

Network



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A Lenten Message by Pastor Craig

"The Ten Commandments tell us how we are to live in relation to God and our fellow humans. The Apostle's Creed confesses God's actions in creating, redeeming, and making us holy. But, as Luther writes in the Large Catechism, 'we are in such a situation that no one can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly, even though he or she has begun to believe.' Now we learn how to talk with this God and learn to know God as the God who hears prayer." -- from by heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism. The Sunday evening study group is using this study booklet to deepen understanding of the Small Catechism as a resource for faith and life. The Lord's Prayer is the third section of the catechism and is intended to teach this prayer as a model for our regular conversation with God.

Jesus was once asked by his disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples." In response Jesus said, "when you pray, say this..." Years ago, I came across another name for this prayer that seems quite fitting and I now use it to introduce the prayer, "the prayer that never fails." Why? Because they are the words of Jesus and if Jesus felt there was a better model for prayer, he would have shared it instead. The theme for this year's Lenten journey will be based on this timeless prayer. It is used weekly in worship, likely by many at the end of a day at the close of a meeting. How well do we understand the words we speak? How do they impact our lives and deepen our faith? Weekly we will focus on the petitions of this prayer as a way to understand it more fully. Together we will sing it and reflect on each section so that these words of Jesus might dwell in us and do their work among us.

Lent begins this year with **Ash Wednesday on February 14**. Easter is determined by the cycle of the moon and therefore changes from year to year. Lent is always 40 days (excluding Sundays) which sent the date for Ash Wednesday. On this day, our pilgrimage begins and for the next 5 weeks, we engage in Soup and Sandwich fellowship and mid-week worship. As we turn toward this season of the church year, it is my prayer that we participate fully in the opportunities to be nurtured in our bodies, relationships, and in our souls so that we are ready to sing Alleluias when they return on **Easter Sunday, April 1**. Peace be with you.

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

Weekly Worship

Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 + 10:45 am

LENTEN THEME:

"Lord Teach Us To Pray"

February 14—Our Father, In Heaven

February 21—Hallowed Be Your Name

February 28—Your Kingdom Come

March 7—Your Will Be Done

March 14—Give Us Today Our Daily Bread

March 21—Forgive Us Our Sins as We
Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us

March 29—Save Us From the Time of Trial

March 30—Deliver Us From Evil

April 1—For the Kingdom, the Power and the
Glory Are Yours



LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER

February 14—Ash Wednesday

March 25—Palm Sunday

March 29—Maundy Thursday

March 30—Good Friday

April 1—Easter Sunday



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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

Tuesday, February 6, 11:30 am

Join the OWLS for a potluck lunch followed by a presentation. Tracy Zernicke from ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) will share information regarding a variety of services they offer.



Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, February 15 & 18** during worship in support of those traveling to Zeerust this summer.

Fair Trade Products

Sunday, February 18

There is a good supply of products, so come to the Fellowship Hall to see all that is available. Thanks for your support!!

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on **February 18, 9:00-9:30 am** in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

CROP Walk 2018

Sunday, October 7

Mark your calendars as we anticipate as great a turnout as last year. Thanks very much for participating! See you in October!

CABIN FEVER CRAFT DAY!

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 am

SALC Activity Room

Spend a cozy winter day indoors in fellowship. Bring in your art or craft project to work on in joyful peace and feel welcome to bring a friend! (examples: card making, painting, scrapbooking, knitting). Don't have a project? No worries... a feel-good project and supplies will be at the ready for you. Don't miss this chance to make new friends at SALC...and to start or finish that special project. Feel free to bring a snack to eat or share (not required).

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 13, 5:00-6:30 pm

Come for a feast before the fast Pancake Supper where you can eat all you want before the season of Lent begins! Various kinds of pancakes, sausage and beverages will be served. Proceeds will benefit those making the trip to Zeerust this summer.

A free-will donation will be received.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, March 4 & 11 at 10:45 am

Orientation will take place in the Activity Room. New members will then be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **Sunday, March 18**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please sign up by calling the church office, 715-842-3333, by **Friday, February 23**.

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 February 21**. A third soup, "Cook's Choice," will also be offered each week and listed in the bulletin. Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go will be available. Look for order forms on the Information Desk.

February 21

Turkey Noodle
Taco

February 28

Chicken and Wild Rice
Cheeseburger

March 7

Cheesy Potato
Chicken Noodle

March 14

Northwoods Cheese
Chili

March 21

Chicken Dumpling
Pea

If you are interested in assisting with soup preparation, one soup or more-one Wednesday or more-equipment, ingredients and guidance are provided. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

Soup and Sandwich Ministry Hosting Schedule

February 21: Social and Fellowship

February 28: Finance/Stewardship and Personnel

March 7: Worship and Altar Guild

March 14: Christian Education and Youth

March 21: Memorial Gift and Property

Volunteers are needed from each ministry group to assist with serving, clean-up and to bring desserts. Thank you!

Pastor Jenn on Sabbatical

Pastor Jenn will be away for a time of Sabbatical through February 27. We pray her time for rest and renewal and learning will be time well spent!

