


Network

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS *by Pastor Craig*

 The word is out (again) and many attended worship just to hear them repeated anew. "Christ is risen! He is risen Indeed!" And then comes the punctuation mark, "Alleluia!" The words are very familiar to us and yet, there is something almost magical to them as they remind us of what we know to be true but that we long to repeat frequently. For six weeks we refrained from declaring this word in worship. Lent is a penitential season and we focus on our bondage to sin and our need for the freedom Christ provides.

Alleluia means "praise God." In response to release from bondage, the first response of God's people has long been an act of worship as a thank-offering to God. Abraham gave thanks that God provided a substitute for the sacrifice in place of his son. Moses and Miriam led the rescued people of the Lord in song and dance as an act of praise to the Lord for the victory from the hands of the Egyptians. The book of Psalms is filled with hymns of praise giving thanks to God for God's faithfulness. At the sound of his voice, Mary Magdalene exclaimed with excitement knowing that Jesus was alive and standing before her. And we, as people of the resurrection, we too can boldly proclaim praise to God for naming and claiming us in baptism and uniting us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Alleluia! Jesus is risen and we are moved with joy so that we also are excited to proclaim life in the face of death, hope in the face of despair and promise in the face of uncertainty.

Each Sunday is another opportunity to celebrate the Easter promise. It is an exciting story and it is worth retelling and reliving frequently and faithfully. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Two Special Worship Opportunities!

April 15 — Pastor Jeff Martinson is officially installed as Visitation Pastor at SALC during the 10:30 am worship service.

April 29 — Celebrating Ministry with Pastor John and formal conclusion of Call as Pastor at SALC during a special 2:00 pm worship service. (see page 3 for more details)

WEEKLY WORSHIP

**Thursdays
Sundays**

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER *Thursday, April 12 / Sunday, April 15*

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER *Thursday, April 19 / Sunday, April 22*

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

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

Rite of Confirmation

Confirmation classes for 9th grade students will be held **Wednesdays, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, at 6:15-7:30 pm.** on Sunday, May 6, the 2012 confirmands will make a public affirmation of their baptism.

Friday, May 4

4:00 pm Pictures and Rehearsal
5:30 pm Banquet

Sunday, May 6

2:00 pm Confirmation
 Worship Service

New Member Orientation

Sundays, May 13 & 20, 9:15 am New member orientation will be on Sundays, May 13 **and** 20 at 9:15 am. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on May 20. 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.

Magic Paper Box

A great way to keep paper out of the landfill and a financial benefit to the ministries of Saint Andrew is to drop paper to be recycled in the blue containers located on the north edge of the west parking lot. To date, \$1570.90 has been received in support of the summer National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

** (not for plastic, cardboard, metal, glass or food contaminated paper)*

Summer Dates to Note:

VBS
June 25-29, 1-4 pm

SALC Golf Outing
July 7, Beginning at 8 am
**New this year—
 shotgun start!**

Watch upcoming Networks for more details on these events!

SALC TREASURE SALE

Date Correction: the SALC Treasure Sale will be **Friday/Saturday, May 4/5.** Bring your **“treasures”** from spring cleaning to church on **Wednesday or Thursday, May 2 or 3.** Donated items should be in good working order and in very good condition. Leftover items will be donated after the sale. The following items will not be accepted: *computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances and tread mills.* To volunteer, please call the church office at 715-842-3333.

This event will assist the National Youth Gathering Event

REMEMBERING ZEERUST AND NOISY OFFERING

Thursday, April 12 and Sunday, April 15

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”. To date, \$1254.36 has been generously given!

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

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

April 15

Ushers

Brekke Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Dewey Allen
 10:30 am - Eric Verber

Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage
 Patty Marceille
 Julie Weller

Fellowship

8:00 am - Marv & Joleen Meier
 10:30 am - Bernie, LeAnn & Cadin Stankowski

Greeters

8:00 am - John & Pat Barnett

10:30 am - Lynn Lawson & Susie Soukup

Nursery

8:00 am - Nate & Steph Birchler
 10:30 am - Curt & Coreen Richardt

Lectionary Readings

Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 133
 1 John 1:1-2:2
 John 20:19-31

April 22

Ushers

Weidman Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Gary Hibbard
 10:30 am - Marilyn Olson

