



Network



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Living the Story—Pastor Jenn

A good story often begins with the introduction of a protagonist—a hero or heroine with some kind of call... A call to be better... A call to grow... A call to “something more” in this life. That character then faces a series of challenges or obstacles that create twists and turns—whether expected or unexpected. As the story moves toward some kind of critical, climactic moment, we wonder how will our hero overcome in order to meet a resolution? We want the story to end well and sometimes we are surprised that the ending is even better than we could have imagined.

Each year, the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is told. Yet unlike many of the other stories we hear, from the very beginning we can be confident in the ending. We know that Jesus will rise from the dead to defeat sin and death once and for all.

And yet, we tell the story over and over again—because we need to be reminded. We remember the story of Jesus’ birth in a lowly manger in Bethlehem. We remember his baptism, temptation in the wilderness, and call of the disciples. We follow Jesus as he wanders through Galilee and Judea feeding thousands, healing those in need, eating with sinners, lifting up the lowly and preaching about the Kingdom of God.

Holy week, specifically Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning are worship services that function together to tell the story of the length to which God went in order to express divine love for us. On Maundy Thursday we are invited to remember *the night in which he was betrayed*. After sharing in the Lord’s supper together we watch as the altar is stripped bare as a sign of the emptiness Christ faced in the cross. On Good Friday, the choir will sing us through the passion narrative. We will stop and stay there before the cross as we remember our own brokenness and the depth of Christ’s love.

Then on Easter morning we will hear the gospel from Mark 16—“*Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.*” This story, told throughout the ages connects to our stories as a reminder that we are not left to our own demise. In Christ Jesus, raised from the dead, we too find life—life in abundance, now and beyond our story! **Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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



PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, March 29
8:00 & 10:30 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 2
12:15 & 6:15 pm

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 3
12:15 & 6:15 pm

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 5

Alleluia!

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE: 6:00 am—*On Top of Rib Mountain (Please bring a chair)*

EASTER SERVICES AT SAINT ANDREW: 8:00 — 9:30 — 11:00 am

EASTER BREAKFAST: 7:00-9:30 am *at Saint Andrew*

Eggs, sausage, pancakes, fresh fruit and beverages. Generous donations welcomed! Donations received will support the summer VBS program.

Volunteers are needed for short shifts to help with Easter Breakfast. Please sign up at the information desk in the Narthex or call the church office.

OWLS

Tuesday, April 7, 11:30 am

Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch at Saint Andrew then head over to the Woodsen Art Museum to enjoy a tour of "Medieval to Metal: The Art & Evolution of the Guitar". RSVP to Joy at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.



Play Group at SALC

Thursday, April 9, 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.***

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, April 12, 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.

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on ***Thursday, April 16 and Sunday, April 19*** in support of our sister congregation in Zeerust South Africa.

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The second quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

Fair Trade Products

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on ***Sunday, April 19***. Fair Trade is an extension of ELCA World Hunger Relief. Sales directly assist participating producers and improve quality of life for families and communities.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Saturday, March 28, 10 am

If you would like to volunteer to help assemble Easter food baskets or if you or someone you know needs a food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

FAIR TRADE NEWS

We had a very good day in March selling many things, especially chocolate, but coffee and tea sold well too. Thanks for your part in bringing help and hope to the smallholder coffee and tea farmers in Central America and Ghana in West Africa. You assist in God's work with your purchases. Thank you.

SALC SPRING CLEAN-UP

Plan to join in fellowship and care of Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Mark your calendar for Saturday, ***April 18, 8:30 am-12:00 pm*** to assist with cleaning up the grounds and a few projects inside. The rain date is Saturday, April 25. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the information desk in the Narthex.

SALC TREASURE SALE

Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2

Bring your "treasures" from spring cleaning to church beginning April 27. Donated items should be in good working order and in very good condition. Leftover items will be donated after the sale. The following items will not be accepted: *computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances and tread mills*. To volunteer, please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next ***New Member Orientation*** will be held on ***Sundays, May 10 & 17***. New members will be received at the ***10:30 am worship service on May 17***. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to express your intent.

Crossways Service Project for East Central Synod Assembly

Each year Saint Andrew sends six representatives to be a part of the larger expression of the church. On May 15 & 16 assembly participants will spend time dwelling in the word, conducting business and worship. Crossways Camping Ministries has been selected as this year's assembly "service project". As part of the Wisconsin River Valley Conference, we've been invited to support Crossways by providing kitchen and cleaning supplies (***paper towels, dish towels, cookware, dish soap, coffee, storage containers, cleaning supplies, etc...***) Watch for a display in the fellowship hall with more details soon and the next time you're out shopping, please pick up one of the suggested items and bring it with you to church by May 10.

