

Network



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There is a slogan that has been in use by the ELCA for many years, "Always being made New." It is part of a campaign that is intended to raise support for the expanded ministry of the church for decades to come. In his explanation to the Sacrament of Baptism, Martin Luther urges a daily dying and rising—death to sin and rising to life in Christ—so that "a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity

forever." - from Luther's Small Catechism. This is possible because we believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus and through baptism, we are united with Christ so that we too might die and rise with him. This core theological witness reminds us that we are not self-renewing or self-serving, but that through Christ, the old self dies so that a new being might rise as witness and servant to that renewed identity.

Now 500 years later, the church celebrates the ongoing work of God's Spirit to call, gather, enlighten and make holy the whole Christian church on earth. It is not our work but it is God's work through us that we are free to



care for the world God has made and delights in us to share.

As we enter into a new program year this fall, I invite you to deepen your awareness of God's divine presence among us and strive to understand more clearly how we can be partners in serving God and one another through faithful support and participation in Christ's church. The large door in the fellowship hall displays 95 original arguments from Martin Luther who raised awareness of ways the church was in need of renewal. While his points were met with opposition, they also set in motion a movement that is at work yet today to challenge and free us for the sake of the gospel. The reverse side of the door is intended to be used to post ideas or insights that describe what the Reformation has inspired and now lives on as a result of the attempt to open ourselves to the renewing work of God's Spirit and Christ's redeeming work for the world. Feel free to staple your responses to the door so that we can celebrate the ongoing renewal of the church—locally and globally. In Christ, we are freed from sin and renewed for the sake of serving our neighbor through Christ together. In Christ, we are: "Always Being Made New."

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.

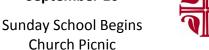
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Rally Sunday
September 10



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

Revised Worship Schedule Begins

Sunday, September 17

And...Matt Seegert as quest preacher!

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

Weekly Worship

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OWLS

Tuesday, September 5 11:30 am

The OWLS will meet for lunch in the Wausau Mall then go to the Lao American Museum (also in the mall) with Jim Harris as the guide to the personal collection and work in that country.

Play Group at SALC

All tots and their parents are invited to participate in a play group at Saint Andrew on the second Friday of each month. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 to express your interest and learn more. Please know that the nursery is always available during SALC's office hours of 8 am-4 pm, Monday through Friday, to stop by for a play break!

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on *Thursday and Sunday, September 14 & 17* during worship to help offset shipping costs for LWR (Lutheran World Relief) school bags and quilts.

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will resume on the *third Sunday in September* and take place in the Bethlehem room.

Fair Trade Products Sunday, September 17

An adequate supply of coffee, tea, and chocolate (both candy bars and hot cocoa mix) is available from Equal Exchange and SERRV. Remember that your purchases of these quality products allows small landowner farmers to help their villages build and maintain local schools, local clinics, and other infrastructure. Please stop by the Fair Trade table in the Fellowship Hall!

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CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN

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 6:

Handbell Choir: 5:15 pm in the Chapel Chancel Choir: 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

LAY SCHOOL



The Central Wisconsin School of Lay

Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin was established in September 1999 to assist pastors and churches to further equip and empower adult lay persons in the fulfillment of their callings to serve Christ. Classes will begin Friday September 15 at 5:15 pm and Saturday, September 16 at 8 am (please note the corrected date) at Saint Andrew and are then held every month through May. For more information, contact Jeanette Carlson at 715-848-2108 or Mary Neumann at 715-693-2087. Feel free to visit their website at www.wausaulayschool.org.

CROP WALK

The Wausau Community Crop Walk will be held **Sunday**, **October 1**. Envelopes for the Crop Walk will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. Please consider walking this walk! If you have any questions, please get in touch with Wayne Johnson or Ron Mathsen.

