

Network



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I recently came across a blog post from a seminary site in Portland, Oregon. The post was an excerpt from a resource entitled, “*unhurry Up! into Easter: A Lenten Pilgrimage.*” This is a 40 day devotional designed for a Lenten journey to help process life as a pilgrimage rather than a tour. “The purpose of [a pilgrimage] is more about discovering, recovering and deepening the things of which will hold great value in life.” “Many tourists, on the other hand, will actually calculate every stop of the trip...A tourist’s goals are to see the important places, perhaps join a tour to learn some interesting new tidbits, and to chronical the trip with photos.” Tourism involves an agenda while a pilgrimage embraces the mystery of the journey. Viewing life as a journey, which method of travel do you prefer and which is most common for you? While I like a plan, I tend to be a bit less structured and try to adapt when changes come rather than panic but I also see value of a more structured approach through those who help keep me and others on task. I see value through both. I am, however, intrigued by the idea presented in this blog of pilgrimage and feel it is a good model to consider as we begin a new year and the approaching Lenten season.

To begin this quest, I suggest two disciplines that might help us on this journey. First, plans are in place to offer a seven week study of a book entitled “The Purpose Driven Life.” Individuals and couples are encouraged to participate in a 40 day commitment to process the question, “What on earth am I here for?” In other words, what is the plan or the purpose for my life? What does God have in mind for me? Two time schedules are outlined on page 5 of this issue that offer options to participate in a seven week effort that I hope will inspire a deepened awareness that God is shaping us into persons God desires us to be. Secondly, during Wednesdays in Lent, we will sample the stories of individuals from years ago who followed the call of the Lord and discovered God’s promise and faithfulness as unwavering and life changing. We may have plans and goals, dreams and agendas, but those plans are not the markers that determine the way by which we measure success or failure. These are merely the map by which we navigate and structure our days and years toward a larger destination. You might also considering hiking or biking as a discipline for Lent.

Regardless what method you use, I am hopeful this Lent and the year ahead will provide opportunities to enrich and give purpose to your life and the journey we share together. May this inward focus our sites on the cross of Jesus so that we can more clearly follow his path that leads to a full and abundant life.

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

FORTY DAYS OF PILGRIMAGE WEEKLY THEMES/STORIES

March 8—Noah and the Flood
March 15—Moses on the Mountain
March 22—Elijah on a Journey
March 29—Jonah and the
People of Ninevah
April 5—Jesus in the Wilderness



LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1—Ash Wednesday
April 13—Maundy Thursday
April 14—Good Friday
April 16—Easter Sunday

Super Bowl Snacks

Sunday, February 5

Snack donations for the Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale can be dropped off at church **Friday, February 3 before 4 pm** or on Super Bowl Sunday before the services. Please package items for individual sale to be sold for \$1 each and label if there are nuts, peanut butter or if lactose or gluten-free 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 for the month of February. Stay tuned to the Network to learn what will be coming up in the spring!



Play Group at SALC

Friday, February 10, 10 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 and Sunday, February 16 & 19** during worship in support Crossways Waypost Camp.

Fair Trade Products

Orders have been sent to both Equal Exchange and SERRV to restock the supply of coffee, tea and chocolate. All of this will be available on **Sunday, February 19.** Thanks for your support.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Saint Andrew Annual Congregational Meeting will take place **Sunday, January 29 at 10:45 am** in the sanctuary. There will be NO 10:45 am WORSHIP on that Sunday. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the meeting to support the youth participating in the summer mission trip through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). Please stay and enjoy a meal together! A free-will donation will be received.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 28, 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 Kentucky to participate in the youth summer mission trip through the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) this July. **A free-will donation will be received.**



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 March 8.** Cook's Choice, gluten-free and vegetarian soups will also be offered each week. Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go will be available

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.

PRETZEL SUNDAY

Sunday, March 5

Join the Fellowship Ministry for a warm pretzel as a special Lenten treat. Though the exact origins of the pretzel remain mysterious, legend has it that the story began around A.D. 610, when Italian (or French) monks presented their young students with treats of baked dough twisted in the shape of crossed arms. At the time, crossing one's arms was the traditional posture for prayer. As the custom spread through medieval Europe, the pretzel's three holes came to represent the Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and the twisty baked good became associated with good luck, long life and prosperity. What tradition helps you remember to pray and ponder God's blessings?

