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Upcoming Events/Activities



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.

| MARCH | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | | Pretzel Sunday-Fellowship |
| 4, 11, 18, 25 | 12:15 & 6:15 pm | Lenten Worship Services w/Soup & Sandwich |
| 8 | 8:00 & 9:30 am | Installation Services of Pr. Justin |
| 10 | 6:30 pm | Zeerust Planning Meeting |
| 11 | 5:00 pm | Inukshuk Project |
| 15 | 10:45 am | Lenten Learning: Generosity Project |
| 18 | 5:00 pm | Inukshuk Project |
| 31 | 7:00 pm | Holy Spirits at Timekeeper Distillery |
| APRIL | | |
| 1 | 12:15 & 6:15 pm | Lenten Worship Services w/Soup & Sandwich |
| 9 | 12:15 & 6:15 pm | Maundy Thursday Worship |
| 10 | 12:15 & 6:15 pm | Good Friday Worship |
| 12 | 6:00 am | Easter Worship on Rib Mountain |
| 12 | 8, 9:30 & 11 am | Easter Worship at Saint Andrew |



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

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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Network



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Network Note from Pastor Justin

When I was reminded about the Companion Synod Visit meeting last Saturday, I thought, "Great! Saturday was gone and I would have to wait longer to unpack." I grumbled in my heart, but once Tammy Schilling and I arrived at the meeting and began to see the pictures and hear the stories and understand how many years this relationship has been going on, I realized I was wrong to grumble.

Christian fellowship is a radical action in our world. Relationships and bonds build across geographical, cultural, and international divisions witness to the power of faith to uplift the Image of God present within each and every person. It also shows the unity of our faith to draw together and transform a wonderfully diverse group of people through the deceptively simple act of baptism. While it may seem like there are divisions in this country that cannot be overcome, this companion relationship is proof that there is no barrier that cannot be overcome by the Holy Spirit.

Aside from the wonderful witness for Christian unity, to a divisive world, there is the fun of the time together.

We have hosted exchange students for an entire school year through a program called AFS. While I am tempted to lift my family up as proof that anyone can do this if a clergy couple with small children can, I will just say that our girls remember each student and bonded with them in different ways and carry with them a piece of that relationship. This visit is an opportunity to share with your fellow Christians just what you love about the place where God has planted you, the work to which God calls you, and to hear about theirs. **(See more details of the upcoming visit on p. 4)**

While we are journeying through Lent, I encourage you to consider a new path. Prepare for companionship. Challenge yourselves to prepare your summer schedules to help with the visit of our extended family in Christ from Zeerust. Prepare to show them the best that we are at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, the best that we are as Wisconsinites, and the best that we are as brothers and sisters in Christ to them. They are making a bold step in taking their time, talents, and resources to invest in this relationship because for them, it is worth it. Let us meet their investment with our generosity, the same way that you have been so generous and excited about my presence in the life of Saint Andrew.

My wife may not know it yet, but I hope to have our house prepared so that we can host folks, include them in our lives, and build connections that (via social media and email) will continue to be nurtured. Our girls can share a room again, for a while, they may not know it yet, but I know that when I tell them why, they would be very interested in meeting a new brother or sister in Christ, and be a part of one another's journeys.

Weekly Worship

Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 + 9:30 am

The Installation of Associate Pastor, The Rev. Justin H. Smoot

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Worship at 8:00 am & 9:30 am - Reception to follow

Life
in the
Wilderness



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Wednesdays in Lent, 12:15 & 6:15 pm

February 26—Ash Wednesday:
Self-Examination and Repentance
March 4—Prayer
March 11—Fasting
March 18—Sacrificial Giving
March 25—Works of Love
April 1—Word and Sacrament

HOLY WEEK

April 9—Maundy Thursday
12:15 & 6:15 pm
April 10—Good Friday
12:15 & 6:15 pm
April 12—Easter
6:00, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

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

Older Wiser Lutherans!
The OWLS group will take a break in March. Please watch next month’s Network for details on their next gathering.

Holy Spirits
Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 pm
- Timekeeper Distillery
Spend some time engaging in faith-based discussion in a fun and casual setting. No RSVP needed!

Noisy Offering
Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, March 12 & 15** in support of the **Lay School** hosted monthly at Saint Andrew—sponsored by the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. Learn more about the lay school at: www.wausaulayschool.org.

Fair Trade Products
will be available for purchase on **Sunday, March 22**. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.



GOD OUR GUIDE-INUKSHUK PROJECT

Wednesdays March 11 and 18, 5 pm-6 pm
Inukshuks are carefully balanced rock structures used by Inuit people to guide and navigate. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to create your own inukshuk to take home. Then, join in worship to reflect on God as our guide and Christ as our cornerstone. Open to all ages at no cost.



