

Network



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Network Note from Pastor Jenn

Is it up there? Some other place? Do we fly away above our bodies to meet Jesus? Can our loved ones see us when they have gone before? Martin Luther thought of heaven as part of our existence here and now, in this present life. Since God is omnipresent and everywhere—then God is here and we are with God. In that view, heaven begins in baptism where we are “free from sin and death” by being joined to the death and resurrection of Jesus. In this view we are but a breath away from the saints triumphant—those we love who have died and now live in the fullness of God’s presence.

Jürgen Moltmann, a German reformed theologian of the 20th century, thought of heaven as the world’s future suggesting that God has granted potentiality for the earth to transform itself. With the state of things politically, environmentally, and even, in our own experiences of brokenness, this one can feel much harder to believe. To quote pop singer Belinda Carlisle circa 1987, will heaven ever be “a place on earth?”

The promise of Heaven is a great comfort because it allows us to hope that our loved ones who have died are no longer in pain, no longer suffering, and no longer weighted down by the anchor of this fragile and frail mortal life. Promised by the resurrection of Jesus, Heaven is present with us now but also not yet fully revealed. For the fullness of heaven, we wait for Christ to come again with hope—and for our own resurrection and the promises of baptism fulfilled in death.

While some have glimpsed heaven in their own near death experiences, for many of us, we rely on the promise of heaven from what the Bible says. We don’t know... but we believe. We sense that there is not “nothing” that awaits us. But rather, that the “something” God promises is worth the wait.

From the scriptures Christians get four dominant images or symbols of what heaven is like: joyful worship (Rev. 21:21), God’s visible presence (1 Cor. 13:12), the garden of paradise where enemies are friends (Luke 23:43), and the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:1-4). Theologian Ted Peters says this of the new Jerusalem: “When it comes it means salvation: the healing of sorrow, the drying of tears, the forgetting of suffering, and dwelling in safety with God forever.”

The first Sunday in November we celebrate **“All Saints Day.”** To quote the communion liturgy, “With the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim... we join their unending hymn” when we come together at the table. The names of those beloved Saints who have gone before us will be printed in the bulletin even as we remember those who have died this year in the faith: Brad, Ross, Peggy, Sherri, Fred, Pam, Sharon, Dan, Bill, Snipe, Beau, Claude, and Barbara. We worship together with them not only on All Saints Sunday, but every single time we worship. The promise is real and is sustaining: Christ gives us life now and forever. Love has conquered death.

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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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God’s work. Our hands.

Weekly Worship

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

**Remembering the Saints during
“All Saints Sunday” Worship**
Thursday, October 31 & Sunday, November 3

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 3 at 2 am
Remember to set your clocks *back one hour.*

**Thanksgiving Eve
Worship**
Wednesday,
November 27, 6:15 pm



Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship: 4, 6, 8 & 10 pm
Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day Worship: 9:30 am

Older Wiser Lutherans!

Tuesday, November 5

11:30 am

The OWLS will meet for a potluck lunch then will have a presentation by Liz Carlson, author of "Scream Quietly" - a book about a Polish family and their faith and how they got through WWII.



Reading Reflections

Tuesdays, 9:00 am

The group will begin a new book, "Who is This Man" by John Ortberg on **Tuesday, November 5**. All are welcome!

Fair Trade Products

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

Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, November 14 & 17** in support of the SALC library.

Christmas Food Baskets

If you or someone you know would appreciate receiving a Christmas Food Basket, please call the church office by **Tuesday, December 18** at 715-842-3333. Baskets will be ready to be picked up on **Saturday, December 21 at 9:30 am**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Saint Andrew is blessed to have the following new members received into its faith family: Karen Lenzner; Kurt & Ericka Moeller, Carter, Kennedy & Cooper; Scott & Ericka Schaefer, Morgan & Brooke; Brad & Kat Yanke. Please give them a warm welcome as you see them at worship and participating in the life of Saint Andrew!

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!

If you have photos of your time at SALC we would love you to share them with us. You can submit them through the SALC website 40th anniversary page. If you have printed copies you would like to share, please e-mail jenna@salc-wausau.org to coordinate a time to drop them off.

HARVEST ITEMS

Bring your pumpkins, gourds, bittersweet, dried flowers, apples or other fall decorations to help complete the Thanksgiving altar display by **Monday, November 4**. A container is available in the Narthex for these items.



SALC's 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The anniversary celebration is in the early planning stages and more people are needed to help out. For more information or to contact us to volunteer you can visit:

www.salc-wausau.org/40th-anniversary. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 12 at 5:00 pm**. All are welcome.

