

Network



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Looking forward—Pastor Jenn

One of the remote controls for one of the devices connected to my television is for my Roku Box. A Roku Box is a small device that streams movies and television shows to your TV from the internet. On rare occasion the show I'm watching will "freeze." So on the remote for my Roku box there is a button in the upper right corner with a picture of the house. That button is the home button. If you hit that button, typically things will unfreeze – but you'll be taken to a screen for a reset.

The date, January 1st, provides an annual gift: the reset. It is hopeful to think about the ways in which we might make healthier choices or set new goals to take a trip, or spend more time with family, or quit an old habit, or be more generous, or (????). January 1st takes on the quality of "a new beginning" filled with hopefulness, forgiveness, and motivation.

As the calendar turns, so does the focus within our liturgy. On January 6th the season of Epiphany begins. Epiphany is a season that helps us to refocus on where God is most clearly revealed—in the sacraments of communion and baptism. Martin Luther, reflects on the significance of baptism in the small catechism:

[Baptism] signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Because January 1st falls on a Thursday this year (and because we typically worship on Thursdays) -worship will be offered at 12:15 pm only. We will begin worship with a thanksgiving for baptism—the gift of a reset given to us daily through the promises of God. Our life together will also "reset" as we gather for the annual meeting on January 25th at 9:15 am. Our work together that day will be to share gratitude for the ministry that has been accomplished together among us, to ponder plans for future ministry efforts and to conduct the business of the church. We trust in our life together that God is continually renewing our community through refreshment in God's word and sacraments.

As we anticipate a new year together, it is my prayer that 2015 will hold newness for you and for your loved ones – grounded in remembering the gift of baptism—that daily *a new person will come forth and rise up to live before God.*

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

SALC Congregation Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 25

Mark your calendar to attend the Congregation Annual Meeting on ***Sunday, January 25 at 9:00 am*** between the worship services. Because a quorum is necessary, everyone is requested to attend with participating members having voting privileges.

Super Bowl Snacks

Sunday, February 1

Donations of any kind of snack for the **Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale** can be dropped off at church on *Friday, January 30* before 4 pm or on Super Bowl Sunday before the services.

Please pre-package items for individual sale, price, and label if there are nuts, peanut butter or if lactose or gluten-free for allergy concerns. Your support of the Food Pantry through snack donations and purchases is appreciated!

OWLS

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 11:30 am

Meet Craig Gauerke and learn about his study abroad trip to South Africa and Namibia focusing on how the ELCA works with the Namibian and South African Lutheran Churches and governments. Bring a dish to share. RSVP to joy at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.



Play Group at SALC

Thursday, January 8

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 each month**.

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Sunday, January 18** in support of Crossways Camping Ministries

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, January 18**. Consider purchasing Fair Trade items for Christmas gifts. Contact the church office if you are interested in a coffee we do not currently provide.

WHAT IS FAIR TRADE?

Fair Trade products are bought from Equal Exchange who purchases directly from the coffee, tea and chocolate cooperatives, insuring that the farmers get a fair price for their produce. As a Fair Trade supporter, SALC sells Fair Trade products for the cost they are purchased. Check out the LWR/Equal Exchange website for more information. If you're interested in coffee that is not presently being carried, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333. Look for Fair Trade products in the Fellowship Hall on the third Sunday of every month.

Variety Show and Decadent Dessert Buffet

Tuesday, February 3, 6:30-8:00 pm

Who's got talent? You do!

Now is your chance to share it! All kinds of talents are welcome, such as musical (instruments or voice), dance, skits, and comedy.

Can't Sing, But Can Bake? Showcase your baking talents by donating your specialty for the decadent dessert buffet.

Mark your calendar to attend the Saint Andrew Variety Show and Decadent Dessert Buffet. Fellowship Ministry will host the event in the Fellowship Hall. RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the Information Desk in the Narthex or call the church office at 715-842-3333 to participate or attend!

