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A letter to God—Pr. Jenn

If you were to write God a letter, what would you say? I was recently invited by a colleague to do that very thing. To sit down, pen to paper, and write to the Lord. I wasn't sure where to begin, so I started with how I was feeling about the way things have been between us... that is, how things have felt between God and me. I wrote about our history. I wrote about my questions. I was surprised to see that the letter eventually turned into what felt like a love letter.

This love letter that I was invited to write reminded me that Jesus invited that kind of love toward God when he was asked about the greatest commandment. He responded by saying that the greatest commandment had to do with love—specifically—love of God and love of neighbor. And how does Jesus say we should love God? With all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Loving God with our strength might mean physically coming to worship, to praise God. Loving God with strength might look like doing the heavy lifting of service to our neighbor for the sake of God's love for them. We love God with our minds when we engage God's word with our questions, or when we spend time studying theological concepts relating to God.

But how exactly do we love God, heart and soul? Spiritual practices often help us with that kind of love. When we pray, meditate, sing, read scripture, walk, drive, lay in bed before sleep, or attempt any activity with the outcome of listening for God, we love God heart and soul. Loving God heart and soul is allowing God the time to be present with you, by taking the time to be fully present with God. I was recently asked to consider this set of heart and soul questions. So I will ask them now of you:

How is it with God and me? What is God up to? To what am I being called?

Although our faith is not dependent on feelings, sometimes we long to "feel" the love and presence God promises. But if we only designate one hour each week to feel that presence, then perhaps we miss the chance for a deeper reciprocal relationship with God who offers us so much love, that he offers everything for us. So I would invite you, take the time to write that letter. Talk with God about what's on your heart. Maybe even just start with those three questions... or these two words, "Dear Lord..." In doing so, you may discover something new and surprising about what God has been up to in your life.

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

~Sunday School Concludes, Sunday May 20~

Sunday Summer Worship Times

Begin May 27
8:00 and 9:30 am

Thursday Worship All Year

12:15 and 6:15 pm



OWLS

Tuesday, May 1, 11:30 am

Since the OWLS were snowed out in April, the presentation by Scott Peterson will take place this month. He will share interesting features and details on the railroads of Wisconsin after a potluck lunch. All are welcome!



Coming Soon to the SALC Library

Look for a new display in the library that will feature books on the topic of racial justice—books appropriate for kids or adults. This display is timely as the ELCA recently has recommitted to work for racial justice... to be a church that is truly welcoming to all. A new fiction series will also be available; Amish Hill Mystery Books.

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, May 17 & 20** during worship in support of the SALC members traveling to our sister church in Zeerust, South Africa.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on **May 20 at 9:00-9:30 am** in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

Fair Trade Products

Sunday, May 20
Coffee, tea, and chocolate—we have it all! Your purchases help small land owner farmers to improve the lives of the people in their communities. Please support this work with your purchases of Fair Trade products.

SPRING TREASURE SALE

Thursday & Friday, May 3 & 4, 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Sunday, May 5 Following Worship

Bring in your gently used donations for the Treasure Sale then come back and shop for new treasures! 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. A free-will donation will be received for most items. All donations will support the Zeerust trip in July.



Volunteers are needed to work shifts during the two sale days, please call the office to volunteer: 715 842-3333.

SPRING CHORAL WORSHIP

Sunday, May 13, 8 & 9:30 am

Music is a very important part of worship and we are grateful for many who share their musical gifts through the choirs. Worship on May 13 promises to be a musical treat as the choirs share several samples from the church year at the 8 and 9:30 am worship hours. Come and enjoy this special music offering and worship opportunity as we reflect on the seasons of the church year since last September.



THANK YOU!!

Thank you for recycling your paper in the **Blue Magic Paper Box** at Saint Andrew. In the first two months, 2.03 tons have been collected, providing revenue of \$40.58 which will be used for the summer VBS program.

The Social Ministry has chosen recipients to receive proceeds from the Lenten Soup & Sandwich meals. Blessings in a Backpack, Saint Andrew VBS, Hearts of Hope, Hardel's Hope and Marathon County Open Door Ministry have each received \$250. Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten Soup & Sandwich meals.

ECSW SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The regional expression of the church will meet in Oshkosh May 18 & 19 to worship together, conduct church business, and learn more about how "We are Church Together: Feeding & Equipping Leaders". Please pray for Saint Andrew's voting members who will go on behalf of the entire congregation: Kerry Fehrman, Bob & Terri Wiederhoeft, Karoline Schwantes, Denise Skare, Ken & Jennifer Luer, Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn. This year the outreach project for the assembly will be partnering with the 2018 ELCA National Youth Gathering Houston Literacy "**Blast Off for Books**" literacy campaign. Check out how you can help at www.elca.org/youthgathering/details/offerings.

