

Network



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In addition to all the mailings you receive, two letters were sent from Saint Andrew. I recently gave thought to how I respond when I receive such information in the mail. I begin by sorting the mail into categories. Personal, bills and solicitations. I am quick to open a letter or a card for I know it is personal and it is an extension of a relationship that already exists. Bills do not motivate anything other than a response of a duty or obligation to fulfill and junk mail is unsolicited requests from businesses or organizations that are not concerned about a relationship but are avenues of revenue and income for a cause.

The mailings you received from the church are intended to reflect the first category and to assist in growing in a relationship that already exists. These mailings are intended to remind you that your gifts and participation are important to the ongoing function and mission of Christ's church and that the gifts are part of a relationship we share together.

In a recent article in *The Lutheran*, Mark Allen Powell of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio is quoted as reflecting on Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Powell believes the following is equally true "where you put your treasure is where your heart will go." Isn't it true, we will support the things that matter to us, the things that give value and purpose to our lives? Where are your life passions and how do they influence the way you share what is entrusted to you as gifts from God? How does the church nurture and enhance faithful living? Provide worship opportunities centered around word and sacraments? Provide educational and fellowship opportunities? Feed the hungry? Provide comfort to the ill, the lonely, the dying and the grieving? How does the mission of Saint Andrew provide opportunities to be involved and to allow your time, talent and treasures to be literal expressions of Christ's work in the world?

I am hopeful you will sit with the information you received through the two Stewardship mailings and that you prayerfully assess where you put your treasure. In Christ's church there are many ways to share and many ways to participate so that your gifts are accurate reflections of hearts that are molded by the message of the gospel to care and share in the name of Christ. Thank you for the many ways you witness faith and life. Through Christ Jesus we are blessed to be a blessing and to be vessels and instruments of God's grace.

— 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
Sundays

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

Thursday, November 8
Sunday, November 11

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

Thursday, November 15 / Sunday, November 18

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

ACTIVITIES

Fall Clean-Up Thank You!

Heartfelt thanks to the dedicated members who came and endured the cold, rainy, and windy weather last month sprucing up and preparing the SALC property during fall clean-up for the winter.

Give the Gift of Blood

Thursday, December 13, 1-6 pm
Saint Andrew will be the sight of a blood drive in support of the American Red Cross. Donors can give blood every 56 days. The time for donations will be from 1-6 pm. Not interested in donating? Perhaps you are willing to volunteer time to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Mark your calendar now and call the church office to express your willingness to help.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help beautify the altar at Christmas with a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one. Order forms are available in the Narthex and need to be returned to the church office by *Sunday, December 16*.

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event and help beautify the altar with flowers. Sign up on the 2013 Flower Chart posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

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.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE MAKING AND COOKIE EXCHANGE

Mark your calendar!

Sunday, Dec. 9th - 11:45 am

Come and help make a Gingerbread House and/or participate in a cookie exchange. Lunch will be served. Fun for the whole family! Watch the next Network for more details.



THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 21, 6:15 pm

*Note: There will be no mid-week services or church school on Thanksgiving Day, *Thursday, November 22*.

THANKSGIVING BIRDS

Can you help those families less fortunate? The following items are now being accepted through November 14 for holiday food baskets: **turkeys, potatoes, onions, vegetables, boxed stuffing, canned yams, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, canned pumpkin, evaporated milk, pie crust, Jell-O, gravy and monetary donations.** 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

November 11

Ushers

Weidman Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Eric Verber

10:30 am - Judith Marshall

Altar Guild

Team 5: Mavis Bloom

Mary Wittich

Pam Levra

Fellowship

8:00 am - Dick & Mary Jarvis

10:30 am - Adam & Kathy

Wurz

Greeters

8:00 am - Ann McDonald &

Pam Fromm

10:30 am - Michael & Peggy

Koehmstedt

Nursery

10:30 am - Doug & Christy

Keele

Lectionary Readings

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9:24-28

Mark 12:38-44

November 18

Ushers

Johnson Team

Layreaders

8:00 am - Michael Spalding

10:30 am - Beverly Powell

Altar Guild

Team 3: Sheila McCarthy

Carmen Siegel

Darlene Caillouette

Fellowship

8:00 am - Jim & Janice Riege

10:30 am - Roger & Ruth

Poutanen

Greeters

8:00 am - Eugene & Nancy

Moyer

10:30 am - Linda Vogen &

Rosetta Ahles

Nursery

10:30 am - Brad & Jessica Tipple

Lectionary Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18] 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

