



Network April 17, 2020

Imperishable Easter

Why doesn't Easter feel like Easter?

The April snow is strangely fitting for this time when we are being chased inside. For all my joking about wanting snow on my birthday, even this Minnesota boy is done. Snow, four-walls, face masks, and six feet.

When we first began this endeavor of Safer-at-Home, I grabbed a stack of books and was going to get down to reading and planning and doing everything my little introverted heart desired. But, there is no quiet space in a house where two pastors work in an elementary school with two dogs.

New Normal.

New Normal's require new practices, new devotions, new prayers, new songs. They do not look like the old, they do not sound like the old, but at their core the old hope resounds, beautifully resonant. I don't always find myself reading the letters of Peter, but this Easter I read about, "...a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for [us]." (1 Peter 1:3-4) In the midst of the threat of fading back to winter, of contamination, of milk-dumping, of crashing economies, we have something that will not be changed by the

new normal.

Yet, this is not the Old Normal, waiting for us to return, because what is preserved for us existed then, and it exists now. While the old blurred our visions, the new lets us see what was there. "In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed." (1 Peter 1:6-7) Various trials that help refine our faith, the way metal is melted to remove impurities, are more often than not the search for a new song in a strange landscape.

That new song, once found, is more precious than the old, because through the search we found the true treasure that we thought was lost, but never was.

And, when we sing it Easter feels like Easter again, because it always was.

Imperishable, undefiled, unfading Easter.

Christ is Risen.

Pr. Justin

Midweek Reflection and Sunday Worship

Join us on Facebook live stream for

Midweek Reflection at 12:15 pm on Thursdays and for worship at 9:00 am on Sundays.

You do not need a Facebook account to join in worship. If you do have a Facebook account and "like" the Saint Andrew Facebook Page, you should receive a notification at the beginning of the live stream. Services will remain available on our Facebook page under the "videos" tab along the left side of the page. Click here www.facebook.com/salcwausau/ to watch the live stream or you can watch them anytime following.

God Bless, Keep You, and Bring You Hope & Resurrection

Sparkhouse Family Sunday School

Sunday school is now online! We are inviting families to take advantage of the free Sunday school lesson offered weekly through Sparkhouse. [Click here](#) for the link for this week's material.

Saint Andrew Spending Plan Review

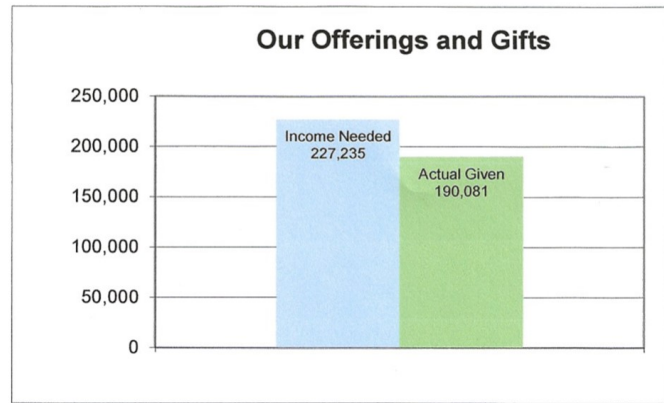
YTD March 2020

A look back at March:

Your gifts returned to God \$ 63,955
 Ministry costs for Saint Andrew 70,934
 Gifts greater (less) than costs \$ (6,979)

Ways to Give

With the church building closed and services being conducted remotely, several members have asked how they can still make their offerings. There are a number of ways you can make your offerings to Saint Andrew. Hopefully you can find a method that works for you.



***Mail an envelope** to church at 150202 County Road NN, Wausau WI 54401

***Send a text** message to 715-800-2369 with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes you will be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or credit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your contribution via email.

***Sign up for TOE** (Transfer Offering Electronically). It's as simple as calling the church office a call with your bank information.

***Use the online system through the church website** (www.salc-wausau.org). Click on the "Giving" tab near the top on the home page and select "Online Giving". Set up a profile with a password and complete the required banking information. You can then set up a direct debit to your checking or savings account to make your contribution. You can also use a credit card, but then fees are deducted from your contribution. It can be set up to make a fixed amount each week or each month on the date you choose. You can change the amount or date at any time by going back into the system.

***Use the Bill Pay** feature on the On-Line Banking System offered by your financial institution to send an on-going or one-time electronic payment to Saint Andrew. Not all banks may be able to do this. This gives you the option to change the amount every month, stop the payment for a month or two, or stop using this method and going to another.

Wausau Warming Center Current Needs

The Wausau Warming Center is still open during this critical time of Safer at Home order and currently have several guests using the facility. If you would like to help, monetary gifts are needed at this time to provide the noon meals, which are being purchased each day from local businesses. Any monetary donations can be sent to Catholic Charities, 540 S. 3rd Ave., with a notation that it is for the Warming Center/Meals. They are also in need of any board games, DVD's, or magazines for guests to use at this time. These items can be brought to the YWCA, 615 N. 5th St., Wausau between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm. Just knock on the door and then place the item on the bench outside the door. If you would like your items returned to you, please put your name and phone number on them. Thank you for your support!



Fair Trade Products

Have you run out of your favorite coffee, tea or chocolate bar? Please consider going online to our supplier, [Equal Exchange](#), where you are able to buy bulk quantities of these products. What does bulk mean? It means buying 6 bags of the same coffee or tea or a dozen of the same chocolate bar. For orders over \$75, shipping is free. For orders under \$75, shipping is \$7.50.

Call for iPhone 7's or Newer

The new software used to stream the worship services on Facebook uses iPhones as the cameras. The software works best if multiple phones are used for different views. Currently personal phones are being loaned for this work, but we would prefer to have some phones that are owned by the church. Do you have an old iPhone 7 or newer you are willing to donate to Saint Andrew? A cellular account isn't needed; they will be used via wi-fi. If you have any questions or have a phone you are willing to donate, please contact Bob at bob.wiederhoeft@gmail.com or Mark at 715-571-0391.

Sewing Face Masks for PPE

The Saint Andrew quilters are making mask kits "ready to sew!" Please contact Linda at the number or email below if you would like to have some kits so they know how many to make. If you are able to safely do so, Linda will be available at the church parking lot on Fridays through April from 3:30-4:00 pm with mask kits to be sewn and to pick up masks that are completed. Please put completed masks in a plastic bag and label with the number of masks made and the name and phone number of the maker. Please return completed masks to Linda as soon as possible so that they can get to those who need them.



If you are unable to meet Linda at this day and time, if you have any questions, or would like some kits, please contact her at lindaksp@aol.com or at **715-573-4866**.

Thank you and bless you for your help and support.



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