

# Network



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## FOR ALL THE SAINTS

This year's National Youth Gathering was titled "Citizens with the Saints" where 33,000 youth from across the church gathered for worship, celebration, motivation, fellowship and service. Together, the gathering reflected the church as partners with the citizens of New Orleans and participants in God's work through the hands, voices and images of saintly people, young and old around a common theme. The well-planned Worship Workshop held recently at Saint Andrew (thanks to the Worship Ministry) was called "Equipping the Saints." The focus for the event was to bring people together to brush up on leadership skills or learn new ones for the purpose of more effective participation in the worship life of the congregation. If you missed it, perhaps another opportunity could be provided early next year.

Each year, the church pauses to recognize the festival of All Saints. The day of celebration is literally on November 1 but the church commonly designates the Sunday on or just after November 1 as All Saints Sunday making November 4 All Saints Sunday this year with Thursday worship literally on All Saints Day. But just what is a saint? Who are the saints in our lives that strengthen and encourage us in our walk of faith and life?

Saints language is nothing new but we often forget who we are as saints and fellow participants in the life of Christ's church in mission and ministry with the saints. Martin Luther defined a saint as a "forgiven sinner." Luther helped define our common understanding that in this life we are both saint and sinner at the same time (simul justus, et peccator—simultaneously we are both saint and sinner) and miraculously, God loves us anyway. It is common to describe the church as both militant and triumphant. The militant church is the living Body of Christ while the triumphant church is representative of those who have died, apart from the body, but alive in the heavenly kingdom with God and all who have died in faith. It was on the eve of All Saints that Martin Luther posted his 95 statements intended for debate within the Roman church on the doors of the church in Wittenburg, Germany knowing the church would be filled with those who came to give thanks and pray for the lives of the saints on November 1. The reformed church therefore describes October 31 as Reformation Day, a day when the church was challenged to reconsider current practices that had become part of church tradition but not necessarily rooted in scripture.

Each year, we remember the saints of the church and we give thanks to God for those who remain in this life as well as for those who have gone before us but who are very much part our identity as the Body of Christ. In worship on these days, we will list the names of the saints who have joined the church triumphant and name aloud those saints who have died during the past year. It is both a sad time of remembering but also an encouraging time of celebrating for we live by faith and we know that even the best life has to offer is temporary. "For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are unseen eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:18)

For all the Saints in this life and in the next...we will and we do give God thanks.

— *Pastor Craig*

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



### Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time will end **Sunday, November 4 at 2 am.**

Remember to set your clocks *back 1 hour.*

## ACTIVITIES

### Acolyte Training

*Wednesday, November 7, 5:15 pm*  
All 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend acolyte training on *Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.* An acolyte is someone who helps the congregation to remember the presence of Christ during worship by carrying the cross, lighting candles, and helping to set the table for communion. If you are interested in being an acolyte but are unable to make the training, please contact SALC for more details.

### Baptism Orientation

*Sunday, November 4, 9:15 am*  
Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism.

### "Get a LIFE" with the OWLS

*Tuesday, November 6, 11:30 am*  
Find out what the Marathon County LIFE report says about our county with Tony Omernick. He will discuss findings as well as what people are doing to address those issues through the RSVP program. All are welcome to the potluck at 11:30 am and insightful conversation. Please contact the church office at [joy@salc-wausau.org](mailto:joy@salc-wausau.org) or 715-842-3333 to let us know you'll be coming!

### Community Dinner

*Sunday, November 18*  
Fellowship and a hot meal are offered every Sunday afternoon from 4-5 pm at First Presbyterian Church, downtown Wausau. Saint Andrew hosts the third Sunday of every other month and is one of fourteen area faith groups that volunteer to host this dinner. Volunteers are needed from 3-6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean up. If you would like to help with this community ministry, please call the church office.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, October 21, new members were received into the Saint Andrew family: Chris, Jessica and Kason Bargener; Michael Clemment; Pastor Jenn Collins; Diane Downing; Pamela Farrell; Matthew and Christal Gabriel; Josh Gruenberg; Craig and Marni Holmes; John, Jessica, Grace and Emma Huggenvik; Gary and Ruth Koch; Garrett Lancell; Jacob Maahs; Ron and Lil Mathsen; Stuart, Karen, Luke, Nate and Courtney Morse; Jason and Kim Plansky; Darlene Roeder; Brad, Sara, Brandis, Benjamin and Brantley Schmitt; Rob Wagner and Lindsay Tritz; Jennifer Wilson, Alexis and Alana Uttecht; Nathan Zuelke and Sara Oelig. Welcome to Saint Andrew!

