



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



We turn the page on a new calendar year and anticipate better things ahead than what we left behind. Sometimes that is possible and sometimes not. As we make this transition, we resolve good intentions for the coming year. What resolutions have you made as we begin a new year and make good intentions for 2011? Will you be more energy conscious? Do you have a few Christmas pounds to shed? Will you learn a new skill? Give more? Spend less? What are the things that are important to you that you may not have been as intentional as you would have liked in the past but wish to change for the future? Do you need a list? Consider the following as idea starters.

1. Give God what's right -- not what's left.
2. Plan ahead -- It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
3. Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.
4. Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.
5. *(and my personal favorite)* Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.

May you experience the presence of God in ways that bring you peace and contentment and an abundance of opportunities to grow together in faithful witness and service in Christ. – Happy (and blessed) New Year! – Pr. 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

Baptism of Our Lord-January 9

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Second Sunday After Epiphany-January 16

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

ACTIVITIES

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, January 9, 9:30 am
Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

Ministry Night

Tuesday, January 11, 6:30 pm
All are welcome to participate in the ministry of their choice on Ministry Night. All ministries gather in the Fellowship Hall for devotions before breaking off into their individual meetings. Come and see how your time and talent can help serve in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

Bible Study

Sundays, 6:30 pm
Heaven on Earth is the name of the next Sunday evening bible study focused on the book of Matthew. All are welcome to attend this six-week study at Saint Andrew. Study guides are available for a cost of \$8.

Quilting Group

Tuesday, January 11, 10 am
Can you thread a needle? All 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.

COMMUNITY DINNER

A hot meal and fellowship are offered at First Presbyterian Church, downtown Wausau, every Sunday afternoon. Saint Andrew is one of 14 area faith groups that volunteer to host the dinner. Saint Andrew will host on Sunday, January 16. Volunteers are needed from 3-6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. Please call Kathy Wurz at 715-845-5708 to let her know you can help!

SAINT ANDREW ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on **January 30 at 9:15 am** between the Sunday morning services. Everyone is requested to attend with participating members having voting privileges. The following are candidates for the Saint Andrew Council: Eric Jacobson, Annette Green, Randy Trollop, Jeff Marcell, Chris Hagen, Lynn Chaignot, Pam Kyhos, Bill Miller, Bill VandenHeuvel and Shelby Niskanen. Their biographies will be available in the Fellowship Hall beginning *Sunday, January 16*. The 2011 Proposed Budget will also be available in the Fellowship Hall for review beginning *Friday, January 21*.



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

January 9

Ushers

Weidman Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Ed Wodalski
10:30 am - Jane Wetterau

Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth,
Joleen Meier and Ann
McDonald

Fellowship

8:00 am - Leslie and Sid
Sorenson
10:30 am - Babs Hintz and
Annette Green

Greeters

8:00 am - Cheryl & Zayd
Kort and Maxine Felch
10:30 am - Annette Green
and Babs Hintz

Counters-January 10

Charmaine Burnett and
Jerry Kort

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 16

Ushers

Johnson Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Daniel Malm
10:30 am - Christine Welsh

Altar Guild

Team 3: Cindy Brenner,
Carmen Siegel and Vicki
Porter

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim Jacobson
10:30 am - Bernie and
LeAnn Stankowski

Greeters

8:00 am - Jennifer and
Tyler Grieser
10:30 am - Ron and Diane
Rasmussen

Counters-January 17

Judy Paszek

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

GOOD STEWARDS

As we move into 2011 and finalize plans for a budget to fund the next year's ministries, it remains challenging to determine accurate intentions through confirmed pledges. While pledges that have been received to date have been both generous and supportive, there yet remains a significant number of pledges that were included in last year's totals but have yet to be confirmed for 2011. These pledge numbers translate as 137 households for a total of \$94,000. This is a significant shortfall over last year's budget. If you have not yet responded with your pledge of support, please do so. At this time, in addition to reductions in funding for ministries, all salaries and wages of staff will be offered with no increases over last year as well as several reductions of hours for many staff members for the 2011 calendar year. These are not the kinds of decisions that are desired as we continue to experience growth in membership. With uncertain financial support, it will be necessary to find new ways to meet current ministry needs and plan for future needs as well. Your prayerful support is needed as we seek God's guidance through challenging times.



SNOW POLICY

School cancellations mean Saint Andrew's classes & meetings will be also.

Listen to local radio stations or check the websites of News Channels 7 & 9 for the list of school closings.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES RESUME

Church School

Thursday, January 6, 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 9, 9:15 am (Includes Adult Education Class)

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, January 9, 9:30 am

Sunday Evening Bible Study

Sunday, January 9, 6:30 pm

Confirmation Classes Resume

Wednesday, January 5, 6:15 pm - 6-8 Grades

Wednesday, January 12, 6:30 pm - 9 Grade

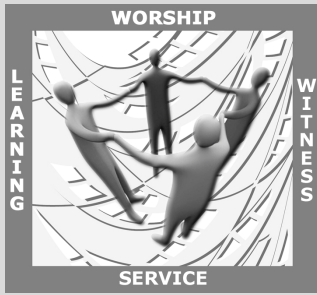


BOOK CLUB BEGINS NEW BOOK

All are welcome to join the Book Club on Tuesday, January 11 as they begin a new book: "Confessions of a Prayer Wimp" by Mary Pierce.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

Are you married and looking for a way to enhance it? Prepare/Enrich is an inventory based tool that has been helpful for couples for many years. Prepare is the name of the pre-marital resource which is offered as part of the pre-marital planning at Saint Andrew. Enrich is an inventory based resource that is available for those already committed in marriage but who are looking for an opportunity to enhance communication and other relationship skills. Interested couples are encouraged to contact Pastor Craig to learn more about the resource and arrange a time to set up the inventory as well as a session to process the inventory results.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Volunteers needed for Community Dinner - see pg. 2 for details.
- Turn to pg. 2 for more information on how you can help make quilts for local community outreach.
- 2011 first quarter "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are now available in the narthex.
- Sign up for Altar Flowers for 2011 on the kiosk in the Narthex.
- 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 *January 20, 2011* Network is:
Wednesday, January 12, 2011

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At Saint Andrew—January 9 - 15

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
 9:15 am Church School for all ages
 9:30 am Baptism Orientation
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, January 10

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball vs Immanuel Baptist

Tuesday, January 11

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club
 10:00 am Quilting Group
 11:30 am *Mtg:* Staff
 6:30 pm *Mtg:* Ministry Night

Wednesday, January 12

6:15 pm Confirmation Class-Grades 6-8
 6:30 pm Confirmation Class-Grade 9
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, January 13

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

Sunday, January 16

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
 9:15 am Church School for all ages
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 4:00 pm Community Dinner
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, January 17

7:00 pm Dartball vs St. Michaels
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, January 18

9:00 am Book Club
 11:45 am *Mtg:* Executive Committee

Wednesday, January 19

6:15 pm Confirmation Class-Grades 6-8
 6:30 pm Confirmation Class-Grade 9
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, January 20

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
 5:30 pm Church School
 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**
 7:00 pm *Mtg:* Church Council

Friday, January 21

5:00 pm Lay School

Saturday, January 22

8:00 am Lay School