

Network



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Pr. Jenn

I *like* to go hiking. I *like* peanut butter on my toast. But in this day and age if you *like* something on-line you do more than just preference it—you endorse it by connecting your name and profile to whatever it is that you have *liked*. You receive updates from the product or the organization or the page that you've *liked* on a regular basis. Several *likes* means that you have access to a constant flow of updates and new information right at your fingertips.

I specifically remember learning to *share* while sitting in the red row of Mrs. Rendall's kindergarten class. John, Alana and I—the three of us would *share* crayons. We would *share* responsibilities in the classroom like changing the day on the calendar board. But now, if you *share* something on social media you also have the capability of *sharing* it with your whole network. So ideas, and pictures, memes, music, activities, pictures and events are all *shared* in ways like never before. And what is *shared* has the capacity to inspire and engage imaginations, provide new opportunities and learning—but also might be slightly overwhelming or put something before you that you hadn't planned on seeing.

Growing up across the street and next door to kids around my age, my *friends* and I spent a lot of time together—making up dance routines, sitting on the porch with some ice cream after school, playing kick the can or ghost in the graveyard at sunset... "night games" as we used to call them. But now, in this day and age, a *friend* might be someone you once knew obscurely from a few years back. A *friend* might be a client or a coworker, or even, a person whom you've only ever met one time at that one meeting. And those *friends* become privy to the *likes* and the *shares* that you *like* and *share* with your *friends*...

In this day and age the words, *like*, *share*, and *friend* have taken on such different meanings. As a culture it seems we are still navigating what this new way of sharing means for us as individuals but also as a society. The power of a moment caught on a phone and shared—the power to organize a movement or to capture an idea with words and to have it become viral—these trends are still relatively new. While social media has the power to foster and cultivate relationships, there is still something to be said for authentic human connection and face to face sharing between people of similar or different interests. What you will find within these pages are real time opportunities for all of us, as members of the body of Christ in this place, to like and share and befriend at more than surface level.

From attending and volunteering for Vacation Bible school (p. 5), to the sending of some of our members to South Africa for a visit with our sister church (p. 3), to new learning opportunities before us this fall (p. 6) —there are many rich ways to engage in growing deeper not only in your connections with others, but also in your understanding of faith through conversation, experience, and diving deep into the scriptures. When we connect in Christ's name, we are truly privy to a more profound understanding of how God is always reaching out to connect with us by grace. How might you *like*, *share*, and *friend* like never before?

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

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, June 5, 11:30 am

Join the OWLS for a potluck lunch followed by a presentation by William Marris on his trip to Israel.



Sundae Sunday

Sunday, June 24

Come to the Fellowship Hall following each worship service to kick off summer with an ice cream sundae and fellowship!

SALC Dartball

Ever play dartball? Now is the time to try it out! The dartball team will have the board set up on **Sundays, June 10, July 8 and August 12** in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10:30 am for anyone interested in trying out the game.

Summer practices will be held on **Wednesdays June 13, July 11 and August 15.**

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, June 14 & 17** during worship in support of the VBS program this summer.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on **June 17 at 9:00-9:30 am** in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

Fair Trade Products

Sunday, June 17

In a small Central American village lives a 4-year old boy who is very smart so that he can already do arithmetic at the third grade level. Since his mother has a coffee plantation producing great beans that she can sell to the Equal Exchange at a premium price, the boy will be able to go to school to get a very good education. This will allow him and his family to have a excellent lives.

REMEMBRANCE GATHERING-MARGE BOHLMAN

Wednesday, May 30, 11:30 am

Marge Bohlman, a long-time member of Saint Andrew, has recently passed away. All are welcome to come and share memories of Marge as well as a meal and fellowship. BBQ chicken will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

SUMMER WEEDING ASSISTANCE

Weeding assistance is needed for the building landscaping and north chapel side parking lot islands. Sheets are conveniently highlighted in the Volunteer Book on the Information Desk, designating small sections for individuals to be responsible for the weeding this summer and fall. Please take a sheet and plan to share your time at Saint Andrew when convenient. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

CONFIRMATION CAMP SEND-OFF

The week of June 10th thirteen SALC confirmation students will venture to Imago Dei Village—Crossways Camp near Clintonville to grow more fully in their lives of faith and to build community with one another. Please keep Katelin, Nathan, Kylie, Marissa, Emily, Claire, Nicholas, Aiden, Lindsey, Eleanor, Allison, Alexis, Kaylynn and Pastor Jenn in your prayers!

