

Network



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Summer Reflections by Pastor Jenn

The first time the word, "rest," appears in scripture is in the story of creation—Genesis 2:2—"And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested..." In the gospel of Matthew Jesus invites, "Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." From these two passages alone, it is clear that rest is important to God.

We are wired to rest every day—and without enough rest, we quickly begin to feel depleted and find that other aspects of our thinking, feeling and "doing" - become compromised. Even the voice of the Psalmist pleads for rest - "O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, by find no rest..." (Psalm 22).

Are you taking time to rest? Not only physically—but spiritually—are you taking time to rest your soul in the promises of God? As I write this many students and teachers are experiencing their first taste of summer break—some even taking time to sleep in and do very little as they readjust from a season of ending the school year. Some people head "up north" in the summer. While others take time to hike, sit in the sunshine, or go for rides. What disciplines, activities, or pilgrimages help you experience rest for your soul, and renewal?

500 years ago, the church went through a period of reformation unrest. As a voice among many, a German friar, theologian and teacher named Martin Luther posed questions about what was really central for faith noting that God's grace alone brings us salvation. The concept that he didn't have to work or earn the grace of God was revolutionary for him, and allowed his soul to rest from the angst that he had previously felt.

Throughout the coming months, Saint Andrew will be marking the 500th anniversary of the reformation. Already present among us are a series of doors in the fellowship hall, created by Saint Andrew member Karoline Schwantes (and friends) that contain quotes from Martin Luther. Even more noticeable is a rather sizeable door that celebrates the ways the reformation has brought the church a continuing sense of renewal. When you have a moment, check out that door and add your own "post" to celebrate our reformation heritage. And be on the look-out for other displays that will help us learn more about Lutheran heritage in the coming months.

While our souls can rest in the grace of God, I am also grateful for the chance to experience some rest, renewal and reformation through a time of sabbatical that will take place over two periods of time: August and portions of September 2017 and portions of January and February in 2018. I look forward to traveling to Germany to bring back a better understanding of the Luther story as well as learning through the Leadership Academy with other leaders across the ELCA who will be learning about new paradigms for leadership in larger congregations during these changing times.

As we enter into the fullness of summer and all that it can hold for us, I also pray that God might bless your rest!

*"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
Matthew 11:29*

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**

Photo Directory

Thank you to all who participated in the SALC photo directory! Portraits that were ordered will be mailed directly to your home. If you are receiving the complimentary 8x10 photo, those have begun to arrive at SALC and are available on the Information Desk to be picked up.

OWLS

The OWLS will take a summer break in July. Watch the August Network for their next adventure.



"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The 2017 third quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, July 13 & 16** during worship to provide resources for landscaping materials for the Habitat for Humanity homes currently being built in Rib Mountain. Stay tuned to learn how you can participate when the landscaping is ready to be completed!

Fair Trade Products

The supply of coffee, tea and chocolates are well-stocked and just in time for Father's Day. Please stop by on **Sunday, July 16**. Thanks for your continuing support.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will take a break over the summer months and resume on the third Sunday in September.

WALL MURAL PAINTING!

Sunday, July 9; 9 am-2 pm (lunch provided)

Tuesday, July 18; 2-8 pm (pizza provided)

Join in the Sunday School Wall Mural Painting fun! All supplies provided and all skill levels welcome at these paint-by-number events. See you there!

SALC GOLF OUTING

Saturday, July 22, 8 am

Rib Mountain Golf Course

The fun begins with a shot-gun start and continues with a 9-hole scramble. There will be prizes for special hole events (longest putt, closest to the hole, etc.). Sign up your foursome or be a part of a "potluck" team. At least one church member per team. Fee: \$20. Sign up at church or call the church office at 715-842-3333. All are welcome!

PET SUNDAY

Sunday, August 20, 9:30 am

Bring the **whole** family — all socially adapted creatures, great and small, are welcome. The congregation will again 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. Please help with your pet's clean-up as needed.

VBS—"WATER OF LIFE"

Monday-Friday, July 24-28; 9 am-12 pm

Another session of VBS (Vacation Bible School) with the counselors from Crossways Camping Ministries is almost here! You do not need to be a member of Saint Andrew to participate. Families are encouraged to invite friends to this exciting week of learning through hands-on projects, activities and songs! Registration forms are available on the Information Desk or online at salc-wausau.org. Please consider volunteering to assist during VBS - volunteer forms are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex.

