

# Network



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## *Reflections and Visions by Pastor Craig*

The pastor who mentored me and was instrumental in my pastoral formation during my internship year in seminary (93-94') was a real character. He was a seasoned pastor whose wisdom and years of experience were a gift not only to me but to the whole of the church. Bob served a rural congregation in northcentral Kansas but also took on the additional task of serving as internship supervisor for six different seminary students over the years. I was fortunate enough to be one of those students. I once hopped in the car with Bob as we were travelling together for a synod meeting. As we drove off, he popped in a cassette recording of William Tell Overture and as we sped down the street and out of town he said, "And we're off like a dirty shirt!"

As we have now entered another set of months of programming at Saint Andrew, I could not help but smile and think of Bob as all the activities kick-off and get underway: Sunday school, confirmation, Bible studies, catechism review, choir rehearsals, nursery, third Sunday worship service, acolyte scheduling, Lay School, conference meetings and events. This is just the sample of what life is like through the church. Add to that, school schedules, extra-curricular activities and other family plans and we can all agree that life is full and busy and that we are indeed off (maybe not like a dirty shirt) but you get the idea!

While I do enjoy the less structured time of summer, I also appreciate a return of structure and organized life. It increases accountability, productivity, and connects me to people in ways that are meaningful. It is my hope that as the fall season settles in, each of you finds ways that allow you to get involved that are meaningful and enjoyable as well. Are there things you wish to learn, to share, to give toward? Fall is a good time to step forward to offer a hand, plan an event, get more involved: usher team, altar or funeral guild, bake communion bread, substitute teach, join a fellowship team for Sunday mornings or bake cookies, help as a greeter, read one of the scripture readings, be a communion server, attend a class, pray for your church leadership, parents, grandparents, children.

Do you want to help out more than you are currently doing? You might start a group of your own around a topic of interest to you. There are plenty of rooms at the church and plenty of times available. You might offer a financial commitment to support what is already taking place or to increase possibilities for the future. If any of these things interest you, please feel free to contact the church office to share your ideas. In the meantime, we press forward with the work that is before us, praying that we are faithful in our efforts to share in what God is doing among us. Thank you for sharing!

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 + 10:45 am**

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
with  
**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**



**Sunday, OCTOBER 29**  
at  
**2:00 PM**

*"I do and I ask God to help and guide me..."*

## OWLS

**Tuesday, October 3**  
**11:30 am**

The OWLS will meet for a potluck lunch in the Saint Andrew Fellowship Hall then enjoy a presentation by Pastor Jenn sharing her recent trip to Germany highlighting Martin Luther. All are welcome!



## Play Group at SALC

All tots and their parents are invited to participate in a play group at Saint Andrew on the **second Friday** of each month. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to express your interest and learn more. Please know that the nursery is always available during SALC's office hours of 8 am-4 pm, Monday through Friday, to stop by for a play break!

## SALC Photo Directory

The 2017 Photo Directories have just arrived and are available in the Narthex! Your family is invited to pick up a copy.

## Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, October 12 & 15** during worship in support of the SALC Seminary Support Fund.

## Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on **October 15, 9:00 -9:30 am** in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

## Fair Trade Products

**Sunday, October 15**  
Fair Trade products—coffees, teas and chocolates—will be available for purchase on **Sunday morning, October 15** in the Fellowship Hall. Your purchases help small landholder farmers.

## PASTOR JENN RETURNS FROM SABBATICAL

After having been away for a time of sabbatical for two months, Pastor Jenn returns to active pastoral ministry on **Monday, September 25**. Over the next month, she will look for opportunities to share what she has seen, heard and learned through instruction, adventure and restful reflection during this time away.

## CROP WALK

The Wausau Community Crop Walk will be held **Sunday, October 1**. Envelopes for the Crop Walk will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. Please consider walking this walk! If you have any questions, please call the church office.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on **Sundays, October 8 and 15 at 10:45 am**. New members will then be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **October 22**. Advanced registration is preferred, but not required. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please contact the church office by **Friday, September 29** if possible so adequate materials can be available. Thank you!

