



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.—Hebrews 11:1

Have you noticed any changes lately? For a few weeks now I have noticed trees are beginning to turn colors as the summer months transition into fall. Changing seasons is one of the things I have always appreciated about living in the mid-west. Though I realize that the cold winter season follows behind, fall has long been my favorite season of the year. fall is when the fruits of the summer labors are gathered. The weeding and tending is over. Now comes the season for assessing the bounty of the harvest of seeds that months before were sown in hope. No one plants seeds without the hope that they will sprout and grow with the ability of being productive. No, we plant with a sense of assurance and conviction. The writer of the book of Hebrews describes this as faith. We may not understand, we may not see, but we are confident that somehow, faith will see us through the changes of life. As Christians, we are resurrection people. We are people of faith who believe that even as the winter season of life will one day come for us all, we are confident that God's plan as revealed through the death and resurrection of Jesus will sustain us. We need not fear the changes but accept them as an expected pattern of life. - *Fr. Craig*

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

Thursdays—12:15 and 6:15 pm
Sundays—8:00 and 10:30 am



REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

Pentecost 16— September 9/September 12

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

Pentecost 17 — September 16/ September 19

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

ACTIVITIES

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, September 12, 9:30 am

Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office at (715)842-3333 if you would like to attend.

Quilting Group

Tuesday, September 14, 10 am-4 pm

If you can thread a needle, you are welcome to join the fellowship as quilts are designed, cut and pieced together for this great ministry. The fellowship continues with a potluck lunch so come for the day or for a few hours.

Lay School of Ministry

Classes begin *September 17 and 18, 2010* and are held Friday evenings and Saturdays once a month at Saint Andrew. For more information, contact Jeanette Carlson at jeanette@bobs-electric.com or at 715-848-2108.

Bible Study

Pastor Craig will facilitate a seven-week Bible Study beginning *Sunday, September 19 at 6:30 pm* focused on "Faith Practices: Pray, Study, Worship, Invite, Encourage, Serve, Give." All are welcome. Meet in the Activity Room. "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible" will be repeated beginning November 14.

COMMUNITY DINNER

A hot meal and fellowship are offered at First Presbyterian Church, downtown Wausau, in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday afternoon from 4-5:10 pm. Saint Andrew is one of fourteen area faith groups that volunteer to host the dinner. Saint Andrew hosts the third Sunday every other month so on *Sunday, September 19* volunteers are needed from 3-6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. If you would like to help with this community ministry, please call Kathy Wurz at 715-845-5708.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & RECEPTION

New Member Orientation is scheduled for *Sundays, September 19 and 26*. New Members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on September 26. Following the worship service, everyone is then invited to a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall welcoming the newest members of our church. Enjoy good food while you meet new friends or get reacquainted with some old ones. Please bring the following dish (es) to share according to the first letter of your last name:

- A-C Dessert
- D-R Hot Dish

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

September 12

September 19

<p>Ushers Johnson Team</p> <p>Layreaders 8:00 am - Shirley Bickford 10:30 am - Diana Ackerman</p> <p>Altar Guild Team 5: Mavis Bloom, Pam Levra and Mary Wittich</p> <p>Fellowship 8:00 am - Annette and Larry Bindl 10:30 am - Bernie and LeAnn Stankowski</p>	<p>Greeters 8:00 am - Duane and Sharlene Kreft 10:30 am - Duane and Jill Meyer</p> <p>Counters-September 13 Charmaine Burnett and Jerry Kort</p> <p>Lectionary Readings Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10</p>	<p>Ushers Shepherd Team</p> <p>Layreaders 8:00 am - Jim Branning 10:30 am - Andy Andreas</p> <p>Altar Guild Team 5: Mavis Bloom, Pam Levra and Mary Wittich</p> <p>Fellowship 8:00 am - Ron and Teresa Brown 10:30 am - Klint and Jessa Smith</p>	<p>Greeters 8:00 am - Shirley Bickford and Roger Otto 10:30 am - Mary Wittich and Ann McDonald</p> <p>Counters-September 20 Judy Paszek and Fred & Pat Fuchs</p> <p>Lectionary Readings Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13</p>
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GOOD STEWARDS

There have been extra dollar bills as part of regular weekly offerings recently. Thanks to those who have been generous in participating in the "Spare a Buck" challenge.

