

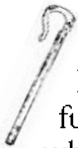
Network



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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS — *Pastor Craig*



When the calendar turns to February this year, the thoughts of the church turn toward Lent. The whole Lenten season is based upon the date of Easter which is a moveable date determined by a formula related to the first full moon after March 21 (the first day of Spring). Easter is April 8 this year which means that Lent begins this year with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Each year a theme is chosen to guide our journey through this 40 day season. This year's theme will center on one of the portions of the Small Catechism, the Lord's Prayer. Evening Prayer will be used as the order of worship while a dialogue message will break the prayer into sections to process this prayer which Jesus gave as a model prayer to his disciples. The insert inside this issue of the Network highlights the weekly themes and dates. Lent is always a busy time in the life of Saint Andrew as times of worship, fellowship and growth in both faith and community. Please mark your calendars for this season and plan to participate in food preparation, serving or clean-up gathered around a time of worship and reflection.

Confirmation classes for grades 6 through 8 conclude on February 15. Students are encouraged to participate in the mid-week meals and worship services as part of the confirmation instruction process. First Communion Classes (fifth grade students and older) will meet on Sundays, March 3, 11 and 18 at 2 pm with a special worship service offered on Palm Sunday, April 1 at 2 pm. Information will be mailed soon to families with students in this age range in hopes that all will attend. The 9th grade students will meet for 4 weeks after Easter on April 11, 18, 25 and May 2 beginning at 6:30 pm. Letters will also go out to these families in the near future.

As you can see, we are about to embark on a very busy time in the life of Saint Andrew and along with the education and worship schedule is the move forward with the call process for an associate pastor, the anticipation of Pastor John's retirement at the end of April, the ongoing implementation of the five-year staffing plan, summer camp plans and the exciting visit from our brothers and sisters in Christ from Zeerust South Africa. There are many ways your support and participation can assist the exciting mission and ministry work of Saint Andrew in the months ahead.



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
Sundays

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

FIFTH WEEK of EPIPHANY *Thursday, Feb 2 / Sunday, Feb 5*

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

SIXTH WEEK of EPIPHANY *Thursday, Feb 9 / Sunday, Feb 12*

The leper is confident in Jesus' power to heal. Naaman, on the other hand, is comically hard to convince that he can be healed by such an unlikely foreigner as Elisha, who directs him to wash in such a sorry excuse for a river as the Jordan. Jesus' healing power is here among us in the ordinary water of the font, in the ordinary bread, in the ordinary people who make up the body of Christ. We would be well-advised to take the advice of the least powerful among us (like the servant girl in Naaman's household) if we want to find the one who will heal

ACTIVITIES

Super Bowl Snacks

Sunday, February 5
 Donations of any kind of snack for the **Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale** can be dropped off at church on *Friday, February 4* before 4 pm or on Super Bowl Sunday before the services. Please pre-package for individual sale, price, and label if there are nuts or peanut butter as ingredients for allergy concerns. Your support of the Food Pantry through snack donations and purchases is appreciated!

OWLS Go to China

Tuesday, February 7
 Join the **Older Wiser** Lutherans at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch followed by a presentation by Jim VanEyck. Head to China through his camera lens and expand your horizons as well as friendships at SALC.

New Member Orientation

Sundays, February 12 & 19, 9:15 am
 New Member Orientation is scheduled for Sundays, February 12 & 19 at 9:15 am. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on February 19. 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.

Ministry Night

Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 pm
 All are welcome to participate in the ministry of their choice on Ministry Night. All ministries gather in the Fellowship Hall for devotions before breaking off into their individual meetings. Come and see how your time and talent can help serve in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

VISITATION MINISTRY

The initial meeting for the new Visitation Ministry will be held on **Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 pm**. If you would be interested in visiting members of the congregation who are hospitalized or homebound, please come to learn more about this new ministry!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE

Tuesday, February 21, 5-6:30 pm
 Join us for a traditional Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras) at Saint Andrew where you can eat all you want before the season of Lent (a time to fast) begins on *Wednesday, February 22*. Regular, blueberry, & potato pancakes, maple syrup, sausage and beverages will be served. Proceeds will benefit the Sr. High National Youth Gathering to New Orleans.