HYGIENE DRIVE

Help support area homeless residents through local agencies by donating items such as laundry soap, hair, dental and other personal care and cleaning products. Look for the display and collection box in the Fellowship Hall in mid-February to place donated items. All donations will remain in the community. Thank you for your support!

New Member Orientation

Sundays, February 5 and 12 at 10:45 am

Orientation will take place in the Chapel. New members will then be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **Sunday, February 19**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by **Friday, January 27**.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Gene Tesch. 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

Saint Andrew is in need of trained volunteers to assist members with informative blood pressure checks to be offered the third Sunday of each month at 9:00 am. Please call the office to volunteer for providing this assistance 3-4 times a year with other qualified SALC members.

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.

“THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE” LENTEN STUDY

In order to accommodate a variety of schedules, two sessions will be offered at Saint Andrew with an accompanying study guide. The study will be one hour in length. A sign-up sheet is posted on the information desk in the Narthex and through the Saint Andrew website, though not required for participation. Childcare is also being considered in the event that it is needed. Please indicate that desire when you sign up.

Based on numbers, books will be available for those who do not wish to purchase a book in advance.

Wednesdays—7:15 pm (beginning February 22)

Sundays—10:45 am (beginning February 26)

Session 1—Intro

Session 2—What on earth am I here for?

Session 3—You were made for God’s good pleasure.

Session 4—Formed for God’s family.

Session 5—You were created to become Christ-like.

Session 6—You were shaped for serving God.

Session 7—You were made for a mission.

“The Purpose Driven Life. What on Earth am I Here For?”

By Rick Warren, copyright 2002 through Zondervan Publishing.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths and Easter Lilies can be ordered for \$16 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order forms are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex. Order deadline is **Monday, March 26**.



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.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2017



The youth ministry team selected an opportunity to serve on a mission trip for the summer of 2017 through an organization called *Appalachia Service Project*, ASP for short. The dates available to us are **the week of July 9-15 with some travel days needed prior to and following** since we have tentatively been assigned to serve in Eastern Kentucky. To learn more about the mission of ASP, you can check out their website: www.asphome.org/. In short, Saint Andrew youth will travel to work in smaller teams to help people achieve the goal of living in homes that are warmer, dryer and safer. While we will have some “training” prior to our departure – ASP is accustomed to working with volunteers who have a minimal skill level and will teach our group what is needed for the work before us.

We have reserved 14 spots for high school youth and 6 spots for adult chaperones. This means that commitments made need to be solid. Participation in the summer event will also mean participation in several pre-trip meetings and fundraisers that will take place to support our journey. If you know that you are interested in attending, an initial deposit of \$100 along with the commitment form (available on the Information Desk) will hold a spot. If more than 14 students register we will have a wait list. Registrations will be on a first come, first serve basis. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity!

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 fifth grade students and their parents. For those who are beyond fifth grade and interested in First Communion, please contact the office for more information.



Classes:

Sundays, March 12, 19 and April 2; 4-5:30 pm

First Communion Worship

Palm Sunday, April 9, 2 pm

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES

The sign-up for the remainder of the “school year” is on the bulletin board outside the office and many Sunday mornings are open. Thank you for helping all of us to connect to Christ’s presence in worship through your serving. Please talk with your parents and sign up for a date or two (or three!). If you are in 5th-8th grade and don’t know how to acolyte and would like to learn, we would be glad to teach you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

February

Tuesday, 28 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

March

Wednesday, 1 **Ash Wednesday**
No Confirmation
 Sunday, 12 **First Communion Class**
 Sunday, 19 **First Communion Class**

April

Sunday, 2 **First Communion Class**
 Sunday, 9 **Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins**
First Communion Worship - 2 pm
 Thursday, 13 **Maundy Thursday**
 Friday, 14 **Good Friday**
 Sunday, 16 **Easter Sunday**
No Sunday School

May

Fri.-Sat., 5-6 **Treasure Sale (to benefit VBS)**
 Sunday, 21 **Last Day of Sunday School**

June

18-23 **Confirmation Camp**

July

24-28 **Vacation Bible School**

CONFIRMATION CAMP-MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Camp is an awesome opportunity in the faith formation of confirmation students here at Saint Andrew. We are going to Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley **June 18-23**. Registration forms will be available soon. ALL confirmation students should attend camp at least once.

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 normally meets on Ministry Night, the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. However, the next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 13**. 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. We are happy to have you!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

Great marriages don't happen by accident. The difference between a good marriage and a great one is hard work. Family Life's Weekend to Remember marriage getaway offers couples biblical wisdom and a safe environment to work on their marriage, free from distractions.

