

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.

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# Network



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# Reflections by Pastor Jenn

In the age of GPS apps and smart phones, it's difficult to get really, really lost. The summer after my sophomore year of high school I was with a group of friends from church, backpacking in the mountains. On the second day, our guides told us that they were lost and that WE were lost. They parked us for a while in the meadow while they went off to go look for the next part of the trail. For one afternoon, we were lost—and it was exhilarating and relaxing. I remember feeling free.

But sometimes being lost is aggravating—especially when you sense an urgency to be somewhere else. Stopping and asking for directions can feel like a let down. Back tracking to get on the right road can feel like a waste of time. Dealing with a span of time that holds unexpected challenge can be disorienting. The gap between when we know we are lost and when we find our way again is a burden and it is a blessing. Sometimes, when you get off course, you find something you wouldn't have ever expected to find—like a nap under the blue sky in the midst of a mountain meadow.

This Lent we will focus on losses of all kinds through the theme, "Life in the Wilderness". We will honor the important roll these losses play in helping us to know the depth of God's mercy more fully. But we also focus on what Christ does in the gap, between the loss and the moment of resurrection. Paul writes to the Philippians, "Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Jesus my Lord." To enhance the Lenten theme on a deeper level I would invite you to consider a Lenten discipline that draws you to focus on an intention surrounding the theme. Here are a couple of ideas available to you through Saint Andrew:

- A Lenten Book Study: Because of This, I Rejoice is a small book by Max Vincent that takes a look at the theme of joy through the book of Philippians. I would encourage you to use this book as a personal devotion—a devotion you might choose to do with your significant other, in the context of your family or with a group of small friends. Ministry groups that already exist might choose to take on this book together. Faith Formation ministry is also launching a few small groups that will be working through the book together at varying times and locations (See page 2) as well as information on cost and signing up to order a copy through church.
- A worship Service with prayer for Healing: The first Sunday in Lent, in addition to Holy Communion, we will also offer the liturgy for healing. The liturgy in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (*p. 276*) includes prayer with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. Participation in this potion of the liturgy is optional but available for those who feel a need for emotional, spiritual, mental, and physical healing of any kind —through Christ.
- Midweek Lenten worship *and* Soup and Sandwich Fellowship: Check out the themes and times below and come and enjoy some fellowship over delicious soup.

#### **MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP**

Wednesdays in Lent, 12:15 & 6:15 pm

March 6—Ash Wednesday March 13—Accepting a Wilderness March 20—Loss of Financial Security March 27—Loss of Possessions April 3—Loss of Health April 10—Loss of Faith

Weekly Worship



THE THREE DAYS

April 18—Maundy Thursday:
Loss of Relationship, 12:15 & 6:15 pm
April 19—Good Friday:
Loss of Physical Life, 12:15 & 6:15 pm
April 21—Easter: Eternal Life-No More Loss!
6:00, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am

Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 + 10:45 am

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#### National Quilt Day - March 16

"Those who sleep under a Quilt, sleep under a blanket of Love." For nearly 70 years, compassionate people have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with displacement, chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster or conflict. In 2018 approximately 150 quilts were made and shared by Saint Andrew members to:

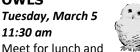
Lutheran World Relief, Aspirus Wausau Hospice California Wildfires (California Lutheran Univ.), Pride Assisted Living, Fundraiser in support of a Saint Andrew member, valor quilts given to SALC veterans, banner celebrating Matt Seegert's seminary graduation.

#### Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on Thursday and Sunday, March 14 & 17 in support of the SALC Quilting Group and in honor of National Quilt Day on March 16.

#### OWLS

11:30 am



Meet for lunch and fellowship at Pizza Ranch—2715 Schofield Ave. (just south of Target).

#### **Blood Pressure** Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available March 17, 9:00-9:30 am in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

#### Fair Trade Products

will be available for purchase on Sunday, March 17. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

# SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

#### Tuesday, March 5, 5:00-6:30 pm

Come for a "feast before the fast" Pancake Supper where you can eat all you want before the season of Lent begins! Various kinds of pancakes, sausage and beverages will be served. A pull-tag board is available at the Information Desk with needed items. A free-will donation will be received in support of the youth mission trip this summer through ASP.

# **HYGIENE DRIVE**

Help support area homeless residents through local agencies by donating items such as laundry soap, hair, dental and other personal care and cleaning products. A display and collection box is available in the Fellowship Hall through mid-March to place donated items. All donations will remain in the community. Thank you for your support!

# LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Faith Formation Ministry invites you to journey through Lent with a six week study of the book "Because of This I Rejoice" which looks at Paul's letter to the Philippians for ways to find joy during Lent. There are three weekly opportunities planned for discussion in a casual small group setting, but feel free to coordinate your own small group! Please contact the church office with any questions and look for more information to come on the Saint Andrew website, Facebook, and in the Narthex. The study begins:

Sunday March 10, 10:45-11:45 am at Saint Andrew Wednesday March 13, 7:15-8:15 pm at Saint Andrew Thursday March 14, 7:00-8:00 pm at Bull Falls Brewery

# PRETZEL SUNDAY

#### Sunday, March 10

Join the Fellowship Ministry for a warm pretzel as a special Lenten treat. Though the exact origins of the pretzel remain mysterious, legend has it that the story began around A.D. 610, when Italian (or French) monks presented their young students with treats of baked dough twisted in the shape of crossed arms. At the time, crossing one's arms was the traditional posture for prayer. As the custom spread through medieval Europe, the pretzel's three holes came to represent the Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and the twisty baked good became associated with good luck, long life and prosperity. What tradition helps you remember to pray and ponder God's blessings?

# **ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S 40 DAYS OF GIVING**

Social Ministry is planning to donate 10% of Lenten Soup donations to support the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. In addition, they will also match up to \$600 of what the congregation gives to the ELCA World Hunger throughout Lent. Look for more details at the Information Desk.

# Check It Out...From the SALC Library

#### "The Question That Never Goes Away: Why" (248.8 YAN)

Thirty-five years after writing his first book, Yancey revisits our cry of "Why, God?" in three places stunned into silence by the calamities that have devastated them. There are reasons to ask, once again, the question that never goes away: "Where is God when we suffer?" And Yancey, once again, leads us to find faith when it is most severely put to the test.

#### "Building Family Ties With Faith, Love & Laughter" (306.8 STO)

This book shares practical tips on how your family can achieve a close-knit love for one another and become each other's best friends.

#### **SALC Memorial Gifts**

Gifts were received for the Good Samaritan Fund, the Music Fund and the Memorial Gift Fund. 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.

### SALC Mailing List

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Would you like to receive emails from Saint Andrew with announcements of activities, events and information? You could also receive the Network via email rather than a paper copy in the mail. Simply call the office or email: <u>office@salc-wausau.org</u> with your preference to begin receiving SALC notifications and/or the Network.

# LENTEN SOUP AND SANDWICH

Soup and Sandwich fellowship follows 12:15 pm worship and is also before and after 6:15 pm worship on Wednesdays beginning March 13. Pre-Ordered Soup-to-Go will be available. Look for order forms on the Information Desk.

> <u>March 13</u> Turkey Noodle Taco Portuguese Bean

March 20 Chili Chicken and Wild Rice Corned Beef/Cabbage

March 27 Cheeseburger Chicken Noodle Northwoods Cheese

<u>April 3</u> Unstuffed Pepper Split Pea Chicken Dumpling

<u>April 10</u> Chicken Tortilla Beef Barley Mushroom Loaded Baked Potato

# If you are interested in assisting with soup

*preparation,* equipment, ingredients and guidance are provided. Please call the church office at

715-842-3333.

#### Soup and Sandwich Ministry Hosting Schedule

March 13: Social and Fellowship
March 20: Faith Formation
March 27: Worship and Altar Guild
April 3: Finance/Stewardship and Personnel
April 10: Memorial Gift and Property

Volunteers are needed from each ministry group to assist with serving, clean-up and to bring desserts. Thank you!

# **EASTER FOOD BASKETS**

#### Saturday, April 13, 10 am

If you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 by *April 8*. Hams and other food donations are needed. Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each entrance.

# **EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS**

Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths and Easter Lilies can be ordered for \$16 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order forms are available on the *Information Desk in the Narthex. Order deadline is Sunday, March 31.* 



# EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us for Easter breakfast to be served from 7 to 9:30 am in the Saint Andrew Fellowship Hall. Free will donations will be received. Volunteers for serving and clean-up are also needed—sign up will be available soon on the Information Desk.

# EASTER EGGS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Children are encouraged to bring a hard-boiled, decorated Easter egg to the 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 am Easter worship. Eggs will then be donated to the Salvation Army following the services.



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# **CONFIRMATION CAMP**

Camp is an awesome opportunity in the faith formation of confirmation students here at Saint Andrew. We are going to Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley June 10-15. Registration forms are available on the Information Desk. ALL confirmation students should attend camp at least once. Please note deposit and forms are due to Saint Andrew Monday, March 15.

# SUMMER CAMP EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE

Calling all outdoor, Christ-following, fellowship-seeking enthusiasts. There is a summer camp available for you at Crossways Camping Ministries! Camp is not just for kids or for confirmation students. Check out the Crossways website, www.crosswayscamps.org for more information on all summer camping opportunities. Brochures are also available at Saint Andrew on the Information Desk. The Crossways Earl-Bird Discounted Rate deadline is March 15.

# FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

For three weeks in March and April, students and families will have interactive conversation to learn about Holy Communion. A mailing has gone out with more information for fifth grade students and their parents. For those who are beyond fifth grade and interested in First Communion,

please contact the office for more information.

