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Life Reflections by Pastor Jenn

The way I have been ending my prayers has shifted, as of late. One would think it would be easy to find the right words for prayer. But sometimes, it seems, we don't know quite what we should pray for. So I have come to the practice of ending with gratitude, thanking God for all of the blessings we receive in this life that we cannot even begin to name or call to mind.

A dear friend recently visited me, and with her visit, she shared gifts with me. I was so surprised. They were so thoughtful and so nice. I remember feeling like I wasn't worthy to receive them. Instead of simply feeling grateful to have received such wonderful gifts, I was distracted by how stingy I had been in the past when I had opportunity to share with her. This whole episode reminded me of a passage from Matthew's gospel, "*Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone... If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!*" (Matthew 7:9&11).

The cool crisp air and the bright blue sky. The vast array of color spread across the leaves atop Rib Mountain. The countless hugs, hellos, kind words, and even, the random smile of a stranger. Each are small gifts, in their own way. Tiny reminders that life and love, joy and belonging, are readily to be seen and experienced—if only we recognize them before us.

With the month of October comes the opportunity to consider the way we thank God for the many countless blessings and gifts that God provides. There's something about releasing what we cling to most tightly for security (whether it be our identity, our time, our money) in order to allow for God to work in through the chance we have to give. For some, giving comes naturally. You might even think of it as a spiritual gift. For others, giving is a challenge that pushes us to the edge. And even for others, giving feels as though it is not an option. Regardless of whatever the case is for you—the simple act of giving has the power to transform a person.

In the earliest of scriptures—it was grain, or meat that was offered up to God. The "first fruits" of the harvest from the labors of our hands. Over time, people with means would support the efforts of the earliest apostles—by providing space in their homes, people to join in the sharing of the mission, hospitality, and prayers. There are many ways to give. And regardless of the amount or form, it is all most appreciated—and it all matters.

On Thursday, November 3 and Sunday, November 6 we will have the chance to ask for God's blessings on the gifts that we pledge for the year before us. Please see this opportunity to consider supporting the mission of Christ's church at Saint Andrew, not out of obligation or for any other reason than the simple chance to share gratitude with God for the ways in which our lives are filled with something for which we could never pay: the sheer love and grace of God. A simple "thank you" does not seem adequate. But just the same, many thanks to you for the generous ways you have shared good gifts in this place.

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

HOLY COMMUNION
with
THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION



Sunday, OCTOBER 25
at
2 PM

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

Quilt & School Bag Kits, Supplies

Thank you to all who gave their time and talent so that more than 108 quilts and 60 school bags filled with school supplies could be sent for Lutheran World Relief. Another 66 quilts and 55 alzheimer mats were given to local organizations!!

Blood Drive

Thursday, Oct. 13, 1-6 pm

Saint Andrew will be the sight of a blood drive in support of the American Red Cross. Donors can give blood every 56 days. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Mark your calendar now and call the church office to express your willingness to help.



Play Group at SALC

Friday, October 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 Friday of each month.**

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Sunday, October 16** to support the Seminary Support Fund which is used as a way to financially support those who are in the candidacy process through seminary. Most recently, a commitment has been made with Matt Seegert who is a 3rd year student at Wartburg Seminary.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on **Sundays, October 2 and 9 at 10:45 am** in the Chapel. New members will then be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **October 16**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by **Friday, October 7**.

FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, October 22, 8:30 am–12 pm

Rain date: Saturday, October 29

The Property Ministry is planning to prune the building landscape, pick up apples and do the fall clean-up. Please join us in service and fellowship as we care for Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Many hands make light work!



FAIR TRADE

In a highland village in central Mexico **Sebastian**, four years old, lives with his family. They are part of a coffee co-op from which they get a good price for the coffee beans. Sebastian is a very smart boy who, by permission from the school superintendent, will begin first grade. He is especially looking forward to this since the village, through its share of profits from the Fair Trade Co-op and to which Sebastian's family belongs, built the new school he attend.

Your purchase of Fair Trade products allow Sebastian, his family, other co-op members and residents of the village to have many opportunities. Fair Trade products will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 16**. Thank you to all who support Fair Trade through your purchases.

CROP WALK 2016

Participate in the 39th annual **CROP Walk on Sunday, October 2 at 1 pm**—this is a great service opportunity for anyone. This walk will benefit people in need around the world as well as local food pantries. There will be 2, 5 and 10 km routes to accommodate walkers of all ages and abilities. Meet at Marathon Park at 12 pm with your pledges and walking shoes!

STEWARDSHIP

Each fall there is an effort made to express gratitude for faithful giving of the past months and to anticipate another year of ministry for 2017. Thanks to many of you, this has been a great year of support and generosity and has allowed Saint Andrew to support kids going to camp, support our brothers and sisters' visit from South Africa, resurface the parking lot, send over 100 quilts and 60 school kits through Lutheran World Relief, remain ahead of budgeted expenses and many other small and yet meaningful ways to extend ministry efforts beyond this congregation. Thank you! Later in October, members will receive a letter and packet of information to help you pledge your intended level of giving toward the ministry we anticipate the next year. Please take the time to review the packet and prepare to return your pledge card as an act of worship the first weekend in November. Again, thank you for your generous and faithful support which frees us to be the church we need to be to address the needs of Christ's church more fully.