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, October 12, 12-6 pm**

A blood drive will take place in the Fellowship Hall at Saint Andrew in support of the American Red Cross. Donors can give blood every 56 days. Volunteers will again be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Blood donation and volunteer sign-up is available on the Information Desk. Please contact the church office to express your willingness to help.



## 500TH REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY

To highlight celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, the Fellowship and Worship Ministries will host an Octoberfest on **Sunday, October 15** at Saint Andrew. Fellowship time will include German strudel, root beer and pretzels. Plus look for more opportunities to be involved at Saint Andrew to celebrate this milestone in our Lutheran heritage. Pastor Jenn will also share a presentation about her trip to Germany visiting the Luther sites. Be a part of the celebration!!



## FALL CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED

**Saturday, October 14, 8:30 am–12 pm**

The Property Ministry is planning to prune the plants, pick up apples and do the fall clean-up. Please join us in service and fellowship as we care for Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Many hands make light work!



### **LWR—Load the Semi** **On Saturday, October 7 at**

**8 am**, volunteers will be needed to help load a semi at Kolbe & Kolbe with school bags and quilts from the area for Lutheran World Relief. Please contact the church office if you would like to help!

### **Church Picnic/Rally** **Sunday Thank You**

Members of the Fellowship Ministry would like to thank the many volunteers who worked to make this year's picnic a success. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated! Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the beautiful weather, music, games, food and fellowship.

### **Memorial Gifts** **Received**

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Bob Ueckert, Gene Tesch, Sara Quirt Sann, Lucy Lahr, Clayton Swenson and Logan Johnson. 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.

## **GOOD STEWARDS**

Generosity and giving go hand in hand. They are also essential to the life and ministry of the church. Each year members are invited to consider a level of giving of support to the mission of the church that reflects an intentional response to God's generosity. Such an invitation most commonly occurs in the fall before the planning of the coming year. Please watch for mailings that will assist you in considering a pledge of support for the coming year. A separate mailing will arrive in November to assist you with identifying ways you can support the ministry of Saint Andrew through volunteer efforts. Thank you for your past, current and potential level of giving and participation.

*"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above." – James 1:17a*

## **SAINT ANDREW ENDOWMENT FUND**

On behalf of the SALC Endowment Fund Committee, THANK YOU! The SALC Endowment Fund was started in January of 2014 with the goal of raising funds to help us to extend and expand the mission of Saint Andrew beyond our normal giving and support. The idea was and is today to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we find needs that we can help with.

In the past 4 years, we have accumulated over \$50,000 in the fund through generous donations of our members. Again, Thank You! With the ability to give away up to 10% of the funds each year to support worthy causes, we have had the pleasure of being a blessing to many. For example, we have supported such diverse causes as the Lay School of Ministry with scholarships, the UW Oshkosh's Gathering Place for college students to have a Christ-centered alternative to other activities usually found on campuses, Hardel's Hope Basket program, Crossway's Camping Ministry, a Christian based after school program in Mound Bayou Mississippi as part of the Cross To Kingdom Ministries helping underprivileged children, Social Ministry's Backpack program, the Hearing Loop recently installed in our sanctuary allowing members with equipped hearing devices to more clearly hear the message our Pastors share with us each Sunday, and provided assistance to the Zeerust visitors as well as other programs and needs.

Thanks to all who have donated towards this fund in direct gifts and for those of you who have or are considering remembering this fund in your estate planning documents. The nature of endowment funds are that they will live on in perpetuity and are great ways for your giving to last for many generations to come! There are many ways to support this type of giving: Direct Gifts, Memorial Gifts, Partial Percentage Beneficiary designations on insurance or retirement accounts, Donor advised mutual funds, directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to Saint Andrew will put the funds into our endowment. Advanced planning done through your financial advisor and attorney can even save you on taxes now while remembering the fund through a charitable remainder trust. Talk to your advisors about the possibilities for these type of legacy gifts.

