

# Network



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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF SAINT ANDREW

Saint Andrew began with a charter membership of some 250 baptized people 31 years ago. We are now a congregation of nearly 3000 baptized members. Over the past 31 years 1,400 persons have been baptized; almost 850 persons have confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ; almost 500 couples have been united in marriage; and, some 200 persons have moved from the "Church Militant" to the "Church Triumphant" because "Christ is Risen."

For 31 years the congregation has gathered weekly together to encounter God's Word, to share a meal at the Lord's Table, and be sent into the world to serve. People of all ages have been nurtured in faith and inspired to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

Because each person has been marked by the sign of the cross in baptism — we pray, we prepare, we teach, and we invite others to follow and emulate the life of Christ. Throughout the congregation our ministries of service are different and varied but our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace.

Through your support, both then and now, gifts of time, talents, and treasures have been shared and given out of gratitude to God for all that God has given each of us. The mission and ministry of Saint Andrew has been sustained in the past and the present both here and beyond ourselves.

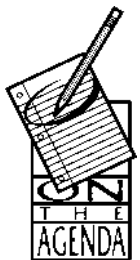
The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Saint Andrew will provide a glimpse of some of the ways the congregation has brought to life the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew during this past year as well as plans for our ministry together during the upcoming year and future.

With gratitude to God, we give thanks for those before us and those with us now who have been and continue to "be open to all who express their faith in God through Jesus Christ by worship, learning, witness, and service ... and support." — from MISSION STATEMENT — Pr. John +



Sunday, January 29  
Meets in Fellowship Hall  
Between Services  
Begins at 9:10 am

- Review of congregational life for 2011 and plans for 2012
- Election of members to the Church Council
- Adoption of the proposed budget for 2012.



NOTE: Biographies of council nominees are available in the narthex.

The 2012 Proposed Budget will also be available in the narthex for review beginning Friday, January 20.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend. Voting members are members who are confirmed and have communed and made a contribution of record during the preceding calendar year of 2011.

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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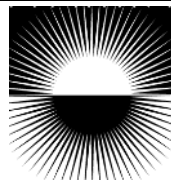
### WEEKLY WORSHIP

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

#### THIRD WEEK of EPIPHANY Thursday, Jan 19 / Sunday, Jan 22

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the *Time after Epiphany* plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God.

— MARK 1:14-20 —



#### FOURTH WEEK of EPIPHANY Thursday, Jan 26 / Sunday, Jan 29

We encounter the authority of God's word around which we gather. God's word trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus. The church points to the way this unique authority is sensed in Jesus' actions and words. God shows the people the power of God's works.

— MARK 1:21-28 —

## ACTIVITIES

### Adult Basketball

Thursdays, 7:30-9:30 pm,  
January 26-March 15  
All adults are welcome to meet at the Marathon gym for two hours of pick-up basketball, fun and exercise. Cost: \$2

### 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.

### LENT 2012

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22, making Easter April 8. This year's theme will center around the Lord's Prayer. Watch for more details in the next issue of the Network about the weekly schedule as well as the weekly menu for Soup and Sandwich meals.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, February 12 & 19, 9:15 am

If you or someone you know are 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*.

## CALL COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

The Church Council voted at the December meeting and appointed the following individuals to serve on the Call Committee: Phil Bickley, Mindy Branning, Mike Fochs, Helene Gjertson, Michael Johnson, and Bob Wiederhoeft. The committee will work with Pastor Craig to seek an individual to serve among us at Saint Andrew as an Associate Pastor. The committee's first meeting will be Monday, January 30 at 6:30 pm. Bishop Justman will be present to describe the process and encourage the committee with his support. *This is a public meeting and anyone is welcome to attend to learn more about the call process.*

## ASSISTING with WORSHIP

### January 22

#### Ushers

Brekke Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Michael Spalding  
10:30 am - Beverly Powell

#### Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom  
Pam Levra  
Mary Wittich

#### Nursery

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

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Gary Hibbard &  
Judy Rusch  
10:30 am - Terry & June  
Grabau