CHURCH PICNIC/RALLY SUNDAY

Sunday, September 10

Celebrate the first day of Sunday School and the start of a new year of programming at Saint Andrew. Students begin with worship at

9:30 am and will be dismissed to classrooms where they will meet their teachers. Advance registration is encouraged through the church website or at the Information Desk, but will also take place in classrooms. At 10:45 am all are invited to enjoy a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall and on the Celebration Patio. A bouncy house and games will be available for the kids.

Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name:

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

New Member Orientation

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on *Sundays, October 8 and 15 at 10:45 am.* New members will then be received during the 9:30 am worship service on *October 22.* Advance registration is preferred, but not required. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by *Friday, September 29.*

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be coming this fall in October or November in support of the American Red Cross.

Donors can give blood every 56 days. Volunteers will again be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Watch the Network and Bulletin for updated information.

Quilts, Quilt Tops and School Bag Kits

You don't have to be a seasoned quilter to sew these quilts or school bags! Quilt kits include the top, batting and bottom. School bag kits include pre-cut material ready for sewing! Completed quilts and school bags will be shipped to LWR (Lutheran World Relief) in the fall and are available in the kiosk in the Narthex.

Memorial Gifts Received

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Jeff Corbin, Jon Larson and Phyllis Kroll and in honor of Annette Green. 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, three area 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.

A GREAT DAY AT THE GOLF OUTING

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Saint Andrew Golf Outing and to those who donated prizes. About 30 people participated in the outing this year. Congratulations to the first place team: Charles Kirsch, Jim Wending, Phil Pagel and Jim Taylor. We look forward to another round of fun and fellowship next year!

THANK YOU!!!

Over the course of the summer, many people have helped tend to the care of the church. For those who attended to the beauty of the landscaping by weeding and pruning while God watered in abundance, *thank you*. For those who stained portions of the exterior of the building, *thank you*. For those who provided snacks, host homes or meals for the VBS counselors or helped with snacks or classroom support or transportation to and from Waypost, *thank you*. For those who painted murals in the classrooms and hallway, *thank you*. For ministry members who provided fellowship activities, and made plans for fall education, *thank you*. For big and small ways any have participated and supported the work of Christ's church, *thank you!*

SALC IS "IN THE LOOP"

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system. Those with hearing devices with a t-coil are encouraged to turn them on or ask to have them programmed by an audiologist to take advantage of this improved system.

SHARING THE GIFTS WE OFFER

Each quarter the Church Council chooses recipients for a benevolence contribution from Saint Andrew. This past quarter, a total of \$3500 was given to AOD Partnership-Push Back Against Drugs, Aspirus Hospice House, SALC Scout Troop and an ASP Mission Trip follow-up support gift.

GOOD STEWARDS

Generosity and giving go hand in hand. They are also essential to the life and ministry of the church. Each year members are invited to consider a level of giving of support to the mission of the church that reflects an intentional response to God's generosity. Such an invitation most commonly occurs in the fall before the planning of the coming year. Please watch for information to begin arriving in the mail in September. This mailing will include a schedule that will help you anticipate your desire to support the church as a volunteer and financial contributor to the ministry of Saint Andrew. Thank you for your past, current and potential level of giving and participation.

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above." — JAMES 1:17a

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

September

| 7 th & 8 th Grades Confirmation Orientation |
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| for Students and their Parents |
| Rally Sunday during 9:30 am Worship |
| Sunday School Resumes |
| Church Picnic at 10:45 am |
| Confirmation Classes Begin—6:15 pm |
| Fall Worship Times Begin—8, 9:30 & 10:45 |
| 2 nd Grade Bibles Presented |
| 9 th Grade Confirmation—Faith Statement |
| Writing; 7:30 pm |
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October

| 14 & 15 | 9 th Grade Conf. Retreat at Waypost |
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| 25 | Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures |
| 29 | Confirmation Worship—2:00 pm |

November

22 No Confirmation
Thanksgiving Eve Worship—6:15 pm

December

24 & 31 No Sunday School 20 & 27 No Confirmation

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Confirmation will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall with orientation and registration. Students in 7th and 8th grades along with their parents are to attend together. Regular classes will begin the following week and will be held every Wednesday, 6:15-7:30 pm. Registration forms and detailed information have been sent out to families with students in these grades and are also available at church. Please return registration forms and fee (\$20) prior to orientation. If you did not receive this information, please contact the church office. Incoming 9th graders should have also received information in the mail regarding the writing of faith statements and confirmation worship, which will take place on Reformation Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 pm.

