

# Network



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## *Last Reflections by Pastor Craig*

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." - John 14:27*

I have often been interested to learn how and when Jesus addressed his followers with the word of **peace**. "**Peace**, be still," as Jesus calmed the storm. "**Peace** be with you," when Jesus met the disciples behind locked doors. When life is uncertain and when fear stirs among us, it is comforting to be reminded that Jesus meets us and offers **peace**.

As I conclude my ministry among you and anticipate a transition into another setting, there is no doubt that there are some uncertainties and perhaps even some fears for what the future looks like as I depart leaving a void in the pastoral leadership at Saint Andrew. Before you let those feelings consume your minds and hearts, I want to encourage you to be at **peace** with one another and to be at **peace** in the life of the church knowing that together we are members of Christ's church and before he left, Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower and direct the church from the Day of Pentecost forward. By virtue of our baptism, we are, you and I, spirit-filled and spirit-led people. We are people of hope. We are people with a purpose, to reflect the one in whose image we are made.

Over these nine years, I have shared many memorable ministry experiences with you which will live long in my heart and which bring me great joy to recall. We have worshipped, studied, shared life transitions, prayed, pondered and celebrate the life that was given to us. For all the ways you have shared life with Karen and I, thank you! We leave knowing that we have shared a sense of community and a sense of purpose as a common reflection of life in Christ. We leave with gratitude for your partnership and your witness of faith. We leave but are also glad to be received into another faith community who are just as eager to welcome us as you have done so freely these past years. For the community of Saint Andrew as well as the community of Salem, we are thankful to serve among you.

I do not know what the specifics are about the future. I do not know how my leaving will affect the current and future leadership at Saint Andrew but I do know that Jesus promises to be with us and to shepherd us with love and grace. Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to call, gather and enlighten the church, to reveal the truth about who God is in our midst and to breath into us new life.

So, dear brothers and sisters, partners in faith and hope, it is my prayer that you continue the work set before you with eagerness, gentleness and hopefulness, knowing that it is a special privilege to participate in this great missional work and that through it all, we have what Jesus promised, his abundant and ever present **peace**.

May the **peace** of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen – Proud to be partners with you in the gospel, Pastor Craig

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**



### **PET SUNDAY—Sunday, August 19, 9:30 am**

Bring the **whole** family — all socially adapted creatures, great and small, are welcome. The congregation will be seated on the Celebration Patio on the north side of the Fellowship Hall. **Bring a lawn chair and sunglasses** and enjoy this outdoor worship experience.



### **BLESSING OF BACKPACKS**

Mark your calendar to attend worship on **Sunday, August 26** as students and their backpacks, parents and teachers are blessed as they begin a new school year.

## OWLS

**Tuesday, August 7, 11:30 am**

The OWLS will begin their time together at Townies Grill in downtown Wausau for lunch at 11:30 am and then head over to the Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art (the old Wausau Club) and Center for Visual Arts.



## SALC Dartball

Ever play dartball? Now is the time to try it out! The dartball team will have the board set up on **Sunday, August 19** in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10:30 am for anyone interested in trying out the game.

Summer practice will be held on **Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 pm**. This will be the last practice before the season begins.

## Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, August 16 & 19** in support of the Marathon County Humane Society as we bless our pets and animals on Pet Sunday.

## Fair Trade Products

Fair Trade items will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, August 19**. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

## Bishop Mansholt at Saint Andrew

Bishop Jerry Mansholt of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin will be presiding in worship at **8:00 and 9:30 am on Sunday, August 12** and for conversation following the second service regarding the process ahead to call the next pastor of Saint Andrew.

## "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let's do this work together!

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated day of service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as Saint Andrew: a congregation that is "open to all" in the Wausau Community. Various service projects will take place—from projects outdoors at Waypost camp to cleaning kitchen cupboards at the Warming Center, to various projects here at church, and other possible projects around the community—join in the day of service on or around **Sunday, September 9th**. Projects will vary in length, intensity and time, so check for a display in the narthex soon and sign up as a group or individuals for the project that best fits your interest and schedule. It's God's work! Can you lend a hand? T-shirts have been ordered and will be available for purchase soon!



**God's work.  
Our hands.**

## CHURCH PICNIC/RALLY SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 9**

Celebrate the first day of Sunday School and the start of a new year of programming at Saint Andrew. Students begin with worship at 9:30 am and will be dismissed to classrooms where they will meet their teachers. Registration is encouraged through the church website but will also take place in classrooms. At 10:45 am all are invited to enjoy a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall and on the Celebration Patio. A bouncy house and games will be available for the kids. Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name:

**A-M dessert; N-Z salad or side dish**

**Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up. Please call the church office to volunteer.**



## PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LWR

Saint Andrew has a group of people who gather routinely to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. School bags are also sewn and school supplies are collected to send along with the quilts. This year we are adding another very important item: a personal care kit. Imagine you have lost everything including your basic hygiene essentials. Then imagine how much you would appreciate a Personal Care Kit. The kit consists of the following five items:

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel , between 20 by 40 and 27 by 52 inches , preferably a dark color
- 2-3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 ounces, any brand, in its original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers

If you would like to donate - **please purchase all five items. Please donate new items only, with no advertising, religious or military symbols.** Look for the Personal Care Kit display in the Fellowship Hall in August. Thank you!

