

Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS—*Pastor Craig*



A mailing will soon arrive to assist you in contemplating what kind of response is faithful for you as you renew your financial commitment of support for another year of ministry in Christ's Church through Saint Andrew. Because of generous general giving as well as additional giving in the Freed for Mission/Grow With God/Building Debt Reduction effort, we are in a much better place this fall than we were just one year ago. Even with continued challenges, there is still much for which to give thanks and many opportunities to practice good stewardship in our homes, communities and the church.

I recently attended a synod sponsored stewardship event at Saint Andrew where the speaker, Chick Lane, reminded us of the biblical passage, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Mathew 6:21; Luke 12:34) He said it is also true that "where your money goes will cause your heart to go there as well." A proactive and practical application is spelled out in a book called, *Giving to God* by Mark Allen Powell. "Put more of your money where you want Jesus to work and your heart will go there as well." So, where is your money going and how is Jesus blessing your efforts for the sake of the gospel?

As we enter the fall and reflect back on the months behind and anticipate the year to come, it is a good time to pause to give thanks but also to break out scratch paper and pencil and calculate how you intend to share what God provides. Will you use a proportion model? Lump sum? Will your giving increase for the next year or do you feel the need to adjust and give less at this time? No matter what your response, know that your participation and support is valued and received with gratitude. Being a good steward is not a matter of meeting a budget but of searching the heart to grow in our relationship with God and with one another.

When the Commitment mailing arrives please take the time to ask the question, "How might Jesus use what I share to support efforts to transform lives?" Then, make your response knowing that you have given faithful consideration and are offering gladly from what God has entrusted you to manage and to share.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Lectionary 27

Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Thursdays at 12:15 & 6:15 pm
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am

Lectionary 28

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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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ACTIVITIES

Crop Walk

Sunday, October 2, 12:30 pm

The Wausau Area Crop Walk for World Hunger will be held at Marathon Park. Pledge sheets can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall between the services or for more information, visit the Saint Andrew website or call the church office. This is a great event to raise funds for World Hunger, get some exercise and enjoy some fellowship.

OWLS Get Wise About Internet Security

Tuesday, October 4, 11:30 am

Sheila Petroske from M&I Bank will talk to us about "internet security from a bank's point of view". Topics covered; check-writing, staying logged in, accessing accounts, best form of I.D. The potluck lunch will begin at 11:30 am and the program at 12 pm. Please invite others who are interested in becoming

New Member Orientation

Sundays, October 9 & 16
9:15 am

New Member

Orientation is scheduled for Sundays, October 9 and 16 at 9:15 am. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on October 16. 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.

Blood Drive at SALC

Tuesday, November 1, 2-7 pm

Saint Andrew will be the sight of a blood drive in support of the Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin. Donors can give blood every 56 days. Not interested in donating? Perhaps you are willing to volunteer to help with refreshments, registration, or other support. Mark your calendar now and call the church office to express your willingness to help.

SOUP & SANDWICH BENEFIT

The Saint Andrew Lutheran Church congregation will sponsor a Soup & Sandwich Benefit to raise funds to help the Merrill families who suffered damage caused by the tornado this past May.

The event will take place on Sunday, October 9, 11:30 am-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall at SALC.

Additional funding will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. All requests for funds raised are to be placed through Our Savior Lutheran Church ELCA at 300 Logan St., Merrill, WI 54452.

For more information call SALC at 715-842-3333.

SALC STAFF EMAILS

After some current updates to the Saint Andrew website, the staff emails have also been updated. To contact any of the staff via email, please use the addresses listed on the Saint Andrew website.

TIME AND TALENT RESPONSES

Thanks to the many who have returned Time and talent commitment cards! For those who have yet to respond, please do so as soon as possible so a revised list can be generated and people can begin to participate as indicated. **Responses can be returned in the offering box or plate.**

