

# Network



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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS—*Pastor Craig*



Earlier this month, the Personnel Ministry made a decision to enter into a contract with Pastor Jeff Martinson as Visitation Pastor at Saint Andrew. Pastor Jeff's ministry will be part-time and will begin on March 19. His primary responsibilities will be focused on pastoral care both during and following hospitalization as well as expanding a plan for home and shut-in visits. As an ordained clergy, Pastor Jeff will also be available to assist with worship leadership and may even find ways of making use of his creative writing skills. Pastor Jeff has served congregations in Wisconsin and South Dakota over the past 32 years. He is married to Faith who works in the Merrill Public Library and together they have two adult children; daughter, Hope, in Madison and son, Leif, in Chicago. Pastor Jeff also serves as an on-call chaplain at Aspirus Hospital and leads worship and bible study for residents at Harbor House. *A service of Installation will take place on April 15 during the 10:30 a.m. worship.* Please help welcome Pastor Jeff and Faith as they become more actively involved in the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

As winter fades (what little winter there was), anticipation begins to build with signs of spring beginning to appear. Thoughts begin to shift from the lifeless brown landscape to colorful crocus and daffodils, robins and bluebirds. It is a predictable pattern that seems to be arriving sooner than in previous years, but arriving none-the-less. So, too, is the conclusion of the Lenten season and the arrival of the celebration of Easter. As we move through the final half of Lent, we continue to be encouraged through prayer and the journey toward the cross.

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

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

**Maundy Thursday:** 12:15 and 6:15 pm  
**Good Friday:** 12:15 and 6:15 pm  
**Easter Sunday:** 6:00 am - SUNRISE WORSHIP on top of Rib Mountain  
8:00 am - EASTER WORSHIP  
7:00-9:30 am - *Easter Breakfast* served by the Youth in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 am - EASTER WORSHIP  
11:00 am - EASTER WORSHIP

*Lent*

### FOURTH WEEK IN LENT

*Thursday, March 15 / Sunday, March 18*

*The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope*

### FIFTH WEEK IN LENT

*Thursday, March 22 / Sunday, March 25*

*God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John*



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## ACTIVITIES

### Easter Flowers

Tulips, Easter Lilies, Daffodils and Hyacinths can now be ordered for the Altar for Easter Worship services for \$16 each. Order forms and a box to place them with payment are available in the Narthex. Order deadline is *Monday, March 26.*



### "Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

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

### Easter Food Baskets

*Saturday, March 31, 9 am*  
If you would like to volunteer to help assemble Easter food baskets or if you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

### Lenten Soup and Sandwich

*All are welcome* to share time, talents and lend a hand the remaining two weeks of soup and sandwich on Wednesdays, March 21 and 28. Help prepare homemade soups and bread, serve, clean-up or bring a dessert. If you would like to help, please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

## HOSPITAL STAY

One of the first daily tasks in the church office during the week is to call hospitals both in Wausau and Marshfield. Admission to the hospital normally includes registering as a member of a congregation. In the event you or a family member is hospitalized or anticipates hospitalization and you wish for a pastoral visit, please contact the church office at 842-3333. Often an opportunity is missed because the church did not know about the admission. Every effort is made to make regular hospital visits. If a visit is not made, it is likely because the information was not accessible. Your help and understanding is appreciated.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, February 19, 28 new members were received into the Saint Andrew family: Deb Bradshaw; Ed and Linda Fowler; Greg and Diane Goetsch; Paul and Dayna Herold, Natalie and Bradley; James and Connie Ison, Kestler and Orion; Matthew and Heather Kracium, Xander and Donavin; Emilie Schieffer and Travis Puig; Susan Tobin; Michael and Rebecca Tuley, Emily and Caleb; Matthew and Kristen Van Lieshout; and Jeffrey and Mary Wolfe. Welcome to Saint Andrew!

