

Network



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Network Note from Pastor Jenn

Thomas Merton writes, "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end..."

In Wisconsin, the wilderness can be a beautiful place. Settling into the woods one might sit quietly and hear the forest come alive. The smell of pine and the wind in the leaves, the chirping birds and scurrying squirrels, the crunch of pine needles or snow beneath your feet can leave a person feeling refreshed, whole, and closer to God. The wilderness can also be a place of trial and testing. It might be a place of isolation where one feels stuck or even lost. One may think of dry and arid deserts – vast and open spaces-where resources are little and relief is hard to find.

Lent is like the wilderness. It's a season that reminds us how very much we need the grace of God to sustain our lives. Lent parallels the "40" stories in scripture: Noah and the flood narrative (Genesis 4-8), the giving of the law to Moses on Sinai (Exodus 24:12-18), Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:1-12) and Jesus' fasting and temptation in the wilderness (Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:9-12; Luke 4:1-13).

In the sacred space of Lent we are invited closer into God's own heart as we symbolically follow Christ into the wilderness. As we go, we are also invited to the disciplines of Lent which include several spiritual practices that will outline our weekly themes.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent – self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love – strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

-ELW Ash Wednesday Liturgy

These 40 days (plus six Sundays) Worship ministry has prepared a devotional reading calendar that will be mailed to you mid-February and help you to reflect on the gifts God gives to sustain *life in the wilderness: signs, rocks, paths, guides, and Christ, our cornerstone*. In that resource a word or phrase will guide you to personal reflection that will be integrated in midweek worship. This Lent, whether the wilderness is threatening or wonderful, look for Christ to guide you. Merton ends his prayer in this way, "I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Life in the Wilderness

Self Examination and Repentance

February 26—Ash Wednesday

Prayer

March 4

Fasting

March 11

Sacrificial Giving

March 18

Works of Love

March 25

Word and Sacrament

April 1

*"I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?"*

*I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert."*

Isaiah 43:19



Lent 2020

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 am

Super Bowl Snacks

Sunday, February 2

Snack donations for the Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale can be dropped off at church **Friday, January 31 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. All proceeds support the SALC Food Pantry.

Older Wiser Lutherans!

Tuesday, February 4

11:30 am

Bring your favorite dish to pass for a potluck lunch then stick around to welcome and get to know Pr. Justin.



Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, February 13 & 16** in support of the local Christian radio station, 89Q-Hope is Here.

Fair Trade Products

will be available for purchase on **Sunday, February 16**. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.



VINTAGE VALENTINE JEWELRY WORKSHOP

Monday, February 3, 6:30 pm, Activity Room

Do you have sentimental jewelry pieces you don't wear but would love to display? How about broken or mismatched jewelry bits you can't bear to throw out? Gather up those pieces and create a gorgeous work of art at our Vintage Valentine Jewelry Collage Workshop. You bring the jewelry-we'll bring everything else you'll need for the project. Sign up at the Information Desk in the Narthex or online. **Cost: \$25**

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, New Member Orientation will be held on **Sunday, February 9, 10:45 am**. New members will be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **Sunday, February 16**. Please call the church office by **Monday, February 3** to sign up.

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 4**. Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go will be available. Look for order forms on the Information Desk. **If you are interested in assisting with soup preparation**, equipment, ingredients and guidance are provided. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

Soup Menu

March 4

Turkey Noodle

Taco

Portuguese Bean

March 11

Chili

Chicken and Wild Rice

Corned Beef/Cabbage

March 18

Cheeseburger

Chicken Noodle

Northwoods Cheese

March 25

Unstuffed Pepper

Split Pea

Chicken Dumpling

April 1

Chicken Tortilla

Beef Barley Mushroom

Loaded Baked Potato

Soup and Sandwich Ministry Hosting Schedule

March 4: Social and Fellowship

March 11: Faith Formation

March 18: Worship and Altar Guild

March 25: Finance/Stewardship and Personnel

April 1: Memorial Gift and Property

Volunteers are needed from each ministry group to assist with serving, clean-up and to bring desserts. Thank you!