As we approach the last quarter of 2010, the Stewardship Ministry is asking each of you, as the membership of Saint Andrew, to search your hearts and join in the program to assist Saint Andrew with financial responsibility. As people of God, we are called upon to reach out to others and join in the mission of sharing God's word. Julie Salamon, an author on charity tells us, "We are measured not by what we have, but by what we give to one another."

Clearly, our gifts to God connect and move us. Please prayerfully consider the challenge of joining in the Saint Andrew "Spare a Buck" program, joyfully contributing an extra dollar next week, two dollars the following week, and so forth. In today's world, that extra buck is something most of us won't miss. When you ponder the "Spare a Buck" challenge, please think on the words of Jesus, "Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." — Matthew 6:20-21

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



We are adding some "SPARK" to our Church School Program this fall! The *Spark* curriculum is designed to activate faith; *What if we could see kids building a personal relationship with God's Word?* The *Spark* church school curriculum that we will be utilizing from Augsburg Fortress is online and lectionary based which means the lessons taught in church school will correlate with the readings during the church service for that day, positively impacting understanding of God's Word. We are just beginning to tap into the capabilities of the online resources for parents, teachers, and leaders. Join us for opening in the sanctuary each Sunday (or monthly on Thursdays.) We are anxious to show you more *Spark!* Let your children see the "spark" inside of you, take some time to be involved in your child's Christian education...we are the church together! Let's get the fire

Have you heard about one of the best kept secrets at Saint Andrew? It is the **Adult Church School** class! Beginning September 12, the class meets each Sunday during the church school time, 9:15-10:15 am in the Activity Room (adjacent to the Fellowship Hall). Come and enjoy some great discussion, wonderful fellowship, a cup of coffee and cookies!

NEW MINISTRY AT SALC

A new ministry, Communications and Technology, is being formed and needs time and talent. Time commitments include 1 to 2 hours at Ministry Night each month and a willingness to commit the time needed to complete communication projects to support the SALC Mission. Projects including brochures, event photography, photo collages, webpage development and Webmaster services are already on a growing "to-do" list. If you are a computer or information technology professional, your expertise is needed with computer hardware, software, wireless networks, social media, etc. Writing and computer skills will be most helpful.

**Another way
to share your
Time and
Talent through
Saint Andrew.**



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Can you thread a needle? See pg. 2 for details on being a part of the Quilting Group.
- Volunteer opportunities are available for Community Dinner. See pg. 2.
- Time and Talent is needed for the new Communications and Technology Ministry. See pg. 3.
- The "Giving Tree" for church school supplies is now available in the Fellowship Hall.
- Prayer requests are welcome through the *Prayer Center* in the sanctuary and will be acknowledged weekly in worship.

Parish Staff

Rev. John Roseth, *Pastor*
 Rev. Craig Swenson, *Pastor*
 Everett Schmidt, *Minister of Youth*
 Al Freiberg, *Minister of Music*
 Shelby Reif, *Parish Administrator*
 Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*
 Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
 Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*
 Dennis Gillingham, *Custodian*
 Ron Sandquist, *Sexton*

NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the September 23 Network is:
Wednesday, September 15

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At Saint Andrew—September 12 - 26

Sunday, September 12

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15am Rally Sunday Church School
 9:30 am Pre-Baptism Orientation
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 11:45 am *Reh:* Children's Choir

Monday, September 13

6:00 pm ACOA
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, September 14

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club
 10:00 am *Mtg:* Quilting Group
 6:30 pm *Mtg:* Ministry Night

Wednesday, September 15

6:15 pm Confirmation Class
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

Thursday, September 16

12:15 pm WORSHIP
 5:30 pm Church School
 6:15 pm WORSHIP

Saturday, September 18

2:00 pm Edward Matz and
 Judy Pagenkopf Wedding

Sunday, September 19

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Church School and
 Adult Education Class
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 11:45 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 3:00 pm Community Dinner

Monday, September 20

6:00 pm ACOA
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen
 6:30 pm "Empty Bowls" Bowl Glazing

Tuesday, September 21

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club
 4:00 pm *Mtg:* Staff
 6:30 pm "Empty Bowls" Bowl Glazing

Wednesday, September 22

6:15pm Confirmation Class
 6:30pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:00pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, September 23

12:15 pm WORSHIP
 5:30 pm Church School
 6:15 pm WORSHIP

Sunday, September 26

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Church School and
 Adult Education Class
 10:30 am WORSHIP