### **Zeerust Presentation Sunday, August 12, 10:30 am**

Please join those who traveled to Zeerust strengthening our relationship with our sisters and brothers in Christ for a presentation of their journey. Pictures and stories and will be shared in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 am service.

### **A Great Day at the Golf Outing**

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Saint Andrew Golf Outing and to those who donated prizes. The team winners are: 1st place: Paul Herold, Brad Werger, Brad Herold, Paul Brant; 2nd place: Rick Radloff, Isaac Radloff, Joel Radloff; 3rd place: Jason Rickstad, Roger DeWitt Gary Rassch, Jim Woller.

### **SALC Memorial Gifts**

A memorial gift was received in memory of Marge Bohlman and Jerry Laine. 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.

### **Pastoral Care**

As a practice, three area hospitals are contacted during the work week to inquire about member hospitalization. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care during a particularly challenging time, please contact the church office.

## **ZEERUST TRAVELERS RETURN FROM SOUTH AFRICA**

Re tsamaya leseding la Modimo  
(We walk in the light of God)

Dumela (Hello)

O tsogile Jang (How are you)? Kna ke tsogike sentle (Myself I am fine). Words have such a powerful meaning and in such a short period of time, my fellow travelers and I have experienced a wonderful, glorious welcoming from our brothers and sisters here in Zeerust, South Africa. First, we must thank everyone back home who supported us for this companionship visit. Your love, prayers and support have made this trip an experience of a lifetime. It has also strengthened the companionship we so desire. Second, we must also thank our sister church and all our host families for embracing us with such open arms and welcoming smiles. To be able to share in God's word in person here has touched each and every one of us in ways we cannot explain.



We have been welcomed here in our sister church with warm embraces, thoughtful & kind words/prayers and want to update everyone on experiences that we have had here in Zeerust. Sharing God's word and prayer in the name of Jesus with our brothers and sisters has been beyond amazing. There are 11 official languages of South Africa. South African English is also different to the English that is used in Australia, England and the United States. English is spoken and understood in all of South African provinces by most of the people. English is taught in most schools and is a prerequisite for taking the high school final exam. As overwhelming as it seemed to us that we would have difficulties communicating with people, we were assured that we would be able to communicate with our brothers and sisters. This was evident as we had welcoming smiles and greetings wherever we went.

Phil and I arrived in Johannesburg on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Ron, Betty, Jacob and Gabriel had a few minor paperwork issues which delayed their arrival (more details to follow), but everyone arrived safely. Phil and I were transported to Outlook Lodge where we gathered for a wonderfully prepared meal and conversation. We then rested and began our journey to Rustenburg where we were all to gather at the Diocese to be welcomed by Bishop Ubane. Ron, Betty, Jacob and Gabriel arrived later at the diocese to join us in traveling to Zeerust.

So I will stop now and leave you in suspense... hopefully wanting to hear more of our stories as we travel in God's love and join our brothers and sisters of Zeerust. It is our intent that we will get to share all of our wonderful adventures and stories with you as we plan to compile information and pictures in a presentation to share with the congregation at fellowship following worship on **Sunday, August 12 following the 9:30 am** worship service.

Tammy Schilling

## LAY SCHOOL

The Central Wisconsin School of Lay Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin was established in September 1999 to assist pastors and churches to further equip and empower adult lay persons in the fulfillment of their callings to serve Christ. Classes will begin **Friday, September 14** at Saint Andrew and are then held once a month through May. For more information, contact Jeanette Carlson at 715-848-2108 or Mary Neumann at 715-693-2087. Feel free to visit the website at [www.wausaulayschool.org](http://www.wausaulayschool.org).



"Equipping Laity for Christ's Mission"

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

### Looking for an opportunity to give back? Want to grow deeper in your faith?

Sunday school teachers are needed in grades 2-5 as job share positions. All of the curriculum is provided and the Christian Education Ministry and staff are ready and able to provide needed support. Please call the church office if you have questions or are interested in growing deeper in your own faith as you build relationships and connect with those who are called to learn!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

### August

26 Blessing of Backpacks-8 & 9:30 am Worship

### September

5 7th & 8th Grades Students and their Parents—Confirmation Orientation  
9 Rally Sunday for Sunday School during 9:30 am Worship Hour  
Sunday School Resumes—First Faith-Grade 6 Church Picnic at 10:45 am  
12 Confirmation Classes Begin—6:15 pm  
16 Fall Worship Times Begin—8, 9:30 & 10:45  
Sunday School Classes Begin  
23 Second Grade Bibles Presented  
26 9th Grade Confirmation—Faith Statement Writing; 7:30 pm