SALC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING


Saturday, July 21, 8 am (Tentative Date)

Rib Mountain Golf Course

Plan to attend this fun fellowship event. Details coming in the July Network; sign-up and details will be available in the Fellowship Hall soon.

SERMONS ARE NOW ON-LINE

"Indeed the word of God is living and active..." (Hebrews 4:12) The sermons preached on Sunday mornings at Saint Andrew are now available on-line. You can listen to them by visiting www.salc-wausau.org. Navigate down to the bottom of the home page and click on the sermon you would like to hear. That will take you to a page with a link to the gospel text (you can read that first, if you'd like!) and then click on the word "listen" to hear God's Word proclaimed. Use the share buttons below to *share* the sermons with one another or on social media.

 LISTEN

CROSSWAYS CAMPS IS HIRING

Spend your summer serving at Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, or Waypost (and Day Camp!) Have you ever wanted to work on staff at a summer camp? Now's your chance! Crossways is now hiring their 2018 summer staff for all three camps. Positions available are: Cabin Leaders, Program Assistants, Lifeguards, Adventure Specialists, Naturalists, Health Coordinators, and more! This just may be the best job you have ever had. Visit their website at: www.crosswayscamps.org.



CROSSWAYS
CAMPING MINISTRIES

Treasure Sale Thank You

Thank you to all who volunteered, donated and made purchases! The Treasure Sale received over \$2200 which will support the SALC members going to Zeerust, South Africa this July.

Ministry Night Meetings

Second Tuesday of Each Month-6:30 pm

All are invited to attend the ministry meeting of your choice 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 Bev DeHaan, Joan Will, Herb Tritten and Marge Bohlman. 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.

ZEERUST VISIT - MISSION & PARTNERSHIP

In 1988 the ELCA established the Companionship program and the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ECSW) which includes Saint Andrew was matched with the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa (ELCSA). In 2007 an official companionship document was signed at a meeting with representatives from the Madikwe Circuit and the Wisconsin River Valley Conference. The awareness for our sister congregation in Zeerust happened then with visits from members of their congregation in 2012 and 2016. Saint Andrew is excited to have members traveling with others including Bishop Jerry and Anita Mansholt from our Synod this July to be in accompaniment! A new way of engaging in mission...walking together in solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality... gifts, resources and experiences are shared with mutual advice and admonition to deepen and expand our work within God's mission. The South Africa Lutheran Church (ELCSA) and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) were both started approximately 150 years ago by German missionaries.

The idea of "Global Mission" changed from 25 years ago. In the 20th century when the role played was "as the authority" based on *Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore and make disciples, baptizing them."* Missions were short-term to bring financial aid, set up new programs, build new structures, share knowledge in education and health care and bring Christ to the world!

The basis for the 21st century global mission is "relationships" with each partner having gifts to share as equals around the table; *Mark 12:30-31, "You shall love God with all your heart and all your mind and all your soul, and love your neighbor as yourself."* It is desired to keep this relationship going "church to church" not just one or two interested people in the congregation having a "pen-pal" in South Africa and telling the rest of the congregation about the latest news they received! The person to person contact is key with this being a faith journey for guests, hosts and all congregation members.

For those traveling from Saint Andrew in July; Phil Bickley, Tammy Schilling, Ron & Betty Dotseth with their grandsons, Jacob and Gabriel, their mission is:

Justice... treating each other fairly.

Active Listening... with each other.

Active Learning... what can be learned from each other, what gifts are shared... faith, prayer, worship, music, organizational skills?

A significant opportunity will be to experience a new cultural way of life. South Africa has been called the rainbow nation because it is made up of so many diverse cultures. As human beings, culture is like the air we breathe - the identity or feeling of belonging that is learned from family, school, religious teachings, television/media and the government of a country. What did we learn to believe about relationships, who to trust or not? How do we react to differences and conflict? Our lives are made up of many overlapping cultures, each with a unique set of standards to which we must adapt, or bear the consequences associated.