#### Classes:

Sundays, March 17, 31 and April 7; 4-5:30 pm

First Communion Worship: Palm Sunday, April 14, 2:00 pm



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### March

Tuesday, 5 Wednesday, 6 Monday, 15 Sunday, 17 Sunday, 31	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper No Confirmation-Ash Wed. Worship Confirmation Camp Registration Due First Communion Class First Communion Class
April Sunday, 7 Sunday, 14 Thursday, 18 Friday, 19 Sunday, 21	First Communion Class Palm Sunday/Holy Week Begins First Communion Worship Maundy Thursday Good Friday Easter Sunday No Sunday School Easter Sunday Breakfast
<u>May</u> Sunday, 19	Last Day of Sunday School
June 10-15 July 16, 17 & 18 August 5-9	Confirmation Camp Day Camp at Waypost Vacation Bible School

# SUMMER WORK OPPORTUNITY

Crossways Waypost Camp in Hatley is currently interviewing male and female cabin leaders as well as camp support staff, 18 years and older, for summer employment. Those interested are encouraged to contact Crossways Camping Ministries at www.crosswayscamps.org/join-oursummer-staff.html.

# **APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT—YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2019**



Saint Andrew is currently planning for a group of youth and adults to return to Kentucky this summer to help bring hope and warmth to people in need through the Appalachia Service Project. The trip will be *June 22-28, 2019*. Basic requirements for the trip are that you have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade and have a willing attitude with an open heart. Expenses for the week will be approximately

\$250 or less with fundraising participation. Scholarship support is available. In addition to youth, adult leaders are required and needed for the teams. Please contact the church office if you are interested or have any questions. Registration is available online at www-salc-wausau.org or at the Information Desk in the Narthex. Watch for fundraising opportunities in the near future!

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WOMEN OF THE ELCA SPRING EVENT	SAINT ANDREW SPEN	DING PLA	N
<i>"Knowing the God of our past and the God of our future" - Susan Perry, Author</i>	Looking back at January		Where your treasure is,
<i>Saturday, April 16, 8 am-1 pm</i> Susan Perry is the auther of "From Beneath the	Average attendance	412	there your HEART
Tarp" - a true story of one woman's journey	Your gifts returned to God	\$102,880	will be also.
through the realities of domestic violence. All	Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	60,097	and the second second
women are invited to attend this event at	Gifts greater than costs	\$ 42,783	
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 709 Weston Avenue, Wausau. Please call Pilgrim Lutheran Church to register at 715-842-4544.	For more information, please see bulletin board just or		
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	Time	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Team 3	Team 3	Team 4	Team 4
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Tipple	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	А
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Eleanor Schwantes Herb Heyne	Duane Zietlow Alex Cappel	Faith Martinson Mark Clark	Julie Spalding Dewey Allen	Dick Jarvis Nate Card
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Czerwinski Mielke   Clark	Dotseth Paisar	Weidman Alafouzos	Bickford   Jacobson Beyer	Howe Frolik
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Jarvis Frolik   Mielke	Matushak Clemment	Stangel Gnatz	Breese   Spiegel Willems	Sitko Willems
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Frolik	Clemment	Miller   Alafouzos	Spiegel	Wittich   McDonald

# **ASSISTING IN MARCH**

# LECTIONARY READINGS

March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Exodus 34:29-35	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Isaiah 55:1-9	Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 99	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Psalm 27	Psalm 63:1-8	Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 3:124:2 Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]	Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13	Philippians 3:174:1 Luke 13:31-35	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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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:

Henry William Zastrow - January 13 Kinzley Marie Remondini - January 13 Eleanor Jean Waraksa - February 10 Amelia Ray Wagner - March 10

#### For Weddings:

In celebration for lives joined together in the covenant of marriage, we pray especially for: Scott & Trena Williamson - January 19

# **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	Jay	Nikki	Yvonne	Angie & Laura
Ali	Jennifer	Pam	Laura	Barb
Alice	Jerome	Phil	Frank	Lorissa
Amy	Jim	Robin	Pam	Harper
Ashley	Julie	Ron	Helen	Emmerson
Babs	Kristin	Siri	Riley	Jay
Bill	Leann	Tom	Katie	Cullen
Brian	Lynne & Dan	Tony	Joe	Pat
Callie & Zak	Maxine	Zurn	Katie	Phyllis & Family
Charles & Gerry	Meg	Ella	Judy	
Charles	Michael	Amy	Becky	
Ed	Monica	Tom	Dale	

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

5		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
		(ASP Fundraiser)
5	11:30 am	OWLS Group at Pizza Ranch
6	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
10		Pretzel Sunday
10	10:45 am	Lenten Book Study at SALC
13	7:15 pm	Lenten Book Study at SALC
14	7:00 pm	Lenten Book Study at Bull Falls Brewery
13, 20, 27	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Lenten Worship w/Soup & Sandwich
17 & 31	4:00-5:30 pm	First Communion Class

#### **APRIL**

7	4:00-5:00 pm	First Communion Class
14	8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am	Palm Sunday Worship
14	2:00 pm	First Communion Worship
18	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
19	12:5 & 6:15 pm	Good Friday Worship
21	6:00am	Sunrise Easter Worship—Rib Mountain
21	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Easter Worship at SALC
21	7:00-9:30 am	Easter Breakfast at SALC



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