

# Network



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## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS by *Pastor Craig*

I have long loved the image of the early church where the good of **all** was foundational as a basis for community. *"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."* Acts 2:44-47a

It is an image of cooperation and generous sharing which expresses genuine care for the other and I find is authentic to the message of the gospel. Such communal living exists in various communities, yet today, for the most part, we live more independent from one another rather than united. The recent political showdown is reflective of divisions that are created when opposing views do more to polarize than unite. It is impractical to think we are going to sell our possessions and move in with one another as in a group home community, but there are ways we can reflect the identity we share in Christ to identify and respond to the needs of others.

One way that has recently arisen to assist others is in providing pastoral leadership for a neighboring congregation. Due to a recent health diagnosis, the pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kronenewetter has taken early retirement. Pastor Frank Connor has served the congregation for several years but needs to focus on taking care of his health issues and step away from his role as pastor. Sharon Fox-Bogen is rostered as an Associate in Ministry and has agreed to provide leadership for the congregation and I have agreed to mentor her and provide pastoral support to the congregation during this transitional time. Practically speaking, this means that Pastor Jenn, Pastor Jeff or I will be at Bethlehem on the first and third Sundays of each month to administer the sacraments and occasionally preach as needed. This does not expand our mission or affect budgetary support, but expands participation to assist with a need of the larger church. I believe this reflects first century ministry and it feels right to reach out to a leader and a congregation with pastoral support.

Are there other ways we can reflect the unity we share as members of the Body of Christ? As we consider the possibilities, I encourage us to hold to the image Paul shares with the Ephesians to *"maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace... But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love."* (from Ephesians 4). May we be so equipped in working together for the sake of serving and witnessing our common faith in Christ Jesus.

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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## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time will end **Sunday, November 4 at 2 am.**  
Remember to set your clocks *back one hour.*

### Welcome New Members

On Sunday, October 20, new members were received into the Saint Andrew family:

*Gene and Gin Tesch  
Marie Waldvogel  
Steve Benson*

Welcome to Saint Andrew!

### OWLS-Looking From the Window

*Tuesday, November 5,  
11:30 am*

Are you wintering in Wisconsin this year? Here is your chance to get better acquainted with your bird visitors, ask questions and share your experiences about our feathered friends. Wild Birds Unlimited owner, Lori Schubring, will share her expertise with us. Please call the church office to RSVP for this potluck lunch gathering.



### Thanksgiving Harvest Items Needed

Bring your pumpkins, gourds, bittersweet, dried flowers/weeds, apples or anything else you may have to help complete the Thanksgiving altar display **by Tuesday, November 5**. A box is available in the Narthex for these items.

### The Network via Email

Would you like to receive the Network via email? Just scan the QR code to join our mailing list so you can keep up-to-date on the activities of Saint Andrew. If you would like to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the Network, please call the office at 715-842-3333 or send an email to [joy@salc-wausau.org](mailto:joy@salc-wausau.org).



## Fair Trade Items

Add Fair Trade products to your Christmas shopping list. Advent calendars are available for \$8 and must be pre-ordered before November 10. Call the church office at 715-842-3333 to place your order. On November 14 & 17 and December 12 & 15 an abundant supply of chocolates, teas and coffees, all of which make great stocking stuffers or gift basket items, will be available in the Fellowship Hall.

Supporting Fair Trade products has the potential to change lives. Purchases make it possible for farmers to receive training, help in planting trees and providing storage until the products are delivered for processing. The farmers' cooperatives join together to form unions giving them storage bargaining power. The coffees, teas and chocolate purchases help lift families out of poverty.

Start planning now for your holiday gift giving of Fair Trade products.

## 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 23**. If you know someone who needs a basket please call the church office by November 20 at 715-842-3333.



## Holiday Cookie Exchange/Gingerbread House Decorating

*Sunday, December 8, 11:45 am*

It is that time of year when the best cookies are made...What fun to make more to share and to trade! Please join us in the fellowship hall for the annual Cookie Exchange. Here is how it works:

- 1) Bake six dozen homemade holiday cookies.
- 2) Package your cookies in fun bundles of six to exchange. Be creative!
- 3) Email cookie recipe to Vickie at [evomrotek@dwave.net](mailto:evomrotek@dwave.net) if possible for Cookie Exchange Recipe Booklet or attach recipe to each packet.
- 4) Bring a container to take your cookies home.