After arriving at the ELCSA Centre, the next stop for the group traveling in South Africa will be to tour the Apartheid Museum and learn about the former social system in which black people and people from other racial groups did not have the same political and economic rights and were forced to live separately from white people. That racial institution, established in 1948 by the National Party with a violently repressive policy, was designed to ensure that the 20% white population could dominate the country and then governed South Africa until 1994 when it was abolished.

Watch for more information about Zeerust and this upcoming trip in the **July Network!**

2018 ECSW ASSEMBLY - “We are Church Together – Feeding & Equipping Leaders”

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ECSW) annual assembly meeting was held on May 18-19, 2018 in Oshkosh. Saint Andrew members representing the congregation included Terri Wiederhoeft, Jennifer Luer, Ken Luer, Denise Skare, Karoline Schwantes, Kerry Fehrman, Pastor Jenn, Pastor Craig and myself.

The theme of this year’s assembly was “We are Church Together – Feeding & Equipping Leaders”. Jim Ladoux, a consultant from Vibrant Faith (a consulting organization that assists congregations in reimagining faith formation), spoke of ways to integrate and transform multigenerational ministries and programs into the life of a church. In addition, Jim brought topics regarding:

- ♦ Faith Formation for All Seasons of Adulthood
- ♦ Discovering and Living One’s Calling and
- ♦ Bringing the Vision to Life in Your Congregation

Friday’s assembly session began with an inspirational worship service, followed by the presentation of various financial reports and reports by guests which included:

- ♦ Hector Colon, the new CEO of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan
- ♦ Rev. Chris Boerger, Secretary of the ELCA who presented the national church report
- ♦ Representatives from the Lutheran Church in Poland (17,000 Lutherans among 28 million Catholics) relayed their appreciation for learning how social statements issued by the greater church are created and refined before adoption

The session included a moving prayer-centered healing service. Eight breakout sessions with diverse themes were available for the delegates to attend to gain further knowledge and information. An evening banquet was held celebrating the anniversaries and retirements of pastors as well as uplifting the anniversaries of churches in the synod.

Saturday, the final day of the assembly, started with worship, with Reverend Chris Boerger peaching an inspiring call-to-action based on the Gospel story of feeding the 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish. This was followed by the synod Bishop’s report and the vice president’s report (go Kerry!).

The assembly meeting, although very structured in many ways, is meaningful, engaging and inspiring for several reasons. It is a time to

- ♦ learn new ideas from speakers, breakout sessions and program display tables. It is also an opportunity to ask questions about programs to garner feedback from others
- ♦ catch up with old friends and associates from other churches and cities. An opportunity to enjoying fellowship with fellow East Central Synod church members and to learn about their programs and churches.
- ♦ build stronger relationships with the fellow Saint Andrew members who attended. That included time to laugh and enjoy each other’s company.
- ♦ experience uplifting worship services, messages and prayers
- ♦ build a stronger understanding of how the greater church works and how we fit within it.

Consider in the coming years an opportunity to attend the assembly meeting and learn how we are church together!

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Wiederhoeft

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	4 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	5 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 11:30 AM OWLS - Polluck & William Morris Israel trip presentation	6 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 11:30 AM OWLS - Polluck & William Morris Israel trip presentation	7 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	8 4:30 PM Rehearsal	9 4:00 PM Dantoin-Riebe Wedding
10 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:15 AM Dartball Demarstration-Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM WORSHIP	11 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	12 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings	13 6:30 PM Dartball Practice	14 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	15	16
Confirmation Camp at Waypost in Hatley						
17 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	18 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	19 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	20	21 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	22	23
24 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:00 AM Fellowship Sundaes Sunday following worship services 9:30 AM WORSHIP	25 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	26 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	27	28 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Council Meeting	29	30



Saint Andrew Lutheran Church VBS *"This Changes Everything"*



Save the Date!

July 23-27

9:00 am - Noon

Summer is coming and so is Vacation Bible School!

Invite your friends for...

Songs, Games, Crafts, and Worship

Snacks and Fellowship

Old Friends and New Friends!

Children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to come join the fun!

