

# Network



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*Pastor Jenn*

*"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."*

Ephesians 4:4-5

It took me a while to find the hiking trails at the end of Grouse Lane in Rib Mountain. If you take that trail up the hill to the West, eventually you will find yourself marveling in the beauty of the quarry where you will be greeted with sounds of spring, birch trees and ferns, and the occasional turkey vulture flying overhead.

I recently walked the trail to the quarry with a friend who was in town. As we walked up the subtle incline, it soon became clear that our paces were vastly different. My stride was larger than her stride. I knew the trail and was more acclimated to surroundings. Although we were walking side by side, the experience was different for each of us. At any given time, the hike was at a fast pace for her and a slow pace for me. Still, we walked along together.

As I was thinking about our walk—it occurred to me that this image of two entities walking side by side is a good image for what takes place in the church, the body of Christ, both locally and globally. All headed in the same direction, all a part of the one body of Christ, we get there at different paces and in different ways but we go together.

In a few short months, we will receive twelve of our brothers and sisters from our companion congregation in Zeerust, South Africa. This visit will likely take place June 26 through July 10. Although plans are still being finalized, a task force at Saint Andrew has started working to undertake the large amount of planning that will ensure that we welcome our guests with intention, warmth, and sincerity. The objective is simple: to walk alongside one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

With their visit come several challenges and opportunities that we are hopeful to experience together. One of the challenges is finding a number of people from Saint Andrew to provide host homes, transportation, and meals at a time of year when perhaps many already have 4th of July plans. Simply put, help and hospitality will be a great need. Opportunities include the chance to build friendships that will deepen the relationship between our two congregations—and also strengthen our identity as brothers and sisters in Christ. Please prayerfully consider ways you might contribute to a meaningful experience for our guests but also for you and for your family. (See pages 2 & 3 For more information)

When it comes to this upcoming visit, we may be at different paces - but still we are one, experiencing the gift of the gospel together, walking the same road.

## Important Dates to Note

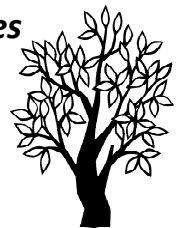
**Last Day of Sunday School**  
May 15

**VBS**  
July 11-15

## Sunday Summer Worship Times

**May 29—September 4**  
8:00 and 9:30 am

**Thursday Worship All Year**  
12:15 and 6:15 pm



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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### Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Ron & Clara Rutherford and Ralph & Verol Olson, Raymond Gross, Bob Hempfer 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.

### OWLS Check Out the Red Robin

*Tuesday, May 3, 11:30 am*

Join the OWLS for an outing to the newly opened "Red Robin" restaurant in Rib Mountain. Located in Rib Mountain beside McDonalds at 4650 Rib Mountain Dr, the OWLS will meet there at 11:30 to enjoy lunch and conversation!



**Noisy Offering** will be received on *May 12 & 15* in support of Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 11-15.

### Play Group at SALC

*Friday, May 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

There is a full supply of coffee, tea and chocolate to satisfy your needs and desires. Stop by the Fair Trade table in the Fellowship Hall on ***Sunday, May 15*** to check things out. Remember, your purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

## ZEERUST COMPANION CHURCH VISIT: JUNE 26-JULY 10

For several months information has been shared regarding the upcoming visit from members of our companion congregation in Zeerust, South Africa. Saint Andrew will be receiving up to 12 visitors and a planning group of SALC members have been actively meeting to learn and plan for what is needed to be prepared to host these guests. The intent for the visit is not a site-seeing tour of America but an effort to do as has been part of the mission of Saint Andrew from the beginning; ***"to be open to all"*** and to enter into conversation that will help to build relationships and strengthen this partnership.

***Where is Zeerust...*** a commercial town of nearly 18,000 people in the Northwest province of South Africa approximately 150 miles northwest of Johannesburg? There are large cattle ranches, as well as wheat, maize, tobacco and citrus fruit farms. Tourism is also a developing industry.

***Do they speak English...***Yes, the main languages are Tswana and Afrikaans however, English is a universal language of South Africans.

***Do they need special food...***Dietary restrictions will be no different than for any other visitor.

***What about transportation...***In addition to hosting, volunteers are also needed who can assist with transportation needs.

***Where will they stay...***It is expected that these guests will stay in our homes, eat meals with us and share in conversation. Please take advantage of this exciting opportunity to enrich your understanding of companion relations and cultural variety by offering to host an individual or couple.

