

Network



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Pastor Craig

It has recently become clear that there is room for improving how members of Saint Andrew are informed and invited into more meaningful support and participation. While it may be tempting to publicize giving and membership trends as a means of motivating people, in truth, numbers and statistics do not inspire. Stories of changed lives motivate and inspire people. Think of all the organizations that solicit our support. The most motivating of these efforts tell us how lives are affected because of generous and intentional support and participation. Homes are built. Children are fed. The ill and grieving ones are comforted. I would bet most of us could bring to mind images of changed lives as we think about Unicef, The United Way, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, even the Boy and Girl Scouts. What images come to mind for you when you think about Saint Andrew Lutheran Church? Do you think about weekly worship and the many who come to receive affirmation of forgiveness, to join in fellowship, to serve others, to proclaim the gospel through music and prayer, to study the bible, learn effective ways of witnessing faith and life? Do we expect lives to be changed and influenced in a way that helps us make a difference in our world? Are we renewed in our understanding of where God is revealed and trained to become more effective in reflecting God's love and grace in our everyday lives?

Ideas began to circulate at Ministry Night recently to consider making an intentional effort to connect to the 900 plus family units who are members of Saint Andrew to ask a few questions that may help focus how we shape ministry efforts in ways that are desired and meaningful. How can we be more intentional about supporting others rather than trying to repackage stewardship without feeling it is little more like a plea for money rather than encouragement for expanded participation and clearer vision of the story of God at work in and around us? What are the needs of your family that would improve if you were more connected to some area of church life? Where are the voids in your life that worldly attempts have failed to fill?

As Saint Andrew begins its 35th year of ministry, some are beginning to ask how we can expand and enhance the mission and message of Christ through Saint Andrew. A group of volunteers is being formed to ask how we can be more effective in informing and inviting people into deeper relationships through Saint Andrew. Do not be surprised if someone knocks at your door in the near future and asks about your ideas and concerns regarding your connection to Saint Andrew. The questions that will be asked are less important than the stories you provide. Thank you in advance for your willingness to share and dream about the future vision of Saint Andrew. What changes do you see taking place? What stories motivate and inspire your participation and support? Your response is valued and much appreciated. Thank you!

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

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

Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays, February 25-March 25
12:15 pm & 6:15 pm

Soup & Sandwich Fellowship

Wednesdays, February 25-March 25
after 12:15 pm worship and
before and after 6:15 pm worship



February 25—Others Through the Cross

March 4—Healing Through the Cross

March 11—Hope Through the Cross

March 18—Joy Through the Cross

March 25—Comfort Through the Cross

OWLS Play Games

Tuesday, March 3, 11:30 am

Bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch and your favorite board or card game to play afterward.

RSVP to Joy at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org.



Blood Drive

March 5, 1-6 pm

Saint Andrew will be the site of a blood drive in support of the Blood Center of North Central Wisconsin. Donors can give blood every 56 days. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Call the church office to express your willingness to help. A sign-up sheet is available on the Information Desk.

Play Group at SALC

Thursday, March 12

10-11 am

Bring your children who are not yet in pre-school for conversation, fellowship and a time for playing. Join the group on the **second Thursday of each month.**

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday, March 12 and Sunday, March 15** in support of *ELCA World Hunger "Walk for Water."*

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 15.**

Lenten Soup and Sandwich

This year, Social Ministry will be donating \$250 each week from the Lenten Soup and Sandwich proceeds to four local charities from February 25, March 4, 11 and 25. The proceeds from March 18 will be used to assist in reaching the goal of sponsoring a well in connection with World Water Day, March 22, through the ELCA.

Soup and Sandwich fellowship will be after 12:15 pm worship and before and after 6:15 pm worship on Wednesdays beginning February 25. A free-will offering will be received. (Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go will also be available for \$2.50/lb. Cook's Choice, gluten-free and vegetarian soups will also be offered each week. *Please note:* the menu is subject to change).

Lenten Soup Menu

February 25

Turkey Noodle Taco

March 4

Chicken and Wild Rice Cheeseburger

March 11

Cheesy Potato Chicken Noodle

March 18

Northwoods Cheese Chili

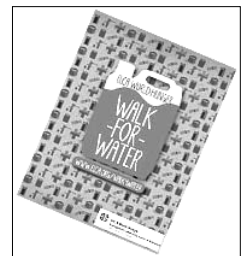
March 25

Chicken Dumpling Pea

Help Dig the Well - ELCA's World Hunger "Walk for Water"

As part of the "Walk for Water" campaign, Social Ministry, Youth Ministry and Christian Education will be doing a number of events during the month of March.

The service project for this year's National Youth Gathering is "Walk for Water". To bring awareness of "Walk for Water" a display will be featured in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds received from Soup and Sandwich on March 18 and from Noisy Offering on March 12 & 15 will be donated to "Walk for Water" in support of "World Water Day" on March 22. The funds raised will be taken to NYG by the youth. For more information go to www.elca.org/walk4water.