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

October 2

Ushers

Shepherd Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Ray Skare

10:30 am - Fred Fuchs

Altar Guild

Team 3: Cindy Brenner

Carmen Siegel

Vicki Porter

Fellowship

8:00 am - Sid & Leslie

Sorenson

10:30 am - Pete & Cheri

Brodzeller

Greeters

8:00 am - Eugene & Nancy

Moyer

10:30 am - George & Bonnie

Alafouzos

Counters-October 3

Annette Green

Will Allmandinger

Lectionary Readings

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

October 9

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 - Dan Malm

10:30 - Beverly Powell

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke

Sue McFaul

Jodi Gargulak

Fellowship

8:00 am - Joel & Sue

Widmann

10:30 am - Greg & Jeanne

Willems

Greeters

8:00 am - Dan & Lynne

Holt

10:30 am - Mike and Peggy

Koehmstedt

Counters-October 10

Charmaine Burnett

Jerry Kort

Lectionary Readings

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

SALC DARTBALL

Dartball will begin on October 3 with an away game at St. Michael's. Never heard of Dartball? Darts are thrown at a game board simulating a baseball diamond. Points are scored as each throw determines hit, ball, strike or out. Games are played against other church teams. All are welcome to be a part of the Monday night fun and fellowship. Games begin at 7 or 7:30 pm and are generally at "home" every other week. For more information, please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

WAUSAU EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT IS BACK! *Saturday, October 22, 11 am –2 pm*

Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger and was created by The Imagine Render Group. The basic premise is simple: Potters and other craftspeople, educators and others work with the community to create handcrafted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. The money raised is donated to an organization working to end hunger and food insecurity.

Bowl-making will be offered *Tuesday, October 4, 1-3 pm or 5:30-7 pm at Saint Andrew with the fund raising event taking place at The Rose Garden in Wausau.* Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office to participate in these workshops-no experience necessary! *Proceeds of the event will benefit The Neighbor's Place Food Pantry.*

Materials to bring: color comic pages, colorful magazine pages, odd and ends of colorful wrapping paper, paper doilies, and even scraps of colorful fabrics.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer, you vote everyday about the kind of community you want to live in." —Author unknown (from Empty Bowls website)

SPARK STORY BIBLES AVAILABLE

The SPARK Story Bible is written in such a way that encourages imagination through images and text that is engaging, thought-provoking and fun! This would be a wonderful gift from a baptismal sponsor or a grandparent. Stop in or call the church office to order or pick up this bible. The cost is \$15.

WHAT IS RECONNECT SUNDAY?

How do I get involved? *Upcoming dates are: October 30, December 4 and December 11.* If you are a great communicator and enjoy working with kids, sign up to be a coordinator or leader. All materials are provided, including extra helpers! Do you like to work with kids and provide an extra hand? Sign up to be a helper on one or more of these Sundays. RECONNECT Sundays are a great way to try out assisting with Church School in a small way-give it a try!

"LISTEN TO MY TEACHING" *Saturday, October 29, 8:45 am - 2:30*

Come to Saint Andrew for a day of theological and spiritual refreshment. There will be two sessions in the morning, soup and sandwich lunch and two sessions in the afternoon. A choice of four topics are available to choose from for each session. The registration fee includes lunch but lunch is not guaranteed with same day registration at the door.

Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex.

Registration: \$25 - by October 1— \$30 - by October 22—\$35 - at the door.





Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- **Mmmm-Soup & Sandwich!**
See pg. 2 for the details on how to participate in helping the Merrill families affected by the May tornado.
- **Make a bowl** for the Wausau Area Empty Bowls Project. Pg. 3 has 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*
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 Everett Schmidt, *Coordinator of Youth*
 Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*
 Shelby Gjertson, *Parish Administrator*
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 Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
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NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the *October 13* Network is: **Wednesday, October 5.**

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At Saint Andrew—October 2 - October 15

Sunday, October 2

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Church School
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 10:45 am Baptism Orientation
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, October 3

10:00 am Quilting for LWR
 7:00 pm AA & Alanon
 7:00 pm Dartball at St. Michael's

Tuesday, October 4

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections
 11:30 am *Mtg:* OWLS-Potluck & Program
 1:00 pm Bowl-Making for Wausau Area Empty Bowls
 5:30 pm Bowl-Making for Wausau Area Empty Bowls

Wednesday, October 5

6:15 pm Confirmation Classes
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

Thursday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 8

1:30 pm *Wed:* Brandenburg/Walker

Sunday, October 9

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Church School
 9:15 am New Member Orientation
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 11:30 am Merrill Disaster Soup Benefit
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, October 10

7:00 pm AA & Alanon
 7:00 pm Dartball vs. St. Paul's

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections
 10:00 am Quilting
 6:00 pm *Mtg:* Altar Guild
 6:30 pm *Mtg:* Ministry Night

Wednesday, October 12

6:15 pm Confirmation Classes
 6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

Thursday, October 13

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