & Alice Van Skike	Sheldon & Connie Geiger Jerry & Marlene Kort	Gary Hibbard & Judy Rusch Susie & Ashley Soukup

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8[9-11] 12 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30	Amos 5:18-24 Psalm 70 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46	Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:17, 17-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37

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:

Chase Russell Weiland - September 14
 Merritt Justin Robinson - September 14
 Jonathan Dean Black - September 18
 Caitlyn Cynthia Crabb - September 21
 Maliah Daniel Kubat - September 28
 Ivy Mae Kasson - October 5
 Hailey Marie Bauman - October 16
 Nora Kathryn Paduan - October 19
 Layla Jo Cornele - November 2
 Taetym Jean Jirschele - November 2
 Delaney Elizabeth Johnson - November 9
 Landon Ellis Fritz - December 14
 Brody Paul Waldvogel - December 21

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

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:

Chris Millard
 Erv Koenig
 Ralph Boruch

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...

Ali	Jennette	Theresa	Noah
Babs	Jenny	Tom	Bill
Barb	John	Walt	Lynne
Bev	Julie	William	Sam
Brianna	Kevin	Zerin	Adrienne
Callie and Zak	Lynn	Ella	Renee
Deb	Miranda	Kathleen	Chris
Dennis	Monica	Jim	Charlotte
Gary	Patricia	Katie	Gary
Gene	Quinn	Diane	Meg
Holly	Robin	Clayton	Julie & Family
Irma B.	Roland	Amy	Virjean
Jack	Sue	Jean	Tom
James, Henry & Elsie	Susan	Carrie	

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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Upcoming Events/Activities

November 1		Youth Cup O' Joy Concert Road Trip to Green Bay
November 2	6:30 pm	Stew's Sunday Session: Nursing Home or Long Term Care?
November 4	11:30 am	OWLS to Chang Garden then Marathon County Historical Society and/or Leigh Yawkey Museum
November 9	11:45 am	Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser for NYG
November 13	10:00 am	Play Group
November 27	11:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Dinner at SALC
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December 7	9:30 am	Holiday Cookie Exchange
	12:00 pm	Gingerbread House Decorating
December 14	9:15 am	Sunday School Christmas Program
December 21	2 & 7 pm	The Winter Rose Cantata
December 24	4, 6, 8 & 10 pm	Christmas Eve WORSHIP
December 25	10:00 am	Christmas Day WORSHIP

THE NETWORK VIA EMAIL

Would you like to receive the Network via email? Just scan the QR code or call the church office to join the Network mailing list to stay up-to-date on SALC activities. If you would like to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the Network or would like assistance in signing up for the Network via email, please call the office at 715-842-3333 or send an email to joy@salc-wausau.org.