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Jeff Meyer &  
Jean Hutchinson  
10:30 am - Joan Flannery  
& Babs

#### Lectionary Readings

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

### January 29

#### Ushers

Weidman Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 - Marv Meier  
10:30 - James Jordan

#### Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage  
Patty Marceille  
Julie Weller

#### Nursery

8:00 am - Jennifer & Lauren  
Hinker  
10:30 am - Curt & Coreen  
Richardt

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Keith & Sandi  
Rusch

10:30 am - Annette Green &  
Babs Hintz

#### Greeters

8:00 am - George & Bonnie  
Alafouzos  
10:30 am - Dan & Lynne  
Holt

#### Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

## GOOD STEWARDS

**W**hat is Stewardship? *“Christian Stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions, based upon the conviction that these are trusts from God to be used in God’s service for the benefit of all humankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ’s redeeming love.”* - a statement of the National Council of Churches United Stewardship Council in 1946.

While this statement was drafted 55 years ago, the interpretation remains the same for today’s church. As we move into a new year, leadership ministries have anticipated financial needs and have included them in the proposed budget for 2012. A systematic and proportionate response is a faithful way of supporting and participating in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew. Have you determined your level of support and participation for the coming year? Commitment Cards as well as

## THE NETWORK VIA EMAIL

**B**eginning in February, an Email with links to The Network and the Church Calendar published on the website will be available. These are the pages on the website that are visited most often each month.

If you have not registered your email address, you can do so by going to the website, [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org) and selecting the link in the upper right corner of the page as pictured here. You can also use this link to register a revised email address.

If your e-mail address is already included in your membership record, or if you have recently sent your address to us using the link on the website, you will receive an e-mail next week with more information. This e-mail will allow you to update your email profile and add other email addresses to your membership record. After testing this new communication tool, you will be asked to opt out of receiving the Network by mail. With close to 1,000 email subscribers to date, moving to electronic delivery will have a dramatic impact on our monthly postage and paper expenses.



## YOUTH NEWS

### 6th Grade

#### Baptism Retreat

**L**ast Saturday, 28 sixth grade students and four volunteer small group leaders spent the day at Saint Anthony’s Retreat Center reflecting on baptism. The morning was spent in small groups discussing baptism with regard to the Bible and Martin Luther. After lunch, the students toured the retreat center, watched a video, and shared mementos of their baptism-such as pictures, candles, certificates and gowns.

### 7th and 8th Grades - Junior Youth Gathering

**T**he deadline for the 7-8 grade Junior Youth Gathering (JYG) is **Sunday, January 31** (not January 22 as previously printed). 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 1-4 pm**

**T**he 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 pm**



### Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- Donations for Super Bowls 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 2* Network is: *Wednesday, January 25.*

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## At Saint Andrew—January 22-February 4

### Sunday, January 22

8:00 am WORSHIP  
9:15 am Church School  
10:30 am WORSHIP  
11:30 am *Reh:* Childrens Choir  
11:45 am *Mtg:* Parent National Youth Gathering  
1:00 pm 7th & 8th Grade Bowling  
6:30 pm Bible Study

### Monday, January 23

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

### Tuesday, January 24

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections

### Wednesday, January 25

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

### Thursday, January 26

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

### Sunday, January 29

8:00 am WORSHIP  
9:10 am *Annual Congregational Meeting*  
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, January 30

6:30 pm *Mtg:* Call Committee  
7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen  
7:00 pm Dartball at St. Peace

### Tuesday, January 31

9:00 am *Mtg:* Reading Reflections  
6:30 pm *Mtg:* Pastor's Annual Conference

### Wednesday, February 1

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

### Thursday, February 2

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

## A BAPTISM PRAYER

*May the unity that is shared be a witness of the unity we share together by our common identity in Christ. Giving thanks for the gift of baptism, we lift up those children, parents and sponsors who have recently been received into the family of faith. We pray especially for:*

Eliana Maria Virlan - December 4, 2011  
Brooklyn Eileen Luedtke - December 4, 2011  
Cameron James Tipple - February 19, 2012  
Ryan Matthew Murkowski - February 19, 2012  
Katie Ann Murkowski - February 19, 2012

## A WEDDING

*In celebration for lives joined together in the covenant of marriage, we pray especially*

Tammy Bednorski and Timothy Gass - January 19

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY...

