



# Network



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*Pastor Craig*

Are you a person who likes to learn how things work or otherwise need to find meaning in life? Or are you okay with accepting what is and not knowing how a washing machine works, how brakes can stop a car. From early on, I have been fascinated by mechanical things, what parts move others, how wheels, sprockets, gears and levers work together and on a deeper level, what is the meaning and purpose of a roundabout or rain gutter (to name a couple of random items). In some ways, to find meaning and purpose for things and life in general is an interest to many people rather than simply accept things for what they are with no explanation or description.

In his day, young Friar Martin Luther had become unsettled in accepting the teachings of the church at face value and actually had begun to see a separation between teaching and practice. He saw the leaders of the church, the pastors of the day, neglecting in their duties to teach basic principles of faith and expecting people to simply accept teachings without engaging heart and mind to ponder deeper meaning and purpose for daily life. Luther determined that it was in the best interest of faith development that each family teach their children and help them grow in basic concepts of faith and life through the Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed and Lord's Prayer and eventually also the sacraments. Luther believed it to be the basic responsibilities of every Christian to read, teach, learn, meditate and ponder matters of faith so as to guard against the continued work of the devil. Of course accepting this responsibility depends on our belief that evil exists and further that our best efforts are not able to outrun the sinful nature that is so engrained in us. The basic teaching that sparked the Protestant movement now 500 years ago, centered on Law and Gospel. The law tells us where we fall short, points out our sinful nature, while the gospel assures us that God willingly and faithfully provides balm for weary souls so that we are not burdened by the challenges of the world but set free to witness God's love in Christ and the new life that is a gift to those who receive it through faith/trusting in God's promises.

This being the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the Reformation, we will spend considerable time in reviewing the catechism and probing for deeper meaning in these teachings so that we grow in the faith and life that God desires for us. Time will be spent in worship, in small group studies, confirmation classes and resources will be available to take home to meditate upon and share conversation about the "what does this mean" parts of this teaching that has been so much part of our church's history but perhaps not as familiar to us any longer. The September issue of the Network will highlight the opportunities and resources that are being planned. In the mean time, I encourage you to become curious and willing to ask questions so that together we can learn and grow in our faith and understanding of the simple as well as the mysterious things that are all around us.

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

**Tuesday, August 1, 11:30 am**

The OWLS will meet for a potluck lunch then watch the DVD, "The Iron Wall". This movie is based on Palestinian territory and its issues. Then at the November 7 OWLS get together, Rev. Dr. Niveen Sarras from Immanuel Lutheran Church of Wausau will come to Saint Andrew to share her insight on this topic.



### Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, August 17 & 20** during worship in support of The Marathon County Humane Society as we bless our pets and animals on Pet Sunday.

### Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will resume on the third Sunday in September and take place in the Activity Room.

### Fair Trade Products

Stop by the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, August 20!** Sales have been good the last couple of months, so the shelves will be restocked with an order from Equal Exchange, our main fair trade supplier. We'll have coffee and chocolate, our best sellers. Thanks to all of you who buy the fair trade products, these purchases help family owned producers compete against the big plantations.

### 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. The Noisy Offering received at this worship will be in support of the Marathon County Humane Society. Please help with your pet's clean-up as needed.



### CHURCH PICNIC/RALLY SUNDAY

**Sunday, September 10**

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. Following the theme of this year's VBS "Water of Life", a dunk tank will also be available to see who can "dunk a pastor". Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name: A-M salad or side dish; N-Z dessert.



### 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.

### 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 9** 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).

### 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 resume on the second Friday in September at 10 am. 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.

**Crop Walk Funds**

In addition to bringing relief to those affected by poverty and natural disasters world wide, funds raised in U.S. Crop Walks are used in Honduras where 8,750 hygiene kits were given to families in need and in Nicaragua where 2,955 school kits, 599 hygiene kits, and 43 baby kits were given. Thank you and we hope that support continues in the 2017 Wausau area Crop Walk on October 1.

**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.

**WAUSAU WARMING CENTER**

The 2016-2017 winter season at the Wausau Warming Center started November 1 and ran through April 30 and open from 6:30 pm to 8:00 am daily. Saint Andrew had a team of 14 volunteers who rotated two Fridays a month, for a total of 12 intake shifts, running from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Saint Andrew also had congregation members who made meals to be served for evening intake and made breakfast in the mornings.

The Saint Andrew team had a huge impact on the staffing needs at the WWC. Not only did team members work their scheduled Fridays, they also filled in many open slots on the schedule during the week as needed. The WWC staff often expressed their appreciation for the much needed support from the Saint Andrew team.

The need for a warming shelter in Wausau, and volunteers to staff it, is great. Over 150 people stayed at least one night at the Center during the 2016-2017 season. There are 25 beds with a maximum capacity of 30 people in which case five people sleep on mats on the floor. The extra five are allowed on nights when temperatures drop below zero. The WWC is open 180 nights requiring ten volunteers each night. Six people are needed for intake from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, two people from 9:00 pm to 2:00 am and 2 people from 2:00 to 8:00 am. Additional volunteers are needed to come in to make breakfast. There is a great need for volunteers for Saturday evening intake and for the 2:00 to 8:00 am shifts throughout the week.

Watch for information in the coming months on training meetings to be scheduled in September and October. We would love to increase the number of members on our team, so if you are interested in volunteering, please call Adam Wurz at 715-845-5708.

**SALC IS "IN THE LOOP"**

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system. Those with hearing devices with a t-coil are encouraged to turn them on or ask to have them programmed by an audiologist to take advantage of this improved system.

**SOUND SYSTEM**

The current sound system will be upgraded with extended technology and capabilities in the to offer expanded coverage in the Sanctuary. Additional audio upgrades will expand the sound to the Fellowship Hall, Chapel and Kitchen and is expected to be completed before the end of the summer. Any contributions toward this project are welcome. Inquiries can be directed to Al or Joel Freiberg.