Giving Tree Follow-Up

Thank you to everyone who has shopped, knitted, crocheted and is continuing to provide hats and mittens in response to the **Saint Andrew Christmas Giving Tree**. To date, **90 hats** and **126 pairs of gloves/mittens** have been received. These warm clothing items are on their way to several local schools and will continue to be distributed as more are received. Thank you for your generosity and faithful response to this special outreach opportunity.

Quilt Tops to Sew

You don't have to be a seasoned quilter to sew a quilt top in a kit! Quilt tops ready to be sewn are available in the kiosk in the Narthex. Take a kit home, sew the quilt top and return it to the bottom drawer in the Information Desk.

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or a special event and help beautify the altar with flowers. Sign up on the 2015 Flower Chart posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

NYG POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER

Sunday, January 18, 11:30 am

Come fix a spud while supporting the youth going to Detroit for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. All the fixings will be available to make your spud the best in town.

A "pull tag" basket of potatoes is now available on the Information Desk in the Narthex with needed items to be donated for this lunch!

****Youth Gathering Participants: there will be a Potato Bar Prep Night Friday, January 16, 7-8 pm****

TREASURE SALE

Mark your calendar for *early May* to bring in your gently used donations for the Treasure Sale. Donated items should be in good working order and in very good condition. The following items will not be accepted: *computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances or exercise equipment.*



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

January 4, 2015

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, work your way out of debt and stay out of debt. 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.



SPIRIT LED, SPIRIT SHAPED~A JOURNEY TOGETHER



How shall we be a strong Church, a healthy and vibrant synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America? What might the Holy Spirit be stirring up among us, prodding us perhaps toward more faith filled participation in God's mission of reconciling love in Jesus Christ?

Bishop Gerald Mansholt welcomes all rostered leaders, congregational members, youth and youth workers of the Synod to gather for discernment of where the Spirit is Leading and Shaping Us to participate in God's mission. We are on this Journey Together! Ramie Bakken, Coordinator

for Missional Leadership for Region 5, will lead us in small group sessions by Dwelling in the Word, Listening and Praying Together and Asking **"What might God be up to in our synod?"** The event for our conference will be held **January 24th 8:30-11:30 a.m. at First English Lutheran, 402 N 3rd Ave., Wausau.**

If anyone is interested in learning more about the future vision of the church as it relates to Saint Andrew and the larger expression of the church through the synod, please call the church office and ask to speak with Pastor Craig or Pastor Jenn to learn how you might be involved in this important conversation and work. We hope to have a diverse representation from Saint Andrew attend this event.

GOOD OLD TIME CHILI AND GAMES

When: Sunday, January 4

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

Who: High School Youth

Where: Youth Room

What: Apples to Apples, Ping Pong, Foosball, Music

Why: “RELAX” as Aaron Rodgers would say!

Contact Craig Gauerke at 715-842-3333 to learn more about this event.

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: \$45 (will need to provide your own transportation)

Register by January 5. For more information, call the church at 715-842-3333 or fill out the registration form at www.salc-wausau.org and return to the church office. Parent Chaperones are also welcome to attend!

E.L.C.A NYG MEETING

Sunday January 11, 11:30 am

All youth intending to go to the National Youth Gathering and their families need to attend this important meeting to talk about final plans regarding the upcoming Potato Bar Fundraiser and a time to play Apples to Apples.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JANUARY

Sunday, 4

Wednesday, 7

Friday-Sunday, 23-25

Sunday School Resumes

Confirmation Resumes

3-5 Grade Winter Retreat

February

Wednesday, 11

Tuesday, 17

Wednesday, 18

Last Confirmation Class

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES

The sign-up for the remainder of the “school year” is on the bulletin board outside the office and many Sunday mornings are open. Thank you for helping all of us to connect to Christ’s presence in worship through your serving. Please talk with your parents and sign up for a date or two (or three!). If you are in 5th-8th grade and don’t know how to acolyte and would like to learn, we would be glad to teach you!

