

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.

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## Network



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#### Lent 2016: "Living Stones" - What God Makes of Us



"Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." - 1 Peter 2:4-5

With Christmas behind us, the Annual Congregational Meeting just ahead of us, it is now planning mode for Lent which will soon be upon us. If you have not yet learned, Ash Wednesday is early this year on February 10, because Easter is early. The actual dating of Easter is determined by the first full moon on or after the first day of Spring (delayed by one week if Spring begins on Sunday) which places Easter as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. Lent is a predetermined season of 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter which thereby determines the date of Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. (Easier to just look at a calendar each year than to remember the formula!) That being said, this earlier date has increased the urgency to make plans for: Shrove Tuesday pancakes, (blessed again this year by a donation of batter by IHOP, serviced by the SALC Dartball team and assisted by the high school youth attending the summer trip to Colorado this summer), Soup and Sandwich meals, and worship planning. I am happy to report that many of these details are falling into place, including a theme which is "Living Stones: What God Makes of Us." After spending some time with this theme, it has been quite a revelation to see how many scripture passages and music options reference stones or rocks. Rather than pocket coins this year, there will be bowls of actual rocks that you can select from to carry one in your pocket or purse and then use as a meditation device through Lent. Each week, we will highlight a different reference of stone/ rock as a way to ponder the mysterious and miraculous ways God's blessings flow from rather unlikely sources. I hope you will join me along this rocky road to the cross and beyond. Midweek worship services are Wednesdays at 12:15 and 6:15 pm.

#### February 17—Provision

"Strike the rock, and water will come out of it." - Exodus 17:6b

#### February 24— Redemption

"Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - John 8:7

#### March 2—Restoration

Jesus commands the stone to be rolled back so Lazarus can come out. - from John 11:38-44

#### March 9—Transformation

Six stone water jars become vessels of transformation as water turns to wine. - from John 2:1-11

#### March 16—Proclamation

"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." - Luke 19:40

#### March 24 (Maundy Thursday)—Persistence

"Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed." - Luke 22:41

#### March 25 (Good Friday)—Condemnation

The stone is sealed to ensure the body of Jesus was secure. - from Matthew 27:57-66

#### March 27 (Easter Sunday)—Resurrection

An angel rolled back the stone and sat on it to reveal an empty tomb. - from Matthew 28:1-10

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#### **Super Bowl Snacks**

Snack donations of any kind for the Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale can be dropped off at church on Friday, *February 5* before 4 pm or on Super Bowl Sunday before worship. Please pre-package items to be sold for \$1 and *label* if there are nuts, peanut butter or if lactose or glutenfree for allergy concerns. Your support of the Food Pantry through snack donations and purchases is appreciated!

#### **OWLS Take a Break**

The OWLS will take a little winter break during the months of January and February. Stay tuned to the Network to learn what will be coming up in the spring!

#### Noisy Offering will be received on February 18 & 21 in support of Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley.

#### Play Group at SALC Friday, 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** Friday of each month.

#### **Fair Trade Products**

Having just ordered from Equal Exchange, there is a good supply of products. **New!--**Extra Dark Chocolate (80% cacao) with almonds; and Organic Columbian Full City Coffee. Stop by on Sunday, February 18 to see these and other fine choices of coffee, tea and chocolate. You may be surprised at the variety and quality. Purchases of fair trade items help small landholder famers. Thank you!

#### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

#### Sunday, January 31, 10:45 am

The SALC Annual Congregational Meeting will take place in the sanctuary, therefore there will be NO 10:45 am worship on this Sunday. Please plan to attend—a quorum of 176 is needed to conduct the business of the church. The meeting will include election of council members, presentation of a narrative budget to provide greater insight for the 2016 budget and sharing the story of events and the good works done by many in thanksgiving for faithful support this past year.

Immediately following the meeting, all are invited to enjoy a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall supporting the youth going to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado this summer. A free will offering will be received.

#### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 9, 5:00-6:30 pm Come for a traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 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 to Sky Ranch Camp in Colorado this July. Cost: Free Will Offering

#### LENTEN WORSHIP

**Ash Wednesday Worship** February 10 12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

What God Makes of Us

"Living Stones"

#### Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays in Lent, February 17-March 16 12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

#### LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH

Soup and Sandwich fellowship follows 12:15 pm worship and is also before and after 6:15 pm worship on Wednesdays beginning February 17. (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 are interested in assisting with soup preparation, one soup or more-one Wednesday or more - equipment, ingredients and guidance are provided. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

#### Soup Menu

February 17 Turkey Noodle Taco

February 24 Chicken and Wild Rice Cheesy Potato Cheeseburger

March 2 Chicken Noodle

March 9 Northwoods Cheese Chicken Dumpling

March 16

Chili

Pea

#### New Member Orientation

The next New Member Orientation will be held on Sundays, February 21 & 28 at 10:45 am. New members will then be received at the 9:30 am worship service on March 6. 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.

#### Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial Gifts were recently received in memory of Daryl Wittich. 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 in the Bethlehem Room on the *3rd Sunday* of each month, 9-9:30 am, to assist you in a free blood pressure check. These are not diagnostic but informative. No sign up necessary. 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 make every effort to respond in a timely fashion. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office.

#### PRETZEL SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, February 14—In honor of the first Sunday in Lent

Tradition has it that 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-Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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. What tradition helps you remember to pray and ponder God's blessings?

#### **EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths and Easter Lilies can be ordered for \$16 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order by phone by calling the church office at 715-842-3333 or complete a form available on the information desk in the Narthex. Order deadline is *Monday, March 7.* 

#### SPRING 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.

#### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

What: Family Life's Weekend to Remember

When: February 12-14,Where: AppletonCost: \$100 per couple

**Registration:** Register with our group name

"StrongTogether" (all one word) at this web address:

shop.familylife.com/p-4230-appleton.aspx.

#### SAINT ANDREW PLANNING TEAM TO FORM FOR ZEERUST PARTNER VISIT

Did you know Saint Andrew has a sister congregation in Zeerust, South Africa? Currently members from Zeerust are planning to come and be among us for a visit this coming summer. They will worship with us, live among us, and experience how the church exists in this part of the world. We will welcome them and learn from them as they share the gospel with us, too. Tentative dates for the visit are June 28-July 12th. Many hands are needed as we prepare hospitality, plan events that are meaningful, and pray for their arrival. If you are looking for a great short term commitment and would like to join the Saint Andrew planning team please plan to attend a meeting on Wednesday, February 17 following the 6:15 pm Lenten worship in the Parish Room.

#### **AN INVITATION TO PARENTS**

Thank you for sending your child to Sunday School, we are so glad that they join us here at Saint Andrew to learn about God's word. Please consider being a part of your child's Christian Education. The Christian Education Ministry meets on Ministry Night, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is February 9. Together we create opportunities at Saint Andrew for kids and families to connect with the story of Jesus through learning. As we head into a new year, we would love to have you join us to share your ideas and give input. This is not a large time commitment, but it would mean a lot to have your participation, input and ideas. Please check Christian Education on the Time and Talent card, or just show up, we are happy to have you!

#### **FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**

For three weeks in March, students and families will have interactive conversation to learn about Holy Communion. A mailing will soon go out with more information for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. For those who are beyond 5<sup>th</sup> grade and interested in First Communion, you are invited to contact the office for more information.

#### Classes:

<u>June</u> 14-19

July

11-15

Sundays, February 28; March 6 & 13, 4 pm First Communion Worship Palm Sunday, March 20, 2pm

### PAINTING PARTY TO DEPICT THE EASTER STORY

#### Sunday, March 13, 10:45 am

The Christian Education Ministry is throwing a painting party and families of all ages, sizes, and individuals are welcome to participate! One of the ways to prepare our hearts for the Easter news is to spend some time dwelling in and teaching the Easter Story. A local artist will come and provide paint, brushes, canvas, and step-by-step painting instructions for individuals and/or families to create an Easter painting that teaches everyone the Easter story and can be used as a piece of artwork in your home. When the painting is done we will share a simple lunch. Details are being finalized so stay tuned to next month's Network and watch for a sign-up on the Information Desk or call the church if interested. There will be a minimal cost per family.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<u>February</u>	
Tuesday, 9	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wednesday, 10	Ash Wednesday
	No Confirmation
Sunday, 28	First Communion Class
<u>March</u>	
Sunday, 6	First Communion Class
Sunday, 13	First Communion Class
Sunday, 20	Holy Week Begins
	First Communion Worship - 2 pm
Thursday, 24	Maundy Thursday
Friday, 25	Good Friday
Sunday, 27	Easter Sunday
	No Sunday School
<u>April</u>	
Wednesday, 27	Confirmation Celebration/Reunion
<u>May</u>	
FriSat., 6-7	Treasure Sale (to benefit VBS)
Sunday, 16	Last Day of Sunday School

**Confirmation Camp** 

**Vacation Bible School** 

#### **Endowment Fund Committee**

The first quarter meeting of the Endowment Fund Committee will take place *Tuesday, February 9 at 5 pm.* Grant requests will be considered at that meeting. If you have a special non-budgeted ministry need or idea you wish to consider, please submit a grant request by *Monday, February 8* to the church office. A form is available on the SALC website or can be picked up at the church office.

