

Network



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God gives us a bigger story—Pastor Jenn



I looked to the right and saw a pile of rocks on my drive back home. I think it was a cairn—marking a pathway, just on the other side of the highway ditch. Someone took the time to set a marker on a pathway for someone else. Or who knows... it could have just been a pile of rocks.

There's a prayer that I love called "The Merton Prayer." It's named after the author, Thomas Merton, who was a Trappist Monk whose passions were centered on spirituality and social justice. The prayer begins in this honest way, "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going..." Have you ever felt that way? Seasons of transition oftentimes leave us looking for direction or guidance. What are the markers or signs we can look for to know just where to go?

If you look through scriptures you will find story after story of people who trusted in "God's map" before they knew how things would end up or just where it was that they were going: Abraham and Sarah. Moses and the Israelites. The people of God in exile. The Psalmist in the valley of the shadow. The fisher-folk who dropped their nets. The women at the resurrection tomb. Their legacy of faith is a reminder to us that sometimes a life of discipleship can look like a life lived without a map.

Although that is the case, we can trust that we are not directionless. God gives us cairn, map and guide in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the small, miniscule, every day realities—we can trust that there is a bigger story unfolding all around us: God's story of saving grace is at work in, through, and among us.

The apostle Paul reminds the Ephesians that God sometimes surprises us along the way with an even better idea or pathway than what we may have had in mind: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations..." (Eph. 3:20-21).

Check out this issue of the Network to locate some of the "rock cairns" that might guide you to meaningful connections in the life of the church at this particular part of the journey: from new book and bible studies that are just starting up again; the "on ramps" of fall ministry resuming... things like choir, Sunday school, and confirmation; the chance to get your hands dirty, give back to the community, be a part of a monumental day of service "God's work. Our Hands." Sunday which is coming up on September 9... there are lots of path markers that can help you on-ramp in a meaningful way as we all journey through a life of faith with Christ, our good guide. The Merton Prayer ends this way:

*"Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen"*

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 + 10:45 am

Rally Sunday
September 9

Sunday School Begins
Annual Church Picnic
"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday



Fall Worship Schedule Begins
Sunday, September 16

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

OWLS

**Tuesday, September 4,
11:30 am**

The OWLS will begin their time together with a potluck lunch then enjoy a presentation by Ron and Betty Dotseth on their recent trip to Zeerust, South Africa.



Blood Drive

Thursday, Oct. 11, 1-7 pm

A blood drive in support of the American Red Cross will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Donors can give blood every 56 days. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support.



American
Red Cross

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, Sept. 13 & 16** in support of Lutheran World Relief to help with shipping costs for quilts, school bags and hygiene kits.

Fair Trade Products

will be available for purchase on **Sunday, Sept. 16**. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

Sharing the Gifts We Offer...

Through council discernment and action, \$3500 was shared this past quarter with our local community. Recipients include SALC Scout Troop and Pack, ELCA Lutheran Refugee Immigration Service, Aspirus Hospice House, Wausau Women's Community and Compassion International Adopt-A-Child.

A WEEKEND OF SERVICE—IT'S GOD'S WORK. CAN YOU LEND A HAND?



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this dedicated day of service, gathering to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. "God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as Saint Andrew: a congregation that is "open to all" in the Wausau community. Several service projects will take place that will vary in length, intensity and time, so check the Sanctuary windows to sign up as a group or individual for the project that best fits your interest and schedule.

Wausau Police Department, Date & Time, TBD: Clean vehicle interiors, organize garage at department

Saturday, September 8

Wausau Warming Center, 9:00 am-Noon or Noon-3:00 pm: Reorganizing the kitchen, basement and food pantry
Internal and External property projects at Saint Andrew, 9:00 am: Pledge pews, wood doors and trim, clean nursery toys, parking lot apple pick-up, roadside clean-up

Sunday, September 9

Waypost on Mission Lake—Crossways Camps, 12:30-4:30 pm: Lay landscaping fabric, spread woodchips on trail, garden maintenance

Church Picnic at Saint Andrew, Multiple shifts from 8:00 am-2:00 pm: Set-up/clean-up—help with games

Christian Ed & Property Hallway Design, Time TBD: Paint, create artwork for south hallway

Assemble Hygiene Kits, Time TBD

"God's Work. Our Hands" t-shirt to wear on project day will be sold throughout the month or stop by church — \$8-\$10



CHURCH PICNIC/RALLY SUNDAY



Sunday, September 9

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. Registration is encouraged through the church website 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 dessert; N-Z salad or side dish. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up. Call the church office to volunteer or sign up on