

Network



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Grounded in Love—Pastor Jenn

Are you a time traveler, too?? Not literally, of course. But here is really what I am asking: do you find yourself focused more on the present, the past, or the future? It's a wonder that our brains have the capacity to process time on a linear scale!

One morning I might wake up with my mind fully focused in the future—with all of the good intentions for how the day will be spent or what the outcomes might look like to some of the dreams that I dream. And there are other days where my occupation lies with the past. I find myself missing people or wishing things had gone another way. Still at other times the present moment might occupy my thoughts: What needs to be done now? What can I do today? What choice can I make in the present moment? I struggle with staying grounded in the present the most, and I have a feeling I am not alone!

A technique called "grounding" can help a person come into the present moment—particularly when anxiety is working its woe. It's a simple thing to practice and we are wired with everything we need. All you do is employ your senses to get you focused on the present moment and away from where your anxiety may have taken you backward into the past or far forward into the future. What do you see? What color are the walls? What's on the table? Or in the picture hanging over there? What do you hear? From the hum of the HVAC to the distant sound of traffic or the cough of a co-worker? What can you touch? Smell? Taste? And so on...

The season of Easter is seven weeks long—a week of weeks. Although we may be tempted to rush to put away the decorations and get ready for the next "thing" we have time to dwell in the Alleluias of Easter morning. The passages of scripture that we will encounter in worship are meant to be grounding—and they do this by focusing us on love. Each week in the season of Easter the word *love* shows up in the gospel lesson in word or action.

- Easter 2: John 20:19-31—When Thomas' heart isn't catching up with where the rest of the disciples have experienced the resurrection, Jesus appears and invites Thomas into a grounding experience: "Put your hands in my side. See the marks of the nails!" Jesus invites.
- Easter 3: John 21:1-9—Jesus says to Peter, "*Simon son of John, do you love me?*"
- Easter 4: John 10:22-30 —Jesus knows the sheep and gives them eternal life.
- Easter 5: John 13:31-35—"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another."
- Easter 6: John 14:23-29—"Those who love me will keep my word."
- Easter 7: John 17:20-26— Jesus prays, "... so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

As part of the continued celebration of Easter, I would invite you to be grounded in love. Where do you see it? Where can you touch it or hear it? And if it can't be seen, or felt, or heard—where might you share it? Check out some opportunities to be grounded in love around church this month.

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 am

~Sunday School Concludes, Sunday May 19~

Sunday Summer Worship Times

8:00 and 9:30 am
(10:45 worship will continue in the fall)

Thursday Worship All Year

12:15 and 6:15 pm



OWLS

Tuesday, May 7

Join the OWLS for a potluck lunch at 11:30 followed by fellowship around board games. Bring your favorite game!



Ministry Night Meetings

Second Tuesday of Each Month-6:30 pm

All are invited to attend the ministry meeting of your choice (Faith Formation, Fellowship, Finance, Outreach, Personnel, Property, Worship or Youth) on Ministry Night. Learn how your gifts and talents can be used toward the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew.

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on *Thursday and Sunday, May 16 & 19* in support of ELCA Good Gifts: God's global barnyard. To learn more click here: <http://www.elca.org/elcagoodgifts>.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available **May 19, 9:00-9:30 am** in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

Fair Trade Products

will be available for purchase on **Sunday, May 19**. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

SPRING TREASURE SALE

Thursday & Friday, May 2 & 3, 8:30 am-5:30 pm

Sunday, May 5 Following Worship

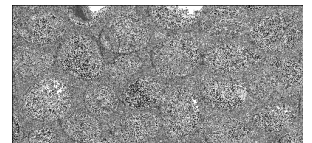
Bring in your gently used donations for the Treasure Sale then come back and shop for new treasures! Donated items should be in good working order and in very good condition. The following items will not be accepted: computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances or exercise equipment. A free-will donation will be received for most items. All donations will support the summer VBS program at SALC.