To learn more, ask questions or share ideas - please call the church office at 715-842-3333!

**A volunteer form is on the next page for your convenience.**

**Completed forms can be placed in the offering plate or brought to the church office.**

Visit from our Companion Church in Zeerust South Africa

## ASSISTANCE/VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Saint Andrew needs your assistance in a variety of ways. Please look over the following possibilities, and select all that might be possible ways for you to assist! Thank you!

### LODGING/HOSTING

I/We would be available to host visitor(s) in our home during the following time periods (nights of):

☐ Entire Visit: June 26 to July 10

☐ June 26 to June 30    ☐ July 1 to July 5    ☐ July 6 to July 10

☐ Other - List dates available: \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know your hosting preference:

☐ Individual    ☐ Couple    ☐ Multiple Individuals (*multiple bedrooms available*)

Provide travel for official or planned functions and events during visit:

☐ I/We will provide all transportation for our guest(s) while they are staying with us.

☐ I/We can host but will need someone to provide transportation for our guest(s) for the following dates or activities:

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ I/We can host overnight, but work during the weekdays so would need others to spend the day with our guests.

### TRANSPORTATION & DAY VISITS

I/We would be available to provide transportation or spend part of the day with visitors if the host family cannot.

List the dates/events when you would be available:

Transportation \_\_\_\_\_

Spend time with a few visitors \_\_\_\_\_

### OTHER HELP

I/We cannot host or provide transportation for our visitors, but can assist by:

☐ Provide food to host families or host guests at my home for a meal. Please explain how you would be willing to assist.

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Provide food and/or help with the events to be held at Saint Andrew Church during the visit.

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## VBS—"The Jesus Walk"

It may not feel like it, but summer will soon (or at some point) be upon us! We are looking forward to another session of Vacation Bible School with the counselors from Crossways Camping Ministries. This year's theme is "The Jesus Walk". You do not need to be a member of Saint Andrew to participate. Registration forms are available at the Information Desk or online.

Cost: \$15 /child-\$30/family. All are welcome!

**Dates:** July 11-15

**Times:** Monday-Thursday, 1-4 pm;

Friday 9:00-11:30 am (closing program at 11:30 am and family luncheon following)

**Registration deadline:** June 27

## CHECK IT OUT!

The SALC library has an excellent selection of great books. For Example, "Soul Survivor" by author Phillip Yancey contains the stories of 13 people whose life, Yancey said, had a big influence on his life. Among those about whom he writes are Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Paul Brand, Mahatma Gandhi, C. Everett Koop and Henri Nouwen. These are fascinating stories about parts of their lives as seen from Yancey's perspective. Check out this and the many other books in the SALC library.



## 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.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on **Sundays, May 8 and 15 at 10:45 am** in the Chapel. 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* so the appropriate amount of materials can be prepared.

## SPECIAL CHORAL WORSHIP

**Sunday, May 8 - 8 & 9:30 am**

Music is a very important part of worship and we are grateful for many who share their musical gifts through the choirs. Worship on May 8 promises to be a musical treat as the choirs share several samples from the church year at the 8 and 9:30 am worship hours. Come and enjoy this special music offering and worship opportunity as we reflect on the seasons of the church year since last September.

## 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.

## "LISTENING DEEPLY TO THE VOICE OF ANOTHER"

The annual East Central Synod Assembly convention will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> in Green Bay. Those from SALC who will participate at this year's convention as voting members are; Pastor Craig, Pastor Jenn, Kerry Fehrman, Doug & Mavis Bloom, Tom & Mary Weiland and Shelby Gjertson. Pastor Jenn is also leading the Assembly Planning group for the convention this year. Please pray for these members of our congregation as they will worship and serve to work collectively with the other congregations of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

**Help Needed on Sunday Mornings:** Volunteers are needed to host fellowship starting at 10 am. Time commitment is about two hours every three months. Responsibilities include making coffee and replenishing juice, milk and any supplies as needed and clean-up. Singles, couples or families are welcome! Training is available.

**Join the Fellowship Ministry:** Be a part of the fun to plan activities such as Pretzel Sunday, Gingerbread House Decorating Event and the Church Picnic. Fellowship Ministry also organizes Sunday coffee and cookies fellowship. The meeting takes place on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

*If you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings or serving on this ministry, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to volunteer.*

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Property ministry would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the spring clean-up successful - thank you for your participation! We look forward to more quality outdoor time with our church family in the fall. It is great to have the church grounds clean and ready for summer!