**Pastor Larry Westfield** from the ELCA Foundation will be at that meeting to help identify ways to grow the fund and solicit donations. He will be available in the afternoon on February 9 and willing to visit with anyone who is considering creating or adjusting a legacy plan and has questions about options to consider to ensure the work of the church is a perpetual legacy gift for years to come. Pastor Larry has been involved in the ministry of planned giving for many years and has experience with assisting people in developing a plan for intentional legacy giving that is faithful and purposeful. If any are interested to meet with Pastor Larry, please contact the church office to set up a time for some conversation.

#### LIFE-PLANNING WORKSHOPS

Once again, workshops are being planned during Lent to assist with conversations about Power of Attorney for Healthcare and Finances, Wills, Trusts, Legacy planning, Funerals: What to Expect and How to Prepare for an Important Life Remembrance, and Celebration. (*The best is yet to come!*) The first workshop is planned for *Sunday, March 6 during the 10:45 am hour*. More information will be coming in the March Network.

## FEBRUARY Assisting with Worship

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Layreaders	Greeters	Fellowship
February 7	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Brekke	Joleen Meier Lynn Lawson	Bill & Doreen Radloff Tom & Mary Weiland	Bill & Doreen Radloff Tim & Denise Gaffaney
February 14	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Weidman	Dave Mueller Linda Vogen	John & Pat Barnett Dick & Lynn Lawson	Dave Mueller & Susie Soukup
February 21	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Johnson	Dan Malm Judith Marshall	Mark & Pam Czerwinski Pam Clark & Cindy Markowski	Ray & Terri Skare Jerry & Marlene Kort
February 28	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Shepherd	Ed Wodalski James Jordan	Mike & Jeannine Matushak David & Susan Paisar	Tina Spiegel & Barb Breese George & Bonnie Alafouzos

#### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
Exodus 34:29-35	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 99	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Psalm 27	Psalm 63:1-8
2 Corinthians 3:124:2	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:174:1	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35	Luke 13:1-9

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7.00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Dartball - SALC @ St Marks	9:00 AM Reading Reflections No OWLS Event	6.45 AM Men's Bible Study 1000 AM Men's Bible Study 12:10 PM - 12:50 PM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7Th&8th Gr	6:15 PM WORSHIP	· .	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Council Refrecti
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6:30 PM Bible Study						

#### 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:

Alexis Jaymes Wimmer - December 27 Wyatt Joseph Wagner - January 10 Jordyn Heide Hardel - February 7

#### A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Katrina Jacobson & Matthew Reidinger - February 20

#### 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.



Dennis Greta Laci Pam

#### FOR THESE WE PRAY...

Ali	Elsie	Patricia	Meg	
Alyssa	Irma	Reggie	Tom	
Babs	Jennette	Robin	Yvonne	
Barb	Jennifer	Roland	Dixie	
Brenda	Jerry	Sonny	Laura	
Brianna	Karen	Tom	Laurel	
Callie and Zak	Kevin	William	Shelly	
Charles & Gerry	Lainey	Ella	Brian	
Darwin	Lucy	Clayton	Bob	
Dave	Lynn	Amy	Mike	
Dennis	Lynne	Bill	Liz	
Don	Monica	Charlotte	Frank	

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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Rev. Jeff Martinson, Visitation Pastor
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Al Freiberg, Coordinator of Music
Sheldon Geiger, Bookkeeper
Shannon Vujnovich, Custodian
Dave Paisar, Custodian
Cullen Stangel, Sexton
Zach Weis, Sexton

#### **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!

February 3		Last Confirmation Class
February 7		Super Bowl Snack Sale
February 9	5:00-6:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 10	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
February 12-14	•	Weekend to Remember (Appleton)
February 14		Pretzel Sunday Fellowship
February 17 & 24	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship
February 21 & 28	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
February 28	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
March 2, 9 & 16	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship
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March 6 & 9	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
March 20	8, 9:30 & 10:45 am	Palm Sunday Worship
March 20	2:00 pm	First Communion Worship
March 24	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
March 25	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Good Friday Worship
March 27	6, 8, 9:30 & 11 am	Easter Sunday Worship

#### **SNOW POLICY**



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