

Network



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Fall Reflections by Pastor Craig

The fourth and final quarter of the daily devotionals, "Christ in our Home" are available and ready to be picked up at the church. I personally find this little resource a daily treasure as I rise to meet each new day. Sometimes the pressures of the day seem heavy and sometimes the day comes with great joy and anticipation. Either way, I am grateful for the gift of another day and the good news that helps define a vision for what God intends. A simple passage of scripture and a brief devotional reflection helps set the tone for the day and reminds me that life is a gift. And what a wonderful gift it is for it is God's gift and the best we can do is share in it and make the most of it. We often take life for granted and likewise the relationships, opportunities, and the resources entrusted to us.

This past year I have experienced a variety of expressions of generosity that remind me that people are eager to participate and share when asked to do so. Your gifts make a difference. Quilters regularly receive gifts of fabric that are made into quilts and school bags for the fall Lutheran World Relief in-gathering. You gave generously for VBS supplies, school kits, and donated to the youth room renovation project. Volunteers have helped keep the landscaping weeded, painted, assisted with the church picnic. Members opened their homes to host camp leaders and served at funeral luncheons and shared deserts. You have helped with the Community Dinner, purchased Fair Trade products, given generously toward the Noisy Offerings and the Endowment Fund. For all these things and many more, **THANK YOU!**

If you have not already, you soon will receive a mailing through Saint Andrew inviting you into the annual pledge process for the coming year. This is not a new process but rather one that attempts to remind members of the importance of intentionally sharing in the work of the church through intentional giving. This is not a process that begs for money or assesses membership dues. It is not intended as a process that pressures giving out of a sense of obligation. That would not be consistent with the mission of the church let alone not reflective of the biblical witness. No, the invitation to pledge financial support has more to do with assisting members to take a moment and consider the blessings of life and then calculate what portion of those blessings one is willing to offer in return in support of ongoing ministry needs out of a sense of gratitude for what has been freely provided.

Please read through the letter and sit with the Commitment Card for a moment before considering your level of giving in support for the coming year of ministry. Please also know all gifts great and small are received with gratitude and are applied in ways that make every effort of being good stewards for what is shared. **Thank you** for your partnership in the gospel and your support to make the most of the life we are blessed to share together.

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, 9:30 & 10:45 am

HOLY COMMUNION

with

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday, OCTOBER 25

at 2 PM



"I do and I ask God to help and guide me..."

**Children's Classics
Available in the
SALC Library**

"The Giving Tree"

by Shel Silverstein

***"The Tale of Three Trees;
a traditional folktale"***

retold by Elwell Hunt

SALC Dartball

Come for fun and fellowship!
Games are Tuesday
evenings. See the enclosed
calendar for the schedule.

**OWLS-"Our Winter
Feathered Friends"**

Tuesday, October 6, 11:30 am

Please bring a dish to pass
for a potluck lunch
at 11:30 am.

Following lunch,
our guest will be
Lori Schubring
from Wildbirds Unlimited
who will speak on winter
bird feeding.



Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be
received on *October 15 & 18*
to help offset shipping costs
for LWR school bags and
quilts.

Play Group at SALC

Thursday, October 8

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

Sunday, October 18

A new order of Fair Trade
products has just arrived.
We are again ordering small
milk and dark chocolate
bars from SERRV. Items are
available on the third
Sunday of the month in the
Fellowship Hall. Your
purchases help small
landholder farmers in
developing countries bring
hope and help to their
families. Thank you for your
support!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next ***New Member Orientation*** will be held on
Sunday, October 11 at 10:45 am in the chapel. New
members will be received at the *10:45 am worship
service on October 18*. 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.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SALC

The Social Ministry is gearing up for the 2nd annual
Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Saint Andrew. Whether you
are alone or you want to bring your family, whether you
are a church member or a member of the community,
everyone is welcome to join in the celebration. A
traditional Thanksgiving meal will be served ***11 am to
2 pm on Thursday, November 26***. Tables of all sizes will
be set up to accommodate your group, both large and
small.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, November 15

Fellowship and a hot meal are offered every Sunday
afternoon from 4 to 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 to 6 pm to help prepare, serve and clean
up. If you would like to help with this community
ministry, please call the church office.

