

# Network



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## *Seasonal Reflections by Pastor Craig*

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." So says the writer of the book Ecclesiastes. With the arrival of September comes another season and time for every matter in the church. A time for choirs to resume, a time to add a third Sunday worship service, a time for bible studies, Sunday school and confirmation sessions to begin, a time for weddings (several this year August through October), church picnic, Rally Sunday, "God's Work-Our Hands." It is a time for kids to return to school and others off to college. Football resumes and the dramatic plot of the political campaign thickens (as if we need more of what we have already endured). It is a busy but rewarding time of the year with many opportunities to return to a pattern of gathering together to do the work of the church and share in the fellowship that results. Inside this issue, you will discover many opportunities, programs and activities that allow you to get involved and stay connected. Perhaps you would like to help in a Sunday school classroom, in the nursery or with the newly implemented "First Faith" class for 2-3 year olds. You might feel the nudge to become a mentor for confirmation students, sing in the choir, ring a hand bell, become a worship leader (communion server, lector, worship assistant, acolyte, greeter, usher). You might help out with baking cookies or join a study group. The options are many and the reward is great for those who get involved in sharing what God has provided in abundance.

While the Time and Talent effort does not take place until after January, the changing of a season is a good time to become involved and deepen your experience within the life of the church. Fall is also a time to begin thinking about the next calendar year and the budgeting process that will support the work we do together. It is exciting to consider many have helped support the church over the summer and we are in a much healthier position entering the fall than in most previous years. Thank you! With that in mind, we can be a bit less stressed and a bit more open to growing possibilities rather than fearing what is yet to be.

As we transition into another season, know that we do so guided by a God who is the author of seasons and knows the value of leaning into the next season with encouragement and hopeful anticipation. Please look carefully into the pages that follow and be informed of the upcoming opportunities to support individuals and families for the sake of deepening faith and growing in our response for the abundance of life God in Christ Jesus provides. Welcome to the seasonal shift and the excitement of what is yet to come.

### ***Rally Sunday, September 11***

Sunday school begins with the addition of  
"First Faith" class for children  
ages 2-3 (*See p. 4*)

"God's Work. Our Hands."

Annual Church Picnic

### ***Worship Schedule Changes***

**Sunday, September 18**

8:00, 9:30 and 10:45 am



***Weekly Worship***

**Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 and 9:30 am**

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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### Quilt & School Bag Kits, Supplies

Thank you to all who have picked up a quilt or school bag kit or have taken a tag from the pull tag board for supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Please return all items by **Sunday, September 11**. Look for the quilts and school bags to be displayed in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 18 before they are shipped to LWR the following week.

### A Great Day at the SALC Golf Outing

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Saint Andrew Golf Outing and to those who donated prizes. The winners were: **1st place**—Tom Weidman, Ralph Weidman, Casey Christian and Dave Mueller; **2nd place**— Fred Kirsch, Charles Kirsch, Jim Taylor and Phil Pagel; **3rd place**— Bill Radloff, Isaac Radloff, Ruth and Roger Poutenan.

### Play Group at SALC

**Friday, September 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 Friday of each month**.

### Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Sunday, September 18** to help offset the shipping costs for LWR school bags and quilts.

### Fair Trade

Fair Trade products will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, September 18**.

## "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS" - SEPTEMBER 11

Saint Andrew is one of many congregations in the ELCA participating in "God's work. Our hands." service day on Sunday, September 11. The service projects are intended to make a positive change in communities, build and deepen relationships, and share God's love.

Saint Andrew is organizing volunteers to donate and deliver food to the local Fire Stations in honor of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 911. Included will be thank you cards to the fire fighters to let them know how much their service to our community is appreciated.

Families are encouraged to get involved by either donating items or homemade salads and desserts, helping to package meals, delivering the lunches to the stations or making a card. A sign-up board is located in the Fellowship Hall. A card making station will be available in the Fellowship Hall August 21 – September 4.

Special "God's work. Our hands." t-shirts are available for \$8.00.



### LOCAL BACK PACK PANTRIES

There are many students in our area school districts who go home for the weekends to empty cupboards. Wausau West and DC Everest High School Back Pack Pantries serve students in need who can receive items that fit discreetly in their back pack to hold them through the weekend. As a part of SALC **"Gods Work. Our Hands."** **Sunday (September 11)** and community outreach, a tag board is available in the Fellowship Hall with non-perishable food items needed for distribution.

