

Network



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CHRISTIAN ED NEWS FROM— *Matt*

In the 8th chapter of Acts, Philip approached an Ethiopian eunuch who was reading scripture from the prophet Isaiah. He asked the eunuch if he understood what he has reading. To which the eunuch replied “How can I, unless someone guides me?” These verses indicate that from the very beginning education has been an important part of faith formation in the lives of Christians. Christian Education is at the heart of the ministry happening here at Saint Andrew and I’m excited to be a part of it as it continues to be an integral component of our ministry together.

I grew up in a family of educators and learned quickly the importance that teaching and learning from each other has in the life of a community. As I reflected on this I found these words from the ELCA statement on education to be exceptionally relevant to the role of education in our lives here and the work we will be doing.

As Lutherans we understand our vocation is a calling from God that encompasses all of life for all the faithful. Education belongs to our baptismal vocation. Our particular calling in education is two-fold: to educate people in the Christian faith for their vocation and to strive with others to ensure that all have access to high-quality education that develops personal gifts and abilities and serves the common good. This calling embraces all people in both Church and society. (<http://www.elca.org/SocialStatements/education/>)

A Word of Clarity

Beginning this fall, confirmation classes will be for **7th and 8th grade students only**. The **6th grade students** will focus on Bible basics over the Christian education hour on *Sunday mornings* in anticipation of and preparation for confirmation the next year.

Middle school (grades 7 & 8) and high school youth group will meet separately at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to think about faith through Bible study, engage in fun activities, build relationships, and make plans for different fellowship and service opportunities. High school students will meet in the youth room and middle school students will meet in the activity room, beginning September 16th. Page 3 describes Christian Education programs that will begin soon and there are many more for you to become involved. I look forward to learning and sharing with you as part of the work we do for the sake of Christ’s church.

****Fall Worship Schedule Begins****

Sunday, September 16; 8 and 10:30 am

WEEKLY WORSHIP

**Thursdays
Sundays**

**12:15 and 6:15 pm
8:00 and 9:30 am**

Thursday, August 30 / Sunday, September 2

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

Thursday, September 5 / Sunday, September 9

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God’s will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.



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

Attention: Church School Teachers Needed!

Church school teachers are still needed. Please prayerfully consider sharing your faith and being a leader to the youth of Saint Andrew. Call the church office at 715-842-3333 to let us know how you can help.

Rally Days Ahead

Parents and students, church school is about to begin. Plan to attend Rally Day on either, **Thursday, September 6 or Sunday, September 9.**

Community Dinner

Sunday, September 16, 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. 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!

Food Pantry Needs

The SALC Food Pantry has recently been utilized by many. Next time you're shopping, please pick up some items to help re-stock the Food Pantry. All non-perishable food is currently needed, especially: **canned fruit, mayonnaise, ketchup, crackers, cereal and toilet paper.** Items can be placed in the baskets at the entrances of the church. Thank you for supporting the SALC Food Pantry!

Enjoy a Mug of Coffee

Fellowship Ministry is encouraging a greener approach by offering ceramic mugs and reusable plastic juice cups. Check your cabinets for a mug to donate or if you have a favorite, such as a travel mug with a lid, you are welcome to bring your own to use.

facebook option



A revised **facebook** site for the Saint Andrew youth programming can be accessed directly through the url address,

www.facebook.com/youthsaintandrew,

the Saint Andrew website, or by scanning the QR code here with a mobile device. Check it out and begin connecting ideas and information.



COME TO THE SALC ANNUAL CHURCH

Sunday, September 9, 10:45 am

The annual church picnic is just around the corner and all are welcome to enjoy lots of fun and good food! Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass according to the first letter of your last name (hot dogs, hamburgers and brats will be provided):

A – O Salad or side dish

P– Z Dessert

Cake rounds are available in the Narthex for donated cakes for the cake walk and donations for door prizes/children's games can be brought to SALC.

Volunteers are still needed to help with all aspects of the picnic! Please call the church office to let us know how you can help!

ASSISTING with WORSHIP

September 2

Ushers

Shepherd Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Marv Meier

9:30 am - Sue Paisar

Altar Guild

Team 3: Sheila McCarthy

Carmen Siegel

Darlene Caillouette

Fellowship

8:00 am - Joanne Howard & Jim Jacobson

9:30 am - Tom & Karen Weidman

Greeters

8:00 am - Bill & Lucy Harvey

9:30 am - Jerry & Marlene Kort

Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Psalm 15

James 1:17–27

Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

September 9

Ushers

A Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Kaya Yirkovsky

9:30 am - Cheryl Allen

Altar Guild

Team 6: Stephanie Wage

Patty Marceille

Julie Weller

Fellowship

8:00 am - Carrie Clemment

9:30 am - Peter & Cheri Brodzeller

Greeters

8:00 am - Dan & Lynne Holt

9:30 am - Billie Schmidt & Mary Wittich

Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Psalm 146

James 2:1–10[11–13] 14–17

Mark 7:24–37

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

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| ~Wednesday, September 5 | 6:15 pm | Confirmation Orientation (Parents & Students) - meet in the Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal-meet in the Sanctuary |
| | 8:00 pm | Handbell Rehearsal-meet in the Chapel |
| ~Thursday, September 6 | 5:30 pm | Rally Thursday (Parents & Students) - meet in the classrooms |
| ~Sunday, September 9 | 10:30 am | Rally Sunday (Parents & Students) - meet in the sanctuary |
| | 10:45 am | Church Picnic - Fellowship Hall |
| ~Thursday, September 13 | 5:30 pm | Church School |
| ~Sunday, September 16 | Fall Worship Schedule Begins: 8 and 10:30 am | |
| | 9:15 am | Church School |
| | 9:15 am | Adult Bible Study - meet in the Parish Room |
| | 11:30 am | Children's Choir Rehearsal - meet in the Chapel |
| | 6:30 pm | Adult Bible Study - meet in the Parish Room |
| ~Friday and Saturday, September 21 & 22 | | Lay School of Ministry |

REMEMBERING ZEERUST/LWR QUILT & SCHOOL BAG DEDICATION

Thursday and Sunday, September 13 & 16

A candle will be lit during worship to highlight our partnership with our sister congregation of Zeerust Lutheran Church in South Africa. A **Noisy Offering** will continued to be received on the third Sunday of every month. The September Noisy Offering will be used to offset shipping costs for LWR school bags and quilts.

