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On the Threshold—Pastor Jenn

One of my favorite hymns comes to mind as I think about the new year: *O God Our Help in Ages Past* (ELW 632). Hymn writer Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was dwelling on the text from Psalm 90 when his gift of poetry landed on the blank page before him...

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

Both the words of Psalm 90 and Watts' lyrics are a reminder that God's faithfulness has carried people from age to age—even back to a time before the earth was formed; God was God. And because we can rely on the faithfulness of God, we can find hope for our future, unknown though it may be—that God will be faithful for us, too.

The changing of one year to the next is a good time for self-examination, gratitude, and looking ahead—to take the time to stand in the threshold looking both backward and forward: Who/How have we been? Who/How do we long to be? Since it is true that our history and identity usually inform our choices and decisions for moving forward, it is healthy to pause once in a while and consider God's faithfulness and our own human capacity to change.

These questions "Who/How have I been? Who/How do I long to be?" come to my mind as I prepare to depart for the second half of my sabbatical time away, beginning January 17 and concluding at the end of February. This second and final portion of sabbatical will include time at an intensive leadership training in California, and time between Waukesha (with my family) and Wausau as I use the space to renew through rest, recreation, worship, and study. On the threshold of this opportunity, I continue to be thankful to Saint Andrew for this gift of a season of renewal in my life and in our lives together. Although I will be out of contact and unavailable to provide pastoral care, I would welcome your prayers as you have been and will remain in mine.

Likewise, on the morning of January 28, we will pause as a congregation to consider God's faithfulness in 2017 and how we are called forward in the coming year. Please plan on attending the **congregation annual meeting**—which will take place in the context of worship at 9:30 that morning. Hear how we have brought about God's love within and outside of the walls of Saint Andrew in 2017 and then, lend your voice, vote, prayers and praise as we dedicate the coming year of ministry once again to the faithful hands of God... "*our hope for years to come.*"

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**

Congregation Annual Meeting

**January 28, 9:30 am
In the Sanctuary**

Super Bowl Snacks

Sunday, February 4

Snack donations for the Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale can be dropped off at church **Friday, February 2 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. Your support of the Food Pantry through snack donations and purchases is appreciated!

OWLS

The OWLS will be taking a short winter break in January. Watch the Network and bulletins for the next activity.



Christ in Our Home

The first quarter of Christ in Our Home Devotional is now available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, January 18 & 21** during worship in support of the Wausau Warming Center.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on **January 21, 9:00-9:30 am** in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

Fair Trade Products

Sunday, January 21

There is a good selection of Fair Trade Products for the New Year. We hope you will visit the Fair Trade table in 2018 as you did in 2017. Thanks to your purchases the communities in which the small landowner farmers who grow products for Fair Trade receive hope and help to their neighbors and friends.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Saint Andrew Annual Congregational Meeting will take place **Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 am** during worship in the sanctuary. Work is being done to have annual reports and the approved budget available mid-January so members can pick them up in advance of the meeting. In the event a review of this information prompts a question, feel free to express that in person, by email or by phone to the church office so an informed answer can be provided or researched and given at the time of the meeting. Thank you in advance for your willingness to engage in conversation around the work of Christ's church through Saint Andrew!

LENT/ASH WEDNESDAY

Continuing with the theme of 500 Years of Reformation, Lent 2018 will be based on the seven petitions of the Lord's Prayer and their meaning as highlighted in Luther's Small Catechism. **With Easter on April 1, Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14.** The scheduled themes for the weeks in Lent will be included in the February issue of the Network.

FPU

A Financial Peace University (FPU) class is currently scheduled for **Sundays at 6:00 pm beginning January 7.** Classes run nine weeks and the cost includes a one year \$100 subscription to the "Everydollar Budgeting App" that connects to your bank account for easier budgeting. Sign up for the FPU class is available on the Dave Ramsey website: <https://fpu.com/1052968>



2018 ZEERUST UPDATE

"Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in your peace, your peace will rest on that person..." (Luke 10:5-6)

Do you have a spirit of adventure?

Would now be a good time to step out of your comfort zone?

Could God be calling you to strengthen the partnership between SALC and Zeerust Lutheran Church?

Saint Andrew has been invited to receive hospitality from our brothers and sisters in Christ in Zeerust, South Africa.

The trip will take place **July 5-17, 2018.** It's not too late if you have interest in either going or supporting the effort to participate in the partnership team through Saint Andrew.

Both travelers and local support are needed to make this next visit a reality. Join in on the next partnership meeting,

Ministry Night, Tuesday, January 9—beginning with devotions at 6:30 pm. Questions? See Pr. Jenn.

Ministry Members Needed

The Finance/Stewardship Ministry needs one or two new members starting in January and meets monthly. If you would like to help provide new ideas for the stewardship efforts and guide the church's finances, please indicate this on your Time and Talent form—no finance or accounting experience is necessary. This is a great opportunity to learn and serve!

2018 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers in 2018. Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the last worship service on Sunday. Sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. More details and a Flower Chart to sign up are available on the Flower Chart.

Memorial Gifts Received

A memorial gift was received in honor of Ruby Edmondson's confirmation journey. 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.

NEW GIVING OPTION—GIVE WITH A TEXT!

Simply send a text message to 715-800-2369 with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. This is just another opportunity to assist you in generous giving in support of Saint Andrew. Through whatever method you give, thank 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.

THANK YOU TO ALL

Thank you to all who helped with the 4th annual Saint Andrew Thanksgiving dinner. It was a wonderful meal with great fellowship serving approximately 175 people. Saint Andrew looks forward to this event again next year!