EAST CENTRAL SYNOD ASSEMBLY CONVENTION

"Spirit Led Spirit Shaped – A Journey Together"! The necessary work of the East Central Synod will be conducted over two days, May 15th and 16th in Green Bay at the assembly convention. Rev. Greg Villalon is the Churchwide Representative to the assembly and will assist in many ways. Crossways Camping Ministries has been selected as this year's assembly "service project" – watch for more information on how SALC will be able to assist in providing additional support for this great initiative! Saint Andrew is able to send six voting members to the assembly-please contact the church office for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks

SALC volunteers are now available on the *3rd Sunday* of each month to assist you in regularly monitoring your blood pressure. These are not diagnostic but informative and available to anyone who is curious about regular checking. No sign up necessary. This is a free pressure check and takes place in the Activity Room. Basic blood pressure information is also available.

SALC Spring Clean-Up

Plan to join in fellowship and care of Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Mark your calendar for Saturday, **April 18, 8:30 am-12:00 pm** to assist with cleaning up the grounds and a few projects inside. Alternate date in case spring isn't quite here is Saturday, April 25. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the information desk in the Narthex.

Address/Phone Changes

Do you have a new phone number? Do you no longer have a landline? Have you moved? Please contact the church office at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org so we can update your record with the new primary phone number and/or new address.

Pastoral Care

As a practice, the three different hospitals are contacted on a daily basis through the work week to inquire about member hospitalization. We are grateful when we learn about pastoral care opportunities and do our best to respond in a timely fashion. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office to help us insure pastoral care is given.

2015 CHURCH COUNCIL

The following individuals will be serving as members of the church council and liaisons to the following ministries for 2015. Please pray for their efforts as they work together to fulfill the mission and ministry at Saint Andrew.

Christian Education	Bill Best
Fellowship	Phil Bickley
Finance/Stewardship	Brandon Murphy
Member Outreach & Memorial Gift	Mike Williams, President
Personnel	Dan Malm, Vice President
Property	Keith Rusch
Social Ministry	Russ Van Skike
Worship	Mary Wittich

The Saint Andrew Church Council remaining meeting dates are listed below and begin at 7:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

March 26	July 23	November 19
April 23	August 27	December 17
May 28	September 24	
June 25	October 22	

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

Saint Andrew is blessed to have received many new members into its faith family in February:

- Tim & Denise Gaffaney
- Mark & Karen Gleisner
- Richard & Jeanette Hazelquist
- Tom & Jeri Johnson
- James & Jeanette Kasson
- Travis & Brenda Punke
- Butch Sulzor & Liz Cichon

Please give them a warm welcome as you see their many new faces at worship and participating in the life of Saint Andrew!

Did You Know?

Your 2014 contributions assisted Saint Andrew in support of the following:

- ELCA Churchwide Regular Benevolence
- ELCA World Hunger
- ELCA Malaria Campaign
- East Central Synod Mission Start
- Lutheran World Relief-Freight to Ship Quilts & Schoolbags
- Crossways Camping Ministries
- The Neighbor's Place
- The Women's Community
- Frederic Ozanam Transitional Shelter
- Saint Andrew Scout Troop
- Blessings in a Backpack from SALC Sunday School Offerings
- Stable Hands Ministry
- Community Center of Hope
- SALC Seminary Support Fund
- AODA Push Back Against Drugs
- The Open Door-Marathon Cty. Faith in Action
- Zeerust Lutheran Church
- Wausau Warming Center
- Bridge Community Health Center
- Shared Blessings

Thanks to your faithful giving, a total of \$41,771 in benevolence was given to these organizations.

WORSHIP PLANNING EVENT AROUND FUNERALS

Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn are guiding a worship planning event for those who want to pre-plan their funeral. Why not plan with intention as this is something that we will all face? The importance of Christian funerals, scripture readings, music and other details will be covered in a 1 1/2 hour seminar, **Sunday, March 22 at 2 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend and learn together.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

5th Grade (or older) students and parents

A mailing has gone out with information for 5th grade students and their parents. If you did not receive this mailing and wish to, please contact the church office.



*Classes—March 8, 15 and 22, 4 pm
First Communion Worship—March 29, 2pm*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March

Sundays; 8,15,22 **First Communion Class**
Sunday, 29 **First Communion Worship**
Sunday, 29 **Holy Week Begins**

April

Thursday, 2 **Maundy Thursday**
Friday, 3 **Good Friday**
Sunday, 5 **Easter Sunday**
 No Sunday School

May

Sunday, 17 **Last Day of Sunday School**
 VBS Kick-Off!

June

14-19 **Confirmation Camp**

August

9-14 **VBS**

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley June 14 -19

Confirmation camp is strongly encouraged at least once for all confirmation students, especially those finishing their 7th grade year. Registration forms are available by e-mailing craig@salc-wausau.org. Reservations for camp are due March 2 by turning in your registration form and a \$100 deposit.