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN APRIL

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
May 1	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Johnson	Sean McCarthy Dewey Allen	Eugene Moyer & Shirley Bickford Billie Schmidt	Marv & Joleen Meier Jeanne & Greg Willems
May 8	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Shepherd	Dick Jarvis Joy Mitchell	Marv & Joleen Meier John & Jayme Rusinek	Keith & Sandi Rusch Mike & Carrie Clemment
May 15	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	A	Diane Goetsch	Terry & Cindy Brenner Jeff, Pam & Alex Kyhos	Mike & Jeannine Matushak Amy Frolik & Pam Mielke
May 22	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	B	Dan Malm Jayne Germinaro	Kim & Cindy Skadahl Dave & Sue Paisar	Steve & Kay Sitko Ann McDonald & Mary Wittich
May 29	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Brekke	<i>Open</i> —Please Call to Volunteer	John & Jan Mann Jerry & Marlene Kort	Jim Jacobson & Susie Soukup George & Bonnie Alafouz

## LECTIONARY READINGS

May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5 John 14:23-29	Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-21 John 17:20-26	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17, 25-27	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Psalm 96:1-9 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	2 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	3 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 11:30 AM OWLS Check out the Red Robin for Lunch - 4650 Rib Mountain Dr	4 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:10 PM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	6 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM SALC Annual Treasure Sale	7 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM SALC Annual Treasure Sale
8 8:00 AM Choral Worship 9:30 AM Choral Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 10:45 AM New Member Orientation 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	9 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	10 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings	11 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study	12 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	13 10:00 AM Play Group 5:00 PM Lay School Classes	14 8:00 AM Lay School Classes 1:00 PM Lay School Graduation
15 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM New Member Orientation 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	16 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	17 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	18 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:10 PM Women's Bible Study	19 12:15 PM WORSHIP 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Blood Drive w/Blood Center of North Central Wisconsin 6:15 PM WORSHIP	20	21
22 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP w/Reception of New Members 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	23 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	24 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	25	26 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Council Meeting	27	28
29 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP Summer Worship Schedule Begins	30 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings Memorial Day - Church Office Closed	31			East Central Synod Assembly Convention - Green Bay	

April						
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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:*

Beckem Charles Kyhos - March 6  
 Theo Alan Hagenbucher - April 3  
 Emmeline Grace Waraksa - April 24  
 Everett Michael Lemirand - May 1  
 Juliette Guillermin - May 22  
 Brinleigh Marjorie DeBuhr - May 29

## A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Elizabeth Cichon & Butch Sulzor - June 11  
 Lauren Bloomer & Keith Steidl - June 18

## WE PRAY...

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

Raymond Gross  
 Emily Rose Drolshagen  
 David Miller

## 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	Elsie	Monica	Meg	Kim
Amanda & Frank	Haylee & Kory	Patricia	Tom	Bonnie
Babs	Irma	Reggie	Yvonne	Joyce
Barb	Jennette	Robin	Dixie	Angie
Brenda	Jennifer	Roland	Laura	Justin
Callie & Zak	Jerry	Steve	Laurel	Ruth
Carrie	Karen	Tom	Shelly	Nathan
Charles & Gerry	Kevin	William	Brian	Gary
Dan & Jessica	Leann	Ella	Bob	Mary
Dave	Lynn	Clayton	Mike	
Dennis	Lynne	Amy	Frank	
Elaine	Marta	Charlotte	Pam	

*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!

May 4	6:45 am & 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study
May 4	12:15 pm	Women's Bible Study
May 3	11:30 am	OWLS Group
May 6 & 7		SALC Treasure Sale
May 8	8 & 9:30 am	Special Choral WORSHIP
May 8 & 15	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
May 11	6:45 am & 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study
May 13	10:00 am	Play Group
May 15		Last Day of Sunday School
May 18	6:45 am & 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study
May 18	12:15 pm	Women's Bible Study
May 19	1-6 pm	Blood Drive at SALC
May 22	9:30 am	New Members Received in Worship
May 30		OFFICE CLOSED-Memorial Holiday Weekend
June 19-24		Confirmation Camp at Waypost Camp
June 26-July 10		Zeerust Visitors
July 11-15		VBS