Carol Ann Robinson - December 6, 2011  
Leona Popp - December 16, 2011  
Patsy R. Natarus - December 28, 2011  
Darrell Lee DeHaan - January 18, 2012  
Jack N. Brandt - January 28, 2012

## PRAYER CENTER

In response to personal requests, the Prayer Center list will not only be recognized in worship but also on this side of the calendar each month. As you review the day to day list of events that take place at Saint Andrew, please also give consideration to those who have requested prayers. Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? (*Please ask first*). Call the church office at 842-3333 to have names added to the list at the Prayer Center. Names will be updated on a regular basis.



### FOR THESE WE PRAY...

Ali	Dan Stetzer	Jerry Kostroski	Stuart
Amy Libertoski	Danny Stoltz	Jim & Marilyn Whitney	Suzi Kittson
Andy & Gloria	Dean	John	Zoe
Barb	Ella, Erik & Becky	Judy	Thomas Roberts
Ben Kregel	Gary Somers	Kaylin	Harvey Laueremann
Bill Rader	George Schoeder	Mary	Irma Koenig
Brad Cory	Irene Soroko	Noah	Laura Glassford
Callie and Zak Teeters	Jacqueline Bartelt	Nora Turner	Ruth Kruzan
Carrie Zimmer	Jan Waraksa	Pat	Roland Zerneke
Charles	Jean Bassett	Renee Thomsen	
Craig	Jennifer Bradley	Ron Horst	

*Thank you, Lord, for always answering prayer, but not indulging my every petty, private request. Thank you for winnowing and refining, vetoing and delaying, refusing and revising. Thank you for being God and never less, for freeing me for wide horizons, for protecting me from my limited vision and wayward will. Thank you for foiling my every effort to unseat you and make myself king. Thank you for keeping it safe for me to pray.*

—Gerhard E. Frost

*From Seasons of a Lifetime: A Treasury of Meditations (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1989, p. 118)*



As winter months fade, plans are being made for summer camp opportunities.

*Crossways youth camp programs are designed to give campers an opportunity to experience all of the camp favorites while learning about our incredibly awesome God. Games, Worship, swimming, crafts, nature, and campfires are just some of the activities.*

Saint Andrew is encouraging at least two camp opportunities this year. Other camp opportunities are also available for families and can be found by visiting the Crossways website. [CrosswaysCamps.org](http://CrosswaysCamps.org) Camp brochures are available on the table in the Narthex at Saint Andrew.

The first scheduled group opportunity for Saint Andrew families is Confirmation Camp, June 17-22. This is an annually scheduled event that is part of the Saint Andrew Confirmation Program. Families with students finishing 7th grade should have recently received a letter with details about how to register for the early discounts. If you did not receive a letter but wish to participate, please contact the Saint Andrew church office.

Confirmation Camp students are expected to pay half the cost of the camp (\$175). The remainder of the cost is paid for through the Saint Andrew Christian Education Budget.

The second opportunity is for high school youth not attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans yet want some kind of summer experience to enjoy a one-week faith nurturing experience; July 15-20. At the same time, a camp experience is planned for children who are completing grades 3 and 4 to sample the camp for three nights and four days. Registration materials are soon to be available.

Not for all camp experiences:

Crossways strives to make camp attendance affordable to everyone regardless of ability to pay. Financial assistance is available through Crossways for those who would not otherwise be able to attend camp. These funds are made possible by generous individuals, congregations, and groups who contribute to our Campership Fund.

**Mark your calendars for February 26** when a representative from Crossways will be present to share more about what the summer has in store. All are encouraged and welcome to attend beginning at 9:15 am in the sanctuary.