

# Network



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## *Summer Reflections by Pastor Craig*

With school out for the summer, it is time to pack all those things we have been waiting to accomplish into the weeks of coveted summer. During this time, we will attempt to fit in: graduation parties, sporting events, vacations, time at the cabin, on the lake, camping, biking, hiking, gardening, reunions, summer school, Vacation Bible School, swimming, fishing. The list is endless and the time is short. In fact, the daylight hours are already getting shorter. Now that we are already one month in, what are you attempting to pack into the summer? Is your calendar full of things that will enhance life or does it seem a bit overwhelming and draining?

In the church, summer no longer seems to take a break. It is a time of transition and planning for what we anticipate is yet to come. Worship planning and music selections take us into late November and all the educational opportunities are now being discussed. It is exciting to ponder anew what we can accomplish together for the sake of witness and service in Christ's church through Saint Andrew. I hope you will join me in savoring the summer months but also willing to dig in and help plan ways we can nurture and encourage faith for individuals and families alike through and well beyond summer.

In May, the larger expression of the church through the synod gathered in assembly. The paragraph below helps highlight our partnership in the gospel as a member congregation in the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. The adventure ahead looks exciting not only for Saint Andrew but also through the synodical expression of the church. Glad for your participation and support. Blessed Summer!

## *Thoughts from the Office of Bishop Jerry Mansholt*

At our Synod Assembly in May we spent a lot of time focusing upon our Purpose Statement and Missional Directions. We spent time Dwelling in the Word and talking about who we are in this Synod and how God might be at work among us today. This is what we have been saying about ourselves:

*In Christ We Are*

**Stirred by the Spirit - Walking Together - Engaging the World with Love**

*With Christ We Are*

**Feeding and Equipping Leaders**

**Listening Deeply to the Voice of the Other**

**Building Bridges Across All the Differences that Divide**

**Collaborating with Partners in Ministry**

Pat Keifert speaks about God's preferred and promised future. This is law/gospel language that says the future belongs to God, the one who raised Christ Jesus from the dead. God has a promised future for the Church. God also wants us to trust that Promise and get on board with what God has in mind for us and all creation.

We know we are living through a time of tremendous change. The Church is not dying but we are being shaped in some new ways so that we might participate more faithfully in God's mission in the world today.

So I find these words of Paul to the Corinthians speaking to us today: *Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart (4:1)....even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day (4:16).*

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 9:30 am**

### OWLS

**NOTE: The OWLS Group will not meet in July.**

Please watch for information for the August event. See you then!



### "Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The third quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

### Food Pantry Needs

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs:

***pancake mix & syrup, saltine crackers, pasta, 100% juice, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, canned whole tomatoes, mayonnaise, mustard, canned fruits & vegetables.***

Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the food pantry!

### Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday, July 16 and Sunday, July 19** in support of the SALC Food Pantry.

### Play Group at SALC

**Thursday, July 9, 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.**

### Fair Trade Products

The order received last month leaves us well stocked with coffee and tea as well as the usual varieties of chocolate. Stop by the Fellowship Hall between services and after the second service on the **third Sunday, July 19.** Your purchases help small landholder farmers in many counties bring help and hope to their families and their communities. Thanks for your support.

## SALC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Saturday, July 18, 8 am**

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Golf Outing at Rib Mountain Golf Course. Hole events and prizes will be awarded!



## MUSICIANS NEEDED

Fellowship Ministry is seeking talent from within the church to perform at the **annual church picnic on September 13.** If you are interested in sharing your talents, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333.

## ELCA YOUTH GATHERING—DETROIT



On July 14, Saint Andrew will send Rebecca, Tyler, Alaina, Nicholas, Peyton, and Carrie by bus (along with Tracy Geiger and Pastor Jenn) to Detroit for the ELCA National Youth Gathering. They will join with

approximately 35,000 other Lutherans from across the nation in three days of worship, study, community service, and fellowship. Please pray for these youth and adults—for safe travel and that they grow in faith and community. Thank you for your help in raising funds for this opportunity.

## YOUTH ROOM GETS A NEW LOOK

This past Lent, parents and students began talking about a dream to create a space that was open and comfortable. A space for youth to learn, study, rest, enjoy, and connect to God and one another. Venture down to the Youth Room at the west end of the building and see the progress already made as many youth, parents and others have donated time, labor, money and materials. A wish list will soon be posted on the bulletin board that will offer suggestions for ways you can generously contribute to this exciting project.

