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## *Pr. Jenn—God's Grace Changes Everything!*

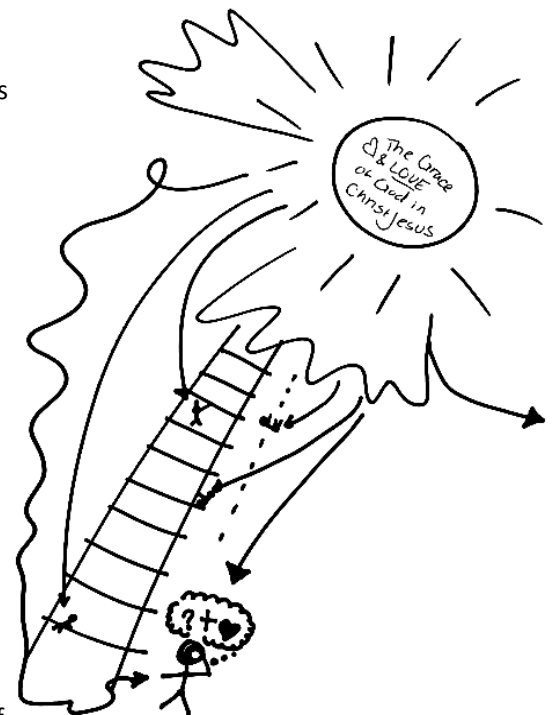
When I was little, I used to believe that God was “up there” and that we all are “down here.” Like good grades in school or the approval of friends, in my little-girl reasoning, it made sense that God’s love was something I had to earn, as well.

So I pictured this ladder where each step upward was a kind behavior: mowing Mrs. Koch’s lawn, being nice to my brother, cleaning my room. Every step on the ladder would get me closer to being worthy of God’s grace. The only problem is that if I did something hurtful, in the image I had created, it would mean I would fall off the ladder and get further and further from God’s grace and love. Back at rock bottom!

Then, when I was 14, I began attending St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Waukesha and found myself surrounded by a caring community that not only taught me about grace, but showed grace to me in the midst of life’s circumstances. I learned from these people that Jesus Christ is hope for the rock at the bottom. In my own faith formation journey, I learned that Lutheran Christians have a very different understanding of God’s grace and it changed my life.

Because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God experienced a profound understanding of humanity and likewise, we were joined to his very own death and resurrection through baptism. We don’t even need to take a step up on to the ladder because God’s grace meets us exactly where we are. Then, living in response to that grace, we are able to share in the kingdom of God by living lives of love and service.

“This Changes Everything” was the theme for confirmation camp and is the theme for Vacation Bible School this year. What changes everything?! It’s God’s grace which comes to us as a gift—free and clear. There is nothing you have to do or be in order to earn or deserve God’s grace... on or off the ladder... it is already and always yours. This is the good news of God and we get to be a part of sharing that it does, in fact, change everything!



*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God —”*

EPHESIANS 2:8

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**

## OWLS

The OWLS will take a summer break in July. Watch the August Network for their next adventure.



## SALC Dartball

Ever play dartball? Now is the time to try it out! The dartball team will have the board set up on **Sundays, July 8 and August 12** in the Fellowship Hall from 9:15-10:30 am for anyone interested in trying out the game.

Summer practices will be held on **Wednesdays July 11 and August 15**.

## Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, July 12 & 15** during worship in support of the SALC members traveling to Zeerust, South Africa this month!

## Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be offered the third Sunday of the month resuming in September.

## Fair Trade Products Sunday, July 15

There is a full supply of coffee, tea and chocolate to satisfy your needs and desires. Stop by the Fair Trade table in the Fellowship Hall to check things out. Remember, your purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

## SALC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Saturday, July 21, 8 am**

*Rib Mountain Golf Course*

The fun begins with a shot-gun start and continues with a 9-hole scramble. There will be prizes for special hole events (longest putt, closest to the hole, etc.). Sign up your foursome or be a part of a "potluck" team. At least one church member per team. Sign up at church or call the church office at 715-842-3333. All are welcome!



## PET SUNDAY

**Sunday, August 19, 9:30 am**

Bring the **whole** family — all socially adapted creatures, great and small, are welcome. The congregation will be seated on the Celebration Patio on the north side of the Fellowship Hall. **Bring a lawn chair and sunglasses** and enjoy this outdoor worship experience. Please help with your pet's clean-up as needed.



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Mark your calendar to attend worship on **Sunday, August 26** as students and their backpacks, parents and teachers are blessed as they begin a new school year.

## SERMONS ARE NOW ON-LINE

*"Indeed the word of God is living and active..."* (Hebrews 4:12) The sermons preached on Sunday mornings at Saint Andrew are now available on-line. You can listen to them by visiting [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org). Navigate down to the bottom of the home page and click on the sermon you would like to hear. That will take you to a page with a link to the gospel text (you can read that first, if you'd like!) and then click on the word "listen" to hear God's Word proclaimed. Use the share buttons below to *share* the sermons with one another or on social media.



