

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.

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## Network



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From Pastor Jenn

I once had a preaching professor that encouraged me to use "nickel and dime" words pertaining to theological concepts as opposed to "quarter" words. This wasn't because people didn't have the capacity to understand large words. His point was this: the mystery of our faith in what God has done through Jesus is *already* hard enough to talk about that the more we can break down what we mean in terms that are relatable, the more effectively we communicate the gospel.

And yet, there are some words that are just plain cool. Like the word "pericope" [pair-<u>ick</u>-oh-pee], for instance. A pericope is a passage of scripture, however long... it might be two or three verses, it could be a chapter at a time. But whatever the case, it's a focused chunk of Biblical text that at any given time is the topic for reflection. The *Wonder? Women* (the new name for women's lectionary study) intend to have a few pericope studies yet this summer—keep your eyes peeled on the calendar if you'd like to join the study.

But the reason I bring this up, and the word that has come to mind quite often recently is the word, "proleptic" [pro-lep-tick]. Proleptic and the other form of the word, a noun, prolepsis—refer to the reign of Christ, the kingdom of God, our salvation and life eternal. All of these experiences of God are proleptic. So I should get to what it means, right?? Prolepsis is the concept that something can exist right *now* but also *not yet* at the exact same time.

We have eternal life now... but it's fully realized in our death. We are reconciled to God now through baptism, but we also wait for when God will reconcile all things to himself. There's an element of patient hope in the concept... a hope that allows for contentment even in the midst of all the change and transition we experience, to know that while the world is yet broken it's also already whole. What's even better is that we get to be a part of that wholeness.

As you spend the summer connecting with friends, enjoying the beauty of creation, traveling to visit loved ones or spending time up north, no doubt there's an element of looking to the future. Whatever it is that we wait for—healing in our hearts, minds or bodies, the reconciliation of broken relationships—an opportunity to live out a new purpose—how might you see what God is doing in the now/not yet?

I think of this often because of the transition processes taking place at Saint Andrew. Inside this Network you will find an update on the Associate Pastor transition: a process that is underway but will require prayerful discernment and yes, a time of waiting. You will also find some of the normal and ordinary but vital ministry that continues.

While we wait, we can yet participate in what God is doing around us. While we hope, we can be about the work that Christ has left for us—to work for justice and peace—even if that work is listening to someone at the dinner table.

Weekly Worship

Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm

\*There will be no worship on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>July 4</u>\*



**Summer Office Hours** 

Monday-Thursday Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm Closed Closed

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#### **OWLS**

The OWLS will take a break in July but plan to meet again on August 6 at Saint Andrew to carpool to Chet & Emil's Restaurant in Birnamwood then go to the Carlson residence to take in their beautiful garden.

### Food Pantry Current Needs

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs the following items: canned soup, pancake mix, pancake syrup and mustard. Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the food pantry!

#### **Noisy Offering**

A Noisy Offering will be received on *Thursday and Sunday, July 18 & 21* in support of ASP and the families who Saint Andrew supported during their mission trip to Kentucky.

#### **Fair Trade Products**

will be available for purchase on *Sunday*, *July 21*. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

#### ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALL PROCESS TIMELINE AND UPDATES

Many have been wondering, "Where are we at with the call process for our next pastor?" With the call process for lead pastor complete, Saint Andrew formally began a new call process for the associate pastor call. While many of the components are similar, some of the steps look a little different—and while some of the necessary paperwork is ready because of the previous call process—some of the logistics and timing may not be the same.

To help communicate more clearly with the congregation, you will begin seeing a graphic in the bulletin and Network, that will tell you where we are along the way. We are currently on step 2: the MSP team has submitted their



paperwork and the call committee has been appointed. The shaded circles will represent completed steps. A full posting about the process will be available on the bulletin board outside of the office.

The steps include:

- 1) MSP—Refreshing and re-submitting the Ministry Site Profile (✓)
- 2) Council appoints members to the call committee ( )
- 3) The Bishop's office approves and posts the MSP and assists Saint Andrew in searching for candidates
- 4) Interviews are arranged and conducted
- 5) The call committee brings forward a recommendation to the council and a congregational meeting is called.
- 6) The candidate is presented and elected
- 7) The candidate then has 30 days to accept or reject the call
- 8) The candidate accepts the call and the associate pastor is received and installed.