Blood Pressure Checks

SALC volunteers are available on the *3rd Sunday* of each month to assist you in regularly monitoring blood pressure. These are not diagnostic but informative and available to anyone who is curious about regular checking. No sign up necessary. This is a free pressure check and takes place in the Activity Room. Basic blood pressure information is also available.

Women of the ELCA Spring Event

Saturday, April 18, 8 am-1 pm
All women are invited to attend this event at St. Stephen's, Wausau. Featured speakers are Chris Hanke from Aspirus Women's Health and Barbara Sugden from Wausau Community Warming Center. Lunch is included for a cost of \$12. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to register.

Address/Phone Changes

Do you have a new phone number? Do you no longer have a landline? Have you moved? Please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org so we can update your record with the new primary phone number and/or new address.

Pastoral Care

As a practice, three area hospitals are contacted 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. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office to help insure pastoral support is received.

Thank You...

...to all who attended the ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*** and in doing so, supported the youth going to the National Youth Gathering (NYG) in Detroit this summer. A special thank you to IHOP, who donated the pancake batter, the Saint Andrew Dart Ball team for preparing the meal and to the youth and families who participated with serving and clean-up.

...from the Fellowship Ministry to those who attended, shared desserts and performed in the ***Variety Show***. The audience enjoyed a variety of performances and a mouth-watering assortment of decadent desserts!

...from Social Ministry to all the volunteers who helped with this year's ***"Lenten Soup and Sandwich"*** meals. From this event, generous donations were received allowing Social Ministry to fill food baskets throughout the year, as well as host community dinners to help those in need. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this a successful ministry event. Social Ministry would like to express their gratitude to all the Soup and Sandwich volunteers with a ***"thank you brunch" on Wednesday, April 8 at 10:00 am in the Activity Room.*** Please RSVP if you are able to attend at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.

Who Is This Man?

Sunday evenings, April 12-May 10 at 6:30 pm

A book by John Ortberg will serve as the supplemental resource to a five-week DVD study at Saint Andrew. This study will challenge and inspire us to consider questions about life together. Books will be available for \$15 from the office or on the evening of the study. The following are samples from the book:

"We were made to respond to inspiration. Everybody wears an unseen sign that reads: 'Inspire me. Remind me that my life matters; call me to be my best self; appeal to whatever in me is most noble and honorable. Don't let me go down the path of least resistance. Challenge me to make my life about something more than the acquisition of money or success.'"

"What got released on Sunday was hope. Not hope that life would turn out well. Not even hope that there will be life after death. Hope that called people to die: die to selfishness and sin and fear and greed, die to the lesser life of a lesser self so that a greater self might be born. And many people did."

Are you up for a challenge? Do you want to know how to live a life that matters? This study may be just what you are looking for.

Quilts and Quilt Tops

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. Also available are complete quilt kits which include the top, batting and bottom. These kits are also located the kiosk and can be returned to the bottom drawer of the Information Desk.

SALC'S FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

On Sunday, March 8, nine families graduated from the Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Course held at Saint Andrew. Classes were held Sunday evenings which included a one-hour video, discussion and case study reflections. Some of the group learning included:

- *Preparing a zero balanced monthly budget
- *Importance of having an emergency fund
- *Steps to reduce debt
- *Ways to invest for a college fund & retirement
- *Types of insurances and recommendations
- *Whether or not to mortgage a home
- *Credit card uses and the proper way to close them
- *The importance of discussing finances with spouse
- *How to manage God's resources including money
- *A few new friends - All in just 9 weeks!



In total the group started with \$325,000 in non-mortgage debt, had \$67,000 in Liquid Cash, and had 68 credit cards. After only 9 weeks, non-mortgage debt was reduced by over \$25,000, \$14,000 was added in liquid cash, and 24 credit cards were cut up. Another class at Saint Andrew is being considered. If you would like to participate in the nine week course, or would like more information, please visit with Bill Radloff who served as the Course Coordinator or contact the church office.

ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

So far, two \$250 grants have been given in 2015. While small, it is a start with more yet to be granted over the remainder of the year. Thanks to a few generous members, contributions have been pledged to match May gifts to the Endowment Fund. This would increase the fund by \$10,000 and further open options for grant requests next year. Are you up for a challenge? Again, all contributions given to the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund during the month of May will be matched up to a total of \$5000. In the event you are working on your legacy plan, have you considered a gift to Saint Andrew in your will and financial plan? There is a form through the Endowment link on the SALC website that can be downloaded and filled out expressing your intent. These are welcomed as well. Thank you for helping extend the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew through regular and additional and planned support.

THANK YOU, CRAIG

Craig Gauerke, Coordinator of Youth and Family Education, arrived among us this past August. His ministry efforts brought strength to the coordination of Sunday School, confirmation, youth events and fundraisers. After much consideration, Craig has decided to move in a different vocational direction which brings his time with us to a close at the end of March. We thank Craig for his leadership and wish him well in his new ventures.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March

Sunday, 29 **First Communion Worship**
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 Preview & Registration**

June

14-19 **Confirmation Camp**

August

9-14 **VBS**

CONFIRMATION PARTY

Wednesday, April 29, 6:15 pm

After a great year of learning and service, 7th & 8th grade confirmation students are invited to come to church to reconnect with their small group, enjoy hotdogs and s'mores, play games, and chat about what fun things we might do together this summer and beyond!

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APRIL

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

April 5—Easter Sunday April 12 April 19 April 26

Altar Guild		Team 6	Team 6	Team 2	Team 2
Usher Team		6:00 am Weidman 8:00 am Johnson 9:30 am Shepherd 11:00 am A	Shepherd	Brekke	Weidman
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am	6:00 am Dave Mueller 8:00 am Ray Skare 9:30 am April Mascorro 11:00 am	Joleen Meier Lynn Lawson	Mary Jarvis Linda Vogen	Julie Spalding Jayne Germinaro
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am	8:00 am Mark & Pam Czerwinski 9:30 am Mary Wittich & Rosetta Ahles 11:00 am Cindy Markowski & Pam Clark	Tony & Wendt Howe Brad & Jessica Tipple	Joel & Sarah Widmann George & Bonnie Alafouzoz	Eric & Jamie Hane David & Susan Paisar
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am	**Easter Breakfast**	Sheldon & Connie Geiger Adam & Kathy Wurz	Marv & Joleen Meier Russell & Alice Van Skike	Kieth & Sandi Rusch Roger & Ruth Poutanen

Holy Week March 29, 2 pm April 2 April 3
First Communion Maundy Thursday Good Friday

Altar Guild	Team 5	Team 6	Team 6
Usher	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd

LECTIONARY READINGS

April 5 April 12 April 19 April 26

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18
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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:

Leo Michael Punke - February 1
Elizabeth Nicole Cichon - February 15
Avery Reena Holleran - February 22
Parker Everett Johnson - March 1
Gabrielle Patrice Herold - March 8
Korbin Robert Koppel - March 15
Finley Allen Weinkauff - April 26

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	Julie	Ella	Dale
Babs	Kathy	Kathleen	Linda
Barb	Kevin	Jim	Laurel
Brenda	Lucy	Katie	Darlene
Brianna	Lynne	Diane	Shelly
Callie and Zak	Monica	Clayton	Kim
Deb	Noreen	Amy	Jean
Dennis	Patricia	Noah	Bryson
Gary	Robin	Bill	Verna
Holly	Roland	Charlotte	Jen
Irma B.	Sheila	Gary	Bill
Jack	Sue	Meg	Nathan
Jackie	Susan	Tom	Diane
James, Henry & Elsie	Tom	Yvonne	Susan
Jennette	Tyler	Dixie	Jerry
John	William & Connor	Laura	Kris

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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Dave Paisar, *Custodian*
Jared Gjertson, *Sexton*

Upcoming Events/Activities

March 29	8:00 & 10:30 am	Palm Sunday WORSHIP
March 29	2:00 pm	First Communion WORSHIP
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April 2	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday WORSHIP
April 3	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Good Friday WORSHIP
April 5	6:00 am	Easter Sunday WORSHIP on Rib Mountain
April 5	7:00-9:30 am	Easter Breakfast at SALC
April 5	8, 9:30, 11 am	Easter Sunday WORSHIP at SALC
April 7	11:30 am	OWLS Group
April 9	10:00 am	Play Group
April 12	9:15 am	Baptism Orientation
April 18	8:30 am-12:00 pm	SALC Spring Clean-Up
April 18	8:00-1:00 pm	Women of the ELCA Spring Event - St. Stephen's
April 29	6:15 pm	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Party
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May 1 & 2		Treasure Sale
May 10	9:15 am	New Member Orientation
May 17	9:15 am	New Member Orientation
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