2017-2018 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKS OFF on Rally Sunday, September 10

Students will begin their time at 9:30 worship, and will then be released to their classrooms following the children's message. Parents are also invited to attend with their child. Students will meet their teachers and registration forms will be available for parents to complete. Registration forms are currently available on the Information Desk in the Narthex, or may be downloaded online at www.salc-wausau.org. Registrations are welcome at any time, but in order to best prepare, *please return forms to the office by Tuesday, September 5.*

BIBLE and BOOK STUDIES

Men's Bible Study—Wednesdays beginning
September 6 at 6:45 and 10 am. Join Pastor Craig for conversation around bible stories appointed for the coming week. The early group begins with breakfast—please use the west entrance.

Women's Bible Study—First and Third Wednesday of each month at 12:15 pm, begins Wednesday,
October 4. "Gather" magazine is the resource for conversation and is available for \$15 for an annual subscription.

Reading Reflections—*Tuesdays, 9:00 am.* A women's group: a variety of books are read and reflected on in these gatherings.

Sunday Morning Bible Study—*begins September 17, 9:30 am.* Based on the International Bible Study curriculum, participants gather weekly at 9:45 am in the Parish Room (north side of the Fellowship Hall) for discussion and reflection as an overview of the biblical narrative. Paul Nelson facilitates the discussion. Bring a cookie and a cup of coffee for connection around God's word.

Sunday Evening Bible Study—*begins September 10, 6:30 pm*. An in depth study of Luther's Small Catechism. Anyone is welcome.

Celebration Patio Stone Paver Order Form

With the end of summer nearing, the beautiful fall season is approaching and a good time to enjoy the Celebration Patio. A paver order will be placed in the coming weeks and new pavers will be installed before winter. If you would like to have a paver dedicated to a loved one or celebrate an event, complete the order form below and return it to the church office with payment (\$100), or place in the offering plate. Personalize a paver for your celebration!

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ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

| Date | Worship Time | Altar Guild | Usher Team | Lay Readers | Greeters | Fellowship |
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| September 3 | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 3 | Tipple | Faith Martinson Open to Volunteer | | Jim Jacobson & Susie Soukup |
| September 10 | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 4 | Weidman | Julie Spalding | Tom & Deb Garton Joel & Sara Widmann | Rob & Betsy Stangel Annual Church Picnic |
| September 17 | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 4 | Johnson | David Patefield Craig Holmes | Jim Jacobson & Shirley Bickford Amy & Jesse Frolik | Sid & Leslie Sorenson Roger & Ruth Poutanen |
| September 24 | 8:00 am 9:30 am | Team 5 | Shepherd | Alex Capel Dewey Allen | Bill & Doreen Radloff Brandon & Melissa Murphy | Dick & Mary Jarvis Ann McDonald & Mary Wittich |

LECTIONARY READINGS

| September 3 | September 10 | September 17 | September 24 |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Jeremiah 15:15-21 | Ezekiel 33:7-11 | Genesis 50:15-21 | Jonah 3:104:11 |
| Psalm 26:1-8 | Psalm 119:33-40 | Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 | Psalm 145:1-8 |
| Romans 12:9-21 | Romans 13:8-14 | Romans 14:1-12 | Philippians 1:21-30 |
| Matthew 16:21-28 | Matthew 18:15-20 | Matthew 18:21-35 | Matthew 20:1-16 |
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September 2017