Any questions regarding this process may be directed to Mike Williams, the chairperson of the call committee.

#### SALC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

#### Saturday, July 20 at 8 am; Rib Mountain Golf Course

The fun starts with a shot-gun start and continues with a 9-hole scramble with prizes for special hole events. Sign up your foursome or be a part of a "potluck" team. At least one church member per team. Fee \$20. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join in the fun!



#### **Donations Wanted**

Donations may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall near the Golf Outing display.

#### Check It Out...From the SALC Library

Children's Book: I Am Peace: A Book of Mindfulness (C FIC VER)



Mindfulness means being fully in

the present moment. Children can learn how to manage their emotions, make good choices and balance their busy lives by learning to be mindful; express emotions through speech; find empathy through imagination.

Adult Book: Growing Young (259 POW)

Churches are losing both members and vitality as increasing numbers of young people disengage. Based on groundbreaking research, Growing Young provides a strategy any church can use to involve and retain teenagers and young adults.

#### **SALC Memorial Gifts**

Gifts were received in memory of Priscilla Grell, Pam Roemke and Sharon Bloch. 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, Wausau 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.

**Contacting Pr. Gary** 

Need to email Pr. Gary? His email address is: revgbran@hughes.net.

#### **OFFICE SPACE TRANSITIONS AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATES**

Please excuse our mess! The office transitions are underway and a task force has been meeting to discuss technology upgrades. The council has recently approved the IT plan and look forward to getting our equipment up to date for our staff and communication needs. Two new PCs for staff who are currently working on PCs with Windows 7, a new firewall and switch will be purchased this summer. Also, planned for 2020 is HVAC and other software updates, replacement of two additional PCs and an upgrade to the electronic sign.

Physical office space transitions are also underway. The Lead Pastor office recently received a fresh coat of paint with new furnishings coming soon. Repainting of the Faith Formation office (formerly the Associate Pastor office) will happen this week and the new Associate Pastor office (formerly the Parish Administrator office) after that. To complete the office space transitions, the front office and workroom will also get fresh paint and updated furnishings making the space welcoming for visitors and more efficient for staff.

#### OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

For nearly six years Ron and Lil Mathsen have been setting up once a month in the Fellowship Hall selling Fair Trade products. They wish to step aside beginning in September and let someone else build upon this mission. Their tireless dedication to helping small farmers world-wide sell their products has been greatly appreciated by Social Ministry and many others. The established inventory is priced and ready to sell. Are you interested in continuing this important mission? Please call the church office or contact anyone on the Social Ministry.



#### **NETWORK DISTRIBUTION CHANGES**

The **Network** newsletter is now distributed via email to members who currently have an email address on file. If you prefer to have a paper copy mailed to you, please contact the church office. The **Network** is also available on the Information Desk each month as well as on the Saint Andrew website: www.salc-wausau.org.

#### SUMMER QUILTING

The Quilting Group is looking for some helping hands to finish quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Pressing, tying and pinning quilts is all there is to it—no sewing skills are needed! The group will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in July and August, 10 am—3 pm. Come for as long as you would like. Bring your lunch if you would like to stay through lunch. All help is appreciated!

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#### FIRE WITH FRIENDS

#### Wednesday, July 17, 7-9 pm

Now that school is out for the summer, Faith Formation Ministry is planning a few opportunities for middle school and high school youth to reconnect, meet up with friends, and relax together for games, food, and a devotion. We kick off with a campfire at the Fehrman property at 4505 N. Mountain Road (just 1 mile west of church).

Saint Andrew middle and high school students are invited for fellowship and fun around a campfire. If the weather is bad, we will cancel and reschedule for another time.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday-Friday, August 5-9 Vacation Bible School

Tuesday-Thursday
August 13-15
\*Note Date Change
Day Camp at Waypost Camp

Wednesday, September 4
Confirmation Orientation

<u>Sunday, September 8</u> Rally Day

#### DAY CAMP AND VBS

Summer is here, it's time for VBS and camp!

