



# Network



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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS *from* SUMMER READING

 Each year, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin recognizes five congregations of the 126 congregations across the synod that have shown extra efforts in improving their giving and pledged support for the work of the church beyond the local context over the previous year including: seminaries, campus ministries and synod staff support. In two categories, Saint Andrew made what has been labeled as the **High Five** list of congregations that both *improved* and *exceeded* Mission Support Intent for 2010. This is exciting news in that this happened at a time that as a congregation we have been concerned about meeting local budget support. In the most recently mailing from the Stewardship Ministry, members have received information about the good news that giving is up from last year and that funds are available to support current expenses, meeting and exceeding monthly mortgage payments and generous benevolent support. I believe this is due in large part to the fact that people are taking giving seriously and have begun to see the importance of faithful stewardship practices which affects one's perspective regarding stewardship.

From a book entitled **Generous People**, Eugene Grimm points out that "*Congregations that have a high level of support for designated benevolence tend to be above average in other measures of stewardship performance.*" In other words, it is both beneficial and faithful to continue to look beyond our own needs and expand the vision of the church beyond the local context.

**THANK YOU** to all who are making faithful attempts to generously share from the resources of God's goodness through Christ's church.

As a note of information: the Stewardship Ministry has decided to manage the annual stewardship program a little differently for 2012. In September, members will receive a packet specifically targeting intentions of Time and Talent support. A later mailing will be sent requesting pledge support for the next year's budget and mortgage debt reduction efforts. Please begin to anticipate ways you are being encouraged to respond with your support of Time and Talent through active participation in the ministries of Saint Andrew. - 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 — 9:30 am**



**REFLECTIONS on the READINGS** (full listing of readings on pg. 2)

### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

*As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!*

### **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

## ACTIVITIES

### SALC Food Pantry Needs You!

The food pantry has recently been utilized by many for several food baskets and therefore is running low and in need of any non-perishable food items. Can you help? Drop off donations in the designated baskets at the church entrances.

### Gluten-Free Bread Makers Needed

This summer a gluten-free communion option was added at SALC. Gluten-free bread and preservative-free grape juice will be offered on Sunday services to allow members with gluten allergies to participate in communion. Please call the church office if you would like to bake this bread (recipe and guidelines provided) and be a part of this great ministry.

### OWLS Get Wiser

*Tuesday, August 9, 11 am*  
Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS) will become even wiser when Ryan Eisenman presents his 2011 National Finalist performance of the Paris Peace Talks. What's that? Come, learn and ask questions. Please join us at Saint Andrew for this presentation and potluck lunch!

### Take Me Out To The Ball Game!

*Monday, August 15, 6:15 pm*  
Cheer on the Saint Andrew fast pitch softball team when they play St. Paul's church. The game will be played on field 5 at Sunny Vale Park in Wausau. Cut out and bring the coupon on the back of this newsletter for a free small soda and popcorn to enjoy during the game!

## SALC PROPERTY & FACILITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

With the shift in seasons and programming, so do the Property and Facility needs change at Saint Andrew. Additional time and talent opportunities are available on an ongoing basis to assist in the general maintenance of the Saint Andrew building and grounds. Both interior and exterior projects such as dusting/polishing, touch-up painting and trimming of bushes have been identified with flexible time commitments ranging from a couple of hours, half day or full days. Please call the church office to inquire about these opportunities as well as indicating your availability to share your gifts and serve in this capacity.

## BLESSING OF PETS AND ANIMALS

*Sunday, August 21, 9:30 am*

Horses, pigs, dogs, cats, rabbits, donkeys and many other pets have all attended this special worship service! The service will take place on the north side of the property in front of the Celebration Patio. All socially adapted animals are welcome! Please come prepared to help with clean-up.

## ASSISTING with WORSHIP

### July 24

#### Ushers

B Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am -

9:30 am - Marilyn Olson

#### Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke  
Sue McFaul  
Jodi Gargulak

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Dick & Mary Jarvis

9:30 am - Doug & Marilyn Olson

#### Greeters

8:00 am - John & Pat Barnett

9:30 am - Ann McDonald & Annette Green

#### Counters-July 25

Leslie Sorensen  
Mary Wittich

#### Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalms 65:[1-8] 9-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 31

#### Ushers

Brekke Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 -

9:30 - Pete Porter

#### Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom  
Pam Levra  
Mary Wittich