Talk to any member of the church staff or committee members for more information or to request a brochure outlining the many ways to participate. We are happy to answer any questions you have. Again, thank you for your support!

Ray Skare, Committee Chair

## ATTENTION JR. & SR. HIGH STUDENTS!

As a way to provide an opportunity for conversation and sharing, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to gather in Emmaus during the education hour (9:30-10:30 am) on the **first and third Sundays** of each month.

Likewise, the Senior High Youth are encouraged to gather at the same time and place on the **second and fourth Sundays** of each month.

Pastor Jenn and Pastor Craig will rotate in facilitating these conversations **beginning October 1.**

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## 2017-2018 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### BIBLE and BOOK STUDIES

**Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays 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—please use the west entrance.

**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 women's group: a variety of books are read and reflected on in these gatherings.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study—9:30 am.** Based on the International Bible Study curriculum, participants gather weekly at 9:45 am in the Parish Room (north side of the Fellowship Hall) for discussion and reflection as an overview of the biblical narrative. Paul Nelson facilitates the discussion. Bring a cookie and a cup of coffee for connection around God's word.

**Sunday Evening Study of Martin Luther's Small Catechism, 6:30 pm.** A resource guided study to engage people in conversation around the Small Catechism. Anyone is welcome.



### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

- ◆ Faith Statement Writing: **Wednesdays, October 4 & 11, 7:30 pm**
- ◆ Confirmation Retreat: **Saturday and Sunday, October 14 & 15** at Waypost Crossways Camp where they will finalize their faith statements.
- ◆ Confirmation rehearsal, pictures and sharing of faith statements: **October 25 at 6:30** for students AND parents.
- ◆ By the grace of God, after two years of faithful preparation, these students will affirm their baptism in worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 pm**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES

**October 29:** Confirmation Worship—2:00 pm

**November 22:** No Confirmation:

Thanksgiving Eve Worship—6:15 pm

**January 12-14:** 3-5 Grades Midwinter Retreat

**March 4, 11 & 18:** First Communion Classes—4:00 pm

**March 25:** First Communion Worship—2:00 pm

*"You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. **Teach them to your children**, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."*

(DEUTERONOMY 11:18-19)

## VOLUNTEER AT THE WARMING CENTER

From November 1 to April 30, the Wausau Warming Center (run by Catholic charities) provides a warm, safe, dry place for the homeless to sleep. The Center needs 12 volunteers every night: 7 people from 6-9 pm, 2 from 9 pm-2 am, 2 from 2-8 am, and 1 from 6-8 am. Is it safe? Yes. You are never alone, the doors are always locked, and nobody is allowed to enter if they appear troublesome. Guests can only stay if they adhere to the rules. Saint Andrew is currently signed up for the **first and second Fridays** of each month, 6-9 pm; and also to provide the meal on the **second Friday**. To volunteer, you must be at least 18 and willing to treat the guests with dignity and respect. A commitment for those Fridays is requested and within that time frame, each individual's schedule will be considered. Please call the church office if you have questions or are interested in this opportunity of giving back to the community. Orientation will be provided on several days in October.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SALC

The SALC Social Ministry will prepare the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Saint Andrew on **Thursday, November 23, 11 am-1 pm**. Signing up prior to **Sunday, November 19** would be greatly appreciated, but not required. A sign-up sheet is available on the Information Desk.