Get ready and invite your friends to church for **Vacation Bible School**, **August 5-9.** The cost is \$15 per child. Activities will be geared towards early elementary students ages 4-7. Older children are always welcome to join in the fun or volunteer. Adult and student volunteers can sign up at the Information Desk.

Feeling like your child could use a full day experience?

New this year, 2nd - 6th graders and their friends are invited to Day Camp with



Crossways, August 13-15 (Please note this is a change in dates)! A bus will leave Saint Andrew at 9:00 am each day and head to Waypost Camp on Mission Lake in Hatley, WI. Camp counselors and chaperones from church are excited to lead children in prayer, learning, playing, and hiking! Camp kids will return to Saint Andrew around 4:00 pm each afternoon. The cost is \$27/child.

Registration forms for both VBS and Day Camp are available on the Information Desk and online at www.salc-wausau.org.

#### SERMONS ARE ON-LINE

"Indeed the word of God is living and active..." (Hebrews 4:12) The sermons preached on Sunday mornings at Saint Andrew are now available on-line. You can listen to them by visiting <a href="www.salc-wausau.org">www.salc-wausau.org</a>. Navigate to the bottom of the home page and click on the sermon you would like to hear. That will take you to a page with a link to the gospel text (you can read that first, if you'd like!) and then click on the word "listen" to hear God's Word proclaimed. Use the share buttons below to share the sermons with one another or on social media.

#### **CELEBRATION PATIO PAVERS**

Summer is here and is a great time to enjoy fellowship on the Celebration Patio. If you would like a paver in honor or memory of a loved one or an event, order forms are available on the Information Desk or on the Saint Andrew website: www.salc-wausau.org.

#### **SUMMER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Summer happens. Our lives become filled with travel, picnics, sporting events and time enjoying the wonderful (but often short) summer season. Your continued giving throughout the summer months even when you cannot be here makes a difference. Giving is easy while you are away this summer. Visit the Saint Andrew website, click on Giving and complete the Online Giving form and begin giving. Your continued contributions during summer months makes a difference.

#### SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at May...

Average attendance 407 \$ 49,991 Your gifts returned to God Ministry costs for Saint Andrew 61,598 Gifts greater (less) than costs \$ (11,607)

Where your treasure is, there your HEART will be also.

For more information, please see the Finance and Stewardship bulletin board just outside the office.

#### Assisting in Worship in July

|                  | Time               | July 7                        | July 14                       | July 21                       | July 28                        |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Altar Guild      | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | Team 6                        | Team 2                        | Team 2                        | Team 3                         |
| Usher<br>Team    | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | А                             | В                             | Tipple                        | Weidman                        |
| Lay<br>Readers   | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | Call to Volunteer             | Faith Martinson<br>Mark Clark | Julie Spalding<br>Dewey Allen | Dick Jarvis<br>Jayne Germinaro |
| Greeters         | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | Dotseth<br>Rusinek            | Weis<br>Beyer                 | Garton<br>Frolik              | Skadahl<br>Klein               |
| Fellowship       | 8:00 am<br>9:30 am | Breese   Spiegel<br>Alafouzos | Dotseth<br>Gnatz              | Geiger<br>Grabau              | Jacobson   Soukup<br>Holmes    |
| Cookie<br>Bakers | 7:30 am            | Alafouzos                     | Spiegel                       | Smith   Rusch                 | Fehrman                        |

#### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

| July 7                 | July 14             | July 21            | July 28                   |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Isaiah 66:10-14        | Deuteronomy 30:9-14 | Genesis 18:1-10a   | Genesis 18:20-32          |
| Psalm 66:1-9           | Psalm 25:1-10       | Psalm 15           | Psalm 138                 |
| Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16 | Colossians 1:1-14   | Colossians 1:15-28 | Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] |
| Luke 10:1-11, 16-20    | Luke 10:25-37       | Luke 10:38-42      | Luke 11:1-13              |