SALC TREASURER

Sincerest appreciation to Kerry Fehrman for her dedication and many hours shared as the SALC Treasurer. Kerry has faithfully served for 10 years and will now enjoy new opportunities to participate in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew and the larger church with the Synod Council. Terri Wiederhoeft has been appointed to fill this position. Thank you Kerry and welcome Terri!

ATTENTION SCRAPBOOKERS

A short-term task group is being formed to add to the visual history of Saint Andrew on the walls in the Fellowship Hall and organize printed archive documents. Anyone interested in sharing their creative talents and a few hours of time are invited to call the church office for more information or to sign up!



Play Group at SALC

Play group will be taking a break for the remainder of the summer and resume in September. Know that the nursery is always open to moms, dads and their tots during SALC's office hours of 8 am-4 pm to stop by for a play break!

Quilts, Quilt Tops and School Bag Kits

You don't have to be a seasoned quilter to sew these quilts or school bags! Quilt kits include the top, batting and bottom. School bag kits include pre-cut material ready for sewing! Completed quilts and school bags will be shipped to LWR (Lutheran World Relief) in the fall and are available in the kiosk in the Narthex.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Sara Quirt Sann. 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.

THE BOOK IN THE PEW

In the month of July, ten copies of the book, *"The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation in an Uncertain Age"* (by Dwight J. Zscheile) will be placed throughout the pews in the sanctuary. If you sit down and notice the book in front of you in worship, you are invited to take it home with you. Read as much (or as little) as you'd like and on the following Sunday, bring it back with you and place it in the pew, or hand it off to someone else. Through this congregational book exchange, we will learn together about the nature of the church in our current cultural climate. The book is a great opportunity for us to be thinking about how God is calling us as a congregation to share the gospel in more agile ways within and outside the walls of Saint Andrew. Then, those who are interested in conversation about the book are invited to join with other ELCA congregations and members from across our area facilitated by synod staff.



Conversation on the book will be held July 19th, 6:30-8:30 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran Church (McClellan St., downtown Wausau).

SEMINARY UPDATE FROM MATT

Greetings Siblings in Christ,

This is Matt Seegert, your friendly neighborhood seminarian! At the beginning of July, I will be concluding my year-long internship at St. John's Lutheran Church in Grand Mound, Iowa. My experience serving among the people of God in this place has been very positive. I have experienced many joys and challenges of full time ministry. As my internship is at a detached site and my supervisor serves at another nearby congregation, I have been the sole pastoral presence at St. John's. This has allowed me to preach every Sunday this year, provide educational programs and pastoral care, perform three baptisms, lead worship at three funerals, and assist with three weddings. I was also synodically authorized by the bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod to preside at Holy Communion two Sundays a month.

Shortly after internship concludes, Becky and I will travel to Spain for a month. While there, we will hike close to 500 miles on the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage route across the northern part of the country. We hope that this trip will provide a chance for us both to reflect on the past year and to look forward for the year to come all while walking twelve miles a day, eating good food, and meeting lots of new people. When we return, Becky will begin her fourth year teaching Spanish at Lancaster High school in Lancaster, WI and I will begin my final year at Wartburg Theological Seminary. In February, we will find out more information about what region and synod we will be assigned to for first call. I look forward to seeing you all and visiting with you in September.

Blessings, Matt Seegert



Saint Andrew Lutheran Church VBS

"The Water of Life!"

Grades Pre-K through 5

July 24-28; 9 am-12 pm

Friday, July 28 – 11:30 am: Closing Ceremony and Family Luncheon



REGISTRATION FORM

(Also available online at www.salc-wausau.org)

*Return this form with a \$15 registration fee per child (maximum \$30 per family) to Saint Andrew Lutheran Church by **July 14**.

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Street Address, City, Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Number: Home _____ Cell _____

Child Information

Name _____

Grade Completed _____ Allergies/Special Needs _____

Child Information

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Emergency Contact

Name _____ Phone _____

If there is any other information about your child(ren) you think would be helpful for us to know, please note it below.

ASP—YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP



Please join in praying for Ben, Lily, Mark, Matthew, Dylan, Elle, Jenna, Kenzie, Elena, Tate, Abby, Skylar, Linda, Paul, Laurel, Shannon, Bob, and Pastor Jenn as they travel to Knox County, Kentucky July 8-16 to help participate in work projects that will make homes for the people in Knox County warmer, safer, and dryer. Many thanks to those who have contributed financially to the cost of the trip. Mark your calendars to help us send them and celebrate their return!