### CHURCH PICNIC

**Sunday, September 11—10:45 am**

Time to celebrate the end of summer and the return to fall programming. The church picnic will take place in the Fellowship Hall and on the Celebration Patio. Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name:

**A-M dessert; N-Z salad or side dish.**

**Volunteers Needed:** Please contact the office to help with set-up or clean-up.



### CHOIRS REHEARSE

It's that time of year when the sounds of the Saint Andrew choirs can be heard! New voices and ringers are always welcome! Stop in at any rehearsal to be a part of a most rewarding time singing and playing and praising God! Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings **beginning September 7:**

**Handbell Choir: 5:15 pm**

**Chancel Choir: 6:30 pm**



### Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of David Miller, Shelly Parsells, Roger Stromming & Mary Patefield and also in honor of Nick Anderson & Janet Reiss. Thank you for all gifts received in honor or in memory of someone special.

### CROP Walk 2016

**October 2, 1 pm**

Make plans to participate in Wausau's 2016 CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk at Marathon Park. Watch for more information soon. If interested in participating or assisting with the walk.

### Blood Pressure Checks

SALC volunteers are available in the Bethlehem Room on the *3rd Sunday* of each month, 9-9:30 am, to assist you in a free blood pressure check. These are not diagnostic but informative. No sign up necessary. 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 make every effort to respond in a timely fashion. If you or a family member is in need of pastoral care, please contact the church office.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on **Sundays, October 2 and 9 at 10:45 am** in the Chapel. New members will then be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **October 16**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by *Friday, October 7* so the appropriate amount of materials can be prepared.

## CENTRAL LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

† *Do you wish for a greater understanding of what it means to be Lutheran?* † *Are you continuing to look for meaning and God's purpose in your life?*

In our ever-changing society, there is a growing need for empowered and equipped laity. The Central Lay School of Ministry offers just that! We are blessed to offer theological education specially formatted for the busy lay person at Saint Andrew. Classes begin September 16.

For more information and to register go to the Lay School of Ministry website, [wausaulayschool.org](http://wausaulayschool.org).

## BIBLE AND BOOK STUDIES RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

**Men's Bible Study** meets Wednesdays beginning, **September 14 at 6:45 and 10 am** (two separate opportunities). Join Pastor Craig for breakfast (6:45 am) and conversation around God's word as we consider the text for the coming week. "The Master Builders Bible" is the resource for conversation. Bibles will be available for participants so please contact the church office to request that one be made available for you.

**Women's Bible Study** meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12:15 pm, beginning **Wednesday, September 21**. "Gather" magazine is the resource for the study and is available for \$15 for an annual subscription. Email [joy@salc-wausau.org](mailto:joy@salc-wausau.org) for the link to subscribe. Bring a bible.

**Reading Reflections** is a group of ladies who meet **Tuesdays at 9:00 am**. Build friendship and join the conversation at this peer led study group where a variety of books or video resources are utilized to deepen faith.

**Adult Sunday School** resumes **September 18 at 9:30 am**. Participants study a variety of scripture passages through conversation and teaching utilizing the International Bible Study curriculum. Bring your bible and meet in the Parish Room—just off the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday Evening Bible Study** resumes **September 18 at 6:30 pm**. Together we will take an in-depth journey into the gospel of Matthew. Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn share leadership for this study of the book that will shape worship for the year beginning November 27.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

### New This Fall—First Faith Sunday School Class for 2-3 Year Olds!

*Are you wrestling with your children while wrestling with the scripture? Do you want to nurture your faith during worship while your children begin to form their own faith? Then **First Faith Sunday School** might be what you need!*

**What is it?** An opportunity for pre-school children ages 2 through 3 years old to build a foundation of faith through story time, songs, prayer and play.

**When is it?** During the 9:30 am worship service, the First Faith Sunday School class will begin after the children's message and end at the prayers of intercession. The first class will begin on **September 11**. Parents are encouraged to stay and participate on the first day!