Older youth who have a desire to help are encouraged to volunteer (we need you)!

Can you lend a hand to help the week run smoothly?

- ✓ Serve as a group leader or support person during the week of VBS—the counselors teach!
- ✓ Host two Crossways camp staff in your home for the week, providing a place to sleep and breakfast
- ✓ Make an evening meal for Crossways staff for one night (host at home or at church)
- ✓ Help with planning and preparing logistics for the week
- ✓ Sponsor a child who can't afford VBS
- ✓ Donate supplies for Day Camp (Arts & Crafts, food, etc...)

Check out the Information Desk, stop by the office, or visit the website for easy online registration!



"This Changes Everything" VBS Volunteer Sign-up



Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Age if under 18 _____

- ☐ Snack Volunteer
- ☐ Arts and Crafts Volunteer
- ☐ Group Volunteer - Age group preferred _____
- ☐ Host Family for 2 Crossways counselors
- ☐ Dinner Host-for 6-8 Crossways counselors on _____ night

Turn in form at the Information Desk or to the church office

Forming Faith in 2018

Mark your calendar and watch for more information for these opportunities to connect and learn in the coming year.

Children, Confirmation, Youth

Vacation Bible School—July 23-27

Blessing of Backpacks—August 26

Confirmation Orientation—September 5
For students and parents Grades 7 & 8, 6:15 pm

Rally Sunday—September 9
Sunday School kicks off during 9:30 am worship
Nursery schedule resumes
Church Picnic to follow beginning at 10:45 am

Presentation of Bibles—September 23
Second grade students and families

9th Grade Confirmation Resumes—Sept. 26
9th grade students gather for three weeks to prepare for confirmation, 7:30 pm—Watch for a mailing soon

For Everyone

Blessing of Pets and Animals—August 19

Women's Gather Study Resumes—September 5
1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, 12:15 pm

Men's Bible Study—"Son-Risers" Resumes—Sept. 12
Each Wednesday at 6:30 or 10:30 am

Adult Sunday School Resumes—September 16

Sunday Evening Study Resumes—September 16

Save the dates...

Confirmation Worship—October 28, 2:00 pm
Sunday school Christmas Program —December 16
Midwinter Retreat (grades 3-6)—January 25-27, 2019
First Communion Classes begin—March 17, 2019
First Communion Worship—April 14, 2019, 2:00 pm

Watch future Networks for these opportunities...

Tuesday morning Reading Reflections, New Lectionary Bible Study, Ministry Night meetings, Spiritual Renewal Retreats, and more!

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

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
 Roman John David Weinkauff - May 27
 Kelsey Lynn Bargender - May 27
 Emma May Kalmon - June 3
 David Anthony & Jacob Aaron Riege - June 3
 Evangeline Dawn Bailey - June 10
 Maverick Thomas Bartz - June 17
 Adelyn June Socha - June 24
 Brynleigh Mae Rose - July 22

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Judy Bargender

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 & Geralyn Granger - July 14
 Caleb Tesch & Brittany Northrup - August 25

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	Charles & Gerry	Pam	Dixie	Charles
Aiden	Jan	Pat & Dick	Laura	Riley
Ali	Jennifer	Pete	Frank	Rebecca
Amy	Katie	Robin	Pam	Luke
Arlen	Larry	Tom	Angie	Amber & Ariel
Ashley	Leann	Tony	Ruth	Theresa, Deb &
Babs	Lynne & Dan	Ella	Jerry	Vanessa
Bill	Meg	Amy	Sue	Lindsey & Family
Brian	Monica	Tom	Helen	Floyd
Callie & Zak	Nikki	Yvonne	Merlin	

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

JUNE

5		OWLS Potluck and Israel Presentation
10	9:15 am	Dartball Demonstration
13	6:30 pm	Dartball Practice
10-15		Confirmation Camp
24		Sundae Sunday

JULY

4-21		SALC Members Travel to Zeerust
8	9:15 am	Dartball Demonstration
11	6:30 pm	Dartball Practice
21		SALC Annual Golf Outing (Tentative Date)
23-27	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School



SALC is on Facebook! Follow the link on the Saint Andrew website
and click "like" to keep up with the latest news and events!