

Network



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Reflections of Thanksgiving by Pastor Craig

"Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen" - Offertory Prayer from Lutheran Book of Worship.

This is just one example of a prayer used in worship in response to receiving the gifts that are brought forward to support and further the kingdom of God through the mission and ministry of Christ's church. What I like most about this prayer is that it assumes gifts are not shared primarily out of a sense of obligation, duty or responsibility. Gifts are shared in grateful response knowing that all we have are what we have first received and that what we share is a portion of what God has entrusted to us as stewards and caretakers. We can manage our resources. We can invest them, spend them, collect them but we cannot possess them for one day, all we have will be left behind. We cannot take things or people with us. We enter the world with nothing and we leave with nothing.

"We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. (ELW 686). We pray such prayers and sing such songs and when we do, we are reminded that we are witnesses to what we believe. God is creator of all things and it is out of God's divine goodness that we are fed and provided for with that we care for others and creation so all are fed and experience God's bounty.

This is the time of year when we gather fruits of the season and we give thanks for the harvest and the good that has grown from the earth. This is also a time to give thanks for the many ways God has blessed us with gifts of self, time and possessions. Thank you for all who have shared in the work of the church through your generous and faithful work and support. For all gifts, thank you.

I am also thankful to serve with you in a congregation that has at the core of its mission, a message that is open to all. We are members of a larger expression of Christ's church as a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and have partners around the world who share in the work of bearing witness to God in the name of Jesus. If you have not yet done so, check out the ELCA through the website and I think you will agree that we are fortunate to be partners and messengers in the gospel of Jesus and are therefore, richly blessed. The identity we claim is a shared one and it expands our view of the world and the good God does through a variety of ecumenical partners. Thank you for the many ways you help live out that mission locally and throughout the world.

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, 9:30 & 10:45 am

Remembering the Saints on

"All Saints Sunday"

Worship

Thursday, October 29 & Sunday, November 1



Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 1 at 2 am
Remember to set your clocks
back one hour.

Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
Wednesday,
November 25, 6:15 pm



Thank You!

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

Quilts & School Bags

Thank you to all who gave their time and talent so that 95 quilts and 56 school bags filled with school supplies could be sent for Lutheran World Relief and 34 quilts given to local organizations!!

OWLS- "Birds In Art"

Tuesday, November 3,
11:30 am

Meet at Saint Andrew at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch. Following lunch, the group will go to the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum to enjoy the "Birds In Art" exhibit.



Noisy Offering will be received on November 12 & 15 in support of the Neighbor's Place Food Bank through the *Empty Bowls* event, November 21.

Play Group at SALC

Friday, 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 Friday of each month.**

Fair Trade Products

Sunday, November 15

We have once again gotten a supply of small candy bars that were so popular last spring. In a new twist, SERRV has added caramel to dark and milk chocolate. These candy bars sell at \$1.25 each. As usual, we'll be selling the third Sunday of the month. Your purchases will help small landholder farmers in many communities worldwide.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SALC

The Social Ministry is gearing up for the 2nd annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Saint Andrew. Whether you are alone or you want to bring your family, whether you are a church member or a member of the community, everyone is welcome to join in the celebration. A traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served **11 am to 2 pm on Thursday, November 26.** Tables of all sizes will be set up to accommodate your group, both large and small. Reservations are requested but not required. Reservation forms are available on the Information Desk.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Sunday, December 6, 9:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Bring six dozen homemade cookies to exchange (pre-packaged by the dozen) and enjoy fellowship while your assortment of treats are put together for you. More details and sign-up is available at the Information Desk and will also be coming in the December Network.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Sunday, December 6, 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. Call or sign up at church. Please sign up at the Information Desk or call the church office at 715-842-3333!

THANKSGIVING HARVEST ITEMS NEEDED

Bring your pumpkins, gourds, bittersweet, dried flowers, apples or other fall decorations to help complete the Thanksgiving altar display by **Monday, November 9.** A box is available in the Narthex for these items.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Saint Andrew is blessed to have the following new members received into its faith family:

Eric Behrens & Brittany Josiger
Todd, Lisa, Ava & Carly Clendenning
Kip, Ashley, Emma, Ava & Maya Downing
Marty, Teresa, Teegan & Trygve Johnson
Lindsay Quirt
Todd, Jodi Drew, Abigail & Brady Schwabe
Barb Stroming
Ryan & Holly Wendorf
Mark, Liz, Ryan, Molly & Michael Wiebe
Mike, Kelly & Hannah Winchell

Please give them a warm welcome as you see their new faces at worship and participating in the life of Saint Andrew!