## ASSISTING with WORSHIP

### March 18

#### Ushers

Shepherd Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 am - Dave Mueller  
10:30 am - Lynn Lawson

#### Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke  
Sue McFaul  
Jodi Gargulak

#### Nursery

8:00 am - Unattended  
10:30 am - Jess & Hannah  
Tipple

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Sid & Leslie  
Sorenson  
10:30 am - Adam & Kathy  
Wurz

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Barry & Marge  
Busse  
10:30 am - Wayne & Laura  
Johnson

#### Lectionary Readings

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

### March 25

#### Ushers

A Team

#### Layreaders

8:00 - Chris Kensmoe  
10:30 - Jayne Germinaro

#### Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom  
Pam Levra  
Mary Wittich

#### Nursery

8:00 am - Unattended  
10:30 am - Doug & Christy  
Keele

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Ray and Terrie  
Skare  
10:30 am - Greg & Jeanne  
Willems

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Roger Otto &  
Pam Fromm  
10:30 am - Shelby Niskanen &  
Margy Kersten

#### Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

## GOOD STEWARDS

With already two months behind us in this calendar year, there is no time like the present to review giving patterns and make adjustments early to keep up with giving intentions. Such adjustments are much easier now than mid-summer. Your consistent and generous giving is a reflection of faithful stewardship and a true act of worship. "Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him, who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen" (FROM LUTHERAN BOOK OF WORSHIP) Thank you for the many ways you offer joyfully and thankfully in support of the ministry of Christ's Church, knowing that our response is not out of obligation but out of gratitude.

## ZEERUST

### Remembering Zeerust and Noisy Offering to be Received

*Thursday, March 15 and Sunday, March 18*

A candle will be lit during worship to highlight our partnership with our sister congregation of Zeerust Lutheran Church in South Africa. Also, help support the upcoming visit this summer from our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from Zeerust by bringing a "Noisy Offering".

### Zeerust Planning Meeting

All are welcome to participate in the next planning meeting *this Sunday, March 18 at 9:15 am* in the Activity Room. Come and be a part as the anticipation and excitement grows for our South African visitors!

### Fair Trade Coffee Available

Fair Trade Coffee will be available for purchase following the Thursday services and between worship services on Sunday. Coffee Project is a justice relief effort through Lutheran World Relief.



## WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING EVENT - "WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?"

*Saturday, April 14, 8:00 am-12:30 pm, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Merrill*

Women of all ages are invited to learn more about our summer visitors from South Africa, conduct business, have fellowship and worship together. Brunch is included. The cost is \$10 so grab a friend or two and call the church office (715-842-3333) for more information and to register by April 9.

## SALC SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES WITH CROSSWAYS

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 youth can experience! Among many camping opportunities being offered, Confirmation Camp will be June 17-22 or for those not attending the National youth Gathering a one-week camp will be July 15-20. At the same time, a camp is offered for children who are completing grades 3 and 4 to sample the camp for three nights and four days. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or check out Crossways website at [crosswayscamps.org](http://crosswayscamps.org).

## NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING SPONSORSHIP

Help sponsor a Saint Andrew Youth to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Sponsorships in various amounts will be available in the Fellowship Hall to choose from to make a monetary donation. Your support helps build a relationship with the youth and help them get to the Gathering!



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

- Help with Easter Food Baskets—see page 2 for details.
- Soup N Sandwich help—see page 2 for more information.
- Zeerust Planning Meeting—see page 3 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 *March 29* Network is: *Wednesday, March 21.*

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**At Saint Andrew—March 18-31**

**Sunday, March 18**

8:00 am WORSHIP  
 9:15 am Mtg: Zeerust Planning  
 9:15 am Church School  
 10:30 am WORSHIP  
 11:30 am Reh: Childrens Choir  
 4:00 pm First Communion Class  
 6:30 pm Bible Study

**Monday, March 19**

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

**Tuesday, March 20**

9:00 am Mtg: Reading Reflections  
 10:00 am Quilting for LWR

**Wednesday, March 21**

12:15 pm WORSHIP & SOUP  
 6:15 pm WORSHIP & SOUP  
 7:00 pm Reh: Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm Reh: Bell Choir

**Thursday, March 22**

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

**Sunday, March 25**

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

**Monday, March 26**

7:00 pm Mtg: Church Council  
 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

**Tuesday, March 27**

9:00 am Mtg: Reading Reflections

**Wednesday, March 28**

12:15 pm WORSHIP & SOUP  
 6:15 pm WORSHIP & SOUP  
 7:00 pm Reh: Chancel Choir  
 8:00 pm Reh: Bell Choir

**Thursday, March 29**

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