

# Network



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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS — *Pastor Craig*



One of the most personal and convicting passages of scripture for me is Romans 7:20-27. In these verses we get an honest reflection of a man of faith who continued to wrestle with his frustration of the human condition, the broken fabric of life we call sin.

I paraphrase: "I do not do what I want but the very thing I hate is what I keep on doing...wretched man that I am... who can save me?... Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ."

A man responsible for more than two thirds of the writings of the New Testament was not a man who always made right decisions and followed through with his good intentions. No, Paul recognized he was a sinner struggling to be faithful to the mission of extending Christ's kingdom. Even so, God was pleased to work through Paul, this earthen vessel, so that in spite of his human frailties, the love of God in Christ Jesus might be revealed. I must admit this is encouraging news for me for I too find myself falling short of what I expect of myself, let alone what others might expect from me. I have my weaknesses and my limitations. That does not excuse me from trying but it does free me from the guilt I feel when I fail. For the times I get things right, may God be praised. For the times I fall short (which are, I am afraid, far more numerous) may God and others forgive me.

In recent years I have begun to sense a growing response to point out failures and disappointments and far less willing to look beyond the challenges and seek the ever present light of Christ that dwells within. I am not saying we should not hold one another accountable and not express disappointment but how we do that can go a long way to restoring trust and hope so that when we fail, we can learn from our shortcomings and offer *encouragement* through love and generous acts of kindness. I continue to give thanks that we begin worship with a brief order for confession and absolution where we admit our faults, those known as well as those unknown, and that with repentant hearts, we can find peace and assurance that the love of Christ has once again restored and renewed lives for work in Christ's kingdom.

Are any of you weak? Are any of you challenged, frustrated or heartbroken? There is good news. Christ has an offering for you that is freely granted and which compels us to respond to one another with thankful and renewed hearts.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP WOR-

Thursdays  
Sundays

12:15 and 6:15 pm  
8:00 and 10:30 am

### Lectionary 33

November 10 & 13

*In his letter to the believers in Thessalonica, Paul offers encouragement even when the end seems near. "It will come like a thief in the night...God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are*

### Christ the King

November 17 & 20

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*



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

### Community Dinner Sunday, November 20, 3 pm

A hot meal and fellowship are offered at First Presbyterian Church, downtown Wausau, every Sunday afternoon. Saint Andrew, one of 14 area faith groups, will host *Sunday, November 20*. Volunteers are needed from 3-6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. Please call the church office to express your interest in helping!

### Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Wednesday, November 23, 6:15 pm

Please note also, on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24, there will be no mid-week services.

**Note:** There will be no church school on *Thursday, November 24 or Sunday, November 27*.

### Gingerbread House and Cookie Decorating Event Sunday, December 11

Mark your calendar for this family fun event. Watch the Network for more details!



### Altar Flowers for 2012

Honor a loved one or special event and help beautify the altar with flowers. Sign up on the 2012 Flower Chart on the kiosk in the Narthex.

### Fair Trade Coffee Available

Fair Trade Coffee will be available for purchase between worship services *Sunday, November 20*. Coffee Project is a justice relief effort through Lutheran World Relief.

## SOUTH AFRICA FORUM

In an effort to increase awareness of our partnership with our sister congregation in Zeerust South Africa, Sara Damrow will lead a forum in the Chapel beginning at 9:15 am on Sunday, November 20. Sara was part of the group from the East Central Synod who travelled to South Africa in 2010 for a visit. A group from South Africa is planning a visit for next summer. Sara will provide information to educate us about our sister congregation and hopefully generate an idea for how people can get involved to prepare for next summer's visitors. Are you interested in serving on a hospitality committee for this visit? Please express your interest to Shelby at Saint Andrew who will help coordinate efforts.

## THANKSGIVING BIRDS/ CHRISTMAS HAMS

Can you help those families less fortunate? The following items are now being accepted for holiday food baskets at this time: *turkeys, vegetables, boxed stuffing, canned yams and cranberries, kidney beans, pie/dessert ingredients and monetary donations*. Baskets will be assembled *Saturday, November 19*. If you know someone who needs a basket please call the church office by November 16 at (715)842-3333.

