Network

SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastoral Reflections

The focus of the mid-week Lenten worship services have prompted us with questions around the cross. *How can I believe in a God I cannot see? Why is my life so difficult? Why doesn't God solve all my problems? What is the purpose of my life? Where are you God?* I am quite sure we did not fully answer all these questions but I am hopeful the process at very least offered permission to consider pondering over some of life's challenging questions as we journey in the shadow of the cross. Now with the resurrection promise before us, we will be challenged to ask yet more questions, *"Why do you look for the living among the dead?" "Have you believed because you have seen me?" "Children, you have no fish, have you?"*

The introduction to a satirical comedy skit from a weekly public radio broadcast, "A Prairie Home Companion," goes as follows, "*A dark night in a city that knows how to keep its secrets, but one man is still trying to find the answers to life's persistent questions, Guy Noir, Private Eye."* Through the skit, the cast presents some ridiculous, but often humorous, examples of life drama that are not resolved but help point out that, life as we know it, often seems a bit farfetched and unbelievable. Life has its fair share of challenges and uncertainties which often cause us to question the nature of and the presence of God. In the depths of our despair, we wonder, "Where are you God?"

We are coming out of a winter season and soon there will be signs of new life blossoming forth. Such new life cannot be rushed and cannot be manufactured. It takes time for snow to melt, the ground to thaw and the earth to warm as the sun appears higher on the horizon and we are bathed again in a season where hope literally springs forth from the cold ground. This is a sign of real resurrection promise and we have the good fortune of having experienced both the cold fallow time of winter which leads to the hopeful anticipation of spring. How long will winter last? When will the birds sing again, and the flowers bloom? Soon. Very soon. And we will know the joy and excitement that new life will bring. Blessed Easter! Blessed spring!

- 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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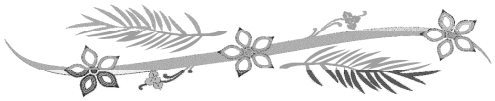
Holy Week

Palm Sunday
March 24
8:00 & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday
March 28
12:15 & 6:15 pm

Good Friday
March 29
12:15 & 6:15 pm



Easter Worship

Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, March 31

Sunrise Service
On Top of Rib Mountain — 6:00 am

Services at Saint Andrew
8:00 — 9:30 — 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast
7:00 to 9:30 am *at Saint Andrew*
$5/Adults; $3/Children

Decorated, hard-boiled Easter eggs may be brought to worship on Easter morning and placed in the basket provided.

OWLS Group
Tuesday, April 2, 11:30 am
What?! ME not pay taxes to the government? Following a potluck lunch, Gene Hellman and Eric Jacobson of Thrivent Financial will present "Estate Strategy Essentials" to help us understand the three essential elements of any good estate strategy: wills, durable/ financial powers of attorney, living wills/medical powers of attorney. Questions are welcome!

Bible Study
All are welcome to attend Bible Study on Sunday evenings. A new study will begin on the book of Hebrews from April 7 to May 19. Come and enjoy fellowship while learning more about the word.

Baptism Orientation
Sunday, April 7, 9:15 am
Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for those families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals
The 2013 second quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are now available in the Narthex. These resources are available for all who are interested.

Remembering Zeerust
Thursday, April 18 & Sunday, April 21
A candle will be lit during worship to highlight our partnership with our sister congregation, Zeerust Lutheran Church in South Africa. A "Noisy Offering" will continue to be taken to support this partnership. ***Fair Trade Coffee*** will also be available for purchase following the worship services.

SALC Cantata

May 19, 2 and 7 pm

Anyone wishing to sing in the spring cantata is asked to contact Al Freiberg. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, 7-8 pm, Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 9:15 am, between the church services. You do not have to be at all the rehearsals but it would be good if you could make one per week. The choir will be about 100 singers and the orchestra 40 instrumentalists. At this time we have more than half the orchestra in place and more than 70 singers. If you have sung in a choir in your lifetime, you will enjoy being part of this special event. If you do not sing, we need great listeners. Tell your friends about the date so they may enjoy the beautiful music of the church year.

Economic & Investment Outlook Workshop

On *Monday, April 15, at 6:30 pm,* local representatives from Thrivent Financial will share information to help participants gain a better understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends. Call the office at 715-842-3333 to indicate your interest to attend.

