

# Network



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## by Pastor Craig

Change is in the air! As we shift from summer to autumn and the colors change and fade, we are reminded of the changing seasons of life. Some seasons are more enjoyable and others are less exciting and even challenging. Many people are likely happy to consider cutting the lawn for the last time this season and even pulling out the sweaters and jackets but next will come snow shovels and heavy coats, mittens and scarves. It seems we are always being pulled into the next season a bit sooner than we might like. For some people the season is called retirement, for others it is marriage, or school or church, community, vocation. Time flies and soon a few members will head south for the winter season to avoid the cold and the snow. Some struggle with the transitions while others seemingly thrive. What sustains you or encourages you along life's journey? What gives you courage as you anticipate the changes that are about to come?

With November comes the time to recall the life of those who have transitioned through all of life's seasons and now are at rest from their labors. On Thursday, November 3 and Sunday, November 6 we will celebrate the lives of those who now reside in the church triumphant. We grieve their loss but we also celebrate their lives while at the same time, giving thanks to God for the gift of life now and more fully in the life to come. We pray for strength as we continue our journey and courage to continue even when the changes are difficult. We will celebrate the day of Thanksgiving and all God has provided. You might consider coming to Saint Andrew for a full turkey dinner (see details on page 2). And we then celebrate the conclusion of one church year with the festival of Christ the King before we journey into Advent and prepare again for our Lord's coming at Christmas.

Yes, there are changes taking place but one thing remains certain, God is faithful and God promises to accompany us throughout the seasons as we journey through life and death together.

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 during
"All Saints Sunday"
Worship
Thursday, November 3 & Sunday, November 6



Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 6 at 2 am Remember to set your clocks back one hour. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 23, 6:15 pm



#### **Food Pantry Needs**

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs:

Cereal

Canned soup

Canned tomato products

Canned fruit & vegetables

Tuna

Baked beans

Frosting

Maple syrup

Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you for your support!

#### OWLS-"Birds In Art" Tuesday, November 1, 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.

# Play Group at SALC Friday, November 11, 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 Thursday, November 17 and Sunday, November 20 during worship in support of the Sunday school classroom renovations.

#### **Fair Trade Products**

will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on *Sunday, November 20.* 

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Saint Andrew is blessed to have the following new members received into its faith family on October 16:

Mitchell, Jennifer & Camden Block, Leann Boll, Adam & Marissa Brandt, Marty, Jody, Logan, Ayden & Grant Duffet, Richard, Suzanne & Ozkar Schroeder, Jonathan Seamon, and Sandy Suprak

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

#### THANKSGIVING HARVEST ITEMS

Bring your pumpkins, gourds, bittersweet, dried flowers, apples or other fall decorations to help complete the Thanksgiving altar display by *Monday, November 7.* A basket is available in the Narthex for these items.

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SALC

The SALC Social Ministry will prepare the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, all are welcome! 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 required. Reservation forms are available on the Information Desk and would be helpful if turned in by Sunday, November 20.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

#### 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, a simple meal will be shared for those involved in these activities on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. If you are interested in attending the meal, helping prepare or serve, please contact the office. Mark your calendars—November 2nd (Chili) and November 16 (Pancakes).

## **ALZHEIMER'S MATS**

A tag board with needed supplies for Alzheimer Activity Mats is now available in the Fellowship Hall. The SALC quilters create and provide these mats for local facilities. Please place items in the basket provided. Thank you!

#### **COOKIE EXCHANGE**

#### Sunday, December 4, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

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

#### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

#### Sunday, December 4, 11:45 am

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. Please sign up at the Information Desk by December 1.

#### Memorial Gifts Received

A Memorial Gift was received in memory of Ed Wodalski and in honor of Aaron and Jianna Stelzl's wedding. 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.

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **COMMUNITY DINNER**

#### Sunday, November 20, 3-6 pm

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.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers in 2017. Bouquets are routinely ordered weekly unless otherwise requested. A letter will be sent to you the week prior to the Sunday you signed up for flowers outlining the process, confirming what will be printed in the bulletin and will include an envelope for payment (cost is \$22.50). Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the last worship service on Sunday. Sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

#### Join us for "New Star!" - A Sunday School Christmas Program

#### Sunday, December 11, 1:30 pm - Cookie Fellowship to Follow

Acting as narrators, an Old Star tells a younger New Star about the first Christmas. During the month of November, Sunday school students will begin practicing simple Christmas songs during the Sunday school hour to prepare for the Christmas program. Look for a practice schedule to be sent home with students in the coming weeks. Parent help is needed to create the set, help with props, and "shepherd" our students through this experience. If you are interested and able to help, please contact the office or sign up on the Information Desk.