CHECK THESE OUT AT THE SALC LIBRARY!

Christian Living

“Learning to Walk in the Dark” by Barbara Brown Taylor: from the author of “An Altar in the World”

“Stitches; a Handbook of Meaning, Hope and Repair” by Anne Lamott

“Help, Thanks, Wow” by Anne Lamott

“Traveling Mercies” by Anne Lamott

Biography

“Bonhoeffer; Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy; a Righteous Gentile vs. the Third Reich” by Eric Metaxas

JANUARY

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

January 4 January 11 January 18 January 25

Altar Guild		Team 4	Team 4	Team 5	Team 5
Usher Team		Shepherd	B	Brekke	Weidman
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am	Joleen Meier Linda Vogen	Mary Jarvis Sue Paisar	Michael Spalding James Jordan	Faith Martinson Shelby Niskanen
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am	Pam & Mark Czerwinski Tom & Mary Weiland	John & Jaqmie Rusinek Dave & Sue Paisar	Brandon & Melissa Murphy Joel & Kris Zeller	Marv & Joleen Meier Susie & Ashley Soukup
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am	Joanne Howard & Jim Jacobson George & Bonnie Alafouzoz	Dave Mueller Terry & June Grabau	Ray & Terri Skari Russ & Alice Van Skike	Rob & Betsy Stangel Greg & Jeanne Willems

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 4	January 11	January 18	January 25
Jeremiah 31:7–14 Psalm 147:12–20 Ephesians 1:3–14 John 1:1–18	Genesis 1:1–5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1–7 Mark 1:4–11	1 Samuel 3:1–10 [11–20] Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 1 Corinthians 6:12–20 John 1:43–51	Jonah 3:1–5, 10 Psalm 62:5–12 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 Mark 1:14–20

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:

Layla Jo Cornele - November 2
 Taetym Jean Jirschele - November 2
 Delaney Elizabeth Johnson - November 9
 Jordy Daniel Bradford - November 16
 Landon Ellis Fritz - December 14
 Brody Paul Waldvogel - December 21
 Brooke Hazel Swenson - January 11
 Cullen Leanard Puig - January 11
 Zane Joseph Seubert - January 18
 Leo William Knighton - January 18

WE PRAY...

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

Harvey Lauermann

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	Tyler	Lynne
Babs	Jenny	Virjean	Charlotte
Barb	John	Walt	Gary
Bev	Julie	William	Meg
Brenda	Kevin	Zerin	Julie & Family
Brianna	Lucy	Ella	Tom
Callie and Zak	Lynn	Kathleen	Yvonne
Deb	Miranda	Jim	Dixie
Dennis	Monica	Katie	Laura
Gary	Patricia	Diane	Dale
Holly	Robin	Clayton	Joan
Irma B.	Roland	Amy	Eric
Jack	Sheila	Carrie	Linda
Jackie	Sue	Noah	Don & Pat
James, Henry & Elsie	Susan	Bill	Laurel

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

January 1		<i>Church Office Closed</i>
January 1	12:15 pm	WORSHIP
January 4		Sunday School Resumes
January 4	4:00 pm	9-12 Grades Chili & Games
January 7		Confirmation Resumes
January 11	11:30 am	NYG Meeting
January 13	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck/Craig Gauerke's trip to South Africa/Namibia
January 16	7:00 pm	Baked Potato Bar PREP NIGHT
January 18	11:30 am	Baked Potato Bar - NYG Fundraiser
January 23-25		3-5 Grades Winter Retreat
January 25	9:00 am	Congregation Annual Meeting
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February 3		Variety Show & Decadent Dessert Buffet
February 18		Ash Wednesday

SNOW POLICY

If school is cancelled, Saint Andrew classes & meetings will be also. Listen to local radio stations, check the SALC website or Facebook page, or News Channels 7 & 9 websites for the list of school closings.