CONFIRMATION REFLECTIONS *by Craig Gauerke*

Over the past seven months confirmation students in both 7th and 8th grades have been learning about many topics from the central identity of what it means to be baptized, to the spiritual practice of prayer, to grasping the Ten Commandments, and following the teachings of Jesus Christ. As we journey to responses in Lent, here is a sampling of responses to one question we asked the confirmation students to answer on their year end review sheet: How would you describe who God is to a friend?

- "Our savior, our creator, the being that made Heaven." - 8th grade-male
- "God is a spirit, and a way of life. He sent his only son to be sacrificed so that we may be forgiven for our sins. He will love us unconditionally, and he has given us everything we need to fulfill a holy and truly faithful life." - 7th grade-female
- "God is the man who created everything and God is involved in everything." - 7th grade-male
- "God is an amazing person who always loves you no matter what you do." - 8th grade-female
- "Forgives!" - 7th grade-male
- "God is someone who is always there for you when you need him, and you should honor God because of his sacrifices he made to forgive all our sins." - 8th grade-female
- "God is a universal force. He is all knowing, perfect, holy, awesome, pure, true, amazing, wonderful, and brilliant. God is my EVERYTHING." - 8th grade-female

MARCH

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29

Palm Sunday

Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 4	Team 4	Team 4	Team 5	Team 5
Usher Team	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	Shepherd	A Team	Brekke
Layreaders	8:00 am 9:30 am Ray Skare Jaime Henrichs	Alex Cappel Marlene Opichka	Dave Mueller Dewey Allen	Dave Mueller Dewey Allen	Marv Meier Chris Kensmoe	Duane Zietlow Susan Paisar
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am Mike & Jeannine Matushak Linda Vogen & Billy Schmidt	Mike & Lyn Weis Ron & Diane Rasmussen	Duane & Sharlene Kreft Doug & Marilyn Olson	Duane & Sharlene Kreft Doug & Marilyn Olson	Marv & Joleen Meier Joel & Kris Zeller	Larry 7 Annette Bindl Amy Frolik & Mary Kregel
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am Dick & Mary Jarvis Mike & Carrie Clemment	Barb Breese & Tina Spiegel Shirley Bickford & Pam Mielke	Susan Tobin & Susie Soukup Ann McDonald & Mary Wittich	Susan Tobin & Susie Soukup Ann McDonald & Mary Wittich	David & Nancy Larson George & Bonnie Alafouzoz	Mike & Carrie Clemment Terry & June Grabau

Wednesdays in Lent

March 4

March 11

March 18

March 25

Altar Guild	Team 4	Team 4	Team 5	Team 5
Usher Team	B	B	B	B

LECTIONARY READINGS

March 1

March 8

March 15

March 22

March 29

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47
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A BAPTISM PRAYER

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:

Brooke Hazel Swenson - January 11	Leo Michael Punke - February 1
Cullen Leonard Puig - January 11	Elizabeth Nicole Cichon - February 15
Zane Joseph Seubert - January 18	Avery Reena Holleran - February 22
Leo William Knighton - January 18	Parker Johnson - March 1
Cadence Joele Cowan - January 25	Gabrielle Patrice Herold - March 8

WE PRAY...

for the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:

Virginia Tesch - January 23

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	Julie	Ella	Dale
Babs	Kathy	Kathleen	Linda
Barb	Kevin	Jim	Don
Brenda	Lucy	Katie	Laurel
Brianna	Lynne	Diane	Darlene
Callie and Zak	Monica	Clayton	Helen
Deb	Noreen	Amy	Shelly
Dennis	Patricia	Noah	Kim
Gary	Peggy	Bill	Jean H.
Holly	Robin	Charlotte	Bryson
Irma B.	Roland	Gary	Verna
Jack	Sheila	Meg	Jen
Jackie	Sue	Tom	Bill
James, Henry & Elsie	Susan	Yvonne	
Jennette	Tyler	Dixie	
John	William & Connor	Laura	

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

March 3	11:30 am	OWLS Group
March 4, 11, 18 & 25		Lent Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
March 4, 11, 18 & 25	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Lenten WORSHIP
March 5	1:00-6:00 pm	Blood Drive at Saint Andrew
March 8	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
March 12	10:00 am	Play Group
March 15	9:00 am	Blood Pressure Checks
March 15	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
March 22	4:00 pm	First Communion Class
March 22	2:00 pm	Worship Planning Event Around Funerals
March 29	8:00 & 10:30 am	Palm Sunday WORSHIP
March 29	2:00 pm	First Communion WORSHIP
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April 2	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday WORSHIP
April 3	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Good Friday WORSHIP
April 5	6:00 am	Easter Sunday WORSHIP on Rib Mountain
April 5	8, 9:30, 11 am	Easter Sunday WORSHIP at SALC
April 18	8:30 am-12:00 pm	SALC Spring Clean-Up

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Begins Sunday, March 7 at 2 am
Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour.

SNOW POLICY



If school is cancelled, Saint Andrew classes & meetings will be also.
Listen to local radio stations, check the SALC website or Facebook page,
or News Channels 7 & 9 websites for the list of school closings.