CROP Walk Tidbit

The 2018 Wausau Crop Walk will be held **October 7**. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Please consider participating this year.

Ministry Night Meetings

Second Tuesday of Each Month-6:30 pm

All are invited to attend the ministry meeting of your choice (Christian Education/ Youth, Fellowship, Finance, Personnel, Property, or Worship) on Ministry Night. Learn how your gifts and talents can be used toward the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

SALC Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift was received in memory of Bob Ringle and Roger Poeske. 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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER—ZEERUST TRAVELERS

Sunday, May 6; 10:30 am-1:00 pm; Fellowship Hall

Come join in food and fellowship as Social Ministry will be making spaghetti with red meat sauce, chicken alfredo with white sauce, Caesar salad, garlic bread and dessert in support of Saint Andrew members, Phil Bickley, Tammy Schilling, Ron & Betty Dotseth with their grandsons, Jacob and Gabriel who will join with others from the East Central Synod to travel to our sister congregation in Zeerust, South Africa in early July. A free-will offering will be received.

Celebration Patio Stone Paver Order Form

Spring is here and the snow is melting on the patio. If you would like to have a paver dedicated to a loved one, complete the order form below and return it to the church office with payment (\$100), or place in the offering plate. Personalize a paver for your celebration!

Make Check Payable To: Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

From: _____

Envelope Number: _____

I/We wish to place an order for an engraved stone paver in the Saint Andrew Celebration Patio. My/Our tax deductible check for \$100 is enclosed.

Each block represents a letter or space. Please spell out in capital letters what you wish to have on your stone.

Maximum number of characters/spaces per line is 15.

Maximum of 40 characters/letters on 4 lines.



Saint Andrew Lutheran Church VBS

"This Changes Everything"

Grades Pre-K through 5

July 23-27; 9 am-12 pm

Friday, July 27 – 11:30 am: Closing Worship 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 13**.

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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Child Information

Name _____

Grade Completed _____ Allergies/Special Needs _____

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.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Audit sub-committee of Finance/Stewardship is in need of 1-2 new members. If you have audit background or would like to learn about the finance/bookkeeping processes at SALC, please consider volunteering. Contact Mark Gleisner at 715 298-5764 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are over 70 1/2 years old and taking a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you could reduce the taxable portion of your RMD by making a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) to a qualified charitable organization such as Saint Andrew directly from your IRA. Rather than receiving an itemized deduction for your donation, less of your IRA distribution would be taxable. If you are interested in the QCD, contact the church office for more information. Because there are certain restrictions and requirements for QCD, you will need to consult with your financial advisor or institution to set this up.

ASSISTING IN MAY

	Time	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	6	6	2	2
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	A	B	Tipple	Weidman
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Zietlow Marshall	Clark Card	Hibbard Holmes	Call to Volunteer
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Mueller/Jacobson Bruce & Linda Beyer	Czerwinski Widmann	Spalding Wittich/Tipple	Garton Soukup
Nursery	9:30 am	Watford	Brandt	Johnson	_____
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Rickstad Alafouzos	Geiger Grabau	Matushak Clemment	Rusch McDonald/Wittich
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Clemment	Geiger	Miller/Rusch	Spiegel

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

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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:

Henley Anna VanOrder - April 8
Elizabeth Marie Card - May 13
Jasper James Lancelle - May 20
Kelsey Lynn Bargender - May 27
Brynleigh Mae Rose - July 22

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Joan Will Janet Matthiesen
Bev DeHaan Marge Bohlman

For Weddings:

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

Craig Dantoin & Samantha Riebe - June 2
Kyle Wilkosz and GERALYN Granger - July 14

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

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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Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*

Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*

Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*

Benjamin Johnson, *Sexton*

Upcoming Events/Activities

MAY

1	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck and Railroad Presentation
3 & 4	8:30 am-5:30 pm	Spring Treasure Sale
13	8:00 & 9:30 am	Spring Choral Worship
20		Last Day of Sunday School
27	8:00 & 9:30 am	Summer Worship Times Begin

JUNE

10-15	Confirmation Camp
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JULY

23-27	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School
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SALC is on Facebook! Follow the link on the Saint Andrew website
and click "like" to keep up with the latest news and events!