Register at: shop.familylife.com/p-4230-appleton.aspx.

Appleton (Feb. 10-12) Minneapolis (Feb. 24-26)
Chicago (Mar. 3-5) Madison (May 19-21)

Register with our group name, "**STRONGTOGETHER**" and for every five couples who sign up for any Weekend to Remember getaway, **we will receive a FREE couple's registration**. We can use these FREE registrations as gifts to couples in our congregation! Find more information at www.weekendtoremember.com.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
February 5	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	B	Shirley Bickford Lara Beranek	Duane & Sharlene Kreft Fred & Pat Fuchs	Steve & Kay Sitko Mike & Carrie Clemment
February 12	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Brekke	Paul Nelson Dewey Allen	Dick Jarvis & Eugene Moyer George & Bonnie Alafouzou	Dave Mueller & Joanne Howard George & Bonnie Alafouzou
February 19	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Weidman	Alex Cappel Lynn Lawson	Marv & Joleen Meier Bruce & Linda Beyer	Ray & Terri Skare Terry & June Grabau
February 26	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Johnson	David Patefield Lynn Chaignot	Mike & Julie Spalding Pam Clark & Cindy Markowski	Keith & Sandi Rusch Ann McDonald & Mary Wittich

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12] Psalm 112:1-9 [10] 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16] Matthew 5:13-20	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5:38-48	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:00 AM Super Bowl Snack Sale</p> <p>9:30 AM New Council Members Installation</p> <p>9:30 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>10:45 AM New Member Orientation</p> <p>10:45 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>3:00 PM Scout Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings</p> <p>7:00 PM Darball - St Paul @ SALC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM Reading Reflections</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:45 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:15 PM WORSHIP</p> <p>6:15 PM WORSHIP</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Play Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 AM - 3:30 PM Council Retreat @ SALC</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:30 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>10:45 AM New Member Orientation</p> <p>10:45 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>3:00 PM Scout Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Financial Peace Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings</p> <p>7:00 PM Darball - SALC @ St Marks</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 AM Reading Reflections</p> <p>10:00 AM Quilting Group</p> <p>6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:45 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>12:10 PM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>12:15 PM WORSHIP</p> <p>6:15 PM WORSHIP</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:00 PM Lay School Classes</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 AM Lay School Classes</p> <p>1:30 PM - 4:30 PM Synod Event - Building Bridges & Dreaming Together</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship w/Reception of New Members</p> <p>10:45 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>3:00 PM Scout Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Financial Peace Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings</p> <p>7:00 PM Darball - St Anne @ SALC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 AM Reading Reflections</p> <p>10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:45 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 PM Handbell Choir</p> <p>6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>12:15 PM WORSHIP</p> <p>6:15 PM WORSHIP</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:00 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>9:30 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>10:45 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>3:00 PM Scout Meeting</p> <p>6:00 PM Financial Peace Class</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings</p> <p>7:00 PM Darball - Covenant Community @ SALC</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Reading Reflections</p> <p>5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

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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:

Kolton John Seubert - *January 8*
 Rielyn Ella Jirschele - *January 8*
 Dylan Robert Laher - *February 5*
 Skylar Mae Johnson - *February 5*
 Claire Victoria Berens - *February 29*
 Anders Edward Smithback - *March 5*

For Funerals:

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

Lamoine Poeske

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...

Adriene	Dennis	Roland	Dixie	John
Ali	Elaine	Scott	Laura	Jerry
Babs	Elsie	Steve	Bob	Owen
Barb	Jean	Tom	Frank	Brinley
Bill	Jennette	Ella	Pam	Camden
Brian	Jerry	Clayton	Kim	Don
Callie & Zak	Kevin	Amy	Bobby	Katie
Carrie	Lynne & Dan	Meg	Angie	Sue
Charles & Gerry	Monica	Tom	Ruth	Susan
Cullen	Robin	Yvonne	Mary	

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!

February 5		Super Bowl Snack Sale
February 5	9:30 am	Church Council Installation
February 5 & 12	10:45 am	New Member Orientation-Chapel
February 10	10:00 am	Play Group
February 11	9:30 am	Church Council Retreat
February 19	9:30 am	New Members Received in Worship
February 28	5-6:30 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
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March 1		Ash Wednesday
March 5		Pretzel Sunday
March 8, 15, 22 & 29; April 5		Lenten Soup and Sandwich
March 12 & 19; April 2		First Communion Classes

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

