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Easter Proclamation—Pastor Jenn

The other day as I was driving along Hwy. R on my way home — and by the time I was crossing the bridge over the Rib River — I became very aware of the litter along the highway.

Once hidden in deep snow, the early melt gave way to revealing the cans, cups, wrappers, and bags alongside the road. And then the other evening, while walking up Rib Mountain, I became very aware of the large amount of sand on the walk way, once was used to coat the icy roads and walk ways with a little bit of traction. Winter snow had also covered up the fall leaves that were trapped for a season and now lay tattered and exposed, awaiting street sweepers and city crews to come along and make the roads ready for spring once again.

Although at first a seemingly gloomy and dismal thing, the sand and rubbish and leaves are signs that spring has fully arrived. With spring comes the return of green grass and budding flowers, robins hopping around the yard, and, for some, the impulse to deep clean and unclutter dwellings. With the return of light at the end of the day and warmer temperatures, relief comes to our bodies and our souls through the joy of open windows, longer walks, and bike rides. The early arrival of the seasonal spring weather is fitting because Easter also came early this year.

While so much emphasis is focused upon the day of Easter itself in the life of the church, Easter is an entire season that we will celebrate long into the month of May. The gospel texts will bring us revelation after revelation of the risen Christ appearing to the disciples. Jesus will show them the residue of the former season of his life and his journey to the cross. And much like the trash on the side of the road, the marks from the nails on his hands and feet will serve as signs for the disciples, that they can truly believe and trust that Christ has returned — risen from the dead, just as he said he would, to offer them new life. Very soon, this band of disciples will be transformed into the early church and the story of Jesus' victory over death will become hope and life that offers resurrection to the whole entire world!

In the season of Easter, we proclaim that Christ is risen. But we also proclaim that in Christ's resurrection, we are risen! So now, much like the disciples, we are invited to live as risen people. As Easter people, we are invited to no longer focus on the rubbish inside of our own existence, but on the forgiveness and new life that God has given us through Christ. It's easy to see the trash when the snow melts away. The places in our lives we wish weren't as ugly or discontent. In Christ, the windows of our hearts are opened wide, and the Holy Spirit breathes into us and works in those rubbishy places to restore and transform them into places of healing, life, and wholeness. In worship, the paschal candle will stay lit as a sign of that resurrection and the proclamation will echo long after Easter day has gone, *Christ is risen, indeed! 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, 9:30 & 10:45 am

"Christ In Our Home" Devotional

The second quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotional is now available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy.

Soup Sale

All remaining soup from Lenten Soup and Sandwich will be available for sale **Sunday, April 3**, following 8:00 am service until it is gone. A free-will donation will be received for all soup.

OWLS in Bloom

Tuesday, April 5, 12:30 am

The group will begin with a potluck lunch at 12:30 pm at Saint Andrew then on to Rib Mountain Greenhouse to enjoy spring coming to life and learn tips and ideas for your blooming summer flowerbeds.



Noisy Offering will be received on *April 14 & 17* in support of the summer visit from our sister congregation in Zeerust.

Play Group at SALC

Friday, April 8 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

In addition to the Fair Trade products, recipes such as Chai-spiced Hot Cocoa and Spicy Hot Cocoa, are available which use the various hot cocoa mixes. Stop by on **Sunday, April 17** to see these things and the many other products available from Equal Exchange-Fair Trade Products. Thanks for your support.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on **Sundays, May 8 and 15 at 10:45 am**. New members will then be received at the 9:30 am worship service on **May 22**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by *Friday, April 29*.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING EVENT

"Sharing All Our Stories" - Pastor Melissa Pohlman

Saturday, April 16, 8 am-1 pm

All women are invited to attend this event at Calvary Lutheran Church in Antigo. In-kind donation is warm socks—all colors and sizes as long as they are new—will benefit the Health Commons at Central Lutheran Church. Please call the Saint Andrew church office at 715-842-3333 to register.

SALC SPRING CLEAN-UP

Plan to join in fellowship and care of Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Mark your calendar for Saturday, **April 16, 8:30 am-12:00 pm** to assist with cleaning up the grounds and a few projects inside. Alternate "rain" date is Saturday, April 23. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the information desk in the Narthex.

SPRING TREASURE SALE

Friday and Saturday, May 6 & 7

Mark your calendar 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. Donations received from the sale will benefit the youth trip to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado this summer.