## THANKSGIVING BIRDS

Can you help those families less fortunate? The following items are now being accepted for holiday food baskets at this time: **turkeys, potatoes, onions, vegetables, boxed stuffing, canned yams, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, pie crust, Jell-O, gravy and monetary donations.** Thanksgiving Baskets will be assembled **Saturday, November 17.** If you know someone who needs a basket please call the church office by November 14 at 715-842-3333.



## ASSISTING with WORSHIP

### October 28

#### Ushers

B Team

#### Layreaders

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

#### Altar Guild

Team 4: Joyce Schoepke  
Sue McFaul  
Jodi Gargulak

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Keith & Sandi  
Rusch  
10:30 am - Susie & Ashley  
Soukup

#### Greeters

8:00 am - Dan & Lynne Holt  
10:30 am - Tom & Mary  
Weiland

#### Nursery

10:30 am - Jeff & Leanne Meyer

#### Lectionary Readings

Jeremiah 31:31–34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19–28  
John 8:31–36

### November 4

#### Ushers

Brekke Team

#### Layreaders

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

#### Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom  
Mary Wittich  
Pam Levra

#### Fellowship

8:00 am - Joel & Sara  
Widman  
10:30 am - Denise Kummerow  
Amy Frolik

#### Greeters

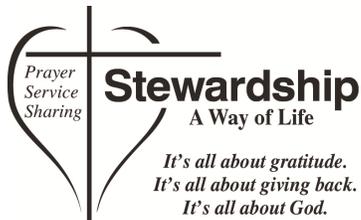
8:00 am - Bill & Doreen  
Radloff  
10:30 am - Dick & Lynn  
Lawson

#### Nursery

10:30 am - Curt & Coreen Richardt

#### Lectionary Readings

Isaiah 25:6–9  
Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1–6  
John 11:32–44



Soon you will receive the second mailing of the fall stewardship emphasis. This mailing includes an article about the importance of planned giving. The mission of the church is dependent on regular and generous giving that not only supports the mission by paying the bills but provides a means by which people can faithfully return a portion of the resources God has entrusted to us as stewards.

This year's theme reminds us that stewardship is not simply a year-end push by the church to beg for money in support of the next year's budget. Stewardship is a way of life and it is reflective through prayer, service and sharing for in truth, all we have is a gift from God. Jesus spoke candidly and often about money, most often criticizing those who were stingy with their sharing. Stinginess is not a biblically responsible way of caring for and sharing what God has entrusted to us. Generosity, proportionately and willingly are all words that are far more reflective of how Jesus described a faithful way of living out our identity as stewards. When the mailing arrives next week, spend some time in prayerful reflection and consider how you are responding with what God has given you to manage and to share.

## SECOND/THIRD GRADE BIBLES

As part of the church school program at Saint Andrew, second and third grade students are given a Bible to use at home and at church. This is an effort to assist parents in their responsibility to place in their child's hand the holy scriptures and nurture him or her in faith and prayer. This Bible will be used through their confirmation education.



It is a great privilege to share this experience with students. Parents of second and third graders, as you are able, please come with your child to one of two worship services where you can formally present your child with their own Bible: **Thursday, November 8 at 6:15 pm or Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 am.**

A letter was mailed last week to parents of second and third grade students regarding receiving a Bible. If you did not receive a letter and have a child that should receive a Bible this year, please call the church office to let us know.