Women of the ELCA Spring Event - *"Sing a Song of Miriam"*

Saturday, April 13, 8:00 am-12:30 pm, Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Wausau
Women of all ages are invited to learn more about Miriam, conduct business, have fellowship and worship together. Brunch is included. The cost is $12, so grab a friend or two and call the church office at 715-842-3333 for more information and to register by April 8.

Lenten Soup and Sandwich Thank You...

Social Ministry would like to sincerely thank the 150 plus volunteers who helped to make our annual "Lenten Soup and Sandwich" dinners a success. With the profits from this event, Social Ministry is able to fill food baskets throughout the year, as well as host seven community dinners to help those in need. Thank you to the guest cooks, 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 24, 10:00 am in the Activity Room.*** Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to RSVP.

Synod Assembly

"FAITH: Forming, Sharing, Living" is the next 3-year assembly theme with the emphasis of "Forming" for the upcoming assembly on May 17 & 18th in Green Bay. Pray for those attending from Saint Andrew who will be participating in the collaborative work of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin.

Treasure Sale

Friday & Saturday in Early May

Bring your ***"treasures"*** from spring cleaning to church. 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.

New Member Orientation

Sundays, May 12 & 19, 9:15 am

New member orientation will be on Sundays, May 12 and 19 at 9:15 am. New members will then be received at the 10:30 am worship service on May 19. 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.

Quilt Kits and School Bag Kits

If you can sew a straight line, you can help make quilts and school bags for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Kits are available in the kiosk in the Narthex. Pick one up, take it home, make the quilt or school bag, bring it back to church and place it back in the kiosk.

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 715-842-3333. Often an opportunity is missed because the church did not know about the admission. Though 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.

Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gift Ministry will now be listing all memorials in the Network on a monthly basis. Names of the people giving the memorials and for whom they are given will be listed, but not the amount.

These are the memorials we have received so far in 2013:

D. Bloom in memory of Erich Paul

D. Olson in memory of Erich Paul

Memorials can be given for many reasons such as: in memory of a loved one, the birth of a child or grandchild, an anniversary, a birthday, in honor of a friend, a baptism, a confirmation, a graduation, a wedding, an inheritance, in thankfulness to God--or just because you feel like it!!

Ministry Highlight - Property

The Property Ministry oversees the maintenance, repair, protection and replacement of all equipment and furnishings for the church facility. This Ministry also oversees the care for the parking lot and landscaping of the church grounds. Input is also provided to the Personnel Ministry to assist in developing job descriptions for staff that support the ministry's work and responsibilities. The Property Ministry assists the Parish Administrator to coordinate the use of the facility and property with the other congregational ministries, groups and organizations as well as with other groups outside of the church. New members are welcome!

Spring Clean-Up

Believe it or not, the snow will melt and the date has been set for all to join in fellowship and care of God's church at Saint Andrew. Mark your calendar for ***Saturday, April 20 from 8:30-12:00*** and plan to assist with cleaning up the grounds and a few projects inside as well. Rain date will be ***Saturday, April 27 from 8:30-12:00.*** A sign-up sheet will be posted on the hallway bulletin board. More hands make light work – all are welcome to join in the fun!

Christian Education at SALC

9th Grade Confirmation Resumes

Ninth grade students will meet with Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn to work on writing faith statements for Confirmation on ***Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 6:30 pm.***

NEW! Family Game & Caring Conversation Night - An Event for All Ages

Bring a favorite family game and your family's favorite snack to share. Beverages, popcorn, and a chance to learn about how to have faith conversations with your family will be provided! Come when you can – ***Friday, April 12, 6:30-9 pm***. Mark it on your calendar; you won't want to miss the fun!

"Athens: Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth" - VBS - July 22-28

Come to Vacation Bible School this summer and find out about Paul's journey in Athens! ***Volunteers are needed*** to help with VBS including three very important roles: *registration assistant, volunteer assistant, and the decorations* assistant as well as other small group leaders and facilitators.

Easter Breakfast

Don't forget to come to Easter Breakfast at Saint Andrew after the Sunrise Easter Service on Rib Mountain. Youth and family volunteers are needed to cook, serve and clean up to make it possible. A sign-up sheet is available on the information desk in the Narthex.

"Peace, what is it? "

If you would like to learn more about peace in your life while enjoying great fellowship and adventure, sign up for the 2013 Boundary Waters trip. Prayerfully consider joining those who have already committed to going on this amazing journey. Email Matt at matt@salc-wausau.org or call the church office for more details at 715-842-3333 .

Acolytes Needed

Calling all youth! Acolytes are needed for both Sunday morning worship services. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board.