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
October 1	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	A	Duane Zietlow Judith Marshall	Leann Boll & Jason Rickstad Jeff & Pam Kyhos	Steve & Kay Sitko Roger & Ruth Poutanen
October 8	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	B	Sean McCarthy Jayne Germinaro	Bill & Doreen Radloff Dave & Sue Paisar	Bill & Doreen Radloff Greg & Jeanne Willems
October 15	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 6	Tipple	Ray Skare Nate Card	Mike & Julie Spalding George & Bonnie Alafouzos	Barb Breese & Tina Spiegel Russ & Alice Van Skike
October 22	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Weidman	Dan Malm Sue Paisar	Eugene Moyer & Jim Jacobson Dick & Lynn Lawson	Joanne Howard & Dave Mueller Craig & Marnie Holmes
October 29	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Johnson	Dick Jarvis Tammy Schilling	Tom & Deb Garton Joanne Howard & Bev DeHaan	Jason & Linda Rickstad Jason & Dede Gnatz

October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32	Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46	Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14	Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36



# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP <b>9:40 AM Sunday School Classes</b> 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 11:30 AM OWLS - Pollock & Luther/Germany Presentation w/Pr Jenn	<b>4</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM 9th Gr Faith Statement Writing	<b>5</b> 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8:00 AM LWR Quilts &amp; School Bags Truck Loading at Kolbe &amp; Kolbe 143 W Thomas Str -Wausau-Help is Welcomed</b>
<b>8</b> 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP <b>9:40 AM Sunday School Classes</b> 10:45 AM New Member Orientation 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group <b>6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings</b>	<b>11</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM 9th Gr Faith Statement Writing	<b>12</b> 12:15 PM WORSHIP <b>1:00 PM - 7:00 PM Blood Drive supporting the American Red Cross</b> 6:15 PM WORSHIP	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Play Group	<b>14</b> <b>8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Property Fall Clean Up-All Are Welcome</b> 9th Gr Students Confirmation Retreat at Waypost Camp
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<b>22</b> 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP w/reception of New Members <b>9:40 AM Sunday School Classes</b> 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>23</b> 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	<b>25</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP <b>9:40 AM Sunday School Classes</b> 10:45 AM WORSHIP <b>2:00 PM Confirmation Worship</b> 6:30 PM Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	<div> <div> September S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> <div> November S M T W T F S 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div> </div>			

## 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:*

Kinslee Ann Kuduk - August 6  
 Hunter Jo Wimmer - August 13  
 Levi William Drach - August 20  
 Charlie Joseph Skadahh - August 27  
 Everett Andrew Jacobson - September 17  
 Quinn Kai Sierk - October 1  
 Adalyn Marie Huerth - October 8  
 Emmaire Lynn Kolbe - October 22

### For Weddings:

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

Michael & Lanny Stahnke - August 5  
 Mike & Lyn Weis (vow renewal) - August 12  
 Rich & Charmaine Lucas - September 2  
 John & Wendy Zdanowski - September 9  
 Dennis & Renee Klockziem (vow renewal) - September 23

### For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Laurene Writz

## 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	Tom	Helen
Arlen	Monica	Yvonne	Dick & Peggy
Babs	Nic	Dixie	Suzie
Bill	Nikki	Laura	Merlin
Brian	Pam	Frank	Charles
Callie & Zak	Pete	Pam	Zoe
Charles & Gerry	Robin	Angie	Shirley
Elaine	Steve	Ruth	Marie
Jen	Tom	Jerry	Dorothy
Jennifer	Tony	Sue	
Leann	Ella	Brian	
Lynne & Dan	Amy	Aiden	

*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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Benjamin Johnson, *Sexton*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### OCTOBER

1		CROP Walk at Marathon Park
3	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck & Presentation by Pr. Jenn
4 & 11	7:30 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Faith Statement Writing
7	8:00 am	Load the Semi at Kolbe & Kolbe for LWR
8 & 15	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
12	12:00-6 pm	Blood Drive
14 & 15		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat at Waypost Camp
14	8:30 am-12 pm	Fall Clean-Up
15		Octoberfest at SALC
22	9:30 am	New Members Received in Worship
25	6:30 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures
29	2:00 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Worship

### NOVEMBER

22	6:15 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
23	11 am-1 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner at Saint Andrew



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