## CHECK THESE OUT AT THE SALC LIBRARY!

### Christian Living and Self-Help Books

**"Couple Power Therapy; Building Commitment, Cooperation, Communication and Community in Relationships"** by Peter and Phyllis Sheras

**"Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers; the Acclaimed Guide to Stress, Stress-Related Diseases and Coping"**  
by Robert Sapolsky

**"Codependent No More; How to Stop Controlling Others and Start Caring for Yourself"** by Melody Beattie

**"I Thought It was Just Me (But It Isn't)"** by Brene Brown

**Blood Pressure Checks**

SALC volunteers are available on the *3rd Sunday* of each month to assist you in regularly monitoring 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.

**Quilts, Quilt Tops and School Bag Kits**

You don't have to be a seasoned quilter to sew a quilt top in a kit! Also available to sew are complete quilt kits which include the top, batting and bottom and school bag kits for LWR (Lutheran World Relief). All kits are available in the kiosk in the Narthex and can be returned to the bottom drawer of the Information Desk.

**Memorial Gifts Received**

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Erv Koenig. Thank you for all gifts received in honor or in memory of someone special. If you would like to give a memorial gift to Saint Andrew, please contact the church office.

**Pastoral Care**

As a practice, three area hospitals are contacted during 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 insure pastoral support is received.

**Seminary Support**

Seminarian, Matthew Seegert was recently awarded an ELCA Fund for the Leaders Mission Developer Scholarship. This fund was created to help support future pastors in seminary who are pursuing specialized training to become mission developers. It is truly a privilege to support Matt and his journey toward ordained ministry. It is a reminder that we are all partners in ministry and very much connected to the work of Christ's church through our life together. Please continue to pray for Matt as he grows in wisdom and understanding through his exciting and challenging journey toward ordained ministry. Matt and Becky will be at Saint Andrew sometime this fall to share the many ways God has blessed them during this full and exciting year together.

**Stories to Tell-Gifts to Share**

In 2013, our daughter died from cancer and during her struggle, I would hug her and tell her that she would be "safe and warm in God's loving arms". About this same time, we had just moved back to the Wausau area and did not have a new home church yet. Saint Andrew, without hesitation, embraced and opened their arms to us in our family loss. The pastors, staff and the congregation made us feel very welcome and they were of great comfort to us and continue to be. Saint Andrew Lutheran Church is a "safe and warm" place to worship and to thank God for all of our blessings, knowing that we, too, have God's loving arms around us.

*Gene & Gin Tesch*

**Ministry Highlight: Property Ministry**

The Property Ministry oversees the care, maintenance, repair, protection and replacement of all the furnishings of the church building, mechanical equipment, parking lot and landscaping of the church grounds. The ministry is supported by the Parish Administrator who coordinates the use of all property with the other SALC ministry groups and members as well as with groups and organizations outside of the church. Every year the ministry is assisted by members for Spring and Fall cleanup days, roadside clean up and summer weeding and trimming. Many members also share their talents to assist with special projects as well, such as the current youth room renovation project!

## Vacation Bible School (VBS) at SALC-*"God Is Good-All the Time"*

***Save the Date! Monday-Friday, August 10-14, 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
and register by August 3! Invite your friends for...***

*Songs, Skits, and Worship  
Crafts and Games  
Snacks and Fellowship  
Old Friends and New Friends!*

### ***Can you lend a hand?***

- ✓ *Host 2-4 Crossways camp staff in your home for the week, providing a place to sleep and breakfast*
- ✓ *Make an evening meal for Crossways staff for one night (host at home or at church)*
- ✓ *Serve as a small group leader or support person during the week of VBS—the counselors teach!*
- ✓ *Help with planning and preparing logistics for the week (coordinating volunteers, hosting staff, helping decorate, and generate ideas... meetings are underway already!)*
- ✓ *Sponsoring a child who can't afford VBS*
- ✓ *Donating supplies for Day Camp (Arts & Crafts, food, etc...)*

***Check out the information desk or call the church office for more information to register or volunteer!***



## **God Is Good-All the Time!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM**  
*August 10-14, 9 am - 12 pm*



Camper Name		Male/Female	Age	Grade Completed
Parent/Guardian Name(s)			T-shirt Size	
Home Address		City	State/Zip	
Home Phone	Emergency Phone	Parent's Email		

**Parents:**

- ☐ I am interested in being a Day Camp volunteer. *(Please complete separate VBS Volunteer Form)*
- ☐ I am interested in having some of the Crossways Day Camp Team stay at my home.
- ☐ I am interested in having the Crossways Day Camp Team at my home for dinner.
- ☐ I am interested in sponsoring another child who can't afford Day Camp.
- ☐ I am interested in donating supplies for Day Camp (i.e. arts & crafts, food, etc.).