CROP WALK 2015

Participate in the 38th annual ***CROP Walk on
Sunday, October 4***—this is a great service
opportunity for anyone. This walk will benefit
people in need around the world as well as local
food pantries. There will be 2, 5 and 10 km routes
to accommodate walkers of all ages and abilities.
Meet at Marathon Park at 12 pm with your
pledges and walking shoes!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

On ***Saturday, October 3, at 8 am*** volunteers are
needed to help load a semi with school bags and
quilts from the area for *Lutheran World Relief*.
Volunteers can just show up at Kolbe East, 143 W.
Thomas Street, Wausau.

Do you play the piano or other musical instrument
and care to share your gift as part of worship?
Musicians are needed to assist with the 10:45 am
Sunday worship. Please contact the church office if
you are willing to share your gift of music.

FALL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, October 10, 8:30 am–12 pm

Raindate: Saturday, October 17

The Property Ministry is planning to prune
the building landscape, pick up apples and do the fall
clean-up. Please join us in service and fellowship as
we care for Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Many
hands make light work!



A Church Picnic Thank You!

The Fellowship Ministry hopes everyone had a good time and enjoyed the weather, music, games, food and fellowship. A special thank you to the many volunteers who worked to make this year's picnic a success. Your time and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Blood Drive

Thursday, October 1, 1-6 pm

Saint Andrew will be the site of a blood drive in support of the American Red Cross. Sign-up is available on the Information Desk. Volunteers are needed to help from 1-3:30 or 3:30-6 pm. Please call the church office to volunteer.



Blood Pressure Checks

SALC volunteers are available on the *3rd Sunday* of each month, 9-9:30 am, 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.

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.

Ministry Highlight

FIINANCE/STEWARDSHIP

This ministry guides and informs budgetary decisions on behalf of SALC. Here is a summary of the many different areas involved.

Stewardship—Develops and carries out the stewardship emphasis throughout the year. Encourages pledging, records giving, and provides quarterly and annual giving statements.

Finance—Oversees the proper and accurate recording of all financial transactions, and the reporting of the financial condition of SALC to the congregation.

Audit Process—Selects people to audit records and make recommendations for the policies and procedures governing the proper recording of our assets, liabilities, and fund balances.

Budget Process—Together with the congregational treasurer, develops and guides the congregational leaders through the annual budget process. The actual to budget results are reported monthly. We prepare the annual budget which becomes part of the congregation's Annual Report.

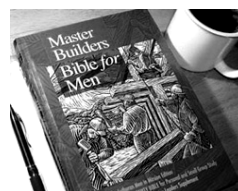
Endowment Process—Established the bylaws which govern the Endowment Fund. We select caring people that are responsible for the Fund oversight and promotion, and receive reports from the ELCA Fund advisor on a monthly basis. This group also reviews grant requests and selects worthwhile requests to receive funds subject to the bylaws and approval from the Church Council.

If you are interested in participating in this ministry or would like more information, please visit with Bill Radloff or call the church office.

You should have received the 2016 annual Stewardship information in the mail this week. We encourage and welcome your response.

Spend time in God's Word

Bible and Book Studies Offered



Men's Bible Study,
Wednesdays, 6:45 am and 10 am

Join Pastor Craig for conversation around God's word. "The

Master Builders Bible" is available for \$15 each for the first 10 bibles, \$25 thereafter.

Women's Bible Study/Lunch Gathering,

First and third Wednesdays of the month, 12:10-12:50 pm

Bring your lunch and your Bible, and dwell in God's word with other women. "Gather"

magazine is the resource and is available for \$15 for an annual subscription.



Reading Reflections, Tuesdays, 9:00 am

A variety of books are read and reflected on in these gatherings.

Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 am

These sessions are based on the International Bible Study.

Sunday Evening Bible Study, 6:30 pm

Currently an in-depth study on the Gospel of Luke—this study will prepare you to hear the preaching texts for the upcoming year. Led by Pastor Craig or Pastor Jenn. Cost is \$8.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT SAINT ANDREW

Sunday School for Grades Pre-K through 6— It's not too late to register!

Worship at 8 or 10:45 am together as a family—attend Sunday School before or after worship.

Worship together at 9:30 am—children will be dismissed to Sunday School following the children's sermon.

Christmas Program - *Sunday, December 13, Time TBD*

Parents and caring adults ***are needed*** to help direct, select, and plan the Christmas Program, help with practices, costumes, and sets. This is a great opportunity to participate in the life of the church in a small way for a short period of time and many hands are needed in order to make the Christmas program a possibility. A sign up sheet is located on the Information Desk.

3-5 Grade Winter Retreat at Crossways Waypost Camp— *Friday-Sunday, January 22-24*

Come play in the snow and study God's word! Check back here for more information and registration in the coming months.

SENDING OUT A CALL FOR MINISTRY MEMBERS—CHRISTIAN ED & YOUTH

Did you know Saint Andrew has approximately 1000 people under the age of 20 in our congregation? That is roughly one third of all of our membership! On ministry night, the second Tuesday of each month, a group of SALC parents and members provide planning and oversight for activities that encourage learning and growing in faith. These activities and events help form a sense of community and teach the stories of scripture through Vacation Bible School (VBS), Sunday School (Pre-K through 6th grades), the Christmas Program, 3-5th Grade Retreat, First Communion, Confirmation, and youth events. Under our current leadership structure, our various ministries participate in God's mission through conversation and planning efforts. The current Christian Ed Ministry and youth ministry members are eagerly seeking more individuals to help create, plan and lead!

Please feel welcome to visit the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm.

YOUTH ROOM UPDATE AND UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Room Update— Great progress continues as the electrical has been restored and donated track lighting installed. Last week the 7th and 8th Grade confirmation students had the privilege of carrying in the custom made and donated "rugged" wooden cross that will be suspended from the ceiling soon. Thanks to quick and generous responses to the carpet square pull tags— new flooring will soon become a reality as well, with squares still available to assist with these efforts! Heartfelt thanks for the time and talents shared and for the continued financial support provided by many to see this project to completion. Feel free to take a walk down the hall again and see "Gods Work—Our Hands"!

Youth Reflection Hike — *Sunday, October 11, 4 pm*

Throughout the scriptures God is always meeting up with people in the wilderness. Meet in the parking lot of South Mountain School and join Pastor Craig or Pastor Jenn for a reflective hike up the mountain. Bring a backpack with your Bible and some water—and invite a friend to join you.

Service Project Opportunities

- * Sunday mornings— Help in the SALC nursery during the 9:30 am worship— sign up on the bulletin board
- * October 4— Crop Walk at Marathon Park—12:00 pm
- * October 10—Property Fall Clean Up at Saint Andrew at 8:30 am —Rain date is Oct 17
- * Oct-Date TBD— Bowl painting at Clay Corner for the Neighbor's Place-Empty Bowls event in November

Please call the office at 715 842-3333 for additional information on any of the above activities and events.

WELCA SYNOD CONVENTION

Saturday, October 31, 8am-3pm

"Listen for the Spirit: Be Still..."

Saint Andrew will host the Synod Convention for the Women of the ELCA (WELCA) with worship in the morning led by Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Jean DeVoll-Donaldson and Pastor Jenn. Speakers throughout the day will share information on a variety of topics—connecting us to the larger church to consider important issues of justice, like human trafficking. Come, worship and learn about WELCA. Morning refreshments & lunch are included. Sign up at the Information Desk or call church for more information.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

With two classes now completed and a third one underway, another class is currently scheduled for ***Sundays, beginning January 3***. Classes are for nine weeks with a cost of \$93 per individual or couple. Reflections from FPU graduates: "It doesn't matter if you are single, married, engaged, working, retired or unemployed anyone can learn from this class. We wish we would have taken it years ago." "I had some fear about taking this class the first time it was offered. But as the course went on, I found my fear changing into excitement. I realize the potential before me and that the process of changing habits and behaviors takes time, that money is a spiritual issue, and that I'm a work in progress."

