

Network



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What we see is often shaped by our perspective or the lens through which we use to view the world around us. When I am reading or working on a project in my shop, I generally rely on simple magnifiers to sharpen the clarity of what I am looking at which reduces strain on my eyes, particularly later in the day. These simple glasses do not change what is, but only helps me see what I am attempting to see with more clarity.

After a five week journey through the season of Epiphany where we look to a manger and the revelation of God's gift of a Son born into a weary world, our attention shifts to ponder the image of the cross and the fulfillment of God's promise for all people. **"...Through the Cross"** is the theme for this year's mid-week Lenten services. Together we will sample what it means to see the world using the cross to focus our perspective on life.

When you see the world around you, do you look first at the changes and challenges of life? Do you see your loved ones, co-workers, friends, neighbors as ones who disappoint you for what they fail to provide? Do you see your job as unfulfilling? Your health as failing? It could very well be the reality of each of these situations. Or it could be the lens through which you are assessing the value of these blessings and opportunities.

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. On this day, we are reminded that regardless how we have seen ourselves and each other, truthfully, we are temporary beings in this life, dust fashioned in the image of God and totally dependent on our Creator for life and on Christ Jesus for abundant life.

Look at your spouse, your co-worker, your neighbor. What do you see? Do you see someone made in God's divine image and one for whom Christ was lovingly willing to die? Where do you look for healing, hope, joy, comfort? Is your perspective on life shaped by your understanding of economic stability? Absence of fear and violence? More secure borders? Fewer government regulations or increases in social services?

There are many issues and many perspectives. In Lent, we use the common perspective of the cross and see the world and others as God sees through Jesus. Please plan to join the journey as we are shaped and united **"...Through the Cross."**



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

LENT



Ash Wednesday Worship

February 18

12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays in Lent, February 25-March 25

12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

Soup & Sandwich Fellowship

Wednesdays in Lent, February 25-March 25

after 12:15 pm worship and

before and after 6:15 pm worship

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!

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, February 1, 9:15 am

Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

OWLS

Tuesday, February 3, 11:30 am

The guest speaker this month is Barbara Bolton who will share information from her book on "human trafficking". Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch. RSVP to Joy at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.



Play Group at SALC

Thursday, February 12

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**.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich

Soup and Sandwich fellowship will be after 12:15 pm worship and before and after 6:15 pm worship on Wednesdays beginning February 25. (*Please note: the menu is subject to change*). Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go will also be available. Cook's Choice, gluten-free and vegetarian soups will also be offered each week.

If you're interested in assisting with soup preparation, one soup or more one Wednesday or more - equipment, ingredients and guidance provided - please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

February 25

Turkey Noodle
Taco

March 4

Chicken and Wild Rice
Cheeseburger

March 11

Cheesy Potato
Chicken Noodle

March 18

Northwoods Cheese
Chili

March 25

Chicken Dumpling
Pea

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!

Pretzel Sunday Fellowship

Sunday, February 22—in honor of the first Sunday in Lent

The first **pretzel** was made by a French monk long ago. At that time, **people prayed by crossing their arms over their chest**, so the monk twisted the dough to represent arms folded in prayer. The **three openings** in the pretzel stand for the three persons of the Trinity. The **salt** reminds us that we are the "salt of the earth" (MATTHEW 5:13), and must stay true to our Christian calling to make a difference in the world. The **yeast** represents the kingdom of heaven (LUKE 13:20-21), reminding us to be a leavening influence in the world by living the Gospel.

New Member Orientation

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on both **Sundays, February 8 & 15**. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on February 15. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by Friday, February 6 to express your intent.

Noisy Offering

Seminarian Matthew Seegert will be guest preacher on February 8 and share his recent experience from Guyana. A Noisy Offering will be received on **Sunday, February 15** as seminary support.

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, February 15**.

Blood Drive

March 5, 1-6 pm
Saint Andrew will be the sight of a blood drive in support of the Blood Center of North Central Wisconsin. Donors can give blood every 56 days. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Mark your calendar now and call the church office to express your willingness to help.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of George Schoeder and Chris Millard.

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.

Looking for more Ringers and Singers

The bell choir has received a gift to purchase a fourth octave addition of bells. Because of that, we are in need of additional bell ringers. Bell ringing is not very difficult and can be learned very quickly. The biggest requirement is excellent attendance at rehearsals and performances. A little musical background is helpful but not required. Age requirement-teenager and up. The Bell Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 8 pm - 9 pm right after the Chancel Choir rehearsal. If you are interested in joining the Chancel Choir, we meet Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8 pm. You can belong to both. A musical background is not necessary for the Chancel Choir but you must be able to sing the notes of the music we perform. We teach you the music at the rehearsals. This spring will be a very special performance time for both choirs during Holy Week and Easter. Please contact Al Freiberg or any member of the choirs, or just show up at the rehearsals and we will fit you into the right part for you.

A Note About Fair Trade Products

Mary is a seven year old girl living on a small coffee plantation with her family in a Central American county. Mary is lucky her family is a member of a fair trade coffee buyer exporter that pays her family a good price for their produce. The exporter then sells to an importer such as Equal Exchange in the USA from whom we purchase our fair trade products. That gives Mary a nearly new village school with good equipment and a good teacher so the children's future is bright. Also in the village is a new, well-equipped health clinic that's staffed three times a week by a nurse. When we buy fair trade products around 10% of the price goes to the village making the future bright for Mary, her family, and her friends.