## BLUE "MAGIC PAPER BOX"

To date, the blue "Magic Paper Box" has generated **\$72.62** which will be used to support youth and outreach programs. The blue recycling bin is available in the West parking lot near the current dumpster enclosure. This recycling program not only promotes care for the environment but also generates revenue from being paid for the paper waste collected. SALC members and others in the community are encouraged to collect and drop off newspapers, junk mail, magazines, office/school papers and catalogs. **Items not accepted:** cardboard, plastic, metal, glass, text books, hard cover books, garbage or paper contaminated with food, chemicals etc. Thank you for recycling and helping support the ministry programs at Saint Andrew.

### **"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals**

The 2018 third quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

### **Ministry Night Meetings**

#### ***Second Tuesday of Each Month-6:30 pm***

All are invited to attend the ministry meeting of your choice on Ministry Night. Learn how your gifts and talents can be used toward the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

### **SALC Memorial Gifts**

A memorial gift was received in memory of Joan Will and Gene Tesch. 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. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care during a particularly challenging time, please contact the church office.

## **ZEERUST VISIT - TRAVELERS DEPART SOON!**

As we celebrate Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup>, please hold close in thought and prayer our Saint Andrew members; ***Phil Bickley, Tammy Schilling, Ron & Betty Dotseth with their grandsons, Jacob and Gabriel***, departing to begin their journey to South Africa. The Lutheran Church of Zeerust is approximately 7500 miles from Wausau and the time change is 7 hours ahead.

**Location:** South Africa is at the southern tip of the African continent

**Area:** Slightly less than twice the size of the state of Texas

**Climate:** Mostly semiarid - subtropical along the east coast, sunny days with cool nights; currently their winter season with temps near 60 degrees

**Natural Resources:** Gold, chromium, antimony, coal, iron ore, manganese, nickel, phosphates, tin, rare earth elements, uranium, gem diamonds, platinum, copper, vanadium, salt and natural gas

**People:** (2001 Census)

Ethnic groups - Black African 79%, White 9.6% Multi-racial 8.9%, Indian/Asian 2.5%

Languages - IsiZulu 23.82%, IsiXhosa 17.64%, Afrikaans 13.35%, Sepedi 9.39%, English 8.2%, Setswana 8.2%, Sesotho 7.93%, Xitsonga 4.44%, siSwati 2.66%, Tshivenda 2.28%, isiNdebele 1.59%, other 0.5%

Religions - Protestant 36.6% (Zionist Christian 11.1%, Pentecostal/charismatic 8.2%, Methodist 6.8%, Dutch Reformed 6.7%, Anglican 3.8%) Catholic 7.1%, Muslim 1.5%, other Christian 36%, other 2.3%, unspecified 1.4%, none 15.1%

**Economy:** South Africa is a middle-income, emerging market with an abundant supply of natural resources. Well-developed financial, legal, communications, energy, and transport sectors; a stock exchange that is the 17<sup>th</sup> largest in the world and a modern infrastructure supporting a relatively efficient distribution of goods to major urban centers throughout the region.

What is commonly shared:

- Thanks to German missionaries, the Christian faith took hold, grew and prospered in both the United States and South Africa.
- The Lutheran churches in the United States and South Africa now have excellent seminaries and train our own pastors.
- Both are surrounded by a rural countryside and have a nearby "mountain". Cows are an important resource for some of our companion congregations as well as for several of our Wisconsin River Valley Conference congregations. Other Madikwe Circuit parishes are in "the Bush" and some of our congregations are in "the Northwoods". Members in our companion congregation of Zeerust are involved in a wide variety of occupations (including agriculture & livestock) just like in the Wausau area.

Thank you to Saint Andrew members, ministry groups and the community who have generously supported the fundraising efforts to generate \$5,355 to assist the SALC travelers with their expenses as they committed to being a part of this special opportunity to expand the connection with our Sister congregation in Zeerust, South Africa. It will be a privilege to hear their stories and learn how Saint Andrew can deepen this relationship established many years ago.

***Ephesians 4:4-6, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."***

***It's Time for Vacation Bible School!***  
***Invite your friends and neighbors for...***

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

Children 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come join the fun!  
Older youth who have a desire to help are encouraged to volunteer (we need you)!



**Saint Andrew Lutheran Church VBS**  
***"This Changes Everything"***

Grades Pre-K through 5

July 23-27; 9 am-12 pm

Friday, July 27 – 11:30 am: Closing Worship and Family Luncheon



**REGISTRATION FORM**

*(Also available online at [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org))*

\*Return this form with a \$15 registration fee per child (maximum \$30 per family) to Saint Andrew Lutheran Church by **July 13**.

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address, City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Child Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies/Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

**Child Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

If there is any other information about your child(ren) you think would be helpful for us to know, please note it below.