KINDNESS ROCKS

Sunday, May 5, 10:45 am; Parish Room

Come paint kindness rocks to share with your family, friends and the community. Fun for all ages! (Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.) Create beautiful stones and leave them in places around the community for people to find. The rocks can inspire or make a person smile.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

May 9 and May 12, 2019

A special congregational meeting has been scheduled for a congregational vote on the following two items:

- 1) **Call The Reverend Jenn Collins as Lead Pastor of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, and**
- 2) **Approve the changes necessary to bring the Saint Andrew Lutheran Church Constitution into conformity** with the model constitution of the ELCA and approve the amendments to provisions and addition of bylaws as submitted and approved by council on Feb 13, 2019. (A summary of constitutional changes and a complete annotated copy of the changes is available at SALC-Wausau.org and available for review at the information desk in the narthex.)

Voting will take place by ballot at the worship services on Thursday, May 9 and Sunday, May 12, 2019. Voting members will be required to register as they enter worship and will be given a ballot for voting. Ballots will be held and tallied after the completion of the 9:30 worship on Sunday, April 12. No absentee or proxy ballots are permitted.

Check It Out...From the SALC Library

Now in the Library for Parents and Teens

Did you know there are 26 colleges and universities of the ELCA? A display featuring literature from each of these institutions is in the Fellowship Hall for the next few weeks.

There will be a drawing for students who explore the information. Anyone who previously attended any of these colleges are invited to sign their name on the form provided.

SALC Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Peggy Reno, Sheri Kreft and Ardis McCain. 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, Wausau 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.

NETWORK DISTRIBUTION CHANGES

Due to increased mailing costs, beginning in the summer the monthly "Network" newsletter will be automatically emailed to those we have an email for in our database. The following will be the options to receive the Network:

1. Electronically through email distribution
2. On the www.salc-wausau.org website
3. A printed paper copy to be picked up at Saint Andrew
4. Printed and mailed to you

If you prefer not to receive it via email, please contact the church office to let us know. To continue receiving a paper copy, please contact the church office to let us know that preference as well.

Call: 715-842-3333 or email: office@salc-wausau.org

OUTREACH MINISTRY RETURNS

Outreach Ministry was re-activated by church council at the February meeting. It will be responsible for these current SALC programs: greeters, new member orientation, funeral luncheons, wellness programs, blood drives, and our work with our companion congregation in Zeerust. The ministry will also be working closely with Faith Formation Ministry to start new programs such as member milestone recognition, high school graduation, confirmation recognition, birth and anniversary announcements, and peer mentoring for new members.

The Ministry is in need of members who will help coordinate and participate in these areas as well as develop other new programs that will reach out to our members and people in our neighborhood and greater community.

If you would like to join this ministry team please send an email to office@salc-wausau.org.

Tammy Schilling will serve as the council liaison to this ministry and will work with the support of the Faith Formation Ministry and council to bring energy and new life to this vital part of SALC ministry.

THANK YOU!

Social Ministry would like to give a big "Thank You" to the 33 volunteers from SALC, who made this past year at the Wausau Warming Center a huge success. Over 150 people from the Wausau area spent at least one night over the winter months at the WWC. Social Ministry from SALC has teamed with Catholic Charities to send a six- person team to work at the WWC almost every Friday night. Our 33 volunteers also filled in as needed in the WWC daily schedule. The Wausau Warming Center team from SALC has made a big impact on the success of the WWC and we are grateful to all our volunteers for all they do. For anyone wishing to become involved with the WWC, it takes twelve volunteers each day to keep the center open from 6:30 pm to 8:00 am from November 1 through April 30 each year. Please contact the church office if you would like to become involved in this mission.

A NOTE FROM OUR COMPANION CHURCH IN ZEERUST

Dear Pastor Jenn Collins; Tammy Schilling (*SALC Outreach Ministry*) and all brothers and sisters at Saint Andrew

As we approach one of the critical periods in our Christian life and calendar, we send our greetings in His holy name. May the good Lord bless all during this period as we remember the sacrifice made on our behalf.