| | August S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 | | October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 | | Rehearsal | 3:30 PM Lucas-Bell Wedding |
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| 3 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM First Faith Summer Session 9:30 AM WORSHIP | 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings Labor Day Holiday - Church Office Closed | 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 11:30 AM OWLS - Lunch & Lao American Museum Tour - Wausau Center Mall, Downtown | 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Parents & Students Confirmation Orientation 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP | s Rehersal | y 1:30 PM Froehlich-Zdanowski Wedding |
| 10 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Raily Sunday School Classes Begin 9:30 AM WORSHIP 10:45 AM SALC Annual Church Picnic 6:30 PM Bible Study | 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings | 12 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings | 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7th&8th Grade Confirmation Classes 6:39 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal | /+ 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP | 15 5:00 PM Lay School Classes | In 8:00 AM Lay School Classes |
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| 24 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP 9:40 AM Sunday School Classes 10:45 AM WORSHIP 6:30 PM Bible Study 2nd Gr Bibles at Worship | 25 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings | 26 9:00 AM Reading Reflections | 6:45 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Choir 6:15 PM 7H&BH Grade Confirmation Classes 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM 9th Gr Faith Statement Writing | 28 12:15 PM WORSHIP 6:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Church Council Meeling | 29 | US. |

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:

Bristol Ann Lyon - July 9
Kiersten Lynn Brueggens - July 23
Hadlee Rae Stelzel - July 30
Kinslee Ann Carpentier - August 6
Hunter Jo Wimmer - August 13
Levi William Drach - August 20
Charlie Joseph Skadahl - August 27
Everett Andrew Jacobson - September 17
Quinn Kai Sierk - October 1
Adalyn Marie Huerth - October 8

For Weddings:

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

Tom & Sarah Fisher - July 22
Michael & Lanny Stahnke - August 5
Mike & Lyn Weis (Vow Renewal) - August 12
Charmaine Bell & Richard Lucas - September 2
Wendy Froehlich & John Zdanowski - September 9
Dennis & Renee Klockziem (Vow Renewal) - September 23

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Lucy Lahr

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 | Meg | Dixie | Helen |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------------|
| Babs | Monica | Laura | Dick & Peggy |
| Bill | Nic | Frank | Suzie |
| Brian | Nikki | Pam | Katie & Allan |
| Callie & Zak | Robert | Angie | Merlin |
| Charles & Gerry | Robin | Ruth | Charles |
| Dennis | Steve | Jerry | Zoe |
| Elaine | Tom | Sue | Shirley |
| Jen | Ella | Brian | Alex |
| Jennifer | Amy | Joyce | Scott |
| Leann | Tom | Aiden | |
| Lynne & Dan | Yvonne | Derrick | |

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. Fros

From Seasons of a Lifetime: A Treasury of Meditations (Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 1989, p. 118)



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Upcoming Events/Activities

SEPTEMBER

| 5 | 11:30 am | OWLS Lunch & Lao Museum Tour-Wausau Mall |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 6 | 6:45 & 10 am | Men's Bible Study Begins |
| 6 | 6:15 pm | 7 th & 8 th Grades Confirmation Orientation for |
| | | Students & Parents |
| 6 | 5:15 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal Begins |
| 6 | 6:30 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal Begins |
| 10 | | Rally Sunday-Sunday School Classes Begin |
| | 10:45 am | Church Picnic |
| 13 | 6:15 pm | 7 th & 8 th Grades Confirmation Classes Begin |
| 17 | 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am | Fall Worship Schedule Begins |
| 24 | 8 & 9:30 am | 2 nd Grade Bibles Presented in Worship |
| 27 | 7:30 pm | 9 th Grade Confirmation Faith Statement Writing |

OCTOBER

| 1 | | CROP Walk at Marathon Park |
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| 8 & 15 | 10:45 am | New Member Orientation |
| 14 & 15 | | 9 th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Waypost Camp |
| 22 | 9:30 am | New Members Received in Worship |
| 25 | | 9 th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures |
| 29 | 2:00 pm | 9 th Grade Confirmation Worship |



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