



Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

As winter extends into the season of Spring, the question is beginning to be asked, will it ever warm up again? Will the snow melt and the flowers bloom, the trees leaf out and the grass turn green again? Political tensions, natural disasters, instability in many parts of the world make it seem like we are in a valley of dryness wondering if we will ever see hopeful signs of life again.

Ezekiel, the prophet, was led to a valley of dried bones and asked, can these bones live again? O Lord, you know. You are the breath of life. You are the source of living water. You are the one who provides living bread from heaven. You, O Lord, know very well that in you is life, hope, salvation, joy, and freedom. You have claimed us in the waters of baptism and you give us life. You give us courage to face uncertain times and you walk with us to comfort and protect us.

On Ash Wednesday we were reminded that we are but dust and without the presence of God's life-giving Spirit we are little more than dry bones. But the good news is, we can live again. Through Christ, we are assured that there is a resurrection. There will be life, abundant life, now and forever. Blessings on your journey of faith which bears witness to the promise of God's love fully revealed in Jesus. — *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 at 12:15 – 6:15 pm

Sundays at 8:00 – 10:30 am

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays 12:15 – 6:15 pm



REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS

Fourth Week in Lent

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this week is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. I was blind, but now I see, declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved sons and daughters. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Fifth Week in Lent

Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises.

ACTIVITIES

OWLS Group

Tuesday, April 5, 11 am
Biloxi, Mississippi continues to recover from the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. Wausau resident, Kay Treu, having participated in eight mission work teams to the Biloxi Back Bay area, will share her adventures and show scenes of the ongoing rebuilding. Join in the fellowship beginning with a potluck lunch. Please call the church office at 842-3333 if you would like to attend.

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, April 3, 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.

Easter Food Baskets

Saturday, April 23, 9 am
If you would like to volunteer to help assemble Easter food baskets or if you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

Easter Flowers

Help beautify the altar for Easter with your choice of an Easter Lily, Tulip, Daffodil or Hyacinth. Each potted flower is \$16 which may be taken home following the 11 am Easter worship service. Order forms are available in the narthex and are due in the church office on Monday, April 11.

LOST & FOUND

Many items have been "lost" over the last year and are hoping to be "found". The Lost & Found items, along with dishes and other kitchen-ware that may have been left at the church, will be available in the Fellowship Hall through Lent. Anything unclaimed may be included in the Treasure Sale being held in May. If you think you may have lost something, please take a moment to look over what has been left at the church to see if it may be just what you're missing!

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion classes will continue on Sundays, April 3 & 10 from 4-5:30 pm. A special worship service will be held on Sunday, April 17 at 2 pm. All are welcome to a pie social following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!

Join in the **Vacation Bible School** fun **August 1-5!** This year's theme is "Pandamania-where God is wild about you!" Watch the Network for more information as the date gets closer.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

April 3

Ushers

Johnson Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Ray Skare
10:30 am - Susan Paisar

Altar Guild

Team 3: Cindy Brenner,
Carmen Siegel
Vicki Porter

Fellowship

8:00 am - Joel and Sara
Widmann
10:30 am - DeEnna Gnatz

Greeters

8:00 am - Dan and Lynne
Holt
10:30 am - Dick and Sue
Grunewald

Counters-April 4

Annette Green and
Will Allmandinger

Lectionary Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

April 10

Ushers

Shepherd Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Paul Nelson
10:30 am - Marilyn Olson

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke
Sue McFaul
Jodi Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Ray and Teresa
Skare
10:30 am - Dennis
Klockziem

Greeters

8:00 am - John and Pat
Barnett
10:30 am - Tom and Mary
Weiland

Counters-April 11

Charmaine Burnett and
Jerry Kort

Lectionary Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

GOOD STEWARDS

Perpetual gifts are great ways to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew after you are no longer able to do so. Saint Andrew recently received a generous gift from a member who took out a life insurance policy and named Saint Andrew as the beneficiary. It is exciting to see people consider creative ways to support the mission and ministry of the church for current as well as future years. Many congregations have accumulated resources that allow exciting possibilities to support ministry opportunities. This recent gift has prompted the church council to first “receive” or accept the gift on behalf of the congregation and secondly to begin the process of setting up an official Endowment Fund as well as a committee and policy to manage those funds in ways that are above and beyond budgetary needs. Such giving is a good model of stewardship as it is simple, faithful, generous and intentional. With the approaching tax deadline, this may give others the incentive to consider similar gifts as tax deductions and opportunities of “investing” in the future ministry needs of the church. Thank you to this anonymous member for seeds of generosity that will one day produce abundant fruit for Christ’s church. If you are interested in such a gift, please call the church office and ask to speak with Kerry, the church treasurer, about your possibilities.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Lent

Maundy Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm

Good Friday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm

Easter Sunday: 6:00 am - **SUNRISE WORSHIP** on top of Rib Mountain
 8:00 am - **EASTER WORSHIP**
 7:00-9:30 am - *Easter Breakfast* served by the Youth
 in the Fellowship Hall
 9:30 am - **EASTER WORSHIP**
 11:00 am - **EASTER WORSHIP**

SAINT ANDREW TREASURE SALE

A Treasure Sale will take place **Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14**. Bring your “treasures” from spring cleaning to church on *Wednesday or Thursday, May 11 or 12*. Items that are donated should be in good working order and in very good condition. Leftover items will be donated after the sale. The following is a list of items not accepted: *computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances and tread mills*. Volunteers are needed. Please call the church office to express your availability to help.

This event will assist in funding the summer Youth Mission Trip to Philadelphia.



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

- **6th grade Sunday school teacher needed:** Please call the church office if interested.
- See pg. 2 for information on how to get involved with the **Lenten Soup Suppers.**
- Prepare Easter Food Baskets or help by donating food: see pg. 2 for details.
- 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 *April 14, 2011* Network is: **Wednesday, April 6, 2011**

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At Saint Andrew—April 3 - April 16

Sunday, April 3

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
 4:00 pm First Communion Class
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, April 4

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, April 5

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club
 10:00 am Quilting for LWR
 11:00 am OWLS Potluck

Wednesday, April 6

12:15 pm **LENTEW WORSHIP**
 12:45 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
 5:15 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
 6:15 pm **LENTEW WORSHIP**
 6:45 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
 7:00 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:15 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, April 7

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

Sunday, April 10

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 First Communion Class
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, April 11

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen

Tuesday, April 12

9:00 am Book Club
 10:00 am Quilting Group
 11:30 am *Mtg:* Staff
 6:30 pm *Mtg:* Ministry Night
 7:00 pm *Mtg:* Altar Guild

Wednesday, April 13

12:15 pm **LENTEW WORSHIP**
 12:45 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
 5:15 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
 6:15 pm **LENTEW WORSHIP**
 6:45 pm *Soup and Sandwich*
 7:00 pm *Reh:* Choir Rehearsal
 8:15 pm *Reh:* Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, April 14

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

Friday, April 15

5:00 pm Lay School

Saturday, April 16

8:00 am Lay School
 Eric Burnett and Tiffany Cheney Wedding