While we do not require families to pay for these Bibles, at a cost of \$16 per Bible any monetary donation to help offset the cost would be appreciated. Through Christ, we live and learn together.

## A VARIETY OF GIFTS...

This past week, clergy from around the East Central Synod of Wisconsin gathered for a Theological Conference. A question asked by one of the presenters was this, *"What are the signs of life in your congregation?"* When I reflected over the ministries at Saint Andrew, I couldn't help but think about one sign of life in particular. While I am still new myself, I am also discovering that many are new to the community, whether new members or visitors who come to worship on Sundays.

Over the past month many people have joined the family of faith at Saint Andrew. I am inspired by these men and women. As we gathered in the chapel over the last two Sundays, I heard their stories. Many have come from other denominational backgrounds. Many were looking for a place of welcome—where they could be married, where they could raise a family. Many were hoping to connect in ways that align with their gifts and interests. These people and these conversations are significant signs of life.

Saint Andrew is a vibrant congregation, filled with life and vitality. I am excited to think about how God might call out the gifts of these new members. But I am even more excited when I think about the variety of gifts already within the membership here. One of my favorite lines in the mission statement of Saint Andrew is this, *"With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the life and mission of this church can be fulfilled by those within it."*

*Pastor Jenn*



### Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- See page 2 to find out how you can help with Community Dinner.
- Items are needed for Holiday Food Baskets-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*  
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#### NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the *November 8* Network is: **Wednesday, October 31.**

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## At Saint Andrew—October 28-November 10

### Sunday, October 28

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
 9:15 am Church School  
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**  
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir  
 6:30 pm Bible Study

### Monday, October 29

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen  
 7:30 pm Dartball @ Peace

### Tuesday, October 30

9:00 am Reading Reflections

### Wednesday, October 31

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

### Thursday, November 1

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

### Saturday, November 3

Daylight Saving Time Ends  
*(Set clocks back one hour)*

### Sunday, November 4

8:00 am **WORSHIP**  
 9:15 am Church School  
 9:15 am Baptism Orientation  
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**  
 11:30 am *Reh:* Children's Choir  
 6:30 pm Bible Study

### Monday, November 5

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen  
 7:00 pm Dartball vs Peace

### Tuesday, November 6

9:00 am Reading Reflections  
 11:30 am OWLS Potluck and Program

### Wednesday, November 7

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

### Thursday, November 8

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

### Friday, November 9

5:00 pm Lay School  
 SYG-Manitowoc

### Saturday, November 10

8:00 am Lay School  
 SYG-Manitowoc

**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:*

- 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
- Jessica Morgan Coates - September 9
- Hayden Ryan Baumann - September 13
- Paige Avery Dell - September 16
- Jamison Lee Walker - September 23
- Jaxon Jay Baars - October 28
- Aubrey Kristi Wood - October 28
- Isabel Luise Knighton - November 4
- Kyleigh Mae Wert - November 4

**A WEDDING**

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

- Amber Zastrow and Bryce Whereatt - July 21
- Cheryl Sperry and Steve Benson - July 21
- Carrie Peterson and Mike Clemment - August 4
- Alison Prutt 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

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

Mary Kathryn Patefield - October 15

**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                  | Gary Somers          | Laura           | Shannon |
| Babs                 | George Schoeder      | Laura           | Sue     |
| Ben Kregel           | Irene Soroko         | Maddie          | Suzi    |
| Brad Cory            | Irma Breese          | Marty           | Thomas  |
| Bruce                | James, Elsie & Henry | Mary            | Tom     |
| Callie and Zak       | Jean                 | Noah            | Tracy   |
| Carrie Zimmer        | Jennifer             | Nora            | Tracy   |
| Charlie              | Jim & Marilyn        | Pat             | Verna   |
| Debra                | Jim                  | Paul            | Harvey  |
| Dixie                | John                 | Renee           | Irma    |
| Dominic              | Judy                 | Robin           | Laura   |
| Ella, Erik and Becky | Kaylin               | Rodney          | Roland  |
| Fallon               | Larry                | Sabrina & Shane |         |

*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)*