*Cost: \$5 - ages 13 and up
 \$3 - children ages 5-12*

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

February 5

Ushers

Johnson Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Jonnie Malm
 10:30 am - Renee Schroeder

Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage
 Patty Marceille
 Julie Weller

Nursery

8:00 am - Linda Barttelt
 10:30 am - Adam & Maria Bristol

Fellowship

8:00 am - Steve & Kay Sitko

10:30 am - Pete & Cheri Brodzeller

Greeters

8:00 am - John & Pat Barnett
 10:30 am - John Brauer & Lenette Hoover

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39

February 12

Ushers

Shepherd Team

Layreaders

8:00 - Ray Skare
 10:30 - Linda Vogen

Altar Guild

Team 6: Donna Peth
 Joleen Meier
 Ann McDonald

Nursery

8:00 am - Doug and Christy Keele
 10:30 am - Jess & Hannah Tipple

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim & Kristin Woller
 10:30 am - Ben & Mary Kregel

Greeters

8:00 am - Tony & Wendi Howe
 10:30 am - Brandon & Melissa Murphy

Lectionary Readings

2 Kings 5:1-14
 Psalm 30
 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 Mark 1:40-45

GOOD STEWARDS

Have you received your envelopes and noticed a new line for contribution? This is intended to assist you with designating support for the current budget as well as an additional effort to help pay down the debt of the building mortgage. Thank you for your ongoing acts of generosity as a way of participating and supporting the mission and ministry we share through Christ's church at Saint Andrew.

SALC ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Eric Jacobson called the meeting to order and was able to guide the meeting so that information was shared and concerns & questions were addressed.

Bob Wiederhoeft gave a presentation about the five-year staffing plan and its subsequent implementation. Time was provided for questions and discussion to help clarify the plan which calls for a programmatic shifting from activity to education and encourages more member participation with planning and assisting with future ministry activities & opportunities. As with any adjustment, it will take time to grow into the plan, however, overall the plan was affirmed as a good tool for future growth as people began to see the intent of the plan to expand participation of members in the life of Saint Andrew.

The operating budget affirmed the support of the staff members and their dedicated work as it included increases in compensation for all levels of staff support. Such increases are possible only because of many hours of work by ministry members and faithful giving above and beyond pledged support.

In addition to the approval of the operating budget for 2012, four council members were elected to three-year terms: *Lenette Hoover, Daniel Malm, Michael Williams and Ed Wodalski - Georgia Fischer will serve as alternate*. These members will be installed during worship this Sunday, February 5. Please pray for these and other elected leaders as they participate in positions of service and leadership at Saint Andrew.

In affirmation of support & gratitude for his many years of service in Christ's church among the members at Saint Andrew, the meeting concluded with a standing ovation for Pastor John who reminded the assembly this was his final annual meeting before giving the closing benediction.

WELCOME BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST FROM

Mark your calendars for the weeks of June 25th-July 13th and plan to enjoy time with our brothers and sisters in Christ from our companion church in Zeerust, South Africa. Opportunities to get acquainted and show hospitality will include;

- Housing
- Transportation
- Meals

Heartfelt thanks for January's "Noisy Offering" totaling \$368. Saint Andrew will continue to do this in support of our ongoing relationship on the 3rd Sunday of each month when we light the candle at worship and pray for our church family in Zeerust.

Watch the Network and Website for more detailed information as plans for this exciting visit are developed.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- See pg. 2 for information on how to be involved with the *Visitation Ministry*.
- Donations for Super Bowl Snacks will be accepted. See pg. 2 for details.
- 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 *February 16* Network is: **Wednesday, February 8.**

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At Saint Andrew—February 5-18

Sunday, February 5

Super Bowl Snack Sale
 8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Baptism Orientation
 9:15 am Church School
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 11:30 am *Reh:* Childrens Choir
 1:30 pm 9-12 Grades Broomball
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, February 6

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball at St. Anne's

Tuesday, February 7

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections
 11:30 am *Mtg:* OWLS Group

Wednesday, February 8

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

Thursday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 11

9:00 am Church Council Retreat

Sunday, February 12

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

Monday, February 13

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball vs. Immanuel Baptist

Tuesday, February 14

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

Wednesday, February 15

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

Thursday, February 16

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

Friday, February 17

5:00 pm Lay School

Saturday, February 18

JYG-Synod Junior Youth Gathering
 8:00 am Lay School

LENT

at Saint Andrew

Begins with
Ash Wednesday, February 22,
and continues with
Midweek Lenten Services
each Wednesday through Lent.

