



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

As he began his public ministry, Jesus extended an invitation to some fishermen to join him. "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Was the fishing that bad or was the invitation that convincing that they would leave their tasks behind and accept a new challenge?

What compels you to accept an invitation? How do you respond when asked about a new challenge? Much effort has been put into extending the invitation for Saint Andrew members to give serious consideration with responses of participation and support for the coming year. Financial pledges as well as time and talent lists have all been revised and are not simply carryovers from previous years. This is a year you may wish to participate through a new ministry, challenge yourself with a new level of support. You may have an idea to share that you have never felt encouraged to propose because there has not been room in the boat or you may work with a different set of skills than those already in place.

Along with recent budgeting challenges has come creative conversations giving room for alternate possibilities. The challenges have not been nor will they be easy. But imagine those first followers and their courage to try something new. How are you being invited to new ways of support and participation through the ministry we share at Saint Andrew? Jesus extends the invitation. What will be your response?

- Pastor 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

Third Sunday After Epiphany-January 23

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany-January 30

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

ACTIVITIES

Super Bowl Snacks

Sunday, February 6

Donations of any kind of snack for the **Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale** can be dropped off at church on Friday, February 4 before 4 pm or on Super Bowl Sunday before the services. Please pre-package for individual sale, price, and label if there are nuts or peanut butter as ingredients for allergy concerns. Your support of the Food Pantry through snack donations and purchases is appreciated!

Adult Basketball

Thursdays, Jan. 20-Mar. 17

Pick-up basketball will be at the Marathon Grade School gym on Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 pm for eight weeks. The cost is \$2 for 2 hours of fun and exercise. See you there!

Crossways Camping Ministries

Many camping opportunities for youth, adults and families are available at Crossways Camps. Take advantage of the discounted fee by registering before March 15. Program materials are available in the Narthex and in the hallway across from the office.

Quilting Group

Tuesdays, February 1 & 8, 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.

Also available are quilt kits. Pick one up from the kiosk in the Narthex to take home. When completed, return it to the kiosk.

SAINT ANDREW ANNUAL MEETING

January 30 at 9:15 am

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual Meeting to be held in the Fellowship Hall between the Sunday morning services. Everyone is requested to attend with participating members having voting privileges. The biographies for the Saint Andrew Council candidates are available in the Fellowship Hall. The 2011 Proposed Budget will also be available in the Fellowship Hall for review beginning Friday, January 21.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, February 6 and 13, 9:15 am

New Member Orientation is scheduled for Sundays, February 6 and 13 at 9:15 am. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on February 13. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to express your intent. Thank you.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

January 23

Ushers

Shepherd Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Todd Punke
10:30 am - Sheri Vandehey

Altar Guild

Team 3: Cindy Brenner,
Carmen Siegel and
Vicki Porter

Fellowship

8:00 am - Rob and
Betsy Stangel
10:30 am - Annette Green
and Babs Hintz

Greeters

8:00 am - Dan and
Lynne Holt
10:30 am - Dave and
Sue Paisar

Counters-January 24

Leslie Sorenson and
Mary Wittich

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

January 30

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Joleen Meier
10:30 am - Gina Smith

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke,
Sue McFaul and
Jodi Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim and
Diane VanEyck
10:30 am - TBA

Greeters

8:00 am - Brad and
Kelly Heiting Family
10:30 am - Mike and
Carol Weise Family

Counters-January 31

Charmaine Burnett and
Mindy Branning

Lectionary Readings

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

GOOD STEWARDS

Thrivent Choice, the charitable grant program from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, continues to be a welcome funding source for Lutheran organizations nationwide.

If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you likely are aware of this easy, convenient way to help support what matters most to you. Through Thrivent Choice, members can help choose where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable funds each year.

Eligible benefit members are designated Choice DollarsSM they can use to request funding for their choice among thousands of Lutheran organizations, including Saint Andrew Lutheran Church.

If you are eligible to help direct Choice Dollars, or are uncertain about your eligibility, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Or contact your local Thrivent Financial representative.

Choice Dollars designated to benefit members in 2010 must be directed by March 31, 2011.



SNOW POLICY MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY

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.



Prepare/Enrich is an inventory based tool that has been helpful for married 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Adult confirmation classes will be offered on Sundays at 9:15 am during Lent beginning **March 13**. These classes are for those who have not been confirmed, those new to the Lutheran tradition as well as those interested in a refresher course and conversation. Contact the church office if you are interested.

YOUTH NEWS

Baptism Retreat

This Saturday, January 22

The 6th grade students will be going to St. Anthony's Retreat Center for the day to learn, reflect and share what their baptism means. The group will participate in large and small group time, share mementos of their baptism and tour St. Anthony's. Keep them in your prayers as they go through this baptism journey.

Junior Youth Gathering

The deadline for the 7-8 grade Junior Youth Gathering (JYG) is **Sunday, January 23**.

Registration forms and \$40 fee can be turned in to Schmidty or the church office.

JYG is **Saturday and Sunday, February 19 and 20**.



**Time and Talent
Opportunities to
SUPPORT
the Mission**

- Turn to pg. 2 for more information on how you can help make quilts for local community outreach.
- Super Bowl Snacks-see pg. 2 for details on how to participate to support the Saint Andrew Food Pantry.
- 2011 first quarter "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are still available in the narthex.
- A few dates are still open-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 *February 3, 2011* Network is:
Wednesday, January 26, 2011

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At Saint Andrew—January 23 - February 5

Sunday, January 23

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

Monday, January 24

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball at St. Paul

Tuesday, January 25

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club

Wednesday, January 26

6:15 pm Confirmation Class-Grades 6-8
 6:30 pm Confirmation Class-Grade 9
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, January 27

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

Sunday, January 30

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

Monday, January 31

7:00 pm Dartball at St. Marks
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, February 1

9:00 am Book Club
 10:00 am Quilting Group for LWR

Wednesday, February 2

6:15 pm Confirmation Class-Grades 6-8
 6:30 pm Confirmation Class-Grade 9
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, February 3

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