Thank you to everyone who has shopped, knitted, crocheted and is continuing to provide hats and mittens in response to the Saint Andrew Christmas Giving Tree. To date, 123 hats, 98 pairs of gloves/mittens, 5 scarves and other miscellaneous items have been received. These warm clothing items are on their way to local schools and will continue to be distributed as more are received. Thank you for your generosity and faithful response to this special outreach opportunity.

And **thank you** to the many families who helped to make Saint Andrew a warm, inviting and beautiful place to worship during the Christmas season. Thank you for the Christmas trees throughout the building and their decorations, the pine bough decorations in the Sanctuary, and the exterior Christmas bough entrance decorations.

ATTENTION 7-12 GRADERS!!

- ♦ The next youth group activity will take place on **January 7, 6-8:30 pm**. Come join us for a church-wide **Scavenger Hunt!** Please sign up in the Narthex, although not necessary. Come last minute if need be.
- ♦ As a reminder, all 7-12 graders interested in being a part of the youth group activity notification process, please fill out the form found in the pew rack or on the Information Desk with your name and phone number and place it in the offering plate or give it to your mentor. Thank you and see you in the Youth Room (Emmaus)!

YOUR PICTURES ARE NEEDED!

The Saint Andrew Church History Team continues their work to create "history frames" for the Fellowship Hall. The current focus is on collecting pictures related to youth events. They would like you to dig through your pictures to help locate group photos of the following past youth events.

Group photos from the National Youth Gatherings:

July 1997 - New Orleans	July 2000 - St. Louis
July 2009 - New Orleans	July 2012 - New Orleans
July 2015 - Detroit	

Group photos from mission trips:

July 1999 - South Dakota	July 2010 - New Orleans, Louisiana
July 2002 - West Hamlin, West VA	July 2011 - Philadelphia, PA
July 2008 - Rosebud, SD	July 2016 - Sky Ranch Camp

Group Photos from Boundary Waters trips: 2004, 2007

Group Photos from the Annual Synod Youth Gatherings (and year taken)

Group Photos of the Broom Ball Teams (and year taken)

Having the names of the individuals in the photos would be a great help. Drop photos off at the church office and indicate if you would like to have the photo returned. We have received pictures for some events—thank you very much! We continue to look for additional photos. Please let the church office know if you are interested in participating on the Church History Team!

MID-WINTER RETREAT AT CROSSWAYS

For the past few years, there has been a retreat for the younger members of Saint Andrew to get out to camp, have fun playing and exploring in the snow with Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn, do group building activities and games, interactive Bible studies and worship – all in God's beautiful creation. We will spend two nights away at Waypost camp near Hatley, Wisconsin – about a 30 minute drive from church.

Chaperones are needed. Please contact the church office if you are willing to help. THANK YOU!

Who: 3-6 Grade Students

When: Friday, January 12 (drop off: 6:30-7:00 pm) —Sunday, January 14 (pick up: 11:00 am)

Where: Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI

Cost: \$45 (will need to provide your own transportation)

Register by January 3

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPCOMING DATES

January 12-14 — Grades 3-6 Midwinter Retreat at Waypost

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

March 25—First Communion Worship at 2:00 pm

BLUE MAGIC PAPER BOX

The blue "Magic Paper Box" recycling bin is located in the West parking lot near the 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. This program **is not** for 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.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN JANUARY

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
January 7	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	B	David Patefield Lynn Lawson	Anthony & Wendi Howe Pam Mielke & Janice Nelson	Steve & Kay Sitko Roger & Ruth Poutanen
January 14	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Tipple	Alex Cappel Dewey Allen	Tom & Karen Weidman Bruce & Linda Beyer	Bill & Doreen Radloff Greg & Jeanne Willems
January 21	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Weidman	Duane Zietlow Nate Card	Bill & Doreen Radloff Susie & Ashley Soukup	Barb Breese & Tina Spiegel Russ & Alice Van Skike
January 28	9:30 am	Team 4	Johnson	Sean McCarthy Faith Martinson	Shirley Bickford & Jason Rickstad Mary Wittich & Jess Tipple	Joanne Howard & Dave Mueller Jason & Dede Gnatz

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Reading Reflections No OWLS event</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:10 PM Women's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP 9:40 AM Sunday School Classes 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:00 PM 7th-12th Gr Scavenger Hunt @ SALC 6:00 PM Financial Peace University Class 6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings Dartball - Bye Week</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:45 AM Son Riser'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</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP</p>	<p>13</p>	
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<p>21</p> <p>8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP 9:40 AM Sunday School Classes 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:00 PM Financial Peace University Class 6:30 PM Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball - SALC @ Immanuel Baptist</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Reading Reflections</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:45 AM Son Riser'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</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
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December 17						
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February 18						
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25	26	27	28			

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:

Alexis Rae Denzin - November 12
Mila Jane Kasson - November 12
Carter James Drolshagen - December 10

Liam James Beyer - December 28
Bronson Charles Puig - January 11
Harper Lynn Burnett - January 28

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...

Aaron	Meg	Yvonne	Zoe
Ali	Monica	Dixie	Shirley
Arlen	Nic	Laura	Marie
Babs	Nikki	Frank	Riley
Bill	Pam	Pam	Jeff
Brian	Pete	Angie	Alice
Callie & Zak	Robin	Ruth	Rebecca
Charles & Gerry	Tom	Jerry	Luke
Jennifer	Tony	Sue	
Larry	Ella	Helen	
Leann	Amy	Merlin	
Lynne & Dan	Tom	Charles	

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

JANUARY

7	6:00 pm	FPU Classes Begin
7	6:00 pm	Youth Scavenger Hunt
12-14		Mid-Winter Retreat at Waypost Camp (3-6 Grade Students)
28	9:30 am	Congregation Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY

4	9:00 am	Super Bowl Snack Sale
14	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship



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