**WORSHIP OPTIONS**

Headed up North for the weekend? Working on Sundays? Weekly worship takes place each week on Thursdays in the chapel at 12:15 and 6:15 pm. Attendance for Thursday worship can vary, but is typically between 20 and 50 people at either service. The tone is a bit more relaxed and the liturgy abbreviated so that worship is about 45 minutes long. Next time you can't make worship on a Sunday, give Thursday worship a try!

## MAGIC PAPER BOX

To date, the blue "Magic Paper Box" has generated \$72.62 which will be used to support the youth program. The blue recycling bin is available in the West parking lot near the current dumpster enclosure. This recycling program not only promotes care for the environment but also generates revenue from being paid for the paper waste collected. SALC members and others in the community are encouraged to collect and drop off newspapers, junk mail, magazines, office/school papers and catalogs. **Items not accepted:** cardboard, plastic, metal, glass, text books, hard cover books, garbage or paper contaminated with food, chemicals etc. Thank you for recycling and helping support the ministry programs at Saint Andrew.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

### August

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

### September

6 7th & 8th Grades Students and their Parents—Confirmation Orientation  
10 Rally Sunday during 9:30 am Worship Hour  
First Faith Sunday School Resumes  
Church Picnic at 10:45 am  
13 Confirmation Classes Begin—6:15 pm  
17 Fall Worship Times Begin—8, 9:30 & 10:45  
Sunday School Classes Begin  
24 Second Grade Bibles Presented  
27 9th Grade Confirmation—Faith Statement Writing; 7:30 pm

### October

14 & 15 9th Grade Conf. Retreat at Waypost  
25 Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures  
29 Confirmation Worship—2:00 pm

### November

22 No Confirmation  
Thanksgiving Eve Worship—6:15 pm  
26 All Age Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal

### December

10 Sunday School Christmas Program  
25 & Jan.1 No Sunday School  
20 & 27 No Confirmation

## 2017-2018 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF September 10

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 5.***

### CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Confirmation will begin on ***Wednesday, September 6 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 29 at 2:00 pm.***

### BIBLE and BOOK STUDIES

**Men's Bible Study**—Wednesdays beginning ***September 6 at 6:45 and 10 am.*** Join Pastor Craig for conversation around bible stories appointed for the coming week. The early group begins with breakfast.

**Women's Bible Study**—***First and Third Wednesday of each month at 12:15 pm, begins Wednesday, October 4.*** "Gather" magazine is the resource for conversation and is available for \$15 for an annual subscription.

**Reading Reflections**—***Tuesdays, 9:00 am.*** A variety of books are read and reflected on in these gatherings.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study**—***begins September 17, 9:30 am.*** These sessions are based on the International Bible Study. Bring your bible and meet in the Parish Room.

**Sunday Evening Bible Study**—***begins September 10, 6:30 pm.*** An in depth study of Luther's Small Catechism. Anyone is welcome.



## ASP—YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Two weeks ago, a group of 18 adults and youth went to Knox County, Kentucky. We went there to change someone's life while making their home warmer, safer and drier. One group helped a man in need of roofing repair and the other two groups joined for one project, helping a couple with their siding and insulation.

Over the course of the week, not only did their house improve, but the relationship between the workers and the families did as well. One of the goals that ASP has is to build a relationship before the house. Because to the families, the kindness and love from the workers will make a greater impact than the quality of their house. When they finally saw the finished product, you could tell how blessed they felt to experience this life changing event. The look of gratitude on their faces made the hard work in 90 degree weather worth every drop of sweat. And it was all for the glory of God.

*Jenna Rusch  
SALC Youth Participant*



## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN AUGUST

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
August 6	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Shepherd	Mary Jarvis Craig Holmes	Mike & Julie Spalding David & Susan Paisar	Mike & Jeannine Matushak Russ & Alice Van Skike
August 13	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 9	A	Eric Verber Nate Card	Mark & Pam Czerwinski Travis & Emilie Puig	Keith & Sandi Rusch Adam & Kathy Wurz
August 20	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	B	Paul Nelson (Pet Sunday Worship)	Leann Boll & Joanne Howard Jess Tipple & Mary Wittich	Sheldon & Connie Geiger George & Bonnie Alafouzos
August 27	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Tipple	Gary Hibbard Shirley Bickford	Jason Rickstad & Eugene Moyer John & Jayme Rusinek	David & Nancy Larson Terry & June Grabau

## LECTIONARY READINGS

August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

# August 2017

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:*

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  
 Hadlee Rae Stelzel - July 30  
 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:*

Tom & Sara Beese - July 22  
 Michael Stahnke & Lanny Harder - August 5  
 Mike & Lyn Weis (Vow Renewal) - August 12  
 Charmaine Bell & Richard Lucas - September 2  
 Wendy Froehlich & John Zdanowski - September 9

### For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Lynn Marie Westermeyer  
 Jon Ludvig Larson

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

### AUGUST

1	11:30 am	OWLS Group-Potluck and "The Iron Wall" DVD
20	9:30 am	Pet Sunday
27	9:30 am	Blessing of the Backpacks

### SEPTEMBER

6	6:45 & 10 am	Men's Bible Study Begins
6	6:15 pm	Confirmation Orientation for Students & Parents
6	5:15 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal Begins
6	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Begins
10		Rally Sunday/Church Picnic
13	6:15 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades Confirmation Classes Begin
17		Fall Worship Schedule Begins: 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am Sunday School Classes Begin
24	8 & 9:30 am	Second Grade Bibles Presented in Worship
27	7:30 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Faith Statement Writing



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