Community Dinner

Sunday, November 15
Saint Andrew hosts Community Dinner at First Presbyterian Church in Wausau on the third Sunday of every other month. Volunteers are needed from 3 to 6 pm. If you would like to help with this community ministry, please call the church office.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial Gifts were recently received for the Quilting Group. 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.

Blood Pressure Checks

SALC volunteers are available on the *3rd Sunday* of each month, 9-9:30 am, 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 Bethlehem Room. Basic blood pressure information is also available.

Pastoral Care

As a practice, three area hospitals are contacted during 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.

Marriage Enrichment Opportunity

by Lyn Weis

A spiritual getaway was the best thing Mike and I did for our marriage. Whether you are newly engaged or married for many, many years, Family Life's **Weekend to Remember** has the power to breathe new life and commitment into your marriage.

We are planning to attend again, and we'd love for you to join us! Family Life's Weekend to Remember is coming to Appleton February 12-14, 2016. Check out the weekend itinerary at : familylife.com/weekendtoremember

Save \$100 per couple by registering with our group name "StrongTogether" (all one word) at this web address: shop.familylife.com/p-4230-appleton.aspx

"Great marriages don't just happen. Be pro-active with your marriage by attending a Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway. For more than 35 years, over 1 million couples have attended a Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway. Ninety-six percent of WTR guests agree that attending this getaway had a positive impact on their marriage."

For more information contact Lyn Weiss, lynweis26@gmail.com, 715-302-2520.

Poinsettia Order Form

Help beautify the sanctuary at Christmas with a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one. Detach this order form and return it to the church office with payment by *Sunday December 6*.
Cost: \$16 each



_____ *White Poinsettia*

_____ *Red Poinsettia*

_____ Given in honor of _____

_____ Given in memory of _____

_____ Given in recognition of _____

_____ Given in thanksgiving of _____

Please make payment payable to:
Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

Mail to:
3200 N. Mountain Rd., Wausau 54401
or
place in the designated box
at the Information Desk
in the Narthex

From: _____ Phone: _____

CONFIRMATION ON REFORMATION



"I do and I ask God to help and guide me..."

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 25**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Natalie June Antonson	Brayton Douglas Herwig	Ally Savanh Phakitthong	Rothenberger
Lily Rae Bliven	Lauren Mae Hinker	Noah David Radloff	Logan Floyd Rought
Fallon Destiny Nicole Brown	Tyler Lee Marquardt	Haley Kathleen Reed	Brandis James Schmitt
Dylan Mark Cochart	Logan Lee McCabe	Mahlia Johanna Richardt	Carrie Jane Schroeder
Jordan David Durr	Declan Sean McCarthy	Rouhan MacLaine Richardt	Laurel Amber Schuck
Anna Christine Faucett	Nicholas Emanuel Metcalfe	Skylar Jeanne Rickstad	Brady Scott Sendelbach
Hunter Allan Gnatz	Austin Michael Mohr	Chase Raymond Riemer	Lorissa Carol Thorpe
Abby Kristine Haling	Courtney Lynn Morse	Charles Timothy Rose	Cole Robert Vandehey
Gabrielle Lee Hanke	Jasmine Judith Nagel	MaKenzie Ann	

YOUTH "EMPTY BOWLS" PAINTING PARTY

November 1, 12-2 pm

All youth are welcome to meet at Clay Corner in downtown Wausau to paint a bowl to be donated to The Neighbor's Place Empty Bowls fundraiser (which will be held at Wausau West on November 21). After painting, we will go to Polito's for pizza. Participation in this event can be a confirmation service project. The cost is \$12/bowl and money for pizza after.

CONFIRMATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

No Confirmation/Thanksgiving Worship, 6:15 pm

Wednesday, November 25

No Sunday School

Sunday, November 29

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 13

3-5 Grade Winter Retreat at Crossways' Waypost Camp

Friday-Sunday, January 22-24

Ministry Highlight—Personnel

The Personnel Ministry currently has six members and one Council Liaison that review personnel practices for the Saint Andrew staff. Some functions include: calculating compensation, insurance, employment practices, updating job duties/descriptions, annual reviews and budget recommendations. The group meets monthly to discuss a variety of issues that come up throughout the year by church staff. This past year the employee handbook was revised and a Sabbatical Leave Policy was developed for council approval.

ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE

"The purpose of the Fund is to enhance the mission of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church apart from the general operations of the congregation. The Fund generates an ongoing source of income, enabling the congregation to expand and continue a vision of stewardship and support. It also allows the congregation to respond to important needs and new ministry opportunities. Anyone can request a grant as support for an extended ministry opportunity at any time." The Endowment Committee will next consider requests at a meeting on **December 1**. Visit the Saint Andrew website or contact the church office to obtain a Grant Request. Requests are due by November 29.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

One person/family at a time, lives have been impacted by Financial Peace University, a nine week money makeover course offered at Saint Andrew. Whether having good financial skills and wise investing practices or no plan for managing money, all who have attended the course have expressed appreciation for what was shared and learned together. Personal information is shared only as you desire for the sake of learning together but not required. FPU is a bible based program that challenges and improves stewardship practices that impact personal finances and sets in place a plan for debt-free living and joyful generosity. The next class is scheduled for **Sundays, beginning January 10 at 6 pm**. Cost of the nine-week course is \$93 per individual or couple.

If interested, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333. Watch for registration to open on the Saint Andrew website.

NOVEMBER

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Layreaders	Greeters	Fellowship
November 1	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	A	Duane Zietlow Dewey Allen	John & Jan Mann Craig & Marni Holmes	Dick & Mary Jarvis Adam & Kathy Wurz
November 8	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	B	Joleen Meier Lynn Lawson	Mike & Lyn Weis Pam Clark/Cindy Markowski	Mallory Zietlow & Susan Tobin Greg & Jeanne Willems
November 15	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	Brekke	Mary Jarvis Linda Vogen	Mark & Pam Czerwinski Amy Frolik/Mary Kregel	Joel & Sara Widmann Roger & Ruth Poutanen
November 22	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Weidman	Dan Malm Jayne Germinaro	Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson Bill & Lucy Harvey	Barb Breese & Tina Spiegel Tim & Denise Gaffaney
November 25 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	6:15 pm	Team 2	Johnson	_____	_____	_____
November 29	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Shepherd	Ed Wodalski James Jordan	Mike Matushak/Joanne Howard George & Bonnie Alafouzios	David & Nancy Larson Jerry & Marlene Kort

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6b John 11:32-44	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM WORSHIP 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Youth Service Project - "Empty Bowls" Painting Party at Clay Corner - Downtown Wausau 6:30 PM Bible Study	7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Darball - St Anne's @ SALC	9:00 AM Reading Reflections 11:30 AM OWLS - Potluck & Outing to Birds In Art Museum 7:00 PM Financial Peace University Course	6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:10 PM - 12:50 PM Women's Bible Study 5:00 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Gr Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP		
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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:

Evan James Riege - September 17	Rose Evelyn Geiger - October 4	Tyler Michael Quirt - November 22
Sterling Beleno Marrero - September 24	Hayden Hunter Lee Maahs - October 4	Cooper Robert Quirt - November 22
Gregory Howard Marrero - September 24	Leyton Mae Wendorf - October 18	Alexis Jaymes Wimmer - December 27
Benjamin Croix Smith - September 27	Izabella Rose-Marie Alvarez - October 18	Luxxe Gabrielle Peterson - December 27
Maya Ryann Downing - September 27	Tanner Marcus Tyjeski - November 8	

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Candy & Mitch McCabe - September 12
 Sarah & Ross Lyon - October 10
 Barbara Stroming & David Patefield - November 14

WE PRAY...

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

Charles Kuntz
 Dolores Harder
 Donald Fust
 Deborah Bradshaw

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	Gary	Patricia	Bill
Alyssa	Irma	Rich	Charlotte
Babs	Jackie	Robin	Meg
Barb	James, Henry & Elsie	Roland	Tom
Brenda	Jennette	Sonny	Yvonne
Brianna	Jennifer	Susan	Dixie
Callie and Zak	John	Tom	Laura
Charles	Kaitlyn	William & Connor	Laurel
Darwin	Kevin	Ella	Shelly
Dave	Lisa	Katie	Brian
Dennis	Lucy	Diane	Bob
Denny	Lynne	Clayton	Mike
Don	Monica	Amy	

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



**We're on
Facebook! Follow
the link on our
website and click
"like" to keep up
with the latest
news and events!**

November 1		"All Saints Sunday"
November 1	12-2pm	Youth "Empty Bowls" Painting Party
November 3	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck & to Woodson Art Museum
November 13	10:00 am	Play Group
November 15		Community Dinner at First Presbyterian Church
November 25		No Confirmation Classes
November 25	6:15 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 26	11 am-2 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner at SALC
November 29		No Sunday School Classes
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December 6	9:00 am	Cookie Exchange
December 6	12:00 pm	Gingerbread House Decorating
December 13		Christmas Program