## FAITH FORMATION TASK FORCE

At the May church council meeting, the council voted to initiate the work of a task force that will take a look at current christian education and youth opportunities and participate in the work of short term planning and long term visioning in the area of "faith formation." The tentative goals of the task force include:

- Identifying specific ways Saint Andrew can intentionally support members of all ages on their life-long faith formation journeys, and to be confident in expressing their beliefs and faith.
- Identifying specific ways Saint Andrew can intentionally support its youth and integrate them into the work and life of the church in meaningful ways.
- Identifying specific ways Saint Andrew can intentionally foster intergenerational relationships and a sense of community.
- Identifying specific ways Saint Andrew can intentionally integrate and build awareness of all aspects of the work and life of the church.

Dayna Herold and the pastors will lead this task force which will conclude its work by late summer. Check the Network for future updates and opportunities for listening sessions—or speak with anyone on the task force if you have insights or ideas for how we might approach some of these initial goals with regard to faith formation.

## ASSISTING IN JULY

	Time	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Team 5	Team 6	Team 6	Team 2
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Tipple	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	A
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Mary Jarvis Shirley Bickford	Paul Nelson Sue Paisar	Gary Hibbard Lynn Lawson	Faith Martinson Herbert Heyne	Julie Spalding Dewey Allen
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Howe Schilling	Moyer / Rickstad Murphy	Radloff Paisar	Czerwinski Rusinek	Nelson / Bickford Frolik
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Breese / Spiegel Frolik	Sitko Wurz	Jacobson / Soukup Alafouzos	Geiger Grabau	Mueller McDonald / Wittich
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Frolik	Hersperger	Lemke	Geiger	Rickstad

## LECTIONARY READINGS

July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Lamentations 3:22-33 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43	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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	2 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	3 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	4 <b>Independence Day - Church Office Closed</b>	5 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	6	7
8 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:15 AM Dartball Demonstration-Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM WORSHIP	9 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	10 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings	11 6:30 PM Dartball Practice	12 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	13 5:00 PM Rehearsal	14 1:30 PM Wilcosz-Granger Wedding
15 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	16 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	17 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	18	19 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	20	21 8:00 AM SALC Golf Outing - Rib Mountain Golf Course
22 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	23 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	24 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	25	26 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Council Meeting	27	28
<b>"This Changes Everything" - VBS Day Camp w/Crossways at SALC</b>						
29 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	30 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	31 9:00 AM Reading Reflections				

August						
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## WE PRAY

### For Baptisms:

*Giving thanks for the gift of baptism, we lift up those children, parents and sponsors who have recently been received or will be received into the family of faith. We pray especially for:*

Elizabeth Marie Card - May 13  
 Jasper James Lancelle - May 20  
 Roman John David Weinkauff - May 27  
 Kelsey Lynn Bargender - May 27  
 Emma May Kalmon - June 3  
 David Anthony & Jacob Aaron Riege - June 3  
 Evangeline Dawn Bailey - June 10  
 Maverick Thomas Bartz - June 17  
 Adelyn June Socha - June 24  
 Kaylin Wren Jolly - July 19  
 Brynleigh Mae Rose - July 22

### For Weddings:

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

Craig & Samantha Dantoin - June 2  
 Kyle & GERALYN Wilkosz - July 14  
 Caleb Tesch & Brittany Northrup - August 25  
 Ryan Springer & Alyssa Ashbrenner - September 1  
 Charlie Peth & Libby Price - September 1  
 Luke Mroczenski & Samantha Oliver - September 22  
 Justin Mayer & Callie Hempfer - September 28  
 Tammer Schillinger & Brenna Mikula - October 6  
 Matthew Hader & Raquel Paszek - October 13

## 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...

Aiden	Clemmence	Pam	Yvonne	Helen
Ali	Jennifer	Pat & Dick	Dixie	Merlin
Amy	Katie	Pete	Laura	Charles
Ashley	Larry	Robin	Frank	Riley
Babs	Leann	Tom	Pam	Rebecca
Bill	Lynne & Dan	Tony	Angie	Luke
Brian	Meg	Ella	Ruth	Delmar
Callie & Zak	Monica	Amy	Jerry	
Charles & Gerry	Nikki	Tom	Sue	

*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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Benjamin Johnson, *Sexton*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### JULY

4		Church Office Closed
4-21		SALC Members Travel to Zeerust
8	9:15 am	Dartball Demonstration
11	6:30 pm	Dartball Practice
21		SALC Annual Golf Outing (Tentative Date)
23-27	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Vacation Bible School (VBS): <i>"This Changes Everything"</i>

### AUGUST

20	9:30 am	Pet Sunday
26	8:00 & 9:30 am	Blessing of the Backpacks

### SEPTEMBER

5	6:15 pm	Confirmation Orientation
9		Rally Sunday/Sunday School Classes
9		Church Picnic
16		Fall Worship Schedule Begins: 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am



SALC is on Facebook! Follow the link on the Saint Andrew website  
and click "like" to keep up with the latest news and events!