In Zeerust we have a new pastor as pastor Motswasele has gone on retirement. Pastor Kwadi who is the Dean's deputy is serving us. He is based at Mokgola as his main parish but also assist Zeerust. We are still committed to our visit to Saint Andrew in 2020. We look forward a successful visit.

With kind regards

Benjamin

DAY CAMP AND VBS

Summer is coming, it's time for camp and VBS!

Feeling like your child could use a full day experience?

New this year, 2nd - 5th graders and their friends are invited to **Day Camp with Crossways, July 16, 17, 18!** A bus will leave Saint Andrew at 9 am each day and head to Waypost Camp on Mission Lake in Hatley, WI. Camp counselors and chaperones from church are excited to lead children in prayer, learning, playing, and hiking! Camp kids will return to Saint Andrew around 4 pm each afternoon. The cost is \$27 per child.

Get ready and invite your friends to church for **Vacation Bible School, August 5-9**. The cost is \$15 per child. Activities will be geared towards early elementary students ages 4-7. Older children are always welcome to join in the fun or volunteer. Adult and student volunteers can sign up at the Information Desk.

Registration forms for both VBS and Day Camp will be available on the Information Desk by mid-May.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, May 19

Last Day of Sunday School

Monday-Saturday, June 10-15

Confirmation Camp

Tuesday-Thursday

July 16, 17 & 18

Day Camp at Waypost Camp

Monday-Friday, August 5-9

Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, September 4

Confirmation Orientation

Sunday, September 8

Rally Day

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT—YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP 2019

Appalachia Service Project is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in Central Appalachia.

-ASP Mission Statement



We are excited that the 2019 Youth Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip is just a couple of months away. Fund raising activities are underway and the youth are excited about helping others and showing the world that they care. Besides fund raising dollars the trip has another need – transportation. Due to the size of the work crews and the need to be able to get seven people to each job site we need to have vehicles that can hold at least seven people. Currently we have access to two high capacity vehicles, but need to have one more high capacity vehicle, either minivan or SUV. Vehicles would only be used to transport people and would not be used to transport construction materials. If you think you may be able to help with our transportation needs, please contact Mark Clark (715-571-0391) or Pastor Jenn for more details.

ECSW SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The regional expression of the church will meet in Appleton May 17 & 18 to worship together, conduct church business, and learn more about how “We are Church for the Sake of the World”. Please pray for Saint Andrew’s voting members who will attend on behalf of the congregation. This year the outreach project for the assembly will be partnering with ELCA Good Gifts—our noisy offering this month will contribute to this project!

SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at March...

Average attendance	617
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 68,800
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>62,191</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 6,609

Where your
treasure is,
there your
HEART
will be also.
MATTHEW 6:21

For more information, please see the Finance and Stewardship bulletin board just outside the office.

ASSISTING IN MAY

	Time	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Team 2	Team 3	Team 3
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	A
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Ray Skare Tammy Schilling	Dave Mueller Dan Malm	Gary Hibbard Cheryl Allen	<i>Call to Volunteer</i>
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Jacobson Lawson	Rickstad Mann Nelson Wittich	Weidman Widman	Garton Soukup
Nursery	9:30 am	Lancelle	Tyjeski	Watford	_____
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Rickstad Clemment	Matushak Willems	Rusch Gnatz	Mueller Smith
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Rickstad	Clemment	Miller Rusch	Fehrman

LECTIONARY READINGS

May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19	Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22- -22:5 John 14:23-29