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Saint Andrew is blessed to have the following new members received into its faith family on February 16: Alan, LaVonne and Alex Jordan; Patrick, Molly, Mackenzie and Naomi Kieper; Chelsey Olson and Michael Palmer; Justin Peters and Sara Hujar; Justin, Molly, Brayden and Embree Pinter. Please give them a warm welcome as you see them 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 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 | March 11 | |
| Turkey Noodle | Chili | |
| Taco | Chicken and Wild Rice | |
| Portuguese Bean | Corned Beef/Cabbage | |
| March 18 | March 25 | April 1 |
| Cheeseburger | Unstuffed Pepper | Chicken Tortilla |
| Chicken Noodle | Split Pea | Beef Barley Mushroom |
| Northwoods Cheese | Chicken Dumpling | 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! | |

LENTEN LEARNING: GENEROSITY PROJECT

Sunday, March 15, 10:45 am -12:30 pm - Fellowship Hall
Join us for an intergenerational learning opportunity! The Generosity Project was created to connect and equip people of all ages for the faith practice of generosity. We will connect across generations to explore what it means to be generous at every age.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS

Daffodils, Tulips, Chrysanthemums and Easter Lilies can be ordered for \$16 each for the altar on Easter Sunday. Order forms are available on the **Information Desk in the Narthex**. **Order deadline: Sunday, March 29.**



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:
Hailey Mae Sattler - *January 12*
Wyatt Archie Drake - *March 8*

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:
For the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:
William Radloff

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...

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

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)

Life in the Wilderness
Lent 2020



March 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|--|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes Pretzel Sunday-Fellowship | 2 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen 7:00 PM Dartball at St. Paul | 3 9:00 AM Reading Reflections | 4 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:15 & 6:15 pm Lenten Worship w/Soup & Sandwich 1:00 PM Art Devo 5:15 PM Handbell Reh. 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Reh. | 5 12:15 PM Worship 6:15 PM Worship | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:00 & 9:30 Worship and Installation of Pr. Justin 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes | 9 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen | 10 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings | 11 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:15 & 6:15 pm Lenten Worship w/Soup & Sandwich 1:00 PM Art Devo 5:00 PM Inukshuk Project 5:15 PM Handbell Reh. 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Reh. | 12 12:15 PM Worship 6:15 PM Worship | 13 | 14 |
| 15 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes 10:45 AM Lenten Learning: Generosity Project | 16 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen 7:00 PM Dartball vs. Peace | 17 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for LWR | 18 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:15 & 6:15 pm Lenten Worship w/Soup & Sandwich 1:00 PM Art Devo 5:00 PM Inukshuk Project 5:15 PM Handbell Reh. 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Reh. | 19 12:15 PM Worship 6:15 PM Worship | 20 5:00 PM Lay School | 21 8:00 AM Lay School |
| 22 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes | 23 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen 7:00 PM Dartball vs. St. Paul | 24 9:00 AM Reading Reflections | 25 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:15 & 6:15 pm Lenten Worship w/Soup & Sandwich 5:15 PM Handbell Reh. 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Reh. | 26 12:15 PM Worship 6:15 PM Worship 7:00 PM Council Meeting | 27 | 28 |
| 29 8:00 AM Worship 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School Classes | 30 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen 7:00 PM Dartball at St. Mark | 31 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 7:00 PM Holy Spirits at Timekeepers Distillery | Daylight Saving Time Begins at 2 am March 8 Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour | | | |

Check It Out!

When you see a quilting of the continent of Africa hanging in the library you will know that the long-awaited display of books about South Africa are finally here! Books for adults, young adults, and children. Fiction, history, biographies, descriptive books, folk tales, DVDs, AND South African music performed by Ladysmith Black Mambazo. Check it out and get ready for the visit from our friends from Zeerust!

Easter Food Baskets

Request by Wed., April 1
Pick-Up: Sat., April 4-9:30 am
If you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

Art Devo

Wednesdays, 1-3 pm
Classes will take place from 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.

SALC Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Bill Radloff. 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.

SPECIAL APPEAL GIFTS MATCHED TO \$40,000

In February a mailing was sent detailing the \$40 for 40 special appeal approved at the congregational meeting. To celebrate the legacy we have inherited and the mission we share, everyone is invited to give a gift of \$40 representing \$1 for each of Saint Andrew's 40 years of ministry, or a gift of any amount. Your gifts to this appeal will be used in three ways: 80% will be used for much needed upgrades to the Sanctuary-new carpeting, new, more energy efficient lighting, painting, and other updates. In keeping with our mission, 10% will be given in benevolence to the ELCA as part of our mission to support the greater church. And finally, 10% to fight hunger and to bolster the Endowment Fund for mission work into the next 40 years. We encourage everyone to give what they can and if inspired, to give above and beyond the \$40 as we have an incredibly generous donor who has pledged to match all giving up to \$40,000. The appeal will conclude at the end of April with plans underway for Sanctuary updates to begin this summer.

40TH ANNIVERSARY

The 40th Anniversary Planning team is already at work and could use your help. In the works are plans to host a reception for the recognition of Pr. John and the Charter Member reunion; host a birthday party picnic on the 400 block this summer to celebrate with the community; and a plan for a formal reception late this fall to celebrate the life, legacy, and mission that the Holy Spirit has sustained through us and all who have, over the years, comprised the community at Saint Andrew. Please contact Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org to contribute to this year-long celebration!

