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A Lenten Message by Pastor Craig

"As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins."

These are words that are shared regularly with the gathered community in response to public confession for what we have "done and left undone" as a result of our imperfect nature. Try as we may, we cannot fulfill what is expected of us and we are left incomplete and in need of divine help. Only God can provide what we truly need and forgiveness ranks at the top. Even though they roll off my tongue from memory, I do not take the words I am humbled and authorized to share for granted. They are powerful words to hear and they are powerful words to speak for they convey a reality, "forgiveness of sins." It is important to acknowledge that at the core of our human fabric, we have a void that longs to be filled. It can be filled with things that consume us or things that fill us.

Sin causes the human heart to turn in on itself and seek to satisfy personal desires first before looking to the needs of others or considering how our actions may affect others. Sin is infectious and left to itself, will spread like diseased tissue. Sin lives in the core of our being and directs our thoughts, desires and actions often without our awareness. Confession is the admission that sin exists, we are incomplete and desperately need what we cannot provide on our own. Confession is good for the soul as it acknowledges that we need God to take away the sense of guilt and shame and to fill the aching desire in our lives that begs for wholeness. Forgiveness allows the opportunity for the renewing love of Jesus to fill the void and reshape what can be revealed through us.

Lent is a journey that focuses on the human act of repentance and the desire to receive the divine act of forgiveness that keeps us in relationship with God and one another. Lent is a journey that allows us to focus on the promise God has made through Jesus to name us and claim us and to join us as we strive to reflect God's love in the world. Forgiveness allows that love to be revealed all the more clearly and more genuinely as we are vessels of God's grace. As Lent unfolds, we participate in a 40 day pilgrimage together. May the time we share draw us closer to God's love and for our awareness that we are stronger together than we are apart. Blessings on the journey we take 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

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



SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

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

April 16—Easter Sunday

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Calling All Ushers and Usher-Curious

Usher training will be held *Sunday, March 12 and 19 at 10:45 am* in the Sanctuary. All current ushers and Captains are urged to attend one of these sessions to review and refresh usher responsibilities. Interested ushers are also welcome to attend. The session will last about an hour.

OWLS

Tuesday, March 7, 11:30 am

The OWLS group
will tentatively
meet for a potluck
lunch and an
outing. Please
watch the bulletin or call the
church office for the latest
information as it becomes
available.

Play Group at SALC Friday, March 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, March 16 & 19* during worship in support of the SALC library.

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, March 19*. Thanks for your support.

"THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE" LENTEN STUDY

Wednesdays—7:15 pm (beginning February 22)

Sundays—10:45 am (beginning February 26)

Two sessions, Wednesdays or Sundays, will be offered at Saint Andrew with an accompanying study guide. The study will run an hour each week for seven weeks. 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.

PRETZEL SUNDAY

Sunday, March 5

Join us for a soft, warm pretzel during Fellowship as we begin our Lenten journey.

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*.



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Saint Andrew is blessed to have received many new members into its faith family in February: Jean Berens, Brian, Jenny, Jack & Tanner Grefe, Delmar & Eileen Kolbe, Caleb, Brittany, Jackson, James & Levi Tesch, Ryan, Karoline, Peter & Eleanore Schwantes, Mike Weis and Shirley Zelazoski. Please give them a warm welcome as you see their many new faces at worship and participating in the life of Saint Andrew!

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. A third soup, "Cook's Choice," will also
be offered each week and listed in the bulletin.
Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go will be available. Look
for order forms on the Information Desk.

March 8March 15March 22Turkey NoodleChicken and Wild RiceCheesy PotatoTacoCheeseburgerChicken Noodle

March 29April 5Northwoods CheeseChicken DumplingChiliPea

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.

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. A pull-tag board and rack to place donated items is located in the Fellowship Hall. All donations will remain in the community. Thank you for your support!

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Lamoine Poeske and Daryl Wittich and in honor of Babs Hintz. 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.