HYGIENE DRIVE DURING LENT

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 display will be available in the Fellowship Hall **February 26 through April 5** to place donated items. All donations will remain in the community. Thank you for your support!

WELCOME PASTOR JUSTIN!

Pastor Justin's first week in the office is this week, the week of January 27 and is now available for pastoral care. He will preach for the first time on Thursday and Sunday, February 6 and 9. Installation will likely take place in early March-watch the bulletin and March Network for details. Please introduce yourself when you can and welcome him in person.

In the SALC Library

*Now on display:

biographies and memoirs and Alice in Bibleland storybooks.

*Selected biographies about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther, Jimmy Carter, Joni Tada, Melba Beals, etc.

*Come see the new children's book shelves in the church library. "Check us out," say the books.

Art Devo**Beginning**

Wednesday, March 4,

Art Devo classes will take place 1-3 pm and will continue at that time throughout the winter. There will be **no classes on Wednesday, March 25 or April 1** due to spring break.

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 Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Barbara Kinney. 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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

To help celebrate SALC's 40th Anniversary, a small piece of history will be shared each month from the archives:

Consider with Me (from February 1983)

"To make a successful campaign, many volunteers will be needed. Many of you will be called to help. As I thought about all the phone calls, visits, and special meetings... I was reminded of this little "tidbit" that should help us all. It's a recipe for being a great volunteer:

Cream together spare time with the desire to help others. Add slowly, a series of training courses and orientations. Add a dash of enthusiasm, courage, and originality for flavor. Combine thoroughly, beating in many hours of service. Add well-sifted patience with equal parts of human kindness. Pour into a warm heart, bake well in the pan of experience. When done, top with the 3 D's: discipline, drill, and dependability. Serve in generous portions. I know we will all do our very best to cooperate and help to make this congregational effort a joy and memorable event for all to share in."

40TH ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATES!

Watch for more details in the coming months. Activities/events currently planned:

Sunday, April 26 – Celebration of the anniversary of Saint Andrew's very first service; Recognition of Pastor John Roseth and charter members.

Mid-May – Spring Cantata

Tuesday, June 23 – Birthday Picnic on the 400 Block

Photos are still being accepted from your time at SALC over the years for the 40th anniversary celebration. Please note the year and description with the photo. Photos can be submitted through the SALC website 40th anniversary page or to jenna@salc-wausau.org. Please contact Jenna to submit printed photos.

GIVING IN GRATITUDE FOR 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY: \$40 FOR 40

In honor of the life and legacy of Saint Andrew, members are invited to consider sharing a gift of \$40—one dollar for every year of the church's ministry—or a gift of any amount. This special appeal will be used in three significant ways: 80% of funds will be allocated for a Sanctuary renewal project (lighting updates, flooring, etc.); 10% will be shared with the SALC endowment and local hunger efforts; 10% will be tithed to the greater church in thanksgiving for our connection to the ELCA. Watch your mail for more details and your opportunity to participate in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Saint Andrew.

CONGRATULATIONS SHANNON! CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT SALC

If there's enough toilet paper, or the bathroom is clean, you typically don't notice. But if it's dirty – you do. Cleaning is less than half of the tasks that the custodian at Saint Andrew has on a daily basis. The candles you held when you sang silent night, the palm crosses on palm Sunday, the wax on the floor, the apple juice on Sunday mornings, the snow removal, the volunteer recruitment, the general maintenance the scheduling of rooms are just a few of the tasks on her plate. Thank you Shannon, who for the last 25 years has ensured that this facility has been warm and clean and as open as reflected by the mission and the people of Saint Andrew.

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW

At the 2020 annual meeting the agenda included nominations for council and Phil Bickley, Herb Heyne, Tammy Schilling, and Bob Wiederhoeft were elected with Jeanne Willems serving as the alternate. Two resolutions were passed including the 2020 annual spending plan and a resolution bestowing the honorary title of Pastor Emeritus on its first recipient, Pastor John Roseth. This will take place at the 40th anniversary of the first worship service at the end of April. To see the newly drafted Pastor Emeritus policy or to review the annual report, please visit the information desk or you can learn more online at www.salc-wausau.org. Thanks to all who were in attendance to do the work of Christ's church together!