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 to update the sound system, and in memory of Sara Quirt-Sann for the stained glass windows in the Sanctuary. 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.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

In 2017, \$3,623 was given to Saint Andrew through Thrivent Financials "Choice Dollars" program by SALC members or other individuals who have an investment or policy through Thrivent Financial. By council action, these dollars are designated to go into the SALC Endowment Fund to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew and benefit other ministry opportunities for years to come! Such a blessing these gifts are and what a great example of intentional stewardship on behalf of Saint Andrew! THANK YOU!

According to Thrivent, there are 423 members of Saint Andrew who hold a Thrivent investment or policy. Thank you for directing Thrivent to make SALC your benevolent choice to receive these designated funds.

EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS



Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths and Easter Lilies can be ordered for \$16 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order forms are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex. Order deadline is **Monday, March 11.**

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.

HYGIENE DRIVE

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 and collection box will be available in the Fellowship Hall **mid-February through mid-March** to place donated items. All donations will remain in the community. Thank you for your support!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study, typically on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 12:10 pm, will be on hiatus while Pastor Jenn is on sabbatical. It will resume in March and continue in its pattern of the first and third Wednesdays of the month – although during Lent, it will begin at 11:00 am.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

For three weeks in March, students and families will have interactive conversation to learn about Holy Communion. A mailing will soon go out with more information for fifth grade students and their parents. For those who are beyond fifth grade and interested in First Communion, please contact the office for more information.



Classes:

Sundays, March 4, 11 and 18; 4-5:30 pm

First Communion Worship

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2:00 pm

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES

February

Tuesday, 7

Last Confirmation Class

March

Sunday, 4

Monday, 5

Sunday, 11

Sunday, 18

Sunday, 25

First Communion Class

Confirmation Camp Registration Due

First Communion Class

First Communion Class

Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins

First Communion Worship - 2 pm

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

Thursday, 29

Friday, 30

April

Sunday, 1

Easter Sunday

No Sunday School

Easter Sunday Breakfast (benefits VBS)

May

Sunday, 21

Last Day of Sunday School

June

10-15

Confirmation Camp

July

23-27

Vacation Bible School

CROSSWAYS CAMP EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE

Calling all outdoor, Christ-following, fellowship-seeking enthusiasts. There is a summer camp available at Crossways Camping ministries for you! Camp is not just for kids or for confirmation students. Check out the Crossways website, www.crosswayscamps.org for more information on all summer camping opportunities. Brochures are also available at Saint Andrew on the Information Desk. ***Please note the Earl-Bird Discounted Rate deadline is March 15.***

CONFIRMATION CAMP-MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Camp is an awesome opportunity in the faith formation of confirmation students here at Saint Andrew. We are going to Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley ***June 18-23***. Registration forms will be available soon. ALL confirmation students should attend camp at least once. ***Please note the Earl-Bird Discounted Rate deadline is March 15.***

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!

ASSISTING IN FEBRUARY

	Time	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Team 3	Team 3	Team 4
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Shepherd	A	Tipple	Weidman
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Ray Skare Judith Marshall	Dan Malm Nate Card	Mary Jarvis Tammy Schilling	Mike Spalding Shirley Bickford
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Czerwinski Widmann	Spalding DeHaan & Schmidt	Garton Lawson	Boll & Moyer Alafouzos
Nursery	9:30 am	Weinkauf	Gatzke	Hardel	Herold
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Rickstad Wurz	Geiger Alafouzos	Matushak Grabau	Jacobson & Soukup Poutanen
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Tine Spiegel	Mary Wittich & Ann McDonald	Amy Frolik	Kerry Fehrman

LECTIONARY READINGS

February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
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

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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:

Carter James Drolshagen - December 10	Bronson Charles Puig - January 11
Liam James Beyer - December 28	Harper Lynn Burnett - January 28
Andrew Jameson Koeppel - January 7	Ruby Lee Punke - February 4

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	Riley
Arlen	Nic	Laura	Jeff
Babs	Nikki	Frank	Rebecca
Bill	Pam	Pam	Luke
Brian	Pete	Angie	
Callie & Zak	Robin	Ruth	
Charles & Gerry	Tom	Jerry	
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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Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*
Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*
Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*
Dave Paisar, *Custodian*
Benjamin Johnson, *Sexton*

Upcoming Events/Activities

FEBRUARY

4	9:00 am	Super Bowl Snack Sale
6	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck Lunch and Speaker
11	10:30 am	Cabin Fever Craft Day
13	5:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
14	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
15 & 18		Noisy Offering
18	9:00 am	Blood Pressure Checks
18		Fair Trade Products Available
21 & 28		Lenten Soup and Sandwich

MARCH

4 & 11	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
4, 11 & 18	4:00 pm	First Communion Classes
18	9:30 am	New Members Received in Worship
25		Palm Sunday
26	2:00 pm	First Communion Worship
29	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
30	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Good Friday Worship



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and click "like" to keep up with the latest news and events!