

Network



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Easter Reflections by Pastor Craig

While each gospel writer describes a slightly (or sometimes, not slightly) different version of the story of God's love for the world through Jesus, all set up the great mystery from the same perspective, "early on the first day of the week." Though this may seem small and insignificant, it tells us a great deal about how and where we look for God in everyday life. Consider how differently things appear after having risen from sleep and faced with the dawn of a new day. We identify days with beginnings and endings. A new day coming, and a day that has passed or spent. New year, new season, new month, new week, new day...new comes with hope, anticipation, expectation.

There is a stark contrast between the darkness of Good Friday and the light of Easter morning. Something has changed and the sad lament of Friday's cross turns to exciting alleluias of Easter's empty tomb and God's divine promise of life over death or more accurately, life *through* death.

There are certainly moments in life when it feels darkness has the upper hand and looms long. Just as certain as the pattern of day-night-day occurs, so, too, we can be assured that the stone has been rolled away and a new day has dawned. "Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said."

Waiting may seem long and the darkness of our dampened hopes and dreams may weigh heavy upon us. But we are Easter people. We are people of God's divine promise and we live with hopeful expectation knowing that death does not have the final word over us. God does, and God's word is life, abundant life now and in the life yet to come. We live in death's shadows but we are guided by the light of Christ whose death was but a temporary pathway that opened the kingdom of heaven for all who desire what God has promised. Where do we look for God's promise? In both life and in death, God's promise does not fail us. That is a message that is certain for us for it is God's message for you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

FIRST COMMUNION WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9; 2:00 PM

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 9; 8, 9:30 & 10:45 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY - APRIL 13 - 12:15 & 6:15 PM | GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 14 - 12:15 & 6:15 PM

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 16

SUNRISE EASTER WORSHIP: 6:00 am at Rib Mountain State Park

EASTER WORSHIP: 8:00 — 9:30 — 11:00 am at Saint Andrew

EASTER BREAKFAST: 7:00-9:30 am at Saint Andrew

Alleluia!

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Christ in Our Home

The second quarter of Christ in Our Home Devotional is now available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

OWLS

Tuesday, April 4, 11:30 am

Enjoy a potluck lunch at 11:30 am followed by great entertainment by musician, Mike DeSciscio. A self proclaimed music storyteller at 69 years old, he has been playing the accordion since he was eight years old and will share his gift of music through several genres of music.



Play Group at SALC

Friday, April 14, 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, April 9** during worship in support of VBS.

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, April 9**. Thanks for your support.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Saturday, April 8, 10 am

If you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 by April 3. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Come and enjoy a traditional Easter breakfast after Sunrise Worship on Rib Mountain or before Easter Worship services at Saint Andrew. Scrambled eggs, ham, seasoned potatoes, fresh fruit and muffins will be served from 7-9:30 am. Your free will donation will support Vacation Bible School this summer. Pull tags are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex for needed food items. Volunteers for serving and clean-up are also needed—sign up is also available on the Information Desk.

SOUP & SANDWICH THANK YOU BRUNCH

Wednesday, April 19, 9:30 am

Social Ministry would like to thank **all the volunteers** who made the Lenten Soup and Sandwich meals successful with a thank you brunch at Saint Andrew. Please RSVP if you are able to attend at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.

EASTER NAIL & STRING CROSS PROJECT

Sunday, April 9, 10:30 am

Come for the hot cross buns, stay for the craft and continued fellowship! All are welcome to create a custom cross art project from wood, nails and string. All materials will be provided, with a suggested donation of \$10. A sign-up sheet and example are on the Information Desk in the Narthex. Adult supervision is required for children, and a kid-friendly art project will also be available for the youngest members.

EASTER EGGS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Children, bring a hard-boiled, decorated Easter egg to the 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 am Easter worship. They will be received during worship and then donated to the Salvation Army following the services.



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.

SALC Spring Clean-Up

Plan to join in fellowship and care of Christ's church. Mark your calendar for Saturday, **April 22, 8:30 am-12:00 pm** to assist with cleaning up the grounds and a few projects inside. Alternate date in case spring isn't quite here is Saturday, April 29. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Jeanette Meyer and John Barnett. 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.

A TIME OF SABBATICAL...

Throughout scripture, the people of God take intentional time for rest. Jesus frequently stepped away during his ministry, to quiet places to pray and find renewal. In 2002, in effort to support healthy leaders, Saint Andrew developed a Sabbatical Leave Policy to allow pastors serving at Saint Andrew to take intentional time away as well.

The Sabbatical policy states, *"Sabbatical leave is recommended for clergy every so often as a time of renewal for one's professional and personal life. Saint Andrew offers sabbatical to its pastors after having served five years at Saint Andrew or having served six to eight years total time in ministry."*

Last fall, Pastor Jenn was nominated by Bishop Jerry Mansholt to participate in a leadership academy for pastors of larger congregations throughout the ELCA. The leadership academy will take place over the course of three intensives—offered in August of this year, February of next year, and August of the following year. In order to take full advantage of this leadership development opportunity, Pastor Jenn and Pastor Craig proposed a time of sabbatical for her to reflect, learn, rest and immerse in this experience as well as expand it into two other opportunities.

