

Network



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Network Note from Pastor Jenn

I'm thankful that my benefits include dental cleanings twice a year and an annual physical check up. (Did I really just say that I'm thankful for dentist appointments?!) These types of visits aren't my favorite, I will be honest. I don't always like how invasive they can feel. Feelings aside, I consciously know it is good for someone objective, someone who is an expert in caring for bodies, to be a part of caring for mine. Preventative care allows a person to have a baseline understanding of how systems are (or are not) functioning. Or as the old saying goes, "When you know better, you do better..."

Oftentimes the new year provides for many a time for a spiritual reset. People make resolutions and utilize the change in the calendar to mark the beginning of change in habits. This practice may accompany a mindful "tune up" of ones heart and mind. The ELCA has created a resource called *The Wholeness Wheel*. Our experiences of social/interpersonal, emotional, physical, financial, vocational, intellectual well being impact our sense of spiritual well being. While it is true that the wheel is probably never balanced—we have an opportunity to assess our spiritual wellness to readjust where needed.

Things like taking time to create a financial plan can impact our sense of God's generosity and allow us to live in a sense of abundance rather than scarcity. Taking time for friends or loved ones even if the work load is busy helps us to remember that we were not created to produce or to be alone. Cultivating a devotional life, consulting with a therapist, setting goals for learning something new... all of these things help us to feel more spiritually fed. Just like a physical or dental check up—we may need someone to consult with as we do the work.

At the center of the wheel is Baptism—a reminder that all of these pieces of our lives and our sense of wholeness comes from God and not from anything we do or do not do. Wholeness is a gift we always have in Christ, even if we don't always feel complete in some areas.

As 2020 begins we kick off our 40th year of life together sharing in the mission of Saint Andrew. Take a look in these pages for where you can connect to the important work God has called us to together. As you endeavor to reach your goals in all areas of life, may God's peace be above you and below you, beside you, before you, and within you at the start of this new year and new decade. Just as you are now, I am thankful to God for you.

THE WHOLENESS WHEEL



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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
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Weekly Worship

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

Congregational Annual Meeting

January 26, 9:30 am
In the Sanctuary

Youth Spaghetti Dinner immediately following the Annual Meeting

- Learn about the kick off to Saint Andrew's 40th anniversary
- Ratify the SALC constitution (available online at www.salc-wausau.org)
- Learn about the 2020 spending plan and ministry opportunities
- Elect council members and more!

Super Bowl Snacks
Sunday, February 2

Snack donations for the Super Bowl Sunday Snack Sale can be dropped off at church **Friday, January 31 before 4 pm** or on Super Bowl Sunday before the services. Please package items for individual sale to be sold for \$1 each and label if there are nuts, peanut butter or if lactose or gluten-free for allergy concerns. All proceeds support the SALC Food Pantry.

Older Wiser Lutherans!

The OWLS will take a winter break in January. Watch the bulletin and Network for the next activity.



Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, January 16 & 19** in support of our companion church, Zeerust Lutheran Church in South Africa.

Fair Trade Products

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

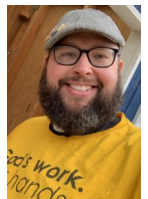
A NOTE FROM PASTOR JUSTIN

If there is one thing that is important to know about me, it is that I love stories. Stories create a world that I often want to be a part of. I devour novel, movies, and TV shows to find those stories that convey to me the beauty, wonder, and truth of our lives.

The story within the Bible is one I love to tell, because it reveals a loving God who pursues us, in new and surprising ways, even as we flee from God. This is also a story that calls us out of familiar places to unfamiliar ones, and we find that God is there, waiting to surprise us with grace and forgiveness.

We are making plans to head to an unfamiliar place, leaving the place we've lived for ten years, the only home our girls have ever known. I feel parallels to Abram's and Sari's story, except where we're going, the cheese is better.

All this is to say that I am excited to accept the call that you extended to me. I am excited to live and serve with you. We are looking forward to moving closer to my family in Wisconsin. This is a new chapter in the story of my family and in my ministry that is yet to be written. Like any story where God is the author, I know that we will be surprised by God's beauty, wonder, and truth. We will continue to live out the beautiful, wonderful, surprising story of God's people, writing new chapters in that the old, old story of Jesus and his love.



FUNERAL PLANNING Q&A- PLANNING CONVERSATION

Sunday, January 19—10:45 am

It can be difficult to think about all the decisions that need to be made after a loved one dies. Whether the death is expected or unexpected, the church comes to surround and comfort you, providing resources, worship, and offering a meal to share as you gather. Pastor Jenn and funeral director, Jeff Krcil from Helke Funeral Home, will lead a conversation and host a Q&A about what happens following the death of a loved one and how creating some plans in advance can be helpful. If you can't make the meeting but would appreciate materials or pastoral conversation, please see Pastor Jenn.