Get into the holiday spirit by helping to decorate a gingerbread village that will be donated to a local nursing home. The gingerbread houses, frosting and candy will be provided as well as lunch. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 by December 5 to sign up!



**Your Legacy**

*Wednesday, November 6, 2 pm*

You are invited to join Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for "Your Legacy: Family, Church, Charity" at Saint Andrew.

Ways to develop a strategy to help ensure your legacy lives on will be discussed.

Refreshments will be served.

**Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 by November 5.**

**Library News**

The SALC Library Committee continually adds books to the collection. In October, a new source was located, Better World Books, which sells mostly used books with some new or very good condition, at reasonable prices. Several books were ordered making efficient use of our budget. When the new books arrive, they will be displayed so you can easily find them. *(cont.)*

*( Library News cont.)*

For a list of the new books, please see a display of titles in the fellowship hall near the library.

**Blood Drive**

*Thursday, January 23, 1-6 pm*

Mark your calendar to participate in the next blood drive at Saint Andrew with the Blood Center of North Central Wisconsin.

**Nativity Silent Auction**

There will be a collection of Nativity Sets given by a current Saint Andrew member on display in the Fellowship Hall and available for Silent Auction bidding in the month of November. The proceeds received by this generous gift will be given to assist with outreach programs sponsored by Saint Andrew.

**PLAY GROUP AT SALC**

*Beginning Thursday, November 7, 10-11 am*

Join other parents with children who are not yet in pre-school for playgroup in the SALC nursery on the first Thursday of each month. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents in the parish as well as have your kids make new friends. Non-members are welcome too, so bring a friend!

**MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED**

Undesignated Memorial gifts given in memory of David Flory, Suzi Kittson, Ruth Kruzan, David Miller, Mary Patefield, Bill Paduan, Erich Paul, Patricia Peth, Dan Quiett, George Schoeder, Viola Wick and Marie Winter have been used to purchase new white altar paraments. These paraments will be used for the first time on November 3rd for All Saints Sunday and again for Christmas, Easter and other festival worship services.

**Buy a Parking Space**

In 2001, "Buy a Key" was established and the beautiful grand piano was purchased to enhance worship at Saint Andrew. In 2007, "Buy a Hymnal" was established and the new Cranberry Hymnals were made possible through your generous gifts! Did you know that Saint Andrew offers 227 parking spaces, 9 of which are handicap designated? Planning has begun to replace the asphalt on the east parking lot as was just done on the south lot in September. Today, "Buy A Parking Space" has been established - your supporting gift of \$125 per space, or any amount you feel comfortable giving, to help this plan become a reality will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available at the information desk for your gift!

**Help Saint Andrew See Double!**

Participate in the Thrivent Choice® Double Direction Church Campaign and help our congregation in a big way! During the campaign, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans® is giving up to \$15 million to churches across the country through the Thrivent Choice program. Here's how you can help:

- Direct available Choice Dollars® to Saint Andrew until November 30, 2013.

Thrivent Financial will **double** all Choice Dollars directions made to churches during this time or until up to \$15 million has been awarded, whichever comes first.

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It takes just minutes to do, so make your direction today and help Saint Andrew continue to grow and thrive!

## SECOND GRADE BIBLES

Through God's Word we read and hear stories about God's love for us and for everyone! On **Thursday, November 7 at 6:15 pm or Sunday, November 10 at 8:00 or 10:30 am**, parents of second grade students will have the opportunity to formally present a Bible to their child during worship.



A letter has been mailed to parents of second 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. As a congregation, we promise to support and pray for these children and their lives in Christ. This Bible is a gift to each family from Saint Andrew, but at a cost of \$16 per Bible, any special offerings to help offset the cost is appreciated.