May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>April</div> <div>SMTWTFS</div> <div>123456</div> <div>78910111213</div> <div>14151617181920</div> <div>21222324252627</div> <div>282930</div>	<div>June</div> <div>SMTWTFS</div> <div>2345678</div> <div>9101112131415</div> <div>16171819202122</div> <div>23242526272829</div> <div>30</div>	<div>7</div> <div>6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study</div> <div>9:30 AM Women's Lectionary Bible Study</div> <div>10:00 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>11:00 AM Women's Gather Bible Study</div> <div>5:15 PM Handbell Choir</div> <div>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study</div> <div>9:30 AM Women's Lectionary Bible Study</div> <div>10:00 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>5:15 PM Handbell Choir</div> <div>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>9</div> <div>12:15 PM WORSHIP & Special Congregational Meeting</div> <div>6:15 PM WORSHIP & Special Congregational Meeting</div>	<div>10</div> <div>5:00 PM Lay School Classes</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:00 AM Lay School Classes</div>
<div>5</div> <div>8:00 AM WORSHIP</div> <div>9:30 AM WORSHIP</div> <div>9:40 AM Sunday School Classes</div> <div>10:45 AM Kindness Rocks</div>	<div>6</div> <div>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9:00 AM Reading Reflections</div> <div>11:30 AM OWLS Potluck & Games</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study</div> <div>9:30 AM Women's Lectionary Bible Study</div> <div>10:00 AM Men's Bible Study</div> <div>5:15 PM Handbell Choir</div> <div>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>9</div> <div>12:15 PM WORSHIP & Special Congregational Meeting</div> <div>6:15 PM WORSHIP & Special Congregational Meeting</div>	<div>10</div> <div>5:00 PM Lay School Classes</div>	<div>11</div> <div>8:00 AM Lay School Classes</div>
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<div>19</div> <div>8:00 AM WORSHIP</div> <div>9:30 AM Worship w/ Recognition of Graduates</div> <div>9:40 AM Sunday School Classes</div>	<div>20</div> <div>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9:00 AM Reading Reflections</div> <div>10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief</div>	<div>22</div> <div>6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study</div> <div>9:30 AM Women's Lectionary Bible Study</div> <div>10:00 AM Men's Bible Study</div>	<div>23</div> <div>12:15 PM WORSHIP</div> <div>6:15 PM WORSHIP</div> <div>7:00 PM Council Meeting</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>26</div> <div>8:00 AM WORSHIP</div> <div>9:30 AM WORSHIP</div>	<div>27</div> <div>7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings</div> <div>Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office Closed</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9:00 AM Reading Reflections</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>12:15 PM WORSHIP</div> <div>6:15 PM WORSHIP</div>	<div>31</div>	

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ECSW Synod Assembly Convention

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:

Amelia Ray Wagner - March 10

Merly Ann Hilmerhausen - April 27

Georgia Law Hagenbucher - June 23

For Weddings:

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

Tara Wold and Ryan Brummer - June 22

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	Ed	Nancy	Zurn	Katie
Ali	Jennifer	Nikki	Ella	Judy
Alice	Jim	Pam	Amy	Becky
Ashley	Kristin	Phil	Tom	Dale
Babs	Kristine & Family	Rachel	Yvonne	Angie & Laura
Bev	Leann	Robin	Laura	Barb
Bill	Lynne & Dan	Ron	Frank	Harper
Brian	Maxine	Shirley	Pam	Emmerson
Callie & Zak	Meg	Siri	Helen	Cullen
Charles & Gerry	Michael	Tom	Riley	Jay
Charles	Michelle	Tony	Katie	Julie
Dean	Monica	Zoe	Joe	Irene

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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Dave Mueller, *Sexton*

Upcoming Events/Activities

May

2 & 3	8:30 am-5:30 pm	Treasure Sale
5	8:00 am	Treasure Sale
5	10:45 am	Kindness Rocks
7	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck and Games
9	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Special Congregational Meeting
12	8 & 9:30 am	Special Congregational Meeting
19		Recognition of Graduates
19		Last Day of Sunday School

JUNE

10-15	Confirmation Camp at Waypost Camp, Hatley
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JULY

16-18	Day Camp at Waypost Camp, Hatley
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