Thursday, July 6—6:15 pm

Sending prayer during evening worship

Sunday, July 23—10:45 am

Return Celebration Lunch and potluck.

Hear stories and see pictures about the trip and celebrate a safe return with a picnic lunch. Look for RSVP information on the Information Desk in the month of July.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Mark your calendar to attend worship on **Sunday, August 27** as students and their backpacks, parents and teachers are blessed as they begin a new school year.

SALC ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 10

The first day of Sunday School begins with Rally Sunday as students begin with worship at 9:30 am and will be dismissed to classrooms where they will meet their teachers. At 10:45 am all are welcome to celebrate the end of summer and enjoy the church picnic in the Fellowship Hall and on the Celebration Patio with food, fellowship and fun! Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name: A-M salad or side dish; N-Z dessert.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN JULY

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
July 2	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Shepherd	<i>Please Call to Volunteer</i>	<i>Please Call to Volunteer</i>	Dave Mueller & Joanne Howard Roger & Ruth Poutanen
July 9	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 9	A	Dan Malm Jayne Germinaro	Mark & Pam Clark George & Bonnie Alafouzoz	Steve & Kay Sitko Greg & Jeanne Willems
July 16	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	B	Dick Jarvis Cheryl Allen	Jim Jacobson & Shirley Bickford Bev DeHaan & Billie Schmidt	Bill & Doreen Radloff Russ & Alice Van Skike
July 23	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Brekke	Mike Spalding Faith Martinson	Bill & Doreen Radloff Bruce & Linda Beyer	Barb Breese & Tina Spiegel Amy Frolik & Pam Mielke
July 30	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	Weidman	Diane Goetsch Tammy Schilling	Janice Nelson Tom & Mary Weiland	Jason & Linda Rickstad Jason & Dede Gnatz

LECTIONARY READINGS

July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	3 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings Independence Day Holiday - Church Office Closed	4 Independence Day Holiday - Church Office Closed	5	6 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	7	8 11:00 AM Froehlich Shower
9 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Painting Party - SALC Classrooms w/lunch provided 9:30 AM First Faith Summer Session 9:30 AM WORSHIP	10 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	11 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings	12	13 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	14	ASP Youth Mission Trip ...
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16 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM First Faith Summer Session 9:30 AM WORSHIP	17 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	18 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Painting Party-SALC Classrooms w/pizza provided	19 6:30 PM The Agile Church - Book conversation at St. Stephen Lutheran, downtown Wausau	20 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	21 Rehearsal	22 8:00 AM SALC Golf Outing - Rib Mountain Golf Course 2:00 PM Beese-Fisher Wedding
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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 Monroe Steingraber - May 21
 Levi Thomas Hader - June 4
 Jordan William and Jackson Jeffrey
 Severson - June 11
 Davis William Brian Brandt - June 11
 Arianna Elizabeth Wickersheim - June 25
 Bristol Ann Lyon - July 9
 Kiersten Lynn Brueggens - July 23
 Hunter Jo Wimmer - August 13
 Everett Andrew Jacobson - September 17

For Weddings:

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

Michael Stahnke & Lanny Harder - August 5

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Lynn Marie Westermeyer

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	Lynne & Dan	Laura	Helen
Ashley	Meg	Bob	Dick & Peggy
Babs	Monica	Frank	Gene & Suzie
Barb	Nikki	Pam	Katie & Allan
Brian	Robert	Angie	Merlin
Callie & Zak	Robin	Ruth	Dean
Carrie	Steve	Jerry	
Charles & Gerry	Tom	Sue	
Dennis	Ella	Jim	
Elaine	Amy	Brian	
Jean	Tom	Joyce	
Jerry	Yvonne	Aiden	
Leann	Dixie	Derrick	

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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Upcoming Events/Activities

July 3 & 4		Church Office Closed
July 6	6:15 pm	ASP Sending During Worship
July 8-16		ASP Youth Mission Trip
July 9	9:00 am-2:00 pm	Painting Party w/Lunch
July 18	2:00-6:00 pm	Painting Party w/Pizza
July 22	8:00 am	SALC Annual Golf Outing
July 23	10:45 am	ASP Return Celebration and Potluck Lunch
July 24-28	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School (VBS): "Water of Life"
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August 20	9:30 am	Pet Sunday
August 27	9:30 am	Blessing of the Backpacks
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September 6		Confirmation Orientation
September 10		Rally Sunday/Church Picnic
September 17		Fall Worship Schedule Begins: 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School Classes Begin



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