SALC COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following individuals will serve as members of the congregation council and liaisons to the following ministries for 2017. Please pray for their efforts as they work together to fulfill the mission and ministry at Saint Andrew. (*Indicates newly elected members)

*Ken Luer - President

Dayna Herold - Vice President

Denise Skare - Secretary

Mike Howlett - Financial Secretary

Dayna Herold Christian Education

*Tammy Schilling Fellowship

Mike Williams Finance/Stewardship

*Ken Luer Memorial Gift
Dan Malm Personnel
Phil Bickley Property
*Lyn Weis Social
*Mari Card Worship
Lisa Werger Youth

The Saint Andrew Church Council meeting dates are listed below and begin at 7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

February 23 June 22 October 26 March 23 July 27 November 16 April 27 August 24 December 21

May 25 September 28

DID YOU KNOW?

Your 2016 contributions assisted Saint Andrew in benevolence and support of the following:

Crossways Camping Ministries

SALC Scout Troop

SALC Library

SALC Sunday School Classroom

SALC Youth Colorado Trip

SALC VBS

Classroom Renovations

The Neighbor's Place

The Women's Community

AODA Partnership - Push Back Against Drugs The Open Door Ministry of Marathon County

The Wausau Warming Shelter

Wausau Hospice House

Wausau Aspirus Hospice

Sky Ranch Camp

Share The Holidays (Benefiting the Neighbor's Place

& Salvation Army)

Blessings In A Backpack

Zeerust Lutheran Church

ELCA World Hunger

The Marathon County Humane Society

Marathon County Fellowship Christian Athlete

Never Forgotten Honor Flight

SALC Seminary Support - Matt Seegert @ Wartburg

Seminary

SALC SENDS MISSIONARIES TO KENTUCKY: JULY 2017

us in prayer? Curious about ASP? Learn more by checking out www.asphome.org.

Did the headline catch your attention? We don't often think as youth summer trips through Saint Andrew as a chance to send missionaries out to help work in God's kingdom—but the opportunity given us this July truly does appear to be a Spirit-filled sending for people from among us to go and immerse themselves in a different place, to accompany those who could benefit from some focused work and care on their homes. No doubt those whom we send will come back with stories to tell and lives that are changed.

The mission of Appalachia Service Project, ASP for short, is to help make homes warmer, dryer and safer for people in need. Currently 11 youth and 4 adults are making preparations to go with available spots for four more high school aged students and two more adults. While the Saint Andrew deadline to register has past, we are able to extend the invitation to join us a few more weeks into early March if a student that you know still has interest in attending. Working in three smaller teams, we will be immersed in rural eastern Kentucky working from 8 am to 4:30 pm each day to learn what we can about the challenges faced by the families with whom we will work. There is a lot of prep work to do here before we go. Lessons include studying systemic poverty, using basic tools, and preparing our hearts through Bible Study and Prayer. Will you join

SUMMER WORK OPPORTUNITY

Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley is currently interviewing male and female cabin leaders as well as camp support staff for summer employment. Interested upper level high school and college youth are encouraged to contact Adam at (262) 384-1337.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

<u>March</u>	
Wednesday, 1	Ash Wednesday
	No Confirmation
Sunday, 12	First Communion Class
Sunday, 19	First Communion Class
<u>April</u>	
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
<u>May</u>	
FriSat., 5-6	Treasure Sale (to benefit VBS)
Sunday, 21	Last Day of Sunday School
June	
18-23	Confirmation Camp
<u>July</u>	
24-28	Vacation Bible School

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT SUMMER CAMP?

Each summer, Crossways Camps receive children of all ages and families for time to build community, play in God's creation, and engage in personal development including faith formation and worship opportunities. With programs ranging from a couple of days to a couple of weeks, check out <u>www.croswayscamps.org</u> and see if there is a program that would benefit your child as they develop their life of faith.