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Jason & Linda

Rickstad

9:30 am - Ben & Mary Kregel

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Dan & Lynne Holt

9:30 am - John & Diane Rasmussen

#### Counters-August 1

Annette Green  
Will Allmandinger

#### Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 44:6-8

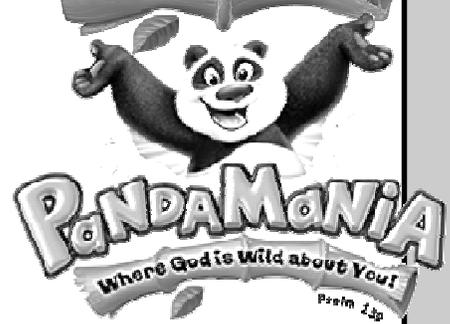
Psalms 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK

August 1-5, 2011



### NEED TO REGISTER?

Registration is easy! Stop by the Fellowship Hall, pick up a form and turn it into the office with payment. OR, register on-line at [www.salca-wausau.org](http://www.salca-wausau.org).

### SPECIAL MISSION FOCUS

Not only will transportation again be provided to assist families of an outreach program, there will also be special attention to raise funds and awareness for the ELCA Malaria Campaign. To most of us in the United States, mosquitoes are usually no more than a nuisance. But in many parts of Africa, a bite from an infected mosquito could transmit malaria and lead to death. Statistically, one child under the age of 5 dies every 45 seconds from malaria. You can help provide nets, insecticides, medication, health care and education. Stop at the mosquito net, attend VBS or go to [www.elca.org/malaria](http://www.elca.org/malaria) to learn more about how you can help eliminate deaths from this disease.

### SPONSOR A CHILD

If you would like to sponsor a child so that they may attend VBS, donations can be dropped off in the office or in the offering plate.

### CLOSING PROGRAM-Friday, August 5, 11:45 am

Come and see highlights from the week of fun that was had at PandaMania through a spotlight VBS video, participate in singing songs and hear a story about each day. A picnic lunch will be provided following the program.

## CHURCH SCHOOL NEEDS AND IDEAS

### Church School Teachers

All programming is *less than two months away!* How is God calling you to share your gift of teaching? Saint Andrew needs motivated individuals for the 2011-2012 Sunday School year who want to share their Christian faith by helping prepare our youngest members for a life with Christ. Flexible schedules are available, including: job sharing, rotations, part-time, etc. A substitute pool will also be established to have available for teacher absences. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to share your intentions of being part of Christian Education through Saint Andrew.

### New Ideas

In an effort to introduce a fresh approach to church school education, there will be many opportunities for parents to get involved next year with the educational programming beginning on Rally Day, September 11. **More information will be shared in the next issue of the Network.**

### Nursery Caregivers

Saint Andrew has a great need for volunteers to supervise the nursery. Would you be willing to give your time and your talent just one Sunday every few months during the school year? It's very easy and you get to play with toys, color or read a Christian story to a child! In addition, it would assist many parents in attending worship knowing their child is being well-taken care of. Please call the church office to let us know when you can help in the nursery!



## Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Facility Volunteers Needed— pg. 2 outlines the details.
- Opportunities available for Christian Educators or Nursery Caregivers—pg. 3 has all the information.
- **VBS**—Can you help? Need to Register? See pg. 3 for more details.
- Gluten-Free Bread Makers Needed — see pg. 2 for more information.
- A great way to **recycle your paper** —drop your recyclable paper in the **Magic Paper Box** in the West Parking Lot.
- 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 Gjertson, *Parish Administrator*  
Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*  
Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*  
Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*  
Ron Sandquist, *Sexton*

### NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the *August 4, 2011* Network is: **Wednesday, July 27, 2011**

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## At Saint Andrew—July 24 - August 6

### Sunday, July 24

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
9:30 am **WORSHIP**  
10:45 am Baptism Orientation

### Monday, July 25

7:00 pm AA, Alanon, Alateen  
7:45 pm Softball vs. Trinity—SV5

### Tuesday, July 26

9:00 am *Mtg:* Book Club

### Thursday, July 28

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

### Sunday, July 31

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
9:30 am **WORSHIP**

### Monday, August 1

9:00 am **VBS**  
7:00 pm AA, Alanon  
7:45 pm Softball vs. New Hope—SV5

### Tuesday, August 2

9:00 am **VBS**

### Wednesday, August 3

9:00 am **VBS**

### Thursday, August 4

9:00 am **VBS**  
12:15 pm **WORSHIP**  
6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

### Friday, August 5

9:00 am **VBS**  
11:45 am VBS Closing Program/Picnic Lunch

## Free Small Soda and Popcorn

Redeem at Sunny Vale Park  
8/15/11

(Offered by Saint Andrew Lutheran Church)