Altar Guild

Team 1: Marilyn Olson
 Sandra Fischer
 Mary Weiland

Fellowship

8:00 am - Matt & Kristen Young
 10:30 am - Terry & June Grabau

Greeters

8:00 am - Tony & Wendi Howe

10:30 am - Mary Wittich & Ann McDonald

Nursery

8:00 am - Julie Walters
 10:30 am - Jess & Hannah Tipple

Lectionary Readings

Acts 3:12-19
 Psalm 4
 1 John 3:1-7
 Luke 24:36b-48

CELEBRATING MINISTRY WITH PASTOR JOHN

One year ago, Pastor John announced his plans for retirement in April of 2012. At the time, it seemed a long way off and the focus has perhaps been lost in the midst of the regular schedule of church activity but, it is April and the time for this transition is now upon us. A letter was sent to all members last month sharing that Pastor John's last Sunday will be April 29. The text for that week is *The Good Shepherd* which seems quite fitting that the one who has been the lead shepherd at Saint Andrew for 32 years will be reminding us of the one who is *truly* our Shepherd and the one whom we worship and follow, as Christ, the resurrected and Good Shepherd of our faith and life. On that day, there will be a special worship service at 2 pm with Pastor John, Darlene and their family as a way to give thanks to God for their many years of active participation in the life of Saint Andrew. Bishop Justman will be present to bring the message and guide the congregation through a formal order of service to release Pastor John from his Call to service at Saint Andrew. This formality is a way to publically bring closure to this chapter of ministry and allow Pastor John to open a new chapter called retirement and be removed from ministry obligations. The offering for this service will go toward the special Seminary Support Fund that is being created using gifts received to date to honor Pastor John and his service as Pastor at Saint Andrew. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow the service where you can offer your thanks and well wishes to Pastor John and his family.

"Well done, good and faithful servant." — MATTHEW 25:23

A TASTE OF ZEERUST

The excitement continues to build for the visit of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ from our companion synod church in Zeerust, South Africa.

The sights, sounds and a few flavors of South Africa will be available for you to sample and enjoy this Sunday, April 15th following both worship services. The SALC Zeerust planning group is excited to share food to sample, music and more information about events and opportunities during this upcoming visit. Individuals from our conference churches who traveled to South Africa in 2010 have also been invited to join us that day to answer questions, share pictures and also display a few treasures from their travels.

A Volunteer Sign Up form offering a multitude of ways for all Saint Andrew members to get involved and enjoy time with our guests from Zeerust is included in this Network. Feel free to bring the sign up form along on April 15th if you have questions, need clarification or to drop off indicating your areas of volunteer interest. *Please note the dates for the visit have been changed to June 27-July 16!*

LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH THANK YOU AND

Social Ministry would like to sincerely thank the 150 plus volunteers who helped to make our annual "Lenten Soup and Sandwich" dinners a success. Despite some weather challenges, both cold and warm, we still raised money to support the food pantry in the coming year. With the profits from this event, Social Ministry is able to fill food baskets throughout the year, as well as host 6 community dinners to help those in need. Thank you to the cooks, bread bakers, dessert makers, ticket takers, dishwashers, soup servers, "wait" staff: thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this an annual success. Social Ministry would like to express their gratitude to all the Soup and Sandwich volunteers with a *"thank you brunch" on Wednesday, April 25, 9:30 am* in the Activity Room. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to RSVP.



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- See pg. 3 and insert on ways to volunteer and be involved with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Zeerust!
- How can you help with the SALC Treasure Sale-see page 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. See pg. 2.
- 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*
 Rev. Jeff Martinson, *Pastor*
 Shelby Gjertson, *Parish Administrator*
 Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*
 Everett Schmidt, *Coordinator of Youth*
 Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*
 Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
 Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*
 Ron Sandquist, *Sexton*

NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the *April 26* Network is: **Wednesday, April 18.**

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At Saint Andrew—April 15-28

Palm Sunday, April 15

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:00 am Taste of Zeerust
 9:15 am Church School
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 11:30 am Reh: Childrens Choir
 11:45 am Mtg: National Youth Gathering
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, April 16

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

Tuesday, April 17

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

Wednesday, April 18

6:15 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class
 6:30 pm Reh: Chancel Choir
 8:00 pm Reh: Bell Choir

Thursday, April 19

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

Friday, April 20

5:00 pm Lay School

Saturday, April 21

5:00 pm Lay School

Sunday, April 22

8:00 am WORSHIP
 9:15 am Church School
 10:30 am WORSHIP
 11:30 am Reh: Childrens Choir
 11:45 am Mtg: Senior High Board

Monday, April 23

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

Tuesday, April 24

9:00 am Mtg: Reading Reflections

Wednesday, April 25

9:30 am Soup & Sandwich Thank You
 Brunch

6:15 pm 9th Grade Confirmation Class

6:30 pm Reh: Chancel Choir

8:00 pm Reh: Bell Choir

Thursday, April 26

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