2017 PHOTO DIRECTORY

With the assistance of Life Touch Studios, a NEW Saint Andrew photo directory will be published for 2017. Mark your calendars to schedule your photo session May 16-20, 23-25 or June 1-3. Appointment times will include daytime, evening and a couple of Saturdays. Scheduling will be both online or at Saint Andrew with more information to follow soon. This project is supported by volunteer efforts in various ways. Time commitments are short and can be scheduled at your convenience. If you would be willing to assist with volunteer scheduling, appointment registration for photo sessions, or help coordinating this exciting project, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or shelby@salc-wausau.org.

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.

Assisting with Worship in March

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
March 5	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Shepherd	Duane Zietlow Sue Paisar	Mark & Pam Czerwinski Bev DeHaan & Mary Wittich	Dick & Mary Jarvis Fellowship Ministry
March 12	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	А	Sean McCarthy Nate Card	Mike & Jeannine Matushak Jeff, Pam & Alex Kyhos	Cal Sprik & Susan Tobin Greg & Jeanne Willems
March 19	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	Brekke	Julie Spalding Judith Marshall	Kim & Cindy Skadahl Brad & Lisa Werger	Sid & Leslie Sorensen Jason & DeDe Gnatz
March 26	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Weidman	Dan Malm Jayne Germinaro	Billie Schmidt & Noah Radloff Tom & Mary Weiland	Jim Jacobson & Susie Soukup Open to Volunteer

LECTIONARY READINGS

March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 32	Psalm 121	Psalm 95	Psalm 23
Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14
Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41

March 2017

Saturday	11	18 8:00 AM Lay School Classes	23	
Friday	10:00 AM Play Group	17 5:00 PM Lay School Classes	2,4	78
Thursday 2 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	9 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	16.15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	23. 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	30 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP
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April T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 11 12 13 14 15 18 19 20 21 22 25 26 27 28 29	9:00 AM Reading Reflections	9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilling Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings	21 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	28 9:00 AM Reading Reflections
Monday F S M 3 4 3 4 9 10 11 17 18 16 17 24 25 3 24	6 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meefings 7:30 PM Dartball - SALC @ Good Shepherd	13 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball - St Michaels ® SALC	20 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Crossways Confirmation Camp Workshop 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball - SALC @ St Pauls	27 6:00 PM Dartball Banquet © St Marks 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meelings
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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:

Dylan Robert Laher - February 5 Skylar Mae Johnson - February 5 Claire Victoria Berens - February 29 Anders Edward Smithback - March 5 Jorgie Casey Brummer - March 26

For Funerals:

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

Jerome Wiedow

Ida Millard

Jennette Doede

John Barnett

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.



Jim Waleen Craig

FOR THESE WE PRAY...

Ali	Jean	Tom	Frank
Babs	Jerry	Ella	Pam
Barb	Leann	Clayton	Kim
Brian	Lynne & Dan	Amy	Bobby
Callie & Zak	Monica	Meg	Angie
Carrie	Nikki	Tom	Ruth
Charles & Gerry	Robin	Yvonne	Mary
Cullen	Roland	Dixie	Jerry
Dennis	Scott	Laura	Katie
Elaine	Steve	Bob	Sue

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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Rev. Jeff Martinson, Visitation Pastor
Shelby Gjertson, Parish Administrator
Joy Mitchell, Secretary
Al Freiberg, Coordinator of Music
Sheldon Geiger, Bookkeeper
Shannon Vujnovich, Custodian
Dave Paisar, Custodian
Cullen Stangel, Sexton
Zach Weis, Sexton

Upcoming Events/Activities



Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 12 at 2 am Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

March 1	
March 5	
March 7	11:30 am
March 8, 15, 22 & 2	9; April 5
March 12 & 19	4:00 pm
March 12 & 19	10:45 am

Ash Wednesday
Pretzel Sunday
OWLS Group
Lenten Soup and Sandwich
First Communion Classes
Usher Training

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April 2	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
April 9	8, 9:30 & 10:45 am	Palm Sunday Worship
April 9	2:00 pm	First Communion Worship
April 13	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 14	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Good Friday Worship
April 16	6:00 am	Easter Worship on the Mountain
	8, 9:30 & 11 am	Easter Worship at SALC

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