**What about the nursery?** The nursery will still be staffed with volunteers during the 9:30 am worship service and can be used throughout the service or as an option before/after the First Faith class.

**Interested?** No registration necessary! There will be a sign-up sheet in the classroom each week.

Interested in volunteering in the nursery or the First Faith class? Contact the church office at 715-842-3333.

### Sunday School and Rally Day Information for Grades Pre-K through 6

#### September 11, 9:30-10:30 am

**Sunday school begins in worship at 9:30 am.** Children are dismissed to classrooms following the children's message. On the first day of Sunday school parents are invited to walk their child to the classroom to meet their teacher, other parents, and their classmates. Registration forms can be picked up at Saint Andrew or downloaded from the website: [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org).

**Caring adults are needed to help with Sunday School!** Particularly for grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. If you are interested in being available to "fill in" as needed or if you would consider a job-share, please contact the church office to express your willingness.

### Confirmation Announcements—Grades 7-9

**Wednesday, September 7, 6:15 pm**—Orientation and Registration for **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students** and their parents. Regular classes begin September 16, 6:15—7:30 pm.

**Wednesdays, September 28, October 5 & 12—7:30-8:30 pm**—**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** students meet to work on faith statements. A confirmation retreat will be held October 15-16 at Waypost and participation is expected.

**Is God calling you to lead? Consider being a confirmation mentor.** Pastor Craig and Pastor Jenn teach confirmation, but caring adults are needed to lead the small group component of the evening. All of the information is provided in advance.

**Mailings** with more detailed information have been sent. If you have not received information, please contact the church office.

### Looking Ahead-Christian Education Dates...

**Check out the full Christian Education Calendar at [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org) or stop by the Information Desk!**

**September 21**—Acolyte Training—Grades 5-8, 5:30 pm

**September 25**—2<sup>nd</sup> grade students receive Bibles, 8 and 9:30 am worship

**October 30**—Confirmation Worship—Grade 9, 2 pm

**December 11**—Sunday School Christmas Program (*Time to be determined*)

*"You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. **Teach them to your children**, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."*

*(Deuteronomy 11:18-19)*

## STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT

Thank you for your generous support! All gifts are gladly received as support for the life and ministry of Christ's church through Saint Andrew. This is how staff, facility and program needs are met and expanded beyond the walls of the church. In October, members will receive a pledge packet in the mail. The mailing will include one card to help simplify your pledge of support. Pledge Cards will be received as an act of worship on November 3 and 6. Quarterly envelope packets will include additional opportunities to contribute gifts of support for Mortgage Debt Reduction, World Hunger and Lutheran World Relief as you desire. All gifts are expressions of gratitude for what God generously provides.

Thank you for the support you regularly provide as well as pledged support for the year ahead.

## WARMING CENTER

SALC Social ministry is looking for adults who are interested in volunteering to staff the Wausau Warming Center from 8 pm to 8 am, working two -hour shifts. The goal is to create a team of 12 volunteers from Saint Andrew. The center is offering five training dates from 5-7 pm: September 14, 22 and 27, October 6 and 20. You only need to attend one. If you are interested in volunteering contact the church office at 715-842-3333. The Warming Center is located at 540 S. 3rd Avenue, Wausau. Thank you for your time and interest in giving back to the Wausau community!

## ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Date	Worship Time	Altar Guild	Usher Team	Lay Readers	Greeters	Fellowship
September 4	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Johnson	<i>Open to Volunteer</i>	Dick Jarvis & Jim Jacobson Susie & Ashley Soukup	Dick & Mary Jarvis Russ & Alice Van Skike
September 11	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	Shepherd	Dan Malm Jayne Germinaro	Mark & Pam Czerwinski Amy & Jesse Frolik	Sid & Leslie Sorensen <b>Church Picnic</b>
September 18	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 3	A	Diane Goetsch Michael Johnson	Kim & Cindy Skadah John & Jayme Rusinek	Ray & Teri Skare Terry & June Grabau
September 25	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	B	Gary Hibbard Lynn Lawson	Mike & Jeannine Matushak Dave & Sue Paisar	Mike & Jeannine Matushak Jason & DeDe Gnatz