Vehicle Needed

Crossways Camping Ministries is in need of a *good* used van. Last year, an unfortunate "run in" with a deer totaled out the existing vehicle and the budget does not allow a lot of money for a replacement. If you or someone you know has a reliable van for sale, please contact Crossways Camping Ministries about the possibility of creative ideas to help meet the need: 920-882-0023.

Pastoral Care

As a practice, Joy, the Parish Secretary contacts three different hospitals on a daily basis through the work week to inquire about member hospitalization. We are grateful when we learn about pastoral care opportunities and do our best to respond in a timely fashion. Occasionally, we miss such opportunities and regret not being with people during a challenging time. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office to help us avoid such unintended omissions. Thank you.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 17 - 5:00-6:30 pm

Come for a traditional Shrove Tuesday where you can eat all you want before the season of Lent begins! Various kinds of pancakes, maple syrup, sausage and beverages will be served. Proceeds will benefit youth going on the National Youth Gathering in Detroit, Michigan. Look for pull tags located at the information desk! **Cost: Free Will Offering**



CONFIRMATION CAMP

Camp is an awesome opportunity in the faith formation of confirmation students here at Saint Andrew. We are going to **Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley June 14 -19** this summer. Registration forms will be available soon. ALL confirmation students should attend camp at least once.

FAMILY TUBING EVENT

All Youth and Families!

Sunday, February 22, 1:30-5:00 pm

Open to all youth and families. Come join Saint Andrew at the hill.

Cost: \$8.50 - Adult (14 and older)
\$6.00 - Child (42" to 13 yrs old)

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February

11-Wednesday	Last Confirmation Class
17-Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday
	Pancake Supper
18-Wednesday, 18	Ash Wednesday
Sunday, 22nd	Family Tubing Day @ Sylvan Hill

March

Sunday, 15	First Communion Class
Sunday, 22	First Communion Class
Sunday, 29	Holy Week Begins

April

Thursday, 2	Maundy Thursday
Friday, 3	Good Friday
Sunday, 5	Easter Sunday
	No Sunday School

May

Sunday, 17	Last Day of Sunday School
	VBS Kick-Off!

June

14-19	Confirmation Camp
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CHECK OUT THESE BOOKS AT THE SALC LIBRARY!

Yes! Lutherans love to laugh! Try these:

"Life Among the Lutherans" by Garrison Keillor

"A Year of biblical Womanhood; How a Liberated Woman Found Herself Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and Calling Her Husband "Master" by Rachel Held Evans

"Faith Unraveled, How a Girl Who Knew All the Answers Learned to Ask Questions" by Rachel Held Evans

"The Year of Living Biblically; One man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible" by A. J. Jacobs

FEBRUARY

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

February 1 **February 8** **February 15** **February 22**

Altar Guild	Team 6	Team 6	Team 2	Team 2
Usher Team	Johnson	Shepherd	Brekke	Weidman
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am Cheryl Allen Marilyn Olson	Dan Malm Eric Verber	Shirley Bickford Judith Marshall	Ray Skare Mike Johnson
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am Dave Mueller & Jim Jacobson Jeff & Pam Kyhos	Bill & Doreen Radloff & Boy Scouts Bill & Lucy Harvey	Eugene Moyer & Joanne Howard Mike Kuehmstead & Deb Bradshaw	Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson Bruce & Linda Beyer
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am Eric & Jamie Hane Adam & Kathy Wurz	Sid & Leslie Sorensen Roger & Ruth Poutanen	Bill & Doreen Radloff Jerry & Marlene Kort	Joel & Sara Widmann Amy Frolik

Wednesdays **February 18** **February 25**
in Lent

Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 3
Usher Team	B	B

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 1 **February 8** **February 15** **February 22**

Deuteronomy 18:15–20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 Mark 1:21–28	Isaiah 40:21–31 Psalm 147:1–11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16–23 Mark 1:29–39	2 Kings 2:1–12 Psalm 50:1–6 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 Mark 9:2–9	Genesis 9:8–17 Psalm 25:1–10 1 Peter 3:18–22 Mark 1:9–15
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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:

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
 Cadence Joele Cowan - January 25
 Leo Michael Punke - February 1

WE PRAY...

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

Roger Otto
 Howard Wick
 Cecilia Baranowski

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	John	William & Connor	Dixie
Babs	Julie	Ella	Laura
Barb	Kevin	Kathleen	Dale
Brenda	Lucy	Jim	Linda
Brianna	Lynne	Katie	Don & Pat
Callie and Zak	Martha	Diane	Laurel
Deb	Monica	Clayton	Darlene
Dennis	Noreen	Amy	Helen
Gary	Patricia	Noah	Jean K.
Holly	Peggy	Bill	Larry
Irma B.	Robin	Charlotte	Shelly
Jack	Roland	Gary	Kim
Jackie	Sheila	Meg	Jean H.
James, Henry & Elsie	Sue	Tom	
Jennette	Susan	Yvonne	

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

February 1	9:30 am	Baptism Orientation
February 1	9:00 am	Super Bowl Snacks
February 3	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck Lunch
February 3	6:30 pm	Variety Show & Decadent Dessert Buffet
February 8	9:15 am	New Member Orientation
February 11	6:15 pm	Last Confirmation Class
February 12	10:00 am	Play Group
February 15	9:15 am	New Member Orientation
February 17	5:00-6:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 18	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday
February 22		Pretzel Sunday Fellowship
February 22	1:30-5:00 pm	Family Tubing at Sylvan Hills
February 25		Lenten Soup and Sandwich
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March 8	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
March 15	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
March 22	4:00 pm	First Communion Class

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.