## 3RD-5TH GRADE RETREAT AT WAYPOST CAMP

Who: 3-5 Grade Students

What: Winter Retreat

Where: Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI

When: Friday, January 10 at 6:30 pm until Saturday, January 11 at 3:30 pm

Cost: \$25 (will need to provide your own transportation)

**Register by December 29.** For more information, call the church at 715-842-3333 or fill out the registration form at [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org) and return to the church office. Parent Chaperones are also welcome to attend!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

Thursday, 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Students receive Bibles
Sunday, 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Students receive Bibles
Sunday, 17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Bible Orientation – 9:15 am
Wednesday, 27	No Confirmation Thanksgiving Worship – 6:15 pm
Thursday, 28	No Kids Camp

### JANUARY

Wednesday, 1	No Confirmation
Sunday, 2	Kids Camp Resumes
Sunday, 5	Church School Resumes
Wednesday, 8	Confirmation Resumes
Friday-Saturday, 10-11	3 <sup>rd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Retreat
Saturday, 25	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Baptism Retreat

### DECEMBER

Sunday, 1	No Church School
Sunday, 15	Sunday Church School Christmas Program
Thursday, 19/26	No Kids Camp
Sunday, 22/29	No Church School
Wednesday, 25	No Confirmation

## WELCOME PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH EATON

During the church wide assembly that took place this past August in Pittsburg, PA—a spirit-filled vote was taken by ecclesial ballot to call Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Northeastern Ohio synod into the highest office of our denomination. On October 5 at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel in Chicago, Bishop Eaton was formally installed as the new presiding bishop of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church of America* with more than 1,500 people in attendance. She follows Bishop Mark Hanson who served as presiding bishop for two consecutive terms (in total, 12 years). Presiding Bishop Eaton is the first woman to ever hold this office in the church. Please pray for her ministry and the ministry of the larger ELCA as she begins November 1.

# NOVEMBER

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

	November 3		November 10		November 17		November 24
<b>Altar Guild</b>		Team 2		Team 2		Team 4	Team 4
<b>Usher Team</b>		B		Brekke		Weidman	Johnson
<b>Layreaders</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Gary Hibbard Shirley Bickford		Diane Goetsch Marilyn Olson		Sean McCarthy Judith Marshall	Eric Verber Beverly Powell
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Larry & Annette Bindl Tom & Mary Weiland		Joanne Howard/Doreen Radloff Wayne & Laura Johnson		Eugene & Nancy Moyer Gregg & Jeanne Willems	Jim Jacobson/Gary Hibbard Doug & Marilyn Olson
<b>Fellowship</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Gary Hibbard & Judy Rusch Susie Soukup		Susan Tobin & Tina Spiegel Mike & Carrie Clemment		Steve & Kay Sitko Jerry & Marlene Kort	Jim & Kristin Woller Adam & Kathy Wurz

## LECTIONARY READINGS

November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

## 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:*

Kensi Mae - August 11  
 Ryker William - August 18  
 William Wayne - August 25  
 Xavier Terry - August 29  
 Camden John - September 1  
 Samuel Kenneth - September 8  
 Sheena Rae - November 3  
 Brody Paul - November 10  
 Tate William - November 24

## A WEDDING PRAYER

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

James & Katie - August 17  
 Joseph & Katherine - September 14  
 Nathan & Sarah - September 21  
 Jesse & Amanda - September 28  
 Doug & Alicia - October 5  
 Jon & Sumitra - October 12  
 Jeff & Jen - November 30  
 Robert & Susan - December 7

## 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	June	Bruce	Bruce
Ben	Kaylin	Pat	Deb
Brianna	Quinn	Maggie	Ron
Callie and Zak	Renee	Shelly	Chris & Cassandra
Dennis	Robin	Kathleen	Robert
Dorothy	Roland	Jim	Clayton
Gary	Sabrina	Donna	Lambrett Family
Irma	Steve	Bruce	Jeff
James, Henry & Elsie	Susan	Carol	Les
Jane	Tracy	Katie	
Jean	Tom	Joe	
John	Ella	Diane	

*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**

<b>November 3</b>		<b>All Saints Sunday</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>OWLS Group and Potluck</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Thrivent Financial "Legacy Workshop"</b>
<b>November 27</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP-Thanksgiving Eve</b>
<b>November 28</b>		<b>Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed</b>
<b>November 29</b>		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP-"Visit the Manger"</b>
	<b>6 &amp; 8 pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP-Candlelight Worship with Chancel and Handbell Choirs</b>
	<b>10:00 pm</b>	<b>WORSHIP-Candlelight Worship with Special Music</b>
<b>December 25</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>WORSHIP-Christmas Day</b>