A Sanctuary Renewal Team is being created to work on updating our worship space this summer with new carpet, lighting, and painting. If you were a part of the original sanctuary planning team, have experience and insight on these kinds of updates, or an eye for design and would like to serve the church in this way, please see Pr. Jenn.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

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

A Little Push (1984)

It probably happens every day of the week... I just happened to notice it for the first time. I was sitting in my truck the other day when an old clunker stalled nearby. The driver was unable to start the old car, and traffic quickly started backing up behind him. Horns sounded and angry drivers began to shout their unpleasant words at the embarrassed man. After a while, cars began to pull around the old car. Finally, one person drove up behind the stalled car and gave it a push. Soon it began moving under its own power and traffic got underway again.

Life is a lot like that! Someone is halted by circumstances beyond their control... most folks shout their disgust at the unfortunate person and leave him to his fate... others, like myself on that day, said nothing and did nothing. All the man really needed was a little push to get started again.

It's true in church, too! We have a few "stalled vehicles" who need a little push to get on the move again. If you know of someone who is losing interest in Saint Andrew, or who is mired up to their axles in personal problems, offer a little encouragement. Don't take the easy route...shout-out some angry words or simply do nothing...offer a little encouragement.

ZEERUST LUTHERAN CHURCH COMPANION VISIT - JUNE 18-30

Walking and working together, we seek to accompany our companions. Accompaniment is defined as walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality. The ELCA lives out accompaniment in relationships with global companions, striving to share God’s love and participate in God’s mission together:

Mutually: All of us have gifts to support God’s mission. There is no mission *to*, only mission *with and among*.
Inclusively: We seek to build relationships across boundaries that exclude and divide.
Vulnerably: Just as Jesus became vulnerable to us, we open ourselves to others.
Empowering: We seek to identify and correct imbalances of power, which may mean recognizing and letting go of our own.
Sustainably: To ensure local ministries last for a long time, we seek to embed mission in ongoing relationships and communities.

As the planning process begins for Saint Andrew to receive visitors from our companion congregation in Zeerust, South Africa **June 18-30**, please keep in mind these important dates:

March 10, 6:30 pm: Ministry Night will include a planning session for the visit. Even if you don’t usually come, please join us. If you cannot make the April 18 meeting, join us and help us prepare for the visit.
April 18: Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk (108 W. Somo Ave.) - a meeting for those who are hosting or are interested in hosting Zeerust visitors followed by a South African lunch.

Please watch for additional information. If you are interested in hosting please watch for details on the Information Desk. There will also be specific meetings with each Saint Andrew hosting family at a future date. If you have any questions, email Pr. Justin at pastorjustin@salc-wausau.org or Tammy Schilling at tschilli@amfam.com.

2020 YOUTH SUMMER TRIP

There is still space on our backpacking trip through Christikon Lutheran Church Camp in Montana **July 17-26** (travel days included). This is an exciting opportunity for students that have completed grades 9-12. Pick up a registration form on the Information Desk. **Completed forms and initial deposit are due March 15.**

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!

FAITH FORMATION DATES

March 15: Youth Summer Trip Reg./Deposit Due
March 15: Lenten Learning: Generosity Project
March 31: Holy Spirits
May 17: Last Day of Sunday School
June 14-19: Confirmation Camp at Waypost Camp
July 17-26: Youth Summer Trip to Christikon
August 6-7: Global Leadership Summit
August 10-14: VBS (Vacation Bible School)
August 11-13: Day Camp at Waypost

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.

FIRST QUARTER STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for the first quarter of 2020 will be emailed rather than mailed. Please contact the church office if you would prefer to have your quarterly contribution statements mailed to you.

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.

SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at January:

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Average attendance | 420 |
| Your gifts returned to God | \$ 63,955 |
| Ministry costs for Saint Andrew | 70,934 |
| Gifts greater (less) than costs | \$ (6,979) |



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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP IN MARCH

| | Time | March 1 | March 8 | March 15 | March 22 | March 29 |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Altar Guild | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 5 | Team 6 | Team 6 | Team 2 | Team 3 |
| Usher Team | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Weidman | Johnson | Shepherd | A | Tipple |
| Lay Readers | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Dick Jarvis Laura Seanor | Sean McCarthy Daniel Malm | Dave Mueller Judith Marshall | Tammy Schilling Julie Oehmichen | Lyn Weis Susan Paisar |
| Greeters | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Jacobson Oehmichen Murphy | Dotseth Paisar | Weidman Alafouzoz | Weis Schilling | Howe Schmidt Smith |
| Fellowship | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Rickstad McDonald Wittich | Rusch Frolik Mielke | Breese Spiegel Alafouzoz | Sorensen Gnatz | Sitko Grabau |
| Cookie Bakers | 7:30 am | Rickstad | Frolik | Spiegel | Weidman | Lemke |

LECTIONARY READINGS

| March 1 | March 8 | March 15 | March 22 | March 29 |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 | Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17 | Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42 | 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 | Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45 |