SALC ANNUAL MEETING & SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sunday, January 26 at 9:30 am —during worship

Annual reports and the approved budget will be available mid-January so members can pick them up in advance of the meeting. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact the church office. The agenda includes:

- ◆ Video review and thanksgiving for 2019 ministry and presentation of a narrative budget for 2020.
- ◆ Ratification of the SALC constitution and elect council members.
- ◆ Kick off of the \$40 for 40 campaign and learn about the 40th anniversary plans including honoring the mission developer of Saint Andrew, Pr. John Roseth.

A spaghetti dinner following the annual meeting at 10:45 am will support the SALC youth who will travel to Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana this July for a wilderness experience to deepen their faith! (See pg. 4 of the Network for more details).



In the SALC Library

Learn more about South Africa—where our companion church is located. Watch for a display highlighting a quilt, books, children's books and more.

2020 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers in 2020. Sign up on the Kiosk in the Narthex.

2020 Pledge Cards

Thank you to everyone who has pledged their support of time and talent and their financial support to the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew. It is not too late to turn in a Time and Talent card or a Pledge card for 2020 indicating your commitment. Thank you!

Thank You from AI

Thank you choirs, Church Council and staff and all of you, the congregation, for the kind wishes and gifts in honor of my 25 years at this wonderful place. I thank God for the gifts he has given to me and the privilege to serve him at Saint Andrew. You are very supportive and responsive in my music ministry.

SALC Memorial Gifts

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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

To help celebrate SALC's 40th Anniversary, a small piece of history will be shared each month from the archives. Here is the first snapshot:

The Proposed Program 1983 (from January 1983)

"The budget of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church is more than a set of figures or a list of expenditures. The budget is actually the program of our church. The budget is the Pastor preaching, visiting, comforting, introducing people to Jesus Christ. The budget is Sunday church school, teaching to worship, missionaries, literature... In short, the budget is a total expression of our love for Christ, our compassion for a lost world."

40TH ANNIVERSARY SAVE THE DATE!

Watch for more details in the coming months.

Activities/events currently planned:

Sunday, April 26 – Celebrate the anniversary of Saint Andrew's very first service.

Sunday, May 10 – Spring Cantata

Tuesday, June 23 – Birthday Picnic on the 400 Block

Photos are still being accepted: from 2019 for the annual meeting and from your time at SALC over the years for the 40th anniversary celebration. Please note the year and description with the photo. All photos can be submitted through the SALC website 40th anniversary page or to jenna@salc-wausau.org. Please contact Jenna to submit printed photos.

GIVING IN GRATITUDE FOR 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY: \$40 FOR 40

At the December meeting, church council was excited to approve a special appeal that will take place during the first quarter of 2020. In honor of the life and legacy of Saint Andrew, members will be invited to consider sharing a gift of \$40—one dollar for every year of the church's ministry—or a gift of any amount. This special appeal will be used in three significant ways: 80% of funds will be allocated for a sanctuary renewal project (lighting updates, flooring, etc.); 10% will be shared with the SALC endowment and local hunger efforts; 10% will be tithed to the greater church in thanksgiving for our connection to the ELCA. Keep your eyes out for a mailing and invitation soon!

PASTORAL CARE COMMUNICATION

When difficult moments in life happen it can help to have a pastor present to accompany you through next steps or to have someone objective in the conversation to offer care through listening and prayer.

Saint Andrew pastors are available to be reached via text or phone call in case of pastoral emergencies. *Pastors' cell phone numbers are available by calling the church.* If calling in the middle of the night, you may need to call twice in order to get through. Non-urgent messages will be responded to during office hours, M-Th; 8 am-4 pm.

In order to assist with appropriate boundaries, please refrain from using social media or Facebook Messenger for pastoral communication unless there is no other option.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, New Member Orientation will be held on **Sunday, February 9, 10:45 am**. New members will be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **Sunday, February 16**. Please call the church office by **Monday, February 3** to sign up.

VINTAGE VALENTINE JEWELRY WORKSHOP

Monday, February 3, 6:30 pm, Activity Room

Do you have sentimental jewelry pieces you don't wear but would love to display? How about broken or mismatched jewelry bits you can't bear to throw out? Gather up those pieces and create a gorgeous work of art at our Vintage Valentine Jewelry Collage Workshop. You bring the jewelry—we'll bring everything else you'll need for the project. Sign up at the Information Desk in the Narthex or online. **Cost:** \$25

EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH THE SMALL CATECHISM

Saturday, January 18—Worship: 8:30; Class: 9-10:30

New to the faith? Curious about baptism? Never went through confirmation? Just want to know more about what it means to be Lutheran and a disciple of Christ?

Lay School is offering an opportunity for those who are interested to take a deep dive into the Small Catechism using the *By Heart* curriculum. This study will engage students in an exploration of the commandments, the creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the sacraments, and life together as members of the body of Christ. No Prior Knowledge Required! This study is for anyone interested in learning more about the Christian faith in a supportive, positive environment that encourages questions. Although it is helpful to bring a Bible to the study, we will have some on hand. Materials for the study are being provided by the synod, and there is **no cost** to you!