## LECTIONARY READINGS

September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

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<b>4</b> 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM AA, Alaron & Alateen Meetings <b>Labor Day Holiday - Church Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	<b>7</b> 5:15 PM Handbell Choir <b>6:15 PM 7th&amp;8th Grade Parents &amp; Students Confirmation Orientation</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	<b>9</b> <b>10:00 AM Play Group</b> 5:00 PM Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 2:00 PM Woller-Drake Wedding 4:00 PM Sneider-Kolbe Wedding
<b>11</b> 8:00 AM WORSHIP <b>9:30 AM Rally Sunday School Classes Begin</b> 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM SALC Annual Church Picnic <b>ELCA God's Work. Our Hands Day</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 PM AA, Alaron & Alateen Meetings	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group <b>6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings</b>	<b>14</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir <b>6:15 PM 7th&amp;8th Grade Confirmation Classes Begin</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 12:15 PM WORSHIP 5:00 PM Rehearsal 6:15 PM WORSHIP	<b>16</b> 2:30 PM Spoegel-Burnett Wedding 5:30 PM Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 2:00 PM Breunig-Steizel Wedding
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<b>25</b> 8:00 AM WORSHIP <b>9:30 AM Sunday School Classes</b> 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study <b>2nd Gr Bibles at Worship</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM AA, Alaron & Alateen Meetings	<b>27</b> 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	<b>28</b> 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir <b>6:15 PM 7th&amp;8th Grade Confirmation Classes</b> 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM 9th Grade Faith Statement Writing	<b>29</b> 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP	<b>30</b>	



## A BAPTISM PRAYER

*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:*

Eleanor Marie Seubert - August 7  
Owen Tate Bradford - August 11  
Piper Lynn Block - August 28  
Owen Matthew Van Lieshout - August 28  
Grant Michael Bartels - September 4  
Brinley Sue Grabowski - September 11  
Sawyer Douglas Stewart - September 11  
Emma Claire Rusinek - October 2

## A WEDDING PRAYER

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

Glen & Pauline Hartman - August 13  
Jake & Michelle Jensen - August 20  
Nate & Jessica Bartz - August 26  
Beth Woller & Jesse Drake - September 10  
Jacob Kolbe & Dana Sneider - September 10  
Brittany Speigel & Erich Burnett - September 16  
Aaron Stelzel & Jianna Breunig - September 17  
Janet Reiss & Nick Anderson - September 24  
Brittney Josiger & Eric Behrens - October 15

## WE PRAY...

*for the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:*

Shelly Jo Parsells  
Ervin E. Murkowski

## 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	Jean	Patricia	Yvonne	Brian
Annie	Jennette	Robin	Dixie	Jerry
Babs	Jennifer	Roland	Laura	Owen
Barb	Jerry	Steve	Bob	Brinley
Callie & Zak	John	Tom	Frank	Camden
Carrie	Judy	William	Pam	
Charles & Gerry	Karen	Ella	Kim	
Dennis	Kevin	Clayton	Bonnie	
Elaine	Lynn	Amy	Angie	
Elsie	Lynne & Dan	Charlotte	Ruth	
Gene & Gin	Marta	Meg	Mary	
Irma	Monica	Tom	John	

*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!

September 7	5:15 pm	Handbell Rehearsal Begins
September 7	6:15 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades Confirmation Orientation
September 7	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal Begins
September 9	10:00 am	Play Group
September 11		"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday
September 11	9:30 am	Rally Sunday/Sunday School Classes Begin
September 11	10:45 am	Annual Church Picnic
September 13	6:30 pm	Ministry Night Meetings
September 14	6:45 & 10 am	Men's Bible Study Begins
September 14	6:15 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades Confirmation Classes Begin
September 18	8:00, 9:30 & 10:45	Fall Worship Schedule Begins
		Sunday Morning Bible Study Begins
September 18	6:30 pm	Sunday Evening Bible Study Begins
September 21	12:15 pm	Women's Bible Study Begins
September 21	5:30 pm	Acolyte Training
September 25	8 & 9:30 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Students Receive Bibles
September 28	7:30 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Statement Writing
October 2	1:00 pm	CROP Walk for World Hunger
October 5 & 12	7:30 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Statement Writing
October 15 & 16		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
October 26	6:30 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rehearsal/Pictures
October 30	2:00 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Worship