Fair Trade Coffee Available

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

Quilts and school bags are being dedicated before they are packaged and sent through LWR Ingathering and eventually around the world. Thanks to all who shared time and talents to create these needed items.

LWR School Bags and Supplies

How can you help? There are a few school supplies left to choose from to be donated. Check the display found in the Fellowship Hall. Sewn school bags and purchased school supplies should be returned to SALC by **Sunday, September 16.**

REFLECTIONS FROM — *Pastor Jenn*

"This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here."

Those powerful words grace the top of the home page at www.elca.org. Have you ever checked it out? The ELCA's website is filled with lots of information about Christ' church – not "our church" as in Saint Andrew (although you can find our congregation on line through the ELCA website) – but Christ's Church—the whole, entire church as expressed through the *Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*. From news updates to social media connections, resources for congregations and leadership opportunities, as well as statements of what we believe and the founding documents that guide congregations and organizations that are a part of the ELCA – all of that is located in one place and it's worth checking out when you have a minute. What an amazing thing to know that we are not alone on the journey. As we gather for worship and seek to respond to our faith through service, we gather as Christ's Church – with thousands of other churches who are seeking to do the same thing through the same expression. What a powerful witness to God's presence in the world!



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- See page 2 for the SALC Food Pantry current needs.
- Volunteer time, prizes or cake for the SALC Annual Picnic. Page 2 has all the information!
- Bring a mug to help SALC go green! See page 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. Craig Swenson, *Pastor*
Rev. Jenn Collins, *Pastor*
Rev. Jeff Martinson, *Pastor*
Shelby Gjertson, *Parish Administrator*
Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*
Matt Seegert, *Coordinator of Christian Education*
Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*
Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*

NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the *September 12* Network is: **Wednesday, September 4.**

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At Saint Andrew—September 2-15

Sunday, September 2

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:30 am **WORSHIP**
10:30 am Baptism Orientation

Monday, September 3-LABOR DAY **Church Office Closed**

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

Wednesday, September 5

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

Thursday, September 6

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
5:30 pm Rally day
6:15 pm **WORSHIP**

Sunday, September 9

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
9:30 am **WORSHIP**
10:30 am Rally Day
10:45 am SALC Annual Church Picnic

Monday, September 10

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen

Tuesday, September 11

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

Wednesday, September 12

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

Thursday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 15

2:00 pm Rands/Geiger Wedding
3:00 pm Prueher/Secord Wedding
(Off-site)

A BAPTISM

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:

Gavin Michael Holleran - June 3
 Anna Lee Schmidt - June 14
 Westin John Berens - July 1
 Kaylin Elaine Koepfel - July 5
 Olivia Grace Olson - July 8
 Xander Matthew and
 Donavin Kenneth Kracium - July 29
 Mason Charles Haroldson - July 29
 Brooklyn Diane Olafson - August 5
 Colton James Pagel - August 19
 Reece Dietrich Pagel - August 19
 Harper Grace Page - August 26
 Payton Evelyn Gabriel - August 26

A WEDDING

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

Hailey Punke and David Boehmer - June 2
 Jenny Gerbig and Mark Vanderkoi - June 9
 Leslie Williams and Aaron Hirsch - June 23
 Amber Zastrow and Bryce Whereatt - July 21
 Cheryl Sperry and Steve Benson - July 21
 Carrie Peterson and Mike Clemment - August 4
 Alison Prott and Ben Johnson - August 11
 Allie Schneider and Sam Kent - August 25
 Amber Rands and David Geiger - September 15
 Cassie Prueher and Rick Secord - September 15
 Marie Nestigen and Brian Heise - September 22
 Deb Procknow and Chris Tuft - September 29
 Heidi Holtz and Aaron Guenther - September 29
 Amber Wozniak and Jacob Maahs - October 6

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...

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Ali | George Schoeder | Karen Whereatt | Ron Horst |
| Andy & Gloria | Georgia | Kay Seckler | Sabrina & Shane |
| Babs | Irene Soroko | Kaylin | Shannon |
| Barb | Irma Breese | Laura | Sue |
| Ben Kregel | James, Elsie & Henry | Leann | Suzi Kittson |
| Bill | Jennejohn | Lynn & Dianna | Thomas Roberts |
| Brad Cory | Jean Bassett | Maddie | Tracy |
| Bruce | Jennifer Bradley | Marty | Tracy Stelzer |
| Callie and Zak Teeters | Jim & Marilyn Whitney | Mary | Verna |
| Carrie Zimmer | Jim Merkel | Noah | Zach Waack |
| Danny Stoltz | Joe, Ashley Miller & Family | Nora Turner | Harvey Laueremann |
| Don Headke | John | Pat | Irma Koenig |
| Ella, Erik and Becky | Jonel | Renee Thomsen | Laura Glassford |
| Gary Somers | Joyce | Rodney Rowland | Roland Zerneke |

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)