2013 SALC PHOTO DIRECTORY

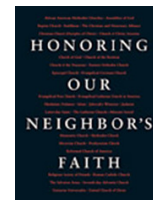
With the assistance of Life Touch Studios, a NEW Saint Andrew photo directory will be published for 2013. Mark your calendars to schedule your photo session Tuesday-Fridays from 2:00-9:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:30-4:00 the weeks of January 22nd, 29th and February 5th 2013. Appointment scheduling will be online with more information to follow. If you plan to be gone during this time frame, please call to learn how a photo can still be included.

This project is supported by volunteer efforts in various ways. Time commitments are short and can be scheduled at your convenience. If you would be willing to be a part of the planning group, assist with appointment registration, help with the directory layout or learn more about this exciting project, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or shelby@salc-wausau.org. A planning meeting will be held soon and those who have signed up to assist with the directory through time and talent will be contacted.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 6:30 pm

Have you ever wondered about the differences between Christianity and other religions? What about the differences between belief systems? On *Sunday, November 11 at 6:30 pm*, Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn will begin a study on the book, Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1999). Join the conversation, learning, and fellowship.



CHURCH SCHOOL AND YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS

***Senior High Youth - Sunday, November 25, 6:30 p.m.**

This month's regular monthly meeting will be at Culvers-Cedar Creek.

***Church School Christmas Program-Sunday, December 16, 9:30 am**

***Family Tubing Event - January 13, 2012**

Wausau area Lutheran Church Family winter tubing event at Sylvan Hills.

***Grades 3-5 Retreat-ALL NEW - January 18 & 19**

A retreat only for Saint Andrew youth at Waypost Camp, Hatley. Watch for more information in a future mailing and also in the Network.

***Youth Broomball - January, 2013**

Broomball for Junior and Senior High Youth

RESPONDING TO DISASTERS

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. —Psalm 46

Last week Hurricane Sandy made landfall on the east coast after having made its way through the Caribbean. The clouds and winds were wispy, gentle breezes by the time they came to Wausau. When major disasters occur and have a vast impact, they oftentimes cause us to pause and reflect with thankfulness for the people and the blessings that we encounter every day and so often take for granted. The continual coverage from media and the many images of devastation often stick with us.

While we know that we are separated from the disaster by hundreds of miles and may feel as though we have no impact, still the questions linger – What can I do to help? What can church do to help? For starters, we can pray. We can pray that God would sustain and uplift those directly impacted. We can also give.

ELCA Disaster Response (www.elca.org/disaster) is one way we individuals and congregations can band together to bring aide to those most in need. I would encourage you to check out the website to learn more about ELCA Disaster Response and prayerfully consider responding.

— Pastor Jenn



Time and Talent Opportunities to SUPPORT the Mission

- See page 2 to find out how you can help with Community Dinner.
- Give the gift of blood at the SALC Blood Drive - see page 2 for details.
- Thanksgiving Birds - more information on page 2.
- Volunteer your time to assist in creating the 2013 SALC Photo Directory - find the details on page 3.
- 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*
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NETWORK Deadline

The deadline to submit articles for the November 22 Network is:

Wednesday, November 14.

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At Saint Andrew—November 11-24

Sunday, November 11 Senior High Youth Return from SYG

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, November 12

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:30 pm Dartball @ St. Anne's

Tuesday, November 13

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

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

12:15 pm **WORSHIP**
 5:30 pm Church School
 6:15 pm **WORSHIP**
 7:00 pm Faith in Action
 Holiday Care"oling
 at Wausau West

Sunday, November 18

8:00 am **WORSHIP**
 9:15 am Church School
 10:30 am **WORSHIP**
 11:30 am Reh: Children's Choir
 3:00 pm Serve Community Dinner
 6:30 pm Bible Study

Monday, November 19

7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen
 7:00 pm Dartball vs Immanuel Lutheran

Tuesday, November 20

9:00 am Reading Reflections
 10:00 am Quilting for LVR

Wednesday, November 21

6:15 pm **THANKSGIVING EVE**

WORSHIP

Thursday, November 22

No Worship or Church School classes
 Church Office Closed

Friday, November 23

Church Office Closed