### October

3 & 10 9th Grade Confirmation—Faith Statements  
13 & 14 9th Grade Conf. Retreat at Waypost  
24 Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures  
28 Confirmation Worship—2:00 pm

### November

21 No Confirmation  
Thanksgiving Eve Worship—6:15 pm

### December

16 Sunday School Christmas Program  
23 & 30 No Sunday School  
26 No Confirmation

## 2018-2019 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF September 9

Registration forms are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex, or may be downloaded online at [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org). Registrations are welcome at any time, but in order to best prepare, ***please return forms to the office by Tuesday, September 4.***

### CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Confirmation will begin on **Wednesday, September 5 at 6:15 pm** in the Fellowship Hall with orientation and registration. ***Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades along with their parents are to attend together.*** Regular classes will begin the following week and will be held every Wednesday, 6:15-7:30 pm. Registration forms and detailed information will be sent out to families with students in these grades in early August and will also be available at church.

***Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders*** will receive more information shortly regarding the writing of faith statements and ***confirmation worship, which will take place on Reformation Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 pm.***

## "CHRISTIAN ED" AND "FAITH FORMATION" - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

If you were asked to share the good news of Jesus, what might you say? Where do you feel confident and strong in your faith life? Where could you grow?

"Christian Ed" and "Youth Ministry" is the language Saint Andrew currently uses to describe things like Sunday School, VBS, Confirmation, and other opportunities for connecting young people to faith. While these are good terms, what if we took a larger view at helping people develop and form faith at every stage of life? The church council has commissioned a Faith Formation task force to ask just that question and do some visioning and planning this summer. The taskforce's first goal was to define what is meant by the term *faith formation*. Here is the working definition they came up with. *Faith is formed by...*

*Living out our baptismal covenant  
Fostering community through connections that create a sense of belonging  
Grounded in the love of Jesus  
For the purpose of being equipped to share the message of Christ with confidence.*

## ASSISTING IN AUGUST

	Time	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Team 3	Team 3	Team 4
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	B	Tipple	Weidman	Johnson
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Eleanore Schwantes Mark Clark	Dave Mueller Shirley Bickford	Mike Spalding _____	Duane Zietlow Judith Marshall
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Garton Beyer	Weidman Clark / Mielke	Spalding Weiland	Jacobson / Rickstad Widmann
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Rickstad Gnatz	Radloff Poutanen	Matushak Van Skike	Rusch Frolik
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Rusch	Mrotek	Clemment	Weidman

## LECTIONARY READINGS

August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25--5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69



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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:*

Emma May Kalmon - June 3  
David Anthony & Jacob Aaron Riege - June 3  
Evangeline Dawn Bailey - June 10  
Maverick Thomas Bartz - June 17  
Adelyn June Socha - June 24  
Geraldyn Margaret Rose - July 1  
Kaylin Wren Jolly - July 5  
Kide David Michael Hoff - July 15  
Brynleigh Mae Rose - July 22  
Eliza Faith Ayer - August 23  
Quillan John Binkley - August 26

### For Weddings:

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

Craig & Samantha Dantoin - June 2  
Kyle & Geraldyn Wilkosz - July 14  
Caleb Tesch & Brittany Northrup - August 25  
Ryan Springer & Alyssa Ashbrenner - September 1  
Charlie Peth & Libby Price - September 1  
Luke Mroczenski & Samantha Oliver - September 22  
Justin Mayer & Callie Hempfer - September 28  
Taner Schillinger & Brenna Mikula - October 6  
Matthew Hader & Raquel Paszek - October 13

### For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Jerry Laine

## 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...

Aiden	Clemmence	Nikki	Yvonne	Riley
Ali	Dennis	Pam	Dixie	Rebecca
Amy	Jennifer	Pete	Laura	Luke
Ashley	Katie	Robin	Frank	Ted
Babs	Larry	Tom	Pam	Katie
Bill	Leann	Tony	Angie	Jeff
Brian	Lynne & Dan	Ella	Ruth	
Callie & Zak	Meg	Amy	Sue	
Charles & Gerry	Monica	Tom	Helen	

*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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Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*  
Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### AUGUST

7	11:30 am	OWLS –Begin with Lunch at Townies
8	6:30 pm	Dartball Practice
12	10:30 am	Zeerust Presentation
19	9:30 am	Pet Sunday
		Dartball Demonstration
26	8:00 & 9:30 am	Blessing of the Backpacks

### SEPTEMBER

5	6:15 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades Confirmation Orientation
9	9:30 am	Rally Sunday for Sunday School
9	10:45 am	Church Picnic
9		“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday
14		Lay School Classes Begin
16		Fall Worship Schedule Begins: 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am
	9:30 am	Sunday School Classes Begin
	9:30 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study Begins
23	9:30 am	Second Grade Bibles Presented
26	7:30 pm	9th Grade Confirmation—Faith Statement Writing



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and click “like” to keep up with the latest news and events!