**Return this form with a \$15 Registration Fee per child  
(maximum \$30 per family)  
to the Saint Andrew Lutheran Church office  
by August 3, 2015.**

My child is in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade and has  
permission to travel to Waypost Camp on  
***Thursday, August 13, 9 am - 3:30 pm.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

## Celebration Patio Stone Paver Order Form

Summer is here and time to enjoy fellowship on the patio. If you would like to have a paver dedicated to a loved one, complete the order form below and return it to the church office with payment (\$100), or place in the offering plate. Personalize a paver for your celebration!

Make Check Payable To: Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We wish to place an order for an engraved stone paver in the Saint Andrew Celebration Patio. My/Our tax deductible check for \$100 is enclosed.


*Each block represents a letter or space. Please spell out in capital letters what you wish to have on your stone.*

*Maximum number of characters/spaces per line is 15.*

*Maximum of 40 characters/letters on 4 lines.*

## JULY

### ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Layreaders	Greeters	Fellowship
July 5	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	B	<b>**Open**</b> <i>Please call to volunteer</i>	Jim Jacobson & Eugene Moyer Craig & Marni Holmes	Barb Breese & Tina Spiegel Terry & June Grabau
July 12	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Brekke	Diane Goetsch Chris Kensmoe	Duane & Sharlene Kreft Ron & Diane Rasmussen	David & Nancy Larson Adam & Kathy Wurz
July 19	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Weidman	Duane Zietlow Dewey Allen	Larry & Annette Bindl George & Bonnie Alafouzoz	Sheldon & Connie Geiger Greg & Jeanne Willems
July 26	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Johnson	Joleen Meier  Lynn Lawson	Pastor Jeff & Faith Martinson  Mary Kregel & Amy Frolik	Marv & Joleen Meier & Mallory Zietlow Roger & Ruth Poutanen

### LECTIONARY READINGS

July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Ezekiel 2:1–5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2–10 Mark 6:1–13	Amos 7:7–15 Psalm 85:8–13 Ephesians 1:3–14 Mark 6:14–29	Jeremiah 23:1–6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11–22 Mark 6:30–34, 53–56	2 Kings 4:42–44 Psalm 145:10–18 Ephesians 3:14–21 John 6:1–21

# July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	9:00 AM Reading Reflections <b>NO OWLS Event for July</b>		10:00 AM Play Group 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP		
8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group <b>6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings</b>	Youth Painting in new room space - time TBD	12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP		8:00 AM SALC Golf Outing-Rib Mountain Golf Course
Senior High National Youth Gathering in Detroit						
8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks 9:30 AM WORSHIP <b>3:00 PM Youth Service Project-Assist w/serving Community Dinner, First Presbyterian Church, - Downtown Wausau</b> <b>Senior High NYG - Detroit</b>	7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief		12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting		9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Women of the ELCA Synod Brd Mtg
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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:*

Lincoln Matthew Paszek - May 10  
Jaxon James Burnett - June 7  
Rayana Kayla Sabatke - July 26  
Isabelle Mae Lancell - August 23

## A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Alex Nickel & Derrick Lang - June 6  
Lisa Neumann & Chris Sattler - June 13  
Kaitlin Vandre-Schmidt & Justin Ottman - June 27  
Terri Herrek & Michael Johnson - July 18  
Mari Panzer & Nate Care - July  
Amanda Shepherd & Alan Koeller - August 1  
Amanda Weinkauff & Frank Melville - August 22  
Candy Jeru & Mitch McCabe - September 12

## 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	Jack	Robin	Gary
Alyssa	Jackie	Roland	Meg
Babs	James, Henry & Elsie	Sheila	Tom
Barb	Jennette	Sue	Yvonne
Brenda	Jerry & Anita	Susan	Dixie
Brianna	Jillian	Tom	Laura
Callie and Zak	Joan	Tyler	Laurel
Charles	John	William & Connor	Darlene
Dave	Julie	Ella	Shelly
Deb	Kevin	Katie	Jean
Dennis	Lucy	Diane	Verna
Faith	Lynne	Clayton	Brian
Gary	Melissa	Amy	Mary
Holly	Monica	Bill	Tara
Irma B.	Patricia	Charlotte	

*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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Jared Gjertson, *Sexton*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

July 9	10:00 am	Play Group
July 15		Youth Painting Project
July 16		Noisy Offering
July 18	8:00 am	SALC Golf Outing
July 19		Noisy Offering
July 19		Youth Serve at Community Dinner
July 19		Blood Pressure Checks
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August 5	3-6 pm	Youth Activity at Rothschild Pool
August 10-14	9 am-12 pm	VBS
August 16	9:30 am	Pet Sunday
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October 4		Crop Walk for World Hunger

## Save The Date for Youth Activities

**July 15:** Painting outside wall of church and youth room  
**July 19:** Serve at Community Dinner– First Presbyterian Church  
**August 5:** Rothschild Pool, 3:00-6:00, pizza following



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