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| Friday Saturday 6  | 13  | 8:00 AM SALC Golf Outing ® Rib Mtn. Golf Course                               | 26 27   | August S M T W T F S   |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| Thursday  Independence Day Church Office Closed NO WORSHIP | 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP   | 12:15 PM WORSHIP<br>12:15 PM WORSHIP  | 25<br>12:15 PM WORSHIP<br>12:15 PM WORSHIP<br>7:00 PM Council Meeiing | S. M T W T<br>2 3 4 5 6<br>9 10 11 12 13<br>16 17 18 19 20<br>23 24 25 26 27 |
| Wednesday 3  | 10<br>Lectionary Study  |   | 77  | 31   |
| Tuesday 2  | 9<br>9:00 AM Reading Reflections<br>10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran<br>World Relief<br>6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings | 9:00 AM Reading Reflections<br>10:00 AM Quilling for Lutheran<br>World Relief | 9:00 AM Reading Reflections   | 9:00 AM Reading Reflections  |
| Monday 1<br>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen<br>Meetings       | 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings   | 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen<br>Meetings                                      | 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen<br>Meetings                              | 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen<br>Meetings                                     |
| <b>Kepuns</b>  | 8:00 AM WORSHIP<br>9:30 AM WORSHIP  | 8:00 AM WORSHIP<br>9:30 AM WORSHIP  | 21<br>8:00 AM WORSHIP<br>9:30 AM WORSHIP                              | 28<br>8:00 AM WORSHIP<br>9:30 AM WORSHIP                                     |

#### **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:

Ashton Jacob Kolbe - June 23
Georgia Law Hagenbucher - June 23
Isabelle Grace Jorstad - June 27
Naamah See Yang - July 21
Mack Carlton Melville - August 11

#### For Weddings:

In celebration for lives joined together in the covenant of marriage, we pray especially for:
Joe and Marissa Piatti - June 8
Ryan and Tara Brummer - June 22

#### For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Sharon Bloch

#### **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           | Ed                | Nancy    | Zurn   | Judy          |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------|---------------|
| Ali             | Jennifer          | Neil     | Amy    | Becky         |
| Alice           | Jerry             | Nikki    | Tom    | Dale          |
| Ashley          | Jim               | Orreanna | Yvonne | Angie & Laura |
| Babs            | Kristin           | Pam      | Laura  | Barb          |
| Bev             | Kristine & Family | Phil     | Frank  | Harper        |
| Bill            | Leann             | Rachel   | Pam    | Emmerson      |
| Brian           | Lynne & Dan       | Robin    | Helen  | Cullen        |
| Callie & Zak    | Meg               | Shirley  | Riley  | Jay           |
| Charles & Gerry | Michael           | Tom      | Katie  | Brian         |
| Charles         | Michelle          | Tony     | Joe    | Barb          |
| Claude          | Monica            | Zoe      | Katie  | Bill          |

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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#### **Parish Staff**

Rev. Jenn Collins, Pastor
Rev. Gary Brandenburg, Interim Pastor
Rev. Jeff Martinson, Visitation Pastor
Joy Mitchell, Secretary
Al Freiberg, Coordinator of Music
Sheldon Geiger, Bookkeeper
Shannon Vujnovich, Custodian
Dave Paisar, Custodian
Matthew Clark, Sexton
Jenna Rusch, Sexton
Dave Mueller, Sexton

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#### **Upcoming Events/Activities**

#### **JULY** 9 & 16 10 am-3 pm **Quilting for LWR** Wonder? Women: Lectionary Study 10 9:30 am **17** 7-9 pm **Fire with Friends** 20 8:00 am **SALC Annual Golf Outing AUGUST** 5-9 Vacation Bible School (VBS) 11:30 am **OWLS Group** 13 & 20 10 am-3 pm **Quilting for LWR** 13-15 Day Camp at Waypost Camp, Hatley 18 9:30 am **Blessing of Pets and Animals** 25 **Blessing of the Backpacks SEPTEMBER** 4 **Confirmation Orientation** 8 **Rally Sunday and Church Picnic Confirmation Classes Begin** 11



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