


Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS — *Pastor Craig*

 They are coming! Who is coming? Sisters and brothers from South Africa, they are coming for a visit this summer!

That's right, as many as twenty-four members from our companion congregation in Zeerust South Africa are making plans to visit for three weeks beginning June 25. A recent email from an active lay member of the congregation describes the excitement of their anticipation for their visit.

Dear Partners in Christ

As we are on the eve of the birth of Christ the King and just about to celebrate His birth, Zeerust Lutheran Church wishes everybody at Saint Andrew a Merry Christmas and Wonderful 2012 New Year. We look forward to a year full of activities and strengthened partnership. This year was a good year as our partnership grew from strength to strength. The wonderful banner and burning of candles on the 3rd Sunday of every month were the highlights. Our envisaged 2012 visit has also raised a huge interest in partnership. With kind regards, Benjamin

Members of Zeerust have prayed many years for a connection to Saint Andrew. Now it is our turn to respond with intentional effort so that we can join in their excitement. A monthly meeting of people within our conference have been meeting to discuss appropriate plans for the delegation. Housing will be among the priorities we need to arrange. A sub-committee at Saint Andrew is being formed and more details will be forthcoming.

As part of our extended support, a special offering will be received in worship on the third week of each month to help offset some of the additional expenses that will be incurred by our South African visitors. Save your spare change and bring it on these weeks as a "Noisy Offering" on behalf of our companions. The bulletin board across from the office will be used to post information that will help introduce the members who are coming to share in our lives later this year. A page will also be created on the Saint Andrew website to further build on the excitement.

What are your plans for this new year of ministry? There will be many ways you can support and participate in the mission and ministry we share together.

WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

EPIPHANY

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet 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

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, January 8, 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.

Remembering Zeerust

Sunday, January 15
A candle will be lit during worship to highlight our partnership with our sister congregation of Zeerust Lutheran Church in South Africa.

Fair Trade Coffee Available

Fair Trade Coffee will be available for purchase between worship services *Sunday, January 15*. Coffee Project is a justice relief effort through Lutheran World Relief.

Community Dinner

Sunday, January 15, 3 pm
A hot meal and fellowship are offered at First Presbyterian Church, downtown Wausau, every Sunday afternoon. Saint Andrew is one of 14 area faith groups that volunteer to host the dinner. Saint Andrew will host on Sunday, January 15. Volunteers are needed from 3-6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. Please call the church office to express your interest to help!

New Member Orientation

Sundays, February 12 & 19, 9:15 am
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. Orientation will take place in the chapel. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on *Sunday, February 19*.

SAINT ANDREW ANNUAL

Mark your calendar to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on **January 29 at 9:10 am** between the Sunday morning services. Everyone is requested to attend with participating members (regular contributing and communing) having voting privileges. Biographies of council nominees will be available in the narthex beginning *Sunday, January 15*. The 2012 Proposed Budget will also be available in the Narthex for review beginning *Friday, January 20*.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, January 17, 2-7 p.m.
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.



ASSISTING with WORSHIP

January 8

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Gary Hibbard
10:30 am - Shirley Bickford

Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke
Sue McFaul
Jodi Gargulak

Nursery

8:00 am - Linda Barttelt
10:30 am - Diana Whitmore

Fellowship

8:00 am - Shawn & Debby Geary
10:30 am - Bernie, LeAnn & Cadin Stankowski

Greeters

8:00 am - Dave & Maggie Mueller
10:30 am - Mary Wittich & Ann McDonald

Lectionary Readings

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 15

Ushers

B Team

Layreaders

8:00 - Sean McCarthy
10:30 - Judith Marshall

Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom
Pam Levra
Mary Wittich

Nursery

8:00 am - Tammy & Noah Radloff
10:30 am - Mike & Liz Sautebin

Fellowship

8:00 am - Sheldon & Connie Geiger
10:30 am - Mary Wittich & Amy Frolik

Greeters

8:00 am - Eugene & Nancy Moyer
10:30 am - Annette Green & Babs Hintz

Lectionary Readings

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

GOOD STEWARDS

As we move into 2012 and finalize plans for a budget to fund the next year's ministries, it remains challenging to determine accurate intentions through confirmed pledges. While pledges that have been received to date have been both generous and supportive, there yet remains a significant number of pledges that were included in last year's totals but have yet to be confirmed for 2012. Your intentional support is important as plans are made for future ministry needs and opportunities. Please respond with your pledged intentions. Thank you!



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. Dates still available:

February 26
July 1, 15 and 29
August 5 and 12
September 30
October 14
December 9

SNOW POLICY



If school is cancelled, Saint Andrew classes & meetings will be also. Listen to local radio stations or check the websites of News Channels 7 & 9 for the list of school closings.

YOUTH NEWS

6th Grade - Baptism Retreat

Saturday, January 14

The 6th grade students will be going to Saint Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon for the day to learn, reflect and share what their baptism means while they also study Jesus' baptism. The group will participate in large and small group time, share mementos of their baptism and tour Saint Anthony's. Meet at church at 8:30 am to carpool and return to church at 3:30 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring items from their baptism as a means to share their story with others. Prayers are welcomed as these young people continue through their faith journey.

7th and 8th Grades - Junior Youth Gathering

The deadline for the 7-8 grade Junior Youth Gathering (JYG) is **Sunday, January 22**. Please return registration forms and \$40 fee to the church office. JYG is **Saturday and Sunday, February 18 and 19**.

7th and 8th Grades - Bowling

Sunday, January 22nd 1-4 pm

The cost is \$5.00 for 2 games of bowling including shoes. The Youth Ministry will provide pizza and pop back at the church following bowling. You may bring one friend.

9th-12th Grades - Broomball

Sundays, January 29 and February 5, 1:30 p.m.

Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to play broomball! Meet at the ice rink at Doepke Park in Rib Mountain ready to play at 1:30 pm.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Community Dinner needs your "time and talent" -see pg. 2 for more details.
- Support the American Red Cross Blood Drive at SALC-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 *January 19* Network is: **Wednesday, January 11.**

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At Saint Andrew—January 8 - 21

Sunday, January 8

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

Monday, January 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

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

Saturday, January 14

8:30 am 6th Grade Baptism Retreat

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Church School
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 11:30 am *Reh:* Childrens Choir
 3:00 pm Serve Community Dinner
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, January 16

10:00 am Quilting Group for LWR
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball at St. Paul's

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections
 2:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, January 18

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Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

5:00 pm Lay School of Ministry

Saturday, January 21

8:00 am Lay School of Ministry