ZEERUST VISITORS-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

June 30—July 12

The excitement continues to build for the visit from our Sister Congregation in Zeerust, South Africa. The SALC planning group is actively working to assist with planning large group events as well as opportunities for these guests to spend time with many members at Saint Andrew. The anticipation is for 12 visitors and a sign-up form will soon be available for Saint Andrew members to offer hospitality through hosting, making meals, providing transportation or spending the day with them as they look forward to learning about worship and life in the United States. Watch for this volunteer information to be shared soon and contact the church office if you have questions or would like to assist with the planning!

Food Pantry Needs

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs:

mayonnaise
mustard
canned vegetables
canned fruit
canned soup
macaroni and cheese
cereal

Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the food pantry!

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Paul Grittner, John Howard and Grace Mittelstaedt. 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.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Saint Andrew is blessed to have received many new members into its faith family in February:

Nick Anderson & Janet Reiss
 Nate Bartz & Jessica Kurtzweil
 Lynda Binder
 Shamus & Cassandra Doran
 Jesse & Tasha Grabowski
 Scott & Shelly Hogan
 Jake Jensen & Michelle Wanty
 Erv & Shirley Murkowski
 Michelle Watford
 Scott Williamson & Trena Loomans and
 Kyra, Ashlyn, Ella, McKenna & Addison
 Pat, Susan, Kelly & Emily Wurzer

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

THANK YOU!

...to all who attended the ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*** and in doing so, supported the youth going to the Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado 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 Social Ministry to all the volunteers who helped in any way 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. ***Social Ministry would like to express their gratitude to all the Soup and Sandwich volunteers with a "thank you brunch" on Wednesday, March 30 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.***

...to all who donated items to the SALC Food Pantry thereby helping those in need receive an Easter Food Basket. And thank you to all those who assisted in assembling the baskets.

HEARING LOOP TO BE INSTALLED IN THE SANCTUARY

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

In a project for confirmation, Caleb asks a question: *"Think about this, can you imagine yourself as a person being deaf and going to church and you can't understand the pastors? It is difficult to hear in church with a hearing aid, as there is so much background noise. Using a loop system lets people with hearing aids hear without the background noises."* Thanks to Caleb and his family, and to the generosity of others through memorial gifts and grants, a hearing loop system will be installed in the sanctuary at Saint Andrew in mid to late April. Those who use hearing aids that are equipped with T-coils should check with their audiologists to discover the settings that will help them to connect to the loop.

FIRST COMMUNION RECEIVED

The following student received First Communion on Palm Sunday, March 20. Please hold them in prayer as they continue their faith journey.

Ava Alice Blackburn
Katelin Morgan Brillhart
Barnes Richard Bunkelman
Rhys Allen Burnett
Nathan Mark Cochart
Kylie Shae Draeger
Lucy LeeAnn Gilles
Marissa May Hagen
Emily Grace Heilmann
Claire Elizabeth Hinker

Emily Carol Jacobson
Brandon Matthew Jorgensen
Nicholas Lee Josiger
Xander Matthew Kracium
Aidan Ryan Krueger
Lindsey Ann Lucht
Ali Kay Marquardt
Patty Lynn Nelson
Colton James Pagel
Ashley Sieng Phakitthong

Bella Noel Samz
Luke Winston Schaefer
Aiyanna Leigh Schroeder
Olivia Ann Schulz
Allison Grace Seanor
Laila Mason Smith
Noah David Stachovak
Caleb Michael Tuley
Riah Jane Weiland
Alexis Rene White

STACK THE RACK YOUTH HYGIENE DRIVE

The rack is stacked and packed tight thanks to everyone who supported the youth in their efforts to assist the local Salvation Army. These items will provide care and comfort to those who need support in their daily living. Please join in praying for all those receiving these items and the continued work of the Salvation Army.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April

Wednesday, 27

Confirmation Reunion

May

Fri.-Sat., 6-7
Sunday, 15

Treasure Sale (to benefit VBS)
Last Day of Sunday School

June

19-24

Confirmation Camp

July

11-15

Vacation Bible School

Confirmation Reunion

Wednesday, April 27, 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. Families are also welcome to attend.

CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY

Tuesdays, April 12 & 19, 9 am

The Tuesday morning *Reading Reflections* study group will be watching the movie, "Cry the Beloved Country." As we anticipate the arrival of our brothers and sisters from Zeerust, South Africa, this movie is a look at the history and some of the social structures in South Africa that would later give rise to apartheid, and the many voices that protested against those structures.