Volunter Days at Crossways Waypost Camp

Tuesday, April 16, 8:30 am – 4 pm

Strengthen and support the ministry of Crossways! Volunteers are needed for facility and grounds projects at Waypost Camp on Mission Lake in Hatley. Lunch and coffee will be provided. Call the SALC office at 715-842-3333 to RSVP. *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*—Colossians 3:17

Summer Camp at Crossways Camps

Camp is for everyone! Crossways camping ministries offers a whole variety of summer camp programs for all ages. Younger kids who want to get their feet wet can go for just a couple of days while week long camps are available for kids grades 3-12. Peer ministry opportunities are also available for students grades 8-12.

Camp isn't just for kids—grandparent camps and family camps are also available and are a perfect opportunity for a summer getaway where families can grow in their connection with God and one another.

Saint Andrew is very connected to this ministry through annual benevolence and Waypost or Crossways staff members who regularly worship here. Our very own Matt Seegert is a staff alumni through crossways. Check out the brochures on the information desk or call the office for more information.

April

Assisting with Worship

		April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Altar Guild		Team 5: Mavis Bloom, Mary Wittich & Pam Levra	Team 5: Mavis Bloom, Mary Wittich & Pam Levra	Team 3: Sheila McCarthy, Carmen Siegel & Darlene Caillouette	Team 3: Sheila McCarthy, Carmen Siegel & Darlene Caillouette
Usher Team		B	Brekke	Weidman	Johnson
Acolytes	8:00 am 10:30 am		Skylar Rickstad & Jenna Rusch		
Layreaders	8:00 am 10:30 am	Chris Kensmoe Shelby Niskanen	Dan Malm Susan Paisar	Diane Goetsch Nancy Jordan	Gary Hibbard Marilyn Olson
Greeters	8:00 am 10:30 am	Tony & Wendi Howe Dick & Lynn Lawson	Larry & Annette Bindl Susie & Ashley Soukup	Roger Otto & Joanne Howard Jeff & Pam Kyhos	Dan & Lynne Holt Jerry & Marlene Kort
Nursery	10:30 am		Doug & Christy Keele	Ken & Jess Bloom	Curt & Coreen Richardt
Fellowship	8:00 am 10:30 am	Dave Mueller/Susan Tobin George & Bonnie Alafouzos	Matthew & Kristen Young Annette Green & Lenette Hoover	Joel & Sara Widmann Mary Wittich & Ann McDonald	Keith & Sandi Rusch Roger & Ruth Poutanen

Lectionary Readings

April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Acts 5:27–32 Psalm 118:14–29 Revelation 1:4–8	Acts 9:1–6 [7–20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11–14	Acts 9:36–43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9–17	Acts 11:1–18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1–6

A Baptism Prayer

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:

Charles Bryce Heckert - *January 20*
Shaun Allen Brown - *January 27*
Jacob Allen - *February 16*
Kajsa Rae - *March 17*
Ella Grace Keele - *April 7*
Kaitlyn Rose - *April 14*
Gracelyn Elaina - *April 21*

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...

Ali	Elsie	Susan	Sue
Babs	Jean	Tom	Clayton
Ben	Jennifer	Tracy	Bruce
Brad	Jim and Marilyn	Tracy Stelzer	Pat
Brianna	John	Yvonne	Larry
Callie and Zak	June	Harvey	Dixie
Carrie	Kaylin	Irma	Keegan
Fran	Laura	Laura	Erv
Gary	Mary	Roland	Maggie
Gerry	Maxine	Tom	Judy
George	Nora	Ella, Erik & Becky	Carol
Irene	Renee	Lizzy	Kimberly
Irma Breese	Robin	Marty	
Jackie	Rodney	Maddie	
James, Henry and	Sabrina & Shane	Verna	

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)

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Upcoming Events/Activities

Sunday, March 24	
8:00 & 10:30 am	Palm Sunday Worship
2:00 pm	First Communion Worship
Thursday, March 28	
12:15 & 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 29	
12:15 & 6:15 pm	Good Friday Worship
Sunday, March 31	
6:00 am	Easter Worship on top of Rib Mountain
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Festive Easter Worship
Wednesdays in April 6:30 pm	9th Grade Confirmation Classes
Saturday, April 20 8:30 am	Spring Clean-Up at SALC and Adopt-A-Highway
Sunday, April 28 2:00 pm	8th Grade Confirmation
Friday/Saturday in May	Treasure Sale (Date to be determined)
Sunday, May 5 2:00 pm	9th Grade Confirmation