



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS



It isn't as easy as fulfilling the law. It isn't as easy as doing the right things and avoiding the wrong. Life is both easier than that and more difficult than that. In his sermon to the disciples and the crowd, Jesus describes the life of faith from a different perspective. The "law says" (yes, we know what the law says) "but I say...be perfect, therefore as your heavenly Father is perfect." (It would be easier to obey the law.) We know about vengeance and retaliation as natural responses to injustice and unfairness. We can relate to the "eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth" image of justice. Jesus calls for a radically different response. Do not repay evil with more evil. Love enemies. Pray for those who persecute. (No, I'd rather rule with an iron fist and respond to others in so much as they respond to me.) Jesus declares a better way—a godly way.

The perfection God defines is to love neighbor as self. Love enemies, pray for those who persecute. But this is not possible as long as we see one another through the lens of suspicion, jealousy, anger or resentment. It is not possible to fulfill such a tall order on our own. It is too difficult. It is impossible! But there is a better way. Jesus fulfills for us what we are unable to fulfill on our own. Through the perfect love of Jesus, we can love the unlovable. We can pray for those who trouble us. Let God play the part of prosecutor and judge. These are positions we are not very good at. Sin clouds our perspective. There is a better way. The way of the cross. The way of Jesus. The way of grace. Divine grace.

- 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

7th Week after Epiphany

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

8th Week after Epiphany

Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who feeds the birds and clothes the grass of the field. We rejoice that we are held in the palm of God's hand. God cannot forget us any more than a woman could forget her nursing child. Nourished at the Lord's table, we share these gifts with those who are anxious, hungry, poor, or in any kind of need.

ACTIVITIES

Quilting

Tuesdays, March 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.

OWLS~Game On!

Tuesday, March 1, 11 am

The Saint Andrew Older Wiser Lutherans will enjoy a potluck lunch followed by a leisurely afternoon of games. Bring your favorite or enjoy what others have. Please call the church office to reserve your plate.

Let's Go Fishin!

February 27, 10:30 am-3:30 pm

Join Crossways Camps for the first annual "Ice Fishin' on Mission" at Mission Lake in Hatley. The day will include individual, team and raffle prizes, lunch for purchase, fun and fellowship. Entry fees:
Youth - \$5; Adult - \$15
Teams: 4 Youth - \$15
4 Adults - \$45

For more information see Crossways Camps website, www.crosswayscamps.org, or the posters on the kiosk and bulletin board.

Prayer Shawls Needed

Thank you to all who have given their time and talent making prayer shawls for this local outreach ministry. The supply of prayer shawls is currently low as many have been given to those who need extra comfort and special prayers. While there is still some winter in the air, why not knit a prayer shawl? Instructions are available in the Fellowship Hall with the remaining prayer shawls.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

This past Sunday, 35 new members were received into the Saint Andrew family: Robert and Sandra Bowen; Dan and Denise Bradford; Tom, Karen, Jonathan and Madeline Decker; Brian and Cara Drolshagen; Carl, Joni and Gary Flanery; Jake Ford and Molly Rehwaldt; Jim Fredrickson; Sara Grip; Henry, Elsie and Roxanne Jennejohn; Daniel, Denise and Elizabeth Kummerow; Joshua Manning and Tonya Jensen; Dave and Beverly Miller; Jennifer Oemichen; Dan Stelzer and Carrie Fecker; Becky Tyjeski; Russ and Alice VanSkiike; Kyle Wagner and Jessica Theiler. Welcome to Saint Andrew!

SAINT ANDREW GUIDEBOOK

We are in the process of updating the annual church Guide Book and Directory. This book is provided at no cost to and is subsidized by advertising from local businesses. If you own or manage a business and would like to advertise in our book, please call the Church Office at 715-842-3333. The Guide Book representative will be here in March to help you place your ad. If you are a member and have recently moved or have a new telephone number, please call or email the church with your updated information.

NOTE: If you do NOT want your name published please email: joy@salc-wausau.org.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

February 20

Ushers

Weidman Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Carolyn Kiesau

10:30 am - Susan Lang

Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom, Pam

Levra and Mary Wittich

Fellowship

8:00 am - Dick and Mary

Jarvis

10:30 am - Terry and June

Grabau

Greeters

8:00 am - Tom and Karen

Weidman

10:30 am - Mike and Peggy

Koehmstedt

Counters-February 21

Judy Paszek and Marcia

Otto

Lectionary Readings

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalms 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

February 27

Ushers

Johnson Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Dick Jarvis

10:30 am - Lynn Lawson

Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage,

Patty Marceille and Julie

Weller

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jason and Linda

Rickstad

10:30 am - Janet and Ashley

Soukup

Greeters

8:00 am - Pam Fromm and

Diane Blume

10:30 am - Dick and Lynn

Lawson and Reggie

Counters-February 28

Leslie Sorensen and Mary

Wittich

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalms 131

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

GOOD STEWARDS

Soon you will receive a mailing that will define the 2011 Lenten theme. Continuing the example of the Stewardship Ministry, the theme will be based on Stewardship. The five weeks between Ash Wednesday (March 9) and Holy Week will help focus how we are stewards of **Trust, Time, Talent, Treasure** and **Mission**. Experience has taught that people will support an event, an organization, or a plan if there is trust and clarity of expectations and if people are invited to participate. Being good stewards of time and talent will go a long way toward support and participation. This focus will help raise awareness of the many ways we are called upon to be faithful stewards of the resources God has entrusted to our care.



Once again, a Lenten token will be available during Lent to help support the theme. A suggested donation of \$1 will cover the cost of these tokens without adding a further expense to the budget. Thank you.

Watch for the mailing next week which will include a brochure with times, dates and a menu for the Soup and Sandwich meals. Evening Prayer will be the order of worship for the 12:15 and 6:15pm mid-week Wednesday services.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

First Communion sessions will be offered on *March 20 and 27, April 3 and 10 at 4-5:30 pm*. While instruction begins at 5th grade, it is also for those of higher grade levels who have not yet been instructed regarding the invitation to Holy Communion. Information will be mailed to those in 5th grade in the near future. *First Communion will be celebrated on Palm Sunday, April 17 at 2 pm.*

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 8, 5-6:30 pm

Join us for a traditional Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) at Saint Andrew where you can eat all you want before the season of Lent (a time to fast) which begins on Wednesday, March 9. Regular, blueberry, and potato pancakes will be served with real maple syrup, sausage, beverages and dessert. This is an all-you-can-eat dinner for \$5 - ages 13 and up; \$3 - children ages 5-12. Proceeds will benefit the Sr. High mission trip to Philadelphia.



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

- See the back of the calendar insert to find out how to help with Lenten Soup/Sandwich meals.
- Prayer Shawls needed-knitting instructions are available-see pg. 2 for details.
- Current Food Pantry needs: 100% Juice, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise and Vegetable Oil.
- Sign up for **Altar Flowers** for 2011 on the kiosk in the Narthex. Open dates: June 5, July 3 and 31, October 9.
- 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, *Coordinator of Youth*
 Al Freiberg, *Coordinator 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 **March 3, 2011** Network is: **Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

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At Saint Andrew—February 20 - March 5

Sunday, February 20

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
 9:00 am Super Bowl Snack Sale
 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, February 21

7:00 pm Dartball Tourn. at Peace
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, February 22

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club

Wednesday, February 23

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 24

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

Sunday, February 27

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, February 28

7:00 pm Dartball vs. Mount Olive
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 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, March 3

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

Sunday, March 6, Pretzel Sunday

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