#### 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 4. Cost: \$16 each* 

| White Poinsettia Red Poinse | Please make payment payable to:                     |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Given in honor of           | Saint Andrew Lutheran Church Mail to:               |
| Given in memory of          | 3200 N. Mountain Rd., Wausau 54401<br>or            |
| Given in recognition of     | place in the designated box at the Information Desk |
| Given in thanksgiving of    | 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 30**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Noah Gerald Baumann Mira Marian Beranek Makayla Rose Best Aliyah Rae Burmeister Alex James Cappel Matthew Cody Clark Kyle David Dewitz Kyle James Durr Robert Jonathon Egan Emmalee Laura Fischer Jesse Michael Frolik Tate Joseph Haugen Elaina Lynn Henrichs Elle Marie Hersperger

Madelyn Grace Ickert Alex Jeffrey Kyhos Kaitlin Elizabeth Lang Richard Alexander Murillo Jacob Aaron Nelson Paige Ann Nelson Isaac Allan Radloff Jenna Kay Rusch Abby Leona Schilling Porter Micheal Thorpe Cooper Joshua Widmann Anna Raye Zoromski

### **CONFIRMATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES**

**November 23**—No Confirmation (Thanksgiving Worship at 6:15 pm)

**December 11**—Sunday School Christmas Program

January 20-22 — Grades 3-6 Midwinter Retreat at Waypost March 12, 19, April 2—First Communion Classes April 9—First Communion Worship - 2:00 pm

#### A Message from Matt Seegert

Siblings in Christ at Saint Andrew!

Greetings from your Saint Andrew brother, Matt Seegert, studying at Wartburg Seminary. As the fall leaves change their colors and the harvest carries on, I find myself in my third year as a seminary student. Third year seminary students of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America serve a year-long internship in a congregation. In November, I will begin my fourth month as the Vicar (pastoral intern) of St. John's Lutheran Church-Bliedorn. Situated a few miles outside of the small town of Grand Mound, the little white church building, which is 120 years old, is nestled between cornfields in Southeastern Iowa. My seminary journey thus far has been absolutely life changing and internship has been no exception. My internship is at a detached site, which means that my supervisor is a pastor who works at another church 20 miles away in Maguoketa, IA. This allows me to have the amazing opportunity of experiencing and participating in all aspects of the ministry done at St. John's. I lead worship and preach every Sunday, teach confirmation and adult bible study, visit homebound and sick members, as well as handling all the other pastoral responsibilities. Fortunately, my two years serving alongside all of you at Saint Andrew in ministry as the Coordinator of Christian Education helped to prepare me to serve in ministry alongside the people at St. John's. I fondly remember spending time working with youth of all ages and adults at Saint Andrew, as together we learned about God's work in our lives and our world. Something about Saint Andrew that I appreciate is that we truly live out our identities as Children of God in a community of faith. Over and over I have witnessed God work in and through you in my life. I give God thanks for the continued support my wife Becky and I have received through relationship and conversation with you, your prayers for us, and your financial help. I look forward to making plans with Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn to come visit Saint Andrew as soon as possible, and hopefully make visits a common occurrence during my final year at Wartburg starting in September of next year. May God bless you and although we are separated geographically, may God bless the ministry that we continue to do together.

Peace,

Vicar Matt Seegert

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

A Financial Peace University (FPU) 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

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

money is a spiritual issue, and that I'm a work in progress. "

#### **FPU TESTIMONIAL**

Hi Joel,

I'm so excited to tell you that we are debt free except for our house! We

made the last payment on our camper this week, and now all our debt is gone! Thank you so much for teaching the FPU class. I know for sure we wouldn't be where we are right now without having gone through the class—that really changed our outlook on how we handle money, and it got my husband on board to do this. We started in Nov/Dec of 2015 and have paid off a total of \$45,000. I'm so excited!

Thank you again for all the time that you put into the FPU classes—you are making a difference. God bless! - Scott and Janel

#### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

| Date                            | Worship<br>Time    | Altar<br>Guild | Usher<br>Team | Lay Readers                       | Greeters  | Fellowship  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| November 6                      | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | Team 2         | В             | Ray Skare<br>Dewey Allen          | Duane & Sharlene Kreft<br>Dick & Lynn Lawson            | Dave Mueller & Joanne Howard<br>Greg & Jeanne Willems |
| November 13                     | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | Team 2         | Brekke        | Gary Hibbard<br>Lynn Lawson       | Dick Jarvis & Eugene Moyer<br>Mary Wittich & Bev DeHaan | Ray & Teri Skare<br>George & Bonnie Alafouzos         |
| November 20                     | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | Team 3         | Weidman       | April Mascorro<br>Michael Johnson | Marv & Joleen Meier<br>Brad & Lisa Werger               | Rob & Betsy Stangel<br>Jerry & Marlene Kort           |
| November 23<br>Thanksgiving Eve | 6:15 pm            | Team 3         | Johnson       |                                   |   |   |
| November 27                     | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | Team 3         | Shepherd      | Duane Zietlow<br>Sue Paisar       | Mike & Julie Spalding<br>Joel & Sara Widmann            | Dick & Mary Jarvis<br>Terry & June Grabau             |