## ASSISTING with WORSHIP

### November 13

#### Ushers

Shepherd Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Paul Nelson  
10:30 am - Chris Kensmoe

#### Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage  
Patty Marceille  
Julie Weller

#### Nursery

8:00 am - Jennifer Hinker  
10:30 am - Mike & Liz  
Sautebin

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Bill & Doreen  
Radloff

10:30 am - Ben & Mary  
Kregel

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie  
Mueller  
10:30 am - Bernie, Leann &  
Cadin Stankowski

#### Lectionary Readings

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18  
Psalm 90:1-8[9-11] 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

### November 20

#### Ushers

A Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 - Pete Porter  
10:30 - Carolyn Kiesau

#### Altar Guild

Team 1: Marilyn Olson  
Sandra Fischer  
Mary Weiland

#### Nursery

8:00 am -  
10:30 am - Steph Birchler

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim & Janice

#### Riege

10:30 am - Susie & Ashley  
Soukup

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Larry & Annette  
Bindl  
10:30 am - Mary Wittich &  
Ann McDonald

#### Lectionary Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95:1-7a  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

## GOOD STEWARDS

Thank you to those who have returned your stewardship materials (Time and Talent and Commitment Response cards) for the 2012 budget year. These responses are helpful in supporting the ministry efforts of Saint Andrew. As of November 6, however, there was only a 25% return of the financial commitment cards and only 50% of the response that was received for 2011. A letter will be forth-coming to those who have not yet responded. Please return these cards even if your pledge is the same as last year or if your response is "not at this time". All responses help determine the level of intentions and what might be expected by means of support. Thank you!

## NEW TRADITION OF SHARING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

December will be an exciting time at Saint Andrew. We are looking forward to visiting area shut-ins, hospitals and elderly housing during the Sunday Church School time on December 18 to share the Christmas story and songs. Sunday Church School children and their families would like to invite everyone to be a part of this "giving" time. More details to come in future Networks.

## SYG

The Sr. High Synod Youth Gathering this year will be at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc November 11-13. Speakers and entertainment this year include LeRoy Butler, Dan Schamhorst and Peder Eide. The youth will work in the community on Saturday and there will be an interconference penny war supporting Compassion International! Please keep all the youth in your prayers as they participate in the Synod Youth Gathering.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Now that the fall session of confirmation classes is coming to an end, it's time to mark your calendar for the upcoming 2012 winter session.

6-8 grades: *Wednesdays, January 4 - February 15*

9 grade: *Wednesdays, April 11, 18 & 25, May 2*

*All classes begin at 6:15 pm.*

## YOUTH APPLE PIE SALE

The Sr. High Youth group is hosting an apple pie fundraiser. The money raised will help fund the 2012 trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Pies are \$8 and need to be pre-ordered by using the sign-up sheets outside the church office or calling the church office at 842-3333. Pies, including baking instructions, may be picked up on *Sunday, November 20*.



## YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

The Youth Ministry is currently working on programming plans for 2012 and would like to invite active members of the congregation of Saint Andrew to assist in a variety of ways. Volunteers are utilized for both local & out of town activities/trips as chaperones, adult leaders and to assist with transportation. If you would be willing to share your time & talents with the Youth of SALC and would like more information, please contact the church office at 715 842-3333.



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

- Page 2 has the details on how you can help with Community Dinner this month.
- Thanksgiving Birds/Christmas Hams - 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 *November 24* Network is: *Wednesday, November 16.*

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**At Saint Andrew—November 13 - November 26**

**Sunday, November 13**

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

**Monday, November 14**

7:00 pm AA & Alanon  
7:30 pm Dartball vs. St. Michael's

**Tuesday, November 15**

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections

**Wednesday, November 16**

6:15 pm Final Confirmation  
Classes for Fall Session  
6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir  
8:00 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

**Thursday, November 17**

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

**Sunday, November 20**

8:00 am WORSHIP  
9:15 am Church School

10:30 am WORSHIP  
11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir  
3:00 pm Community Dinner  
6:30 pm Bible Study

**Monday, November 21**

7:00 pm AA & Alanon  
7:30 pm Dartball at St. Stephen's

**Tuesday, November 22**

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections

**Wednesday, November 23**

6:15 pm *Thanksgiving Eve*  
WORSHIP

**Thursday, November 24**

*Thanksgiving Day*  
Church Office Closed

**Friday, November 25**

Church Office Closed