

Network



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December 8, 2011

We Celebrate the Birth of Christ



Christmas Eve *December 24*

4:00 pm *Children's Worship*
 6:00 pm *Candlelight Worship*
 8:00 pm *Candlelight Worship*
 10:00 pm *Candlelight Worship*

Christmas Day *December 25*

10:00 am *Worship*



Children's Worship Come to the Manger

This service is for *all people, children of any age, young and old alike.*

In addition to the Children's Choir, music is provided by the annual "Christmas Eve No-Nonsense Band". Anyone who plays an instrument (or *thinks they can*) is welcome to play in the band. Music is provided.

The Christmas message is provided by a cast of characters from the nativity scene as well as puppets. It is truly an *all-in-the family* celebration of the birth of

Candlelight Worship Services

On a long winter evening we gather to worship and celebrate the birth of Christ. The services include the Christmas gospel message, the carols of Christmas, the celebration of Holy Communion, and the traditional lighting of candles while singing "Silent Night". Special music will be offered by the chancel and bell choirs at both the 6:00 and 8:00 pm services.

On Sunday, Christmas Day Worship Service

There will be only one service as we gather to celebrate the birth of the Word made flesh, Christ our Lord, on Christmas morning.

Christmas and Sunday Offerings

Since Christmas Day falls on Sunday this year please remember to give your offerings for both Christmas Eve/Day and Sunday at the service that you attend. Thank you.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

Thursdays
Sundays

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

ADVENT 3

Thursday, Dec 8 / Sunday, Dec 11

"Rejoice always!" Scripture makes it clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy.

In worship we gather for a foretaste of God's celebration.



ADVENT 4

Thursday, Dec 15 / Sunday, Dec 18

It's called the "Annunciation". Luke makes it clear that God comes with good news for ordinary people. With Mary we hear the news of what God is up to and we say, "Count me in!"

LUKE 1:26-38

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

Apple Pies

Apple pies are available for \$8 and will help fund the 2012 trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The 2012 first quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are now available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy.

Holiday Food Baskets

Can you help? Items needed are: **hams, vegetables, pie/dessert ingredients and monetary donations.** Baskets will be assembled **Saturday, December 17.** If you know someone who needs a basket please call the church office by Wednesday, December 14.

Non-perishable food items will also be received at the 4 pm Children's Worship Service on Christmas Eve.

Celebration Patio Pavers

Remember a loved one this Christmas with a Celebration Patio Paver in honor or memory of them. Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall or in the church office.

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.

Quilting Groups

First Monday & Second Tuesday of each month 10 am-4 pm

Items Currently Needed:

- Large pieces of cotton fabric for *quilt backs*
- New/Used (but clean) blankets for *quilt middles*
- Embroidery floss (no yarn) for *tying*
- Thread
- Sewing pins, safety pins

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, January 17, 2-7 pm

Mark your calendar to assist the American Red Cross Blood Drive at SALC. Appointments can now be made by calling the church office or visiting the American Red Cross website, redcrossblood.org. Not interested in donating? Perhaps you are willing to volunteer time to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Please call the church office at (715)842-3333 to express your willingness to help.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE AND COOKIE DECORATING EVENT

Sunday, December 11, 12 pm

Get into the holiday spirit by decorating a gingerbread house or Christmas cookies during a fun-filled afternoon of fellowship, music and refreshments. Bring your gingerbread pieces, cookies, frosting and help yourself to the CANDY buffet provided by Fellowship Ministry. Sign-up and gingerbread recipes are located in the Fellowship Hall.



ASSISTING with WORSHIP

December 11

Ushers

Johnson Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Jurgen Hanning
10:30 am - Sue Paisar

Altar Guild

Team 2: Donna Peth
Joleen Meier
Ann McDonald

Nursery

8:00 am - Stephanie & Nate Birchler
10:30 am - Ken & Jess Bloom

Fellowship

8:00 am - Dick & Mary Jarvis

10:30 am - Amy Frolik

Greeters

8:00 am - Shawn & Jill Ebersold
10:30 am - Brandon & Melissa Murphy

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 18

Ushers

Shepherd Team

Layreaders

8:00 - Mary Jarvis
10:30 - Lynn Lawson

Altar Guild

Team 3: Cindy Brenner
Carmen Siegel
Vicki Porter

Nursery

8:00 am - Sarah Verber & Karlie Hanke
10:30 am - Jess & Hannah Tipple

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jason & Linda Rickstad

10:30 am - Adam & Kathy Wurz

Greeters

8:00 am - Jim Jacobson & Shelby Niskanen
10:30 am - Dick & Lynn Lawson & Reggie

Lectionary Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULES

Church School

*No church school - Thursdays, December 22
and 29
Sundays, December 25 and
January 1*

*Church school resumes - Thursday, January 5
Sunday, January 8*



SPARKS STORY BIBLES FOR

If you're still looking for that perfect gift for a special child, the SPARKS Story Bible may just be the answer. They are available for \$15-just call or stop by the church office to get your copy.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

*No bible study - Sundays, December 25 or January 1
Bible study resumes - Sunday, January 8*

Confirmation Classes Resume

6-8 Grade Confirmation - Wednesday, January 4

CHURCH SCHOOL CHILDREN SHARE THE CHRISTMAS STORY

RECONNECT Sunday
December 11 and 18

Come one, come all! Church school members and families will meet in the sanctuary. Choir members will lead the rotations to practice songs for the upcoming Community RECONNECT Sunday on December 18. On that Sunday, they will share the Christmas story of Jesus' birth with area shut-ins, at the hospitals and elderly housing. Church School children and their families would like to invite everyone to be a part of this "giving" time.

YOUTH ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following youth who have been elected to the Youth Board for 2012:

Kassidy Branning—President
Cassie Pearson—Vice President
Elyssa Kraeger—Secretary
Amanda Young—Treasurer
Courtney Grieser—Historian
Ethan Schmidt—School Representative
Kimberly Geary—School Representative

Also, congratulations to Kassidy Branning and Courtney Grieser who will serve on the Synod Youth Board with Casey Stankowski for synod youth events. If anyone has ideas to share with the youth, please feel free to contact one of the board members.

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

- Enjoy quilting? The quilting groups meet monthly-see pg. 2 for details.
- Donate Christmas Hams - pg. 2 has more information!
- See pg. 3 for details on how to participate in sharing the Christmas story.
- Youth Volunteers are needed- 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*
 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 *December 22* Network is: **Monday, December 12**

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At Saint Andrew—December 11 - December 24

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Church School
 RECONNECT Sunday
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir
 12:00 pm Gingerbread/Cookie Event
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, December 12

7:00 pm AA & Alanon
 7:00 pm Dartball vs. Wesley

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

6:30 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir
 7:45 pm *Reh:* Handbell Choir

Thursday, December 15

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

Sunday, December 18

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

Monday, December 19

7:00 pm AA & Alanon
 7:00 pm Dartball vs. Mount Olive

Tuesday, December 20

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections

Wednesday, December 21

6:15 pm *Reh:* Chancel Choir
 7:45 pm *Reh:* Bell Choir

Thursday, December 22

No Worship or Church School

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
 6:00 pm CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP
 8:00 pm CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP
 10:00 pm CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 am WORSHIP