CHECK IT OUT—FROM THE SALC LIBRARY

On the bible: "The Oxford History of the Biblical World" and "The Ultimate Bible Fact and Quiz Book";
"Blest Be the Pie That Binds" by Dick Hardel on family activities that nurture faith;
"God's Crime Scene; a cold case detective examines the evidence for a divinely created universe" by J. Warner Wallace;
"Night" by Elie Wiesel—winner of the Nobel Peace Prize

LIFE-PLANNING WORKSHOPS CONTINUE

Several events are being planned to inform and assist members with a variety of life-choices. These sessions are intended to educate and encourage conversation. All forums will take place on Sundays **at 10:45 am in the chapel.**

April 3—Nursing Home Care.

April 10—Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney for Finances, Planned Giving.

April 17—Final Worship Funeral Planning: What to expect and how to prepare for a funeral that retains the integrity of worship while also honoring the deceased and those who grieve.

BLOOD DRIVE AT SALC

Thursday, May 19, 1-6 pm

Saint Andrew will be the site 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. Call the church office to express your willingness to help. A sign-up sheet is available on the Information Desk.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN APRIL

| Date | Worship Time | Altar Guild | Usher Team | Lay Readers | Greeters | Fellowship |
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| April 3 | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 6 | A | Ray Skare Mike Johnson | Cindy Brenner & Noah Radloff George & Bonnie Alafouz | Barb Breese & Tina Spiegel Russ & Alice Van Skike |
| April 10 | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 2 | B | Michael Spalding Courtney Grieser | Jim Jacobson & Dick Jarvis Brandon & Melissa Murphy | Sheldon & Connie Geiger Terry & June Grabau |
| April 17 | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 2 | Brekke | April Mascorro Cheryl Allen | Mike & Lyn Weis Amy & Jesse Frolik | David & Nancy Larson Adam & Kathy Wurz |
| April 24 | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 3 | Weidman | Duane Zietlow Judith Marshall | Ann McDonald & Mary Kregel Fred & Pat Fuchs | Sid & Leslie Sorensen Roger & Ruth Poutanen |

LECTIONARY READINGS

| April 3 | April 10 | April 17 | April 24 |
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| Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31 | Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19 | Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 | Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35 |

April 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 2 Wurz Family Craft Day |
| 3 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:00 AM Lenten Soup Sale 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM Nursing Home Care Workshop 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study | 4 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings Dartball Banquet @ St Marks | 5 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 12:30 PM OWLS - Potluck and tour at Rib Mountain Greenhouse (note later time) | 6 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP | 8 10:00 AM Play Group | 9 |
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| 17 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM Final Worship Funeral Planning Workshop 10:45 AM WORSHIP 4:30 PM Dartball Team Dinner @ 2510 6:30 PM Bible Study | 18 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings | 19 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief | 20 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 21 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP | 22 | 23 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Property Spring Clean Up Rain Date |
| 24 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study | 25 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings | 26 9:00 AM Reading Reflections | 27 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM Confirmation Celebration/Reunion 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 28 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Council Meeting | 29 | 30 |

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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 or will be received into the family of faith. We pray especially for:

Jordyn Heide Hardel - February 7

Elena Lee Geiger - February 18

Benjamin Thomas Gatzke - February 21

Beckem Charles Kyhos - March 6

Theo Alan Hagenbucher - April 3

Emmeline Grace Waraksa - April 24

Everett Michael Lemirand - May 1

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Katrina & 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.



FOR THESE WE PRAY...

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| Ali | Elaine | Lynne | Amy | Mike |
| Amanda & Frank | Elsie | Monica | Charlotte | Frank |
| Babs | Haylee | Patricia | Meg | Pam |
| Barb | Irma | Reggie | Tom | Kim |
| Brenda | Jennette | Robin | Yvonne | Bonnie |
| Callie & Zak | Jennifer | Roland | Dixie | Wes |
| Charles & Gerry | Jerry | Skip | Laura | Joyce |
| Dan & Jessica | Karen | Tom | Laurel | Angie |
| Darwin | Kevin | William | Shelly | Justin |
| Dave | Lainey | Ella | Brian | Ruth |
| Dennis | Leann | Clayton | Bob | |

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
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