The church council has reviewed this plan and has approved the request for Sabbatical to be taken in two parts: August and September of 2017 and portions of January and February 2018, shaped around two of the three intensives. In addition to the leadership intensives, she will travel to Germany to explore the Luther and Reformation sites in this, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and consider how our own reformation celebration will be shaped. Pastor Jenn will consider how to share this exciting experience at a later date.

NEW 2017 SALC PHOTO DIRECTORY

May 16-20, 23-25 or June 1-3; 2—9 pm weekdays and 9 am—4 pm Saturdays

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 either online through the Saint Andrew website, www.salc-wausau.org or at church at the Information Desk.

Each family will receive a **complimentary 8x10 photograph**, a **free directory** and will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs. **Bring in a non-perishable food item for the food pantry and receive \$5 off a purchase! A complimentary \$10 coupon will also be available at the time of photo viewing.**

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 or appointment registration for photo sessions please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or shelby@salc-wausau.org.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING EVENT-WI RIVER VALLEY CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 22 | St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wausau | Registration: 8 am; Event Begins: 8:45 am

Guest speaker Reverend Dr. Niveen Sarra of Immanuel Lutheran Church will present her story of struggle and faith leading her to Wausau, WI. She will speak with personal experience about Christ's birthplace in Bethlehem because that is where she was born, too.

How could a woman from one of the most historic, war-torn and religiously conflicted places on earth end up in a small central Wisconsin church? Join us to learn the answer and hear her story!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on **Sundays, May 14 and 21 at 10:45 am** in the Chapel. New members will then be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **May 28**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by *Friday, May 5*.

"PAINT BY NUMBER" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a fun way to volunteer at church? Gather together as a family, group or team to help paint a wall mural in one of four Sunday school rooms in the north wing—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Walls will be sketched out and ready for painting in May after Sunday school ends. Scenes are from the Spark Bible and if you can hold a brush, you can do this! Think paint by number!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

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
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July

24-28	Vacation Bible School
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CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

LET'S GO TO 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 www.crosswayscamps.org and see if there is a program that would benefit your child as they develop their life of faith.

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 for more information.

THANK YOU FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)!

Below are two testimonials from the most recent FPU class. Watch the Network to see when the next FPU class will begin!

"As a newly married couple, combining our finances for the first time, we began Financial Peace University in the hopes of starting our new life together on the same financial page. Before the class, we would constantly be asking ourselves, "where does all of our money go?" Now, with the help of our zero-based budget, we know exactly where our money is going and we are amazed at how much more we have! Through the nine-week course, we have paid off all of our credit cards, consolidated our 401k accounts, reduced our non-essential spending, and started working down our non-mortgage debt. We are excited to now to have a plan to have all non-mortgage debt paid off in two years! We did not think that was even possible before FPU! The course has really changed how we treat our money and has strengthened our marriage by making us financial teammates. We would recommend this course to anyone who wants to learn how to make their money work for them."

"As a newly engaged couple, we learned a lot about our individual spending habits. This course helped us to identify ways we could better align our habits to work together and increase our communication regarding our finances."

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN APRIL

Worship Altar
 Guild Usher

April 2	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Johnson	Dick Jarvis Cheryl Allen	Leann Boll/Janice Nelson Ann McDonald/Bev DeHaan	Steve & Kay Sitko Greg & Jeanne Willems
April 9 Palm Sunday	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Shepherd	Mike Spalding	Jason Rickstad/ Eugene Moyer Travis & Emilie Puig	Bill & Doreen Radloff Fellowship Ministry
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April 23	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	B	Joleen Meier Tammy Schilling	Bill & Doreen Radloff John & Jayme Rusinek	Barb Breese/Tina Spiegel Roger & Ruth Poutanen
April 30	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Brekke	Mary Jarvis Sue Paisar	Tom & Deb Garton Widmann Family	Sid & Leslie Sorensen Russ & Alice Van Skike

LECTIONARY READINGS

April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14--27:66	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

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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 19
 Anders Edward Smithback - March 5
 Jorgie Casey Brummer - March 26

Bryce David Shuda - April 23
 Samuel Gregory Tennant - April 23
 Ava Elizabeth Burazin - April 30
 Levi Thomas Hader - June 4

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Ruth Jonas
 Bonnie Wruck
 Elsie Jennejohn
 Hilda Elfe

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	Jean	Tom	Bob	Sue
Babs	Jerry	Tyler	Frank	Jim
Barb	Judy	Ella	Pam	Waleen
Brian	Leann	Clayton	Kim	Craig
Callie & Zak	Lynne & Dan	Amy	Bobby	
Carrie	Monica	Meg	Angie	
Charles & Gerry	Nikki	Tom	Ruth	
Chris	Robin	Yvonne	Mary	
Dennis	Scott	Dixie	Jerry & Mary Ellen	
Elaine	Steve	Laura	Katie	

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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Cullen Stangel, *Sexton*
Zach Weis, *Sexton*

Upcoming Events/Activities

April 2	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
April 4	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck & Accordionist
April 9	8, 9:30 & 10:45 am	Palm Sunday Worship
April 9	10:30 am	Easter Nail & String Project
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April 16	6:00 am	Easter Worship on the Mountain
	8, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Easter Worship at SALC
April 16	7:00-9:30 am	Easter Breakfast at SALC
April 22	8:30 am-12:00 pm	Spring Clean-Up
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May 5 & 6		Treasure Sale
May 7 & 14	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
May 16-20; June 1-3		Photo Directory Sessions
May 21	9:30 am	Reception of New Members



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