THE GENEROSITY PROJECT: 5G

Saturday, November 16, 10:00-2:00 (includes lunch) at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plover, WI

Congregational teams will immerse in a lively intergenerational workshop where all ages engage with one another about generosity through fun activities and meaningful conversations. This event will provide teams with a way to energize and inspire intergenerational engagement within the congregation.



CREATE AN ADVENT SUCCULENT CENTERPIECE



Monday, November 18, 6:30 pm

Prepare your heart and mind for Christmas with a beautiful twist on the traditional Advent Wreath. Join us in crafting this project while learning more about the significance of the Advent wreath and candles. We'll also share ideas on how to make this tradition more deeply meaningful to you and your family. All supplies will be provided -just bring your creativity! Location: to be determined. Cost: About \$25 Sign up at the Information Desk in the Narthex or register on Facebook.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Saint Andrew's address has changed:

150202 County Rd. NN
Wausau, WI 54401

Has yours changed too? Please email the office at office@salc-wausau.org or fill out a change of address card on the Information Desk.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help beautify the altar at Christmas with a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one. Order forms are available online (salc-wausau.org) and at the Information Desk. Order deadline: **Sunday, December 1.**



Budget Review Meeting

Sunday, December 15, 10:45 am

A special informational meeting will take place on **Sunday, December 15 at 10:45 am** in the Activity Room for anyone who wishes to learn about the budget process. Using giving records for 2019, pledged support for 2020, and ministry needs, a proposed estimated budget will be presented to inform interested members of the anticipated budget for the coming year of ministry. Anyone is welcome to attend this informative meeting and to ask questions about the year ahead before the **Annual Meeting is held on January 26, 2018.**

SALC Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Sharon Bloch and Bill Harvey. 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.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE TOY DRIVE

November 1-30

The Magic Room is a place that kids who are staying at Ronald McDonald House can pick out a special gift to help make their stay just a little better. Help the Ferris family give back to a place that has given them a home away from home each month for the last 2 years. Donations accepted include: non-violent toys for girls and boys of all ages including gift cards for the older kids. A display to receive donations is located in the Fellowship Hall.

HOLIDAY CARE DRIVE

A Holiday Care Drive will take place through **November 24** in conjunction with Faith in Action. Hygiene items as well as non-perishable foods will be collected to benefit local senior residents. A list of needed items and a box to receive them is available in the Fellowship Hall.

FINANCIAL PEACE LIVESTREAM – LIVE!

Wednesday, November 20, 5:45 or 7:45 pm

This is a 3-hour accelerated version of the 9-week Financial Peace University course previously offered at Saint Andrew. The cost is only \$9.99 and you watch it online at home. It is a great way to get a jump start to eliminate debt and build wealth. See the Finance/Stewardship bulletin board or go to www.financialpeace/live for details.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SALC

The 6th annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be prepared by the Social Ministry at Saint Andrew on **Thursday, November 28, 11 am-1 pm**. Whether you are alone or you want to bring your family, whether you are a church member or a member of the community, all are welcome! Tables of all sizes will be set up to accommodate your group, both large and small. Signing up prior to **Sunday, November 24** is greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet to attend or volunteer is available on the Information Desk.

DOOR TRANSITION

The Safety Task force, Shannon, Pr. Jenn and Council Executive Committee have created communication regarding the door transition. Following council review and approval, please be on the lookout for an e-mail that will address some procedural changes regarding access to the building during business hours and see the information desk for updates. Questions can be directed to Shannon, Pr. Jenn, Paul Herald, or Chris Hagen.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING-SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, December 15, 10:45 am



Fun for the whole family! Get into the holiday spirit by helping to decorate a gingerbread village that will be on display at church and a local nursing home. The gingerbread houses, frosting and candy will be provided as well as lunch. Bring your creativity and join us in the Activity Room. A sign-up sheet will be available on the Information Desk soon.



CONFIRMATION ON REFORMATION



"I do and I ask God to help and guide me..."

By the grace of God, after two years of faithful preparation, 9th grade students affirmed their baptism in worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 27**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Ava Blackburn
Hunter Brown
Katie Brillhart
Barnes Bunkelman
Rhys Burnett
Nathan Cochart
Kylie Draeger
Ruby Edmondson

Lucy Gilles
Marissa Hagen
Aidan Haugen
Emily Heilmann
Claire Hinker
Emily Jacobson
Nicholas Josiger
Aidan Krueger

Lindsey Lucht
Ali Marquardt
Nathan Murillo Barahona
Patty Nelson
Colton Pagel
Ashley Phakitthong
Aiyanna Schroeder
Olivia Schulz

Eleanor Schwantes
Allison Seanor
Noah Stachovak
Caleb Tuley
Riah Weiland
Alexis White
Kasey Woolley

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Earlier this year families of 5th grade students were surveyed and a majority of responses indicated that December 8 would be a better time of year to receive first communion. It was less clear however, as to whether it would be more convenient to meet on a weekend or a weekday night for instruction. Because of this, two time frames are offered and students and one or two parents or caring adults are asked to attend only one of the sessions. Each session will involve interactive learning, baking and tasting communion elements, hands on learning, and will be about an hour and a half in length. A mailing with further details will go out soon. As always, if the time frame does not work for your family, Pastor Jenn is available for one on one conversation and instruction.