SALC Dartball

Come for fun and fellowship! See if you can get a home run! Games are Monday evenings beginning September 27 at 7 pm at Mount Olive. Games rotate between area churches and begin at either 7 or 7:30 pm. Please see the enclosed calendar for the October schedule—all are welcome!

LWR—Load the Semi

On **Saturday, October 8 at 8 am**, volunteers will be needed to help load a semi at Kolbe & Kolbe with school bags and quilts from the area for Lutheran World Relief. Please contact the church office if you would like to help!

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. Qualified volunteers are needed to do these checks. Please call the church office if you can help!

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.

WAUSAU WARMING CENTER

SALC Social ministry is looking for adults who are interested in volunteering to staff the Wausau Warming Center from 8 pm to 8 am, working two-hour shifts. The goal is to create a team of 12 volunteers from Saint Andrew. The center is offering training from 5-7 pm on September 27, October 6 and 20. You only need to attend one. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the church office at 715-842-3333. The Warming Center is located at 540 S. 3rd Avenue, Wausau. Thank you for your time and interest in giving back to the Wausau community.

COMMUNITY DINNER***Sunday, November 20***

Fellowship and a hot meal are offered every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5 pm at First Presbyterian Church, downtown Wausau. Saint Andrew hosts the third Sunday of every other month and is one of fourteen area faith groups that volunteer to host this dinner. Volunteers are needed from 3 to 6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. If you would like to help with this community ministry, please call the church office.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SALC

The Social Ministry is gearing up for the 3rd 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 1 pm on Thursday, November 24**. Tables of all sizes will be set up to accommodate your group, both large and small. Reservations would be greatly appreciated but not necessary.

SALC ANNUAL PICNIC/"GODS WORK. OUR HANDS." THANK YOU!

On September 11, as part of ELCA's "God work. Our hands." day of service, Saint Andrew members participated by providing meals to our local fighters in honor of the 15th anniversary of 9/11 and to show them our appreciation for their service to our community. The meals were well-received at the stations and some families were treated to tours.

Also on that Sunday was the annual church picnic. Fellowship Ministry hopes everyone who attended had a good time and enjoyed the beautiful weather, music, games, food and fellowship.

A special thank you to the many volunteers who worked to make this year's picnic a success and those who donated food or their time to deliver food to the fire stations. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SAINT ANDREW

Sunday School for ages 2 through Grade 6— It's not too late to register and attend!

Worship at 8 or 10:45 am together as a family—attend Sunday School before or after worship.

Worship together at 9:30 am—children will be dismissed to Sunday School following the children's sermon.

Sunday School teachers still needed: Can you help once or twice a month? A Sunday school teacher is still needed on a part time basis for the 4th grade class. Want to give leading a try without the commitment? Currently only two people have agreed to fill in as subs for Sunday school. The Christian Education ministry has a goal of finding 12 people willing to step in and lead Sunday school once in a while to give regular teachers more flexibility and support. Please call the office or e-mail pastorjenn@salc-wausau.org if you are willing to help.

Mid-Winter Retreat at Crossways Waypost Camp— Friday-Sunday, January 20-22

Students in grades 3-6 —Save the date to come play in the snow and study God's word! Check back here for more information and registration in the coming months.

9th Grade Confirmation Details



- ◆ Confirmation will resume for 9th grade students on **Wednesdays, September 28, October 5 & 12, 7:30-8:30 pm**. The objective of these sessions is to prepare faith statements and process the confirmation journey.
- ◆ The 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat will take place **Saturday and Sunday, October 15 & 16** at Waypost Crossways Camp where they will finalize their faith statements.
- ◆ Students AND parents are asked to be a part of the evening on **October 26 at 6:30, for confirmation rehearsal, pictures and sharing of faith statements**.
- ◆ By the grace of God, after two years of faithful preparation, these students will affirm their baptism in worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 30 at 2 pm**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Wednesday Night Meals-October 5 and 19, 5:30-6:15 pm *before confirmation and choir*

Since many of our students, families, and choir members are on the run on Wednesday nights, the plan is to share a simple meal for folks involved in Wednesday evening activities on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Confirmation parents, check for more details in the "Confirmation this Week" e-mail and to RSVP. If you are interested in helping to provide a meal or serve, please contact the office.

Looking Ahead-Christian Education Dates...

Check out the full Christian Education Calendar at www.salc-wausau.org or stop by the Information Desk!

October 30—Confirmation Worship—Grade 9, 2 pm

December 11—Sunday School Christmas Program

January 20-22 — Midwinter Retreat at Waypost

March 12, 19, April 2—First Communion Classes

April 9—First Communion Worship, 2 pm

Christmas Program - *Sunday, December 11, 1:30 pm*

Parents and caring adults are needed to help plan the Christmas Program, help with practices, costumes, and sets. This is a great opportunity to participate in the life of the church in a small way for a short period of time and many hands are needed in order to make the Christmas program a possibility. A sign-up sheet is located on the Information Desk.