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

| November 6          | November 13            | November 20        | November 27      |
|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 | Malachi 4:1-2a         | Jeremiah 23:1-6    | Isaiah 2:1-5     |
| Psalm 149           | Psalm 98               | Psalm 46           | Psalm 122        |
| Ephesians 1:11-23   | 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 | Colossians 1:11-20 | Romans 13:11-14  |
| Luke 6:20-31        | Luke 21:5-19           | Luke 23:33-43      | Matthew 24:36-44 |
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| Saturday   | 12<br>8:00 AM Lay School Classes<br>4:00 PM Scout Wood Badge<br>Banquel  | 61  | 26   |   |
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| Friday 4   | 10:00 AM Play Group<br>5:00 PM Lay School Classes  | 88  | Thanksgiving Holiday<br>Church Office Closed   | December  S M T W T F S  1 2 3  4 5 6 7 8 9 10  11 12 13 14 15 16 17  18 19 20 21 22 23 24  25 26 27 28 29 30 31  |
| Thursday<br>3<br>12:15 PM WORSHIP<br>6:15 PM WORSHIP   | 10<br>12:15 PM WORSHIP<br>6:15 PM WORSHIP  | 12:15 PM WORSHIP<br>6:15 PM WORSHIP<br>7:00 PM Church Council<br>Meeling  | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner - Congregation and Community Welcome Thanksgiving Holiday Church Office Closed  |   |
| Wednesday  2  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   | 9 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 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 | 23 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 6:15 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship   | 30 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
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| Monday  North State    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T F S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S    V T S S S    V T S S S    V T S S S    V T S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S | 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen<br>Meelings<br>7:00 PM Dartball - St Anne's at<br>SALC  | 14 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meefings 7:00 PM Dartball - SALC at Covenant Community  | 21<br>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen<br>Meetings<br>7:30 PM Dartball - Good Shep-<br>herd @ SALC   | 28<br>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen<br>Meetings  |
| Sunday  October  S M T W T  2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11 12 13 16 17 18 19 20 23 3 4 25 6 23 3 4 5 6 9 30 31 25 26 27   | 6:00 AM WORSHIP<br>9:30 AM Sunday School Classes<br>9:30 AM WORSHIP<br>10:45 AM WORSHIP<br>3:00 PM Scout Meeting<br>6:30 PM Bible Study                  | 8:00 AM WORSHIP<br>9:30 AM Sunday School Classes<br>9:30 AM WORSHIP<br>10:45 AM WORSHIP<br>3:00 PM Scout Meeting<br>6:30 PM Bible Study   | 20 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM WORSHIP 3:00 PM Community Supper at First Presbytetian Church - Wausau 3:00 PM Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Bible Study | 8:00 AM WORSHIP<br>9:30 AM Sunday School Classes<br>9:30 AM WORSHIP<br>10:45 AM WORSHIP<br>3:00 PM Scout Meeting<br>6:30 PM Bible Study                   |

#### **WE PRAY**

#### For Baptisms:

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:

Grant Michael Bartels - September 4
Brinley Sue Grabowski - September 11
Sawyer Douglas Stewart - September 11
Brinley Sue Grabowski - September 11
Emma Claire Rusinek - October 2
Layla Rae Zastrow - October 2
Kennedy Marie Baumgardt - October 20
Eila Jane Johnson - October 23
Ella RaeAnn Kapellusch - November 6
Grayson William Melville - November 13

#### For Weddings:

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

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 Eric & Brittney Behrens - October 15

#### For Funerals:

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

Edward Wodalski

Debra Tepe

#### 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.



Jerry Owen Brinley Camden

#### FOR THESE WE PRAY...

| Ali             | Gene        | Robin     | Dixie  |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Annie           | Irma        | Roland    | Laura  |
| Babs            | Jean        | Steve     | Bob    |
| Barb            | Jennette    | Tom       | Frank  |
| 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
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  | 11:30 am   | OWLS Potluck and to Birds in Art                  |
| November 11 | 10:00 am   | Play Group  |
| November 20 | 3-6 pm     | Community Dinner at First Presbyterian Church     |
| November 23 |            | No Confirmation Classes                           |
| November 23 | 6:15 pm    | Thanksgiving Eve Worship                          |
| November 24 | 11 am-1 pm | Thanksgiving Dinner at SALC                       |
| November 27 | 9:30 am    | All Age Sunday School/Christmas Program Rehearsal |

| December 4       | 9:00 am  | Cookie Exchange                     |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| December 4       | 11:30 am | <b>Gingerbread House Decorating</b> |
| December 11      | 1:30 pm  | Christmas Program                   |
| December 25      |          | No Sunday School                    |
| December 21 & 28 |          | No Confirmation Classes             |