The study will meet once a month when lay school meets: February 15, March 21, April 18 and May 9.

If interested or you want to learn more, please call Pastor Jen Hoffman at 715-581-7378, or email her at pastorjenhoffman@sslcwausau.com.

MID-WINTER RETREAT

Water Walking!



January 24-26; Cost: \$50

*Jesus walked on the water and everyone wondered how he could do that! Peter tried to meet him on the waves but struggled with his faith. This year's retreat theme is "Water Walking!" and will focus on building faith. Kids in grades 3-6 and their friends are invited to spend the weekend at Waypost Camp in Hatley. Together we will experience camp and have some winter fun! Registration packets are available on the Information Desk or register online at www.salc-wausau.org. Adults interested in chaperoning will also need to fill out a registration and health form. **Registration is due January 12.** Will need to provide your own transportation.*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES

- January 1:** No Confirmation
- January 5:** Sunday School Resumes
- January 8:** Confirmation Resumes
- January 24-26:** Grades 3-6 Midwinter Retreat
- February 19:** Last Confirmation Class
- February 26:** Ash Wednesday Worship Services
- April 12:** Easter Sunday (No Sunday School)

2020 YOUTH SUMMER TRIP

High school students who have completed 9th grade are invited to join us on a Summer Youth Trip in July to Christikon Lutheran Bible Camp in Montana. This will be a week-long opportunity to unplug, reflect and connect to nature. Interest forms are available on the Information Desk. An informational meeting will be held on **Sunday January 5 at 10:45 am.**

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

Pr. Justin has formally accepted the call to serve as associate pastor and will soon share the news in his current context. Following Sunday, his introductory video and the announcement will be shared more broadly. Please pray for Pr. Justin and his family.



SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at November:

Average attendance	518
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 58,435
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>51,858</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ (7,288)



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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP IN JANUARY

	Time	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	6	2	2	3
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	B	Tipple	Weidman	Johnson
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Cheryl Allen Mark Clark	Dewey Allen Pam Clark	Shirley Bickford Barb Geiger	Herb Heyne Jayne Germinaro
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Dotseth Rusinek	Weis Beyer	Garton Frolik	Skadahl Klein
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Gatzke Alafouzios	Dotseth Gnatz	Geiger Grabau	Jacobson Soukup Clemment
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Mrotek	Alafouzios	Geiger	Clemment

LECTIONARY READINGS

January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26
Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:[1-9] 10-18	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

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:

Everly Mae Mayer - November 24

Delaney Rose Laher - December 29

Hailey Mae Sattler - January 12

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	Jan	Nikki	Tom	Harper
Ali	Jennifer	Nora	Yvonne	Emmerson
Alice	Jerry	Orreanna	Laura	Cullen
Ashley	Jim	Pam	Frank	Jay
Babs	Karen	Phil	Pam	Barb
Bev	Kristin	Robin	Helen	Audrey
Bill	Leann	Roland	Riley	Pam
Brian	Lynne & Dan	Shirley	Katie	Amy
Brittney	Meg	Tom	Joe	Sadie
Callie & Zak	Meghan	Tony	Judy	Abigail
Charles & Gerry	Melanie	Zoe	Becky	Dev
Ed	Monica	Zurn	Dale	
Jaime	Neil	Amy	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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Parish Staff

- Rev. Jenn Collins, *Pastor*
- Rev. Justin Smoot, *Pastor*
- Rev. Jeff Martinson, *Visitation Pastor*
- Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*
- Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*
- Jenna Diedrich, *Faith Formation Coordinator*
- Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*
- Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*
- Dave Paisar, *Custodian*
- Matthew Clark, *Sexton*
- Jenna Rusch, *Sexton*
- Dave Mueller, *Sexton*

Upcoming Events/Activities



If school is cancelled, Saint Andrew classes & meetings will be also.

Check the SALC Facebook page or website, or News Channels 7 & 9 television or websites for closings and cancellations.

<u>JANUARY</u>		
5		Sunday School Resumes
5	10:45 am	Youth Summer Trip Informational Meeting
8		Confirmation Classes Resume
18	8:30 am	Exploring Faith Through the Small Catechism
19	10:45 am	Funeral Planning Q&A-Planning Conversation
24-26		Grades 3-6 Mid-Winter Retreat at Waypost Camp
26	9:30 am	SALC Annual Congregational Meeting
26	10:45 am	Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
<u>FEBRUARY</u>		
2		Super Bowl Snack Sale
3	6:30 pm	Vintage Valentine Jewelry Workshop
9	10:45 am	New Member Orientation
16	9:30 am	Reception of New Members
19	6:15 pm	Last Confirmation Class
26	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Services



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