Attention students in grades 4, 5 & 6! Speaking roles will need to be filled for the upcoming Christmas Program. Practices will be spread out over the next couple of months at 10:30 am. If you are interested, please let your Sunday school teacher know or contact the church office at 715-842-3333. *Look for more detailed information regarding practice to be sent home with Sunday school students in early October.*

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

A Financial Peace University class is currently scheduled for **Sundays, beginning January 8**. Classes run nine weeks with a cost of \$93 per individual or couple. Reflections from FPU graduates: “It doesn’t matter if you are single, married, engaged, working, retired or unemployed anyone can learn from this class. We wish we would have taken it years ago.” “I had some fear about taking this class the first time it was offered. But as the course went on, I found my fear changing into excitement. I realize the potential before me and that the process of changing habits and behaviors takes time, that money is a spiritual issue, and that I’m a work in progress.”



Interested persons considering the fall option, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333, so arrangements can be made.

MEMORIAL GIFT RECEIVED

Jesus Blesses the Children is a favored image for many but is even more special to Brian & Cara



Drolshagen whose infant daughter died at birth this past Easter season. In memory of Emily Rose, a picture has been purchased and is displayed in the Narthex to remind us that Jesus comforts, welcomes and openly embraces children of all ages. Thank you to Brian, Cara and son Evan for remembering Emily through this special memorial gift.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
October 2	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Brekke	Julie Spalding Cheryl Allen	Shirley Bickford/Jim Jacobson George & Bonnie Alafouzoz	Barb Breese & Tina Spiegel Jason & Dede Gnatz
October 9	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Weidman	Mary Jarvis Lynn Lawson	Tony & Wendi Howe Bruce & Linda Beyer	Sheldon & Connie Geiger Adam & Kathy Wurz
October 16	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Johnson	Joleen Meier Eric Verber	Ann McDonald & Mary Kregel Pam Clark & Cindy Markowski	David & Nancy Larson Amy Frolik & Pam Mielke
October 23	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	Shepherd	Kaja Yirkovsky Nate Card	Mike & Lyn Weis Pat & Fred Fuchs	Keith & Sandi Rusch Roger & Ruth Poutanen
October 30	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	A	Shirley Bickford Lara Beranek	Noah Radloff & Eugene Moyer Jerry & Marlene Kort	Steve & Kay Sitko Craig & Marni Holmes

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14	Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM New Member Orientation-Chapel 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	3 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball - Immanuel Baptist @ SALC	4 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	5 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:10 PM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM 9th Gr Faith Statement Writing	6 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	7	8 8:00 AM LWR Quilts & School Bags Truck Loading at Kolbe & Kolbe on Thomas St - Wausau - Help is Welcomed
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16 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP w/Reception of New Members 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	17 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:30 PM Dartball - St Stephens @ SALC	18 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	19 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:10 PM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	21 5:00 PM Lay School Classes	22 8:00 AM Lay School Classes 8:30 AM Property Fall Clean Up 9th Gr Confirmation Retreat @ Waypost Camp
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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:

Eleanor Marie Seubert - August 7
Owen Tate Bradford - August 11
Piper Lynn Block - August 28
Owen Matthew Van Lieshout - August 28
Grant Michael Bartels - September 4
Brinley Sue Grabowski - September 11
Sawyer Douglas Stewart - September 11
Emma Claire Rusinek - October 2
Layla Rae Zastrow - October 2

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Glen & Pauline Hartman - August 13
Jake & Michelle Jensen - August 20
Nate & Jessica Bartz - August 26
Jesse & Beth Drake - September 10
Jacob & Dana Kolbe - September 10
Erich & Brittany Burnett - September 16
Aaron & Jianna Stelzl - September 17
Nick & Janet Anderson - September 24
Brittney Josiger & Eric Behrens - October 15

WE PRAY...

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

Brenda Rands
Betty Tornow

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	Gene	Robin	Dixie	Jerry
Annie	Irma	Roland	Laura	Owen
Babs	Jean	Steve	Bob	Brinley
Barb	Jennette	Tom	Frank	Camden
Brian	Jennifer	William	Pam	
Callie & Zak	Jerry	Ella	Kim	
Carrie	Kevin	Clayton	Bonnie	
Charles & Gerry	Lynn	Amy	Angie	
Cullen	Lynne & Dan	Charlotte	Ruth	
Dennis	Marta	Meg	Mary	
Elaine	Monica	Tom	John	
Elsie	Patricia	Yvonne	Brian	

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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the link on our
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"like" to keep up
with the latest
news and events!*

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October 22	8:30 am	Fall Clean-Up
October 26	6:30 pm	9 th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal/Pictures
October 30	2:00 pm	9 th Grade Confirmation Worship
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November 24	11am-1 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner at SALC