Interested persons considering the fall option, please contact the church office at 715-842-3333, so arrangements can be made.

OCTOBER

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Layreaders	Greeters	Fellowship
October 4	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Brekke	April Mascorro Cheryl Allen	Duane & Sharlene Kreft Jerry & Marlene Kort	Susi Soukup Terry & June Grabau
October 11	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Weidman	Dave Mueller Sue Paisar	Larry & Annette Bindl Pam & Alex Kyhos	Gary Hibbard & Judy Rusch Russ & Alice Van Skike
October 18	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Johnson	Gary Hibbard Craig Holmes	Bill & Doreen Radloff Dave & Sue Paisar	Ray & Teri Skare Doug & Marilyn Olson
October 25 (Confirmation)	8:00 am 9:30 am 2:00 pm	Team 5 Team 5	Shepherd	Diane Goetsch Chris Kensmoe	Dave Mueller/Shirley Bickford Craig & Marni Holmes	Rob & Betsy Stangel Craig & Marni Holmes

October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Genesis 2:18–24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12 Mark 10:2–16	Amos 5:6–7, 10–15 Psalm 90:12–17 Hebrews 4:12–16 Mark 10:17–31	Isaiah 53:4–12 Psalm 91:9–16 Hebrews 5:1–10 Mark 10:35–45	Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29 Psalm 19:7–14 James 5:13–20 Mark 9:38–50

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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:

Hannah Jean Winchell - August 2	Benjamin Croix Smith - September 27
Isabelle Mae Lancelle - August 23	Maya Ryann Downing - September 27
Evan James Riege - September 17	Rose Evelyn Geiger - October 4
Sterling Belleno Marrero - September 24	Hayden Hunter Lee Maahs - October 4
Gregory Howard Marrero - September 24	Leyton Mae Wendorf - October 18

A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Amanda & Alan Koeller - August 1	Sarah Gwidt & Ross Lyon - October 10
Amanda & Frank Melville - August 22	David Patefield & Barbara Stroming - November 14
Candy & 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	Don	Monica	Clayton
Alyssa	Gary	Patricia	Amy
Babs	Irma	Rich	Bill
Barb	Jackie	Robin	Charlotte
Brenda	James, Henry & Elsie	Roland	Meg
Brianna	Jennette	Sonny	Tom
Callie and Zak	Jennifer	Susan	Yvonne
Charles	John	Tom	Dixie
Dave	Kaitlyn	William & Connor	Laura
Deb	Kevin	Ella	Laurel
Dennis	Lucy	Katie	Shelly
Denny	Lynne	Diane	Brian

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



**We're on
Facebook! Follow
the link on our
website and click
"like" to keep up
with the latest
news and events!**

October 1	1-6 pm	Blood Drive
October 3	8 am-12 pm	Semi Loading of LWR Items
October 4	12:00 pm	Crop Walk for World Hunger
October 6	11:30 am	OWLS - Potluck & Winter Birds Presentation
October 8	10:00 am	Play Group
October 10	8:30 am	Fall Clean-Up
October 11	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
October 11	4:00 pm	Youth Reflection Hike
October 13	6:00 pm	Altar Guild Meeting
October 13	6:30 pm	Ministry Night Meetings
October 17	8:30 am	Fall Clean-Up <i>Rain Date</i>
October 17-18		9th Grade Confirmation Retreat
October 18	10:45 am	Reception of New Members during Worship
October 22	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
October 25	2:00 pm	WORSHIP - 9th Grade Confirmation
October 31	8:00 am	Women of the ELCA Synodical Convention
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November 26	11 am-2 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner at SALC