*The theme of the
Midweek Lenten Services will be*

The
LORD'S
Prayer



Soup and Sandwich

EACH WEDNESDAY
Before & After Midweek Lenten



menu

**3-4 Homemade
Soups
Homemade
Bread
Peanut Butter &
Jelly
Desserts
Coffee & Milk**

The various soups and suggested donations for soup and sandwich will be included in the Midweek Lenten Service bulletins.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer is the opening of one's heart and soul in a conversation with God, and thus is an expression of faith in a relationship with God.



When Jesus was approached by one of his disciples with a request to teach them to pray he said, “*Then this is how you should pray*” — the Lord’s Prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer (*also called in Latin “Pater Noster” or “Our Father”*) occurs in both MATTHEW 6:9-13 and LUKE 11:2-4.

The Lord’s Prayer is divided into an “*Introduction*” followed by “*Seven Petitions*” and ends with the “*Conclusion*”.

LENTEN LITURGY

Evening Prayer

The liturgy for our Lenten services will be **Evening Prayer** which is traditionally used during the midweek services of Lent. **Evening Prayer** centers on the themes of light, repentance and recollection, quiet waiting for the Lord, meditation on Scripture, praise and thanksgiving, and intercessory prayer.

A lighted candle is the principal focus of attention in **Evening Prayer** for it represents Christ — “*Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, that no darkness can overcome.*”

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a 40-day liturgical season that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with Easter. Sundays are not included in the 40-day count because every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord.



The Bible and Lent

Lenten practices are shaped by Scripture. Fasting and prayer have been important observances since Biblical times. *Moses* fasted and prayed for 40 days. During this time God gave him the Ten Commandments (Ex.34:27-28). *Elijah* fled for his life through the wilderness, fasting 40 days and nights until he came to Mt. Horeb. There God appeared and instructed him on how to overcome his enemies (FIRST KINGS 19:1-18). And, after *Jesus* was baptized, he withdrew to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days before beginning his public ministry (MARK 1:12).

POCKET CROSS

Those attending the Lenten services will receive an antiqued pewter medallion in the shape of a cross bearing the opening phrases of the **Lord’s Prayer**.



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES
Wednesdays — 12:15 and 6:15 pm

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Who Are You God?

- THE INTRODUCTION -

"Our Father, who art in heaven"

Matthew 6:9a



Wednesday, February 29

The Blessing of the Good Name

- THE FIRST PETITION -

"Hallowed be Thy Name."

Matthew 6:9B — Exodus 20:7

Wednesday, March 7

Where Do I Belong

- THE SECOND PETITION -

"Thy Kingdom come."

Matthew 6:10A — First Peter 2:9-10

Wednesday, March 14

Preserving and Persevering

- THE THIRD PETITION -

"Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven"

Matthew 6:10B — First Thessalonians 5:15-18

Wednesday, March 21

More Than Jelly

- THE FOURTH PETITION -

"Give us this day our daily bread"

Matthew 6:11 — John 6:1-14

Wednesday, March 28

Integrity

- THE FIFTH PETITION -

*"And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
Those who trespass against us"*

Matthew 6:12—Matthew 18:23-35

HOLY WEEK

Begins with Palm Sunday
April 1 through April 6

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 5 at 12:15 and 6:15 pm
“Braced Up and Graced Up”

THE SIXTH PETITION
MATTHEW 6:13A — JOHN 13:1-17, 31-35

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 6 at 12:15 and 6:15 pm
“Rescue Me”

THE SEVENTH PETITION
MATTHEW 6: 13B — JOHN 18:1-19:42

EASTER

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, April 8

SUNRISE SERVICE
On Top of Rib Mountain at 6:00 am

EASTER SERVICES
at Saint Andrew
8:00 — 9:30 — 11:00 am
“All For You — Christ is Risen!”
CONCLUSION OF LORD’S PRAYER
MARK 16:1-8

Easter Breakfast
7:00 to 9:30 am

Offering Envelopes
for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter
can be found in the monthly envelope packet.