First Communion Instruction - choose:

Sunday, November 17 at 1:00 pm or
Tuesday, November 26 at 6:15 pm

First Communion Worship:

Sunday Morning, December 8, 9:30 am

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES

November 17: First Communion Class or

November 26: First Communion Class

November 27: No Confirmation

Thanksgiving Eve Worship—6:15 pm

December 8: First Communion —9:30 Worship

December 15: Sunday School Christmas Program

December 22 & 29: No Sunday School

December 25: No Confirmation

January 1: No Confirmation

January 5: Sunday School Resumes

January 8: Confirmation Resumes

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult confirmation will be offered in January through Lay School. Watch the Network and bulletins for more information.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM LEADER NEEDED

Christmas Program Leader Needed. Faith Formation is looking for someone interested in taking the lead of our children's Christmas program on December 15. This individual would help coordinate volunteers and run rehearsals. Please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org for more details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held during **9:30 am worship on Sunday, December 15**. The program will highlight three to four combined age groups each singing a song during the children's message. Christmas cookies will be served following the service. Plan to attend to receive the Christmas message from our youngest members!

CALL PROCESS UPDATES

In conjunction with the synod, the call committee meets as potential candidates are identified. Interviews may be arranged or conducted.



SAINT ANDREW SPENDING

Looking back at September:

Average attendance	439
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 58,272
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>52,738</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 5,534



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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

	Time	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	6	6	2	2
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Shepherd	A	B	Tipple
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Dewey Allen Dan Malm	Julie Spalding Shirley Bickford	Cheryl Allen Mark Clark	Alex Cappel Pam Clark
Nursery	9:30 am	Herold	Melville	Shuda	Yirkovsky
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Czerwinski Koch	Rickstad Mann Kyhos	Weidman Lawson	Howe Clark Mielke
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Matushak Smith	Rusch Van Skike	Rickstad Willems	Sitko Wurz
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Hersperger	Weidman	Rickstad	Fehrman

LECTIONARY READINGS

November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43

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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:

Mack Carlton Melville - August 11
 Beau Rylee Kaiser - August 6
 Ava Mae Dantoin - September 8
 Kai Gregory Marrero - September 22
 Lenox Jay Zahn - September 22
 Corbyn Allan Huerth - September 29
 Duncan Joshua Denzin - October 6
 Hailey June Mroczenski - October 20

For Weddings:

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

Kyle and Megan Holtz - September 14
 Chase and Ashley Drake - September 21
 Josh and Tia Daley - September 28
 Tou Bee and Mallory Yang - October 5

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

For the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:

Barbara Brace

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	Jennifer	Neil	Amy	Harper
Ali	Jerry	Nikki	Tom	Emmerson
Alice	Jim	Nora	Yvonne	Cullen
Ashley	Karen	Orreanna	Laura	Jay
Babs	Kristin	Pam	Frank	Barb
Bev	Kristine & Family	Phil	Pam	Audrey
Bill	Leann	Robin	Helen	Jared
Brian	Lynne & Dan	Roland	Riley	James
Callie & Zak	Meg	Shirley	Katie	Amy
Charles & Gerry	Meghan	Tom	Judy	James' Family
Christine	Melanie	Tony	Becky	
Ed	Michael	Zoe	Dale	
Jaime	Monica	Zurn	Angie & Laura	

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

NOVEMBER

3		All Saints Worship
5	11:30 am	OWLS Potluck and Presentation
12	5:00 pm	40 th Anniversary Celebration Team Meeting
16	10:00 am-2:00 pm	The Generosity Project: 5G at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Plover
18	6:30 pm	Advent Succulent Centerpiece Activity
20	5:45 or 7:45 pm	Financial Peace Livestream—LIVE!
17	1:00 pm	First Communion Class <u>OR</u>
26	6:15 pm	First Communion Class
27	6:15 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
28	11:00 am-1:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner at SALC

DECEMBER

8	9:30 am	First Communion Worship
15	9:30 am	Sunday School Christmas Program
15	10:45 am	Budget Review Meeting
15	10:45 am	Gingerbread House Decorating



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