2020 YOUTH SUMMER TRIP

High schoolers—are you looking for a great summer adventure to include backpacking? If you have completed 9th-12th grade, you are invited to join us on the youth summer trip through Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp, McLeod, Montana. Check the Information Desk for more details. Questions? Contact Jenna@salc-wausau.org.

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Sunday-Friday, June 14-19 at Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI

Confirmation Camp is for students who have completed 7th grade. It is a unique experience for entire confirmation groups to be immersed in an intentional Christian community together and have faith-filled conversations with their counselor and others. Registration information coming soon!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES

February 19:	Last Confirmation Class
February 26:	Ash Wednesday Worship Services
April 5:	Palm Sunday
April 9:	Maundy Thursday
April 10:	Good Friday
April 12:	Easter Sunday (No Sunday School)
May 17:	Last Day of Sunday School
June 14-19:	Confirmation Camp

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday and Friday, August 6 and 7

This summer, Saint Andrew will be serving as a Premier Host site for the Global Leadership Summit, a two-day leadership training seminar. This program is a world-class experience full of inspiring content from a diverse faculty. More information will be available in the spring to learn how you can attend or volunteer to help.

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.

ARE YOU OVER 70?

If you are over 70 1/2 years old and taking a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you could reduce the taxable portion of your RMD by making a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) to a qualified charitable organization such as Saint Andrew directly from your IRA. Rather than receiving an itemized deduction for your donation, less of your IRA distribution would be taxable. If you are interested in the QCD, contact the church office for more information. Because there are certain restrictions and requirements for QCD, you will need to consult with your financial advisor or institution to set this up.

SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at December:

Average attendance	639
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 83,989
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>67,207</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 16,782

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

	Time	February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Team 4	Team 4	Team 5
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Shepherd	A	B	Tipple
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Diane Goetsch Herb Heyne	Duane Zietlow Ruth Heyne	Jeremy Hoffman Dan Seanor	Mary Jarvis Lynn Lawson
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Czerwinski Koch	Rickstad Mann Kyhos	Weidman Lawson	Jarvis Oehmichen Clark Mielke
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Jarvis Poutanen	Mueller Smith	Matushak Willems	Stangel Wurz
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Lemke	Hersperger	Rusch Smith	Jarvis

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12	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	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

February 2020

Sunday							Monday							Tuesday							Wednesday							Thursday							Friday							Saturday						
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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:

Delaney Rose Laher - December 29

Hailey Mae Sattler - January 12

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Barbara Kinney

Laura Glassford

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	Jan	Monica	Zurn	Angie & Laura
Ali	Jennifer	Neil	Amy	Harper
Alice	Jerry	Nikki	Tom	Emmerson
Ashley	Jim	Nora	Yvonne	Cullen
Babs	Karen	Orreanna	Laura	Jay
Bev	Kristin	Pam	Frank	Audrey
Bill	Larry	Phil	Pam	Jeanne
Brian	Leann	Robin	Riley	Kristen
Brittney	Leonard	Shirley	Katie	Mary Lou
Callie & Zak	Lynne & Dan	Terry	Joe	
Charles & Gerry	Meg	Tom	Judy	
Ed	Meghan	Tony	Becky	
Jaime	Melanie	Zoe	Dale	

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)

Open to All



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Dave Mueller, *Sexton*



If school is cancelled,
Saint Andrew classes
& meetings will be
also.

Check the SALC
Facebook page or
website, or News
Channels 7 & 9
television or
websites for closings
and cancellations.

Upcoming Events/Activities

FEBRUARY

2	9:00 am	Super Bowl Snack Sale
3	6:30 pm	Vintage Valentine Jewelry Workshop
4	11:30 am	OWLS Group
9	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
16	9:30 am	Reception of New Members
19	6:15 pm	Last Confirmation Class
26	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Services
26		Hygiene Drive Begins

MARCH

3	11:30 am	OWLS Group
4, 11, 18, 25	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Lenten Worship Services w/Soup & Sandwich



SALC is on Facebook! Follow the link on the Saint Andrew website
and click "like" to keep up with the latest news and events!