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Pastor Craig

Easter has come and will soon go again. One season fades and another is about to begin. The bite of Winter is behind us and we have been sampling the welcomed warmth of Spring. Signs of new life are bursting forth on trees, in lawns and gardens and there is gladness in the air. But before we move too quickly through the seasons, it is fitting to reflect on the celebrations and express thanks to the many who make them special.

Once again, the Easter celebration was enriched by the intentional journey through Holy Week. The journey through the cross is not an easy one but makes the celebration of Easter far more enriching. Thank you to all who attended the many worship services in Lent and in the Easter season. Your participation makes telling the story all the more special. When the story of God's love is shared, it is far more enriching and life-giving. For showing up and for participating, thank you. Thank you to the usher teams, the communion servers, the altar guild, the choirs and the instrumentalists, the pianists. Your gifts of time and talent are treasures. Thank you for sharing. Thank you for the staff members who work hard to prepare and orchestrate the details that make things go smoothly. Thank you to those who rose early to set up for Easter sunrise: to set up lights, sound system, worship furnishings, park cars, and welcome people into the gathered community. It was a glorious celebration "early on that first day of the week." The birds were singing and at the time of sharing the peace, the sun was rising in a bright orange glow. Thanks be to God for favorable weather on a special morning. Thank you to those who helped decorate and prepare for the Easter Breakfast, those who donated food items and served the hungry. Thank you for generous donations that will be applied toward the summer Vacation Bible School program in August.

As the nine month educational and programmatic season concludes, thanks also to the members of Christian Education. You work hard to see that the educational opportunities through Saint Andrew enrich personal and family lives. Thank you to the faithful Sunday school teachers and helpers of all age groups, from 4k through adult. It is great we can foster a community that desires to grow in faith and life through learning. Thank you for confirmation mentors, for parents and children alike. Thank you for the choir members who rehearse weekly and then give of your time and musical talent to enhance the life of Saint Andrew through worship, the central focus of our life together. As the year of celebration winds down, thanks again to you, Al for your faithful years of musical ministry and direction for Saint Andrew and the larger Wausau community. Your efforts continue to enrich lives through quality musical offerings.

For all these and many more gifts, thank you and for the privilege of sharing these things and opportunities in Jesus' name, thanks most of all to God.

LOOKING AHEAD: Easter in 2016 is March 27! (the first weekend of Spring Break) This means early planning so please mark calendars now and reserve the time for celebrating the resurrection of Christ with your Saint Andrew family.

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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**Mark your calendars:
Beginning Sunday May 24,
summer worship
times will be
8:00 and 9:30 am**

OWLS

Tuesday, May 5, 11:30 am

Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch then enjoy the program to follow. Please RSVP to Joy at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.



SALC Treasure Sale

Friday, May 1, 8:30 -5:30

Saturday, 2, 8:30-12:00

Bring your “treasures” from spring cleaning to church beginning April 27 then come and shop on May 1 or 2! Donated items should be in good working order and in very good condition. Leftover items will be donated after the sale. Call the church office for a list of items that cannot be accepted.

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday, May 14 and Sunday, May 17** in support of VBS this summer!

Play Group at SALC

Thursday, May 14, 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.**

Fair Trade Products

A recent order gives us well-stocked shelves with lots of choices of coffee, tea, and chocolate. As usual, these fair trade products will be available on **May 17, the third Sunday, 8:30 am to noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Your purchases will help small landholder farmers in Central and South America and in Africa support their families and their communities. Thank you.

PASTOR JEAN DEVOLL-DONALDSON, GUEST PASTOR

Newly called to the synod, Pastor Jean serves through the synod office as the Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM). Pastor Jean works alongside of Bishop Jerry to assist congregations in defining and developing effective ministry opportunities, especially in the area of stewardship. Pastor Jean met with a few leaders from Saint Andrew in early March to help us shape conversation regarding tending the treasure of God’s goodness in order to expand our focus beyond current Time and Talent/Pledge “drive” each Fall.

Pastor Jean was very interested in learning about Saint Andrew’s history and context and has formulated some ideas about what we might do to continue these conversations that help us remember that all of life is a gift from God. How we receive, share and tend to relationships, resources, self and time is a reflection of faith and is manifest through lives that are balanced and shaped by God’s love for the world.

In response to an invitation, Pastor Jean will be the guest pastor on **Sunday, May 17** and will bring a message shaped around the theme of gratitude as we ponder and celebrate the blessings God entrusts to our care. Gratitude evokes a response which is best reflected through intentional and responsive sharing from what is first entrusted to us. Who or what do you treasure and how does that treasure result in a blessing for you and for others? How does that blessing point to the divine giver who allows us the freedom to steward those treasures as we determine what is needed? Please come and welcome Pastor Jean as we consider new ways of sharing and tending treasures together through generous and grateful hearts.

Window Cleaner to Support Crossway’s Camps

On May 15 & 16 six members of Saint Andrew will join Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn to attend the East Central Synod Assembly Convention in Green Bay. “Spirit Led Spirit Shaped – A Journey Together” is this year’s theme with support for Crossway’s Camping Ministries as the assembly service project. From the needs and wants list provided by Crossway’s, Saint Andrew has volunteered to provide 36 or more bottles of **window cleaner** that will then be distributed to the three camps. When you are out shopping in the next couple of weeks, please consider purchasing a bottle of **window cleaner** and bringing it to Saint Andrew for the SALC voting members and pastors to take when they attend the Assembly. In June, Saint Andrew will have students attending confirmation camp at Crossway’s Waypost Camp in Hatley. Your generosity to support such an important ministry is greatly appreciated!

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.

Quilts, Quilt Tops and School Bag Kits

You don't have to be a seasoned quilter to sew a quilt top in a kit! Also available to sew are complete quilt kits which include the top, batting and bottom and school bag kits for LWR (Lutheran World Relief). All kits are available in the kiosk in the Narthex and can be returned to the bottom drawer of the Information Desk.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Roger Otto, Virginia Tesch, Jim Sell and Pat Eisman. 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.

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.

Ministry Highlight: Social Ministry

Council Liaison: Russ Van Skike

Ministry Chairperson: Adam Wurz

Ministry Members: Maureen Anklaam, Marge Bohlman, Ron Mathsen, Ruth Poutanen, Billie Schmidt, Alice Van Skike, Jeanne Willems and Kathy Wurz

Did you know?

- ♦ SALC operates a food pantry available to members and the community?
- ♦ The ministry operates entirely on your support?
- ♦ The ministry does not receive any funding through our church budget?
- ♦ How is the ministry funded? Through your support of Lenten Soup Dinners, the Super Bowl snack sale, individual monetary donations and the food item donations that are placed in the baskets at the entry doors.

Here is what the ministry did in 2014 on behalf of you and Saint Andrew:

- ♦ 38 emergency food baskets
- ♦ 40 Easter and Christmas food baskets
- ♦ Served over 700 plates of food at 6 Sunday Community Dinners
- ♦ Donated 10 gallons of soup to the Empty Bowls event to support The Neighbors Place
- ♦ Served 70 plates at the first Thanksgiving dinner prepared and served at Saint Andrew
- ♦ Working with the Tuesday morning quilters, 76 quilts, along with 52 backpacks filled with school supplies, were shipped to Lutheran World Relief. Quilts were also donated to Hospice and the The Women's Community Shelter.
- ♦ Monetary donations were made to the Saint Andrew youth group, Channel 7 "Share the Holidays", Hardel's Hope, Shared Blessings, Bridge Community Health Clinic and Lutheran World Relief to help with the cost of shipping the quilts and school bags.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa and Chocolates

Fair trade products are purchased by the ministry and offered to you at cost. Your support of Fair Trade products directly helps Global Farmers.

So far in 2015, the ministry has donated to the Hygiene Drive, and as a result of the Lenten Soup and Sandwich surveys, donations were made to: Never Forgotten Honor Flight, SALC VBS, The Women's Community and the Wausau Community Warming Center. Also, \$900 was received during the fourth week of Soup and Sandwich and donated to the ELCA World Hunger "Walk for Water". **Your continued support is greatly appreciated!**

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

May 6-July 1, 7-9 pm

This course covers Dave Ramsey's concepts, based on biblical teachings, toward Financial Peace addressing how to direct your money through monthly budgeting and being intentional about your expenses. The cost of the program kit is \$93 per family and is required to participate. Register online and order your kit BEFORE May 4 using the link at www.salc-wausau.org. Child care will be provided.

LIBRARY NEWS

With the untimely death of theologian Marcus Borg we lost an author who, along with Episcopal Bishop J. S. Spong, wrote theology without technical jargon. They made theology readable and enjoyable with books like Borg's "Speaking Christian" and Spong's "Eternal Life." If your interest is a bit lighter, try reading Pastor James Moore's "God Was Here and I Was Out To Lunch." You'll find these books in our church library along with many other books that will challenge and entertain you.

ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE

So far, three \$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.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS

The Children's Worship Activity Bag project is up and running! Thank you to the members who are now actively maintaining them weekly. The children should find a changing collection of coloring pages and activities to quietly engage them as needed during worship. Volunteers are needed to help maintain these bags. This is a great way for parents to engage in SALC with their children as they can assist in restocking the bags! Please contact the church office if you are willing to help. The goal is to have volunteers scheduled 1-2 weeks every 6-8 weeks. A wish list for items currently needed are: tissue packets, small spiral notebooks (3"x5"), Christian themed regular and puffy stickers and coloring books. Donated items can be placed in the "Return Bags" basket in the Narthex. A reminder that following worship, bags should be returned to the "Return Bags" basket to be replenished. Children may take the coloring pages and other small activities home, but please leave the tissues, crayons and notebooks.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next ***New Member Orientation*** will be held on ***Sundays, May 10 & 17 at 9:15*** in the chapel. 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.

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday, May 17

Last Day of Sunday School/
VBS Preview & Registration

Monday-Friday, August 10-14

VBS

9 am-12 pm

Cost: \$15/ child-\$30/family

Volunteers are needed-please call the church office for more information

May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Treasure Sale
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3 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:15 AM Sunday School Classes 10:30 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM Children's Choir Reh 6:30 PM Bible Study	4 7:00 PM AA, Alamon & Aldreen Meetings	5 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 11:30 AM OWLS - Potluck and Program	6 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Financial Peace University Course	7 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	8 5:00 PM Layschool Classes	9 8:00 AM Layschool Classes 1:00 PM Layschool Graduation
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17 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:15 AM Blood Pressure Checks 9:15 AM Last Day Sunday School & VBS Preview 9:15 AM New Member Orientation 10:30 AM WORSHIP with Recep- tion of New Members	18 7:00 PM AA, Alamon & Aldreen Meetings	19 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	20 7:00 PM Financial Peace University Course	21 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	22 East Central Synod Assembly Convention - Green Bay	23 East Central Synod Assembly Convention - Green Bay
24 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP Summer Worship Schedule Begins	25 7:00 PM AA, Alamon & Aldreen Meetings Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office Closed	26 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	27 7:00 PM Financial Peace University Course	28 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	29 East Central Synod Assembly Convention - Green Bay	30 East Central Synod Assembly Convention - Green Bay
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April

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MAY

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

May 3

May 10

May 17

May 24

May 31

(Worship Times are at
8:00 & 9:30 am)

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		Team 2	Team 3	Team 3	Team 4	Team 4
Altar Guild						Team 4
Usher Team		Johnson	Shepherd	A	B	Brekke
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am	Ed Wodolski James Jordan	Dan Malm Kaja Yirkovsky	Gary Hibbard Marilyn Olson	Faith Martinson Judith Marshall	Shirley Bickford Craig Holmes
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am	Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson Shirley Schulz & Teri Deininger	Bill & Doreen Radloff Bill & Lucy Harvey	Joanne Howard & Jim Jacobson Tom & Mary Weiland	Brandon & Melissa Murphy Jeff & Pam Kyhos	Eugene Moyer Susie & Ashley Soukup
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am	Jason & Linda Rickstad Jeanne & Greg Willems	Mark & Karen Gleisner Mike & Carrie Clemment	Mike & Jennie Matushak Denise Gaffaney & Roger & Ruth Poutanen	Steve & Kay Sitko Jerry & Marlene Kort	Jim Jacobson & Joanne Howard Shirley Bickford & Pam Mielke

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 3

May 10

May 17

May 24

May 31

Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
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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:

Parker Everett Johnson - March 1
 Gabrielle Patrice Herold - March 8
 Korbin Robert Koppel - March 15
 Micah Mae Yirkovsky - April 19
 Finley Allen Weinkauff - April 26
 Lincoln Matthew Paszak - May 10

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Alex Nickel & Derrick Lang - June 6
 Lisa Neumann & Chris Sattler - June 13
 Kaitlin Vandre-Schmidt & Justin Ottman - June 27
 Terri Herrek & Michael Johnson - July 18

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

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

May 1	8:30 am-5:30 pm	Treasure Sale
May 2	8:30 am-12:00 pm	Treasure Sale
May 5	11:30 am	OWLS Group
May 6	7-9:00 pm	Financial Peace University course begins
May 10	9:15 am	New Member Orientation
May 14	10:00 am	Play Group
May 17	9:15 am	New Member Orientation
May 17		Blood Pressure Checks
May 17		Noisy Offering
May 17		Fair Trade Sales
May 17		Last Day of Sunday School/ VBS Preview & Registration

June 14-19	Confirmation Camp
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August 10-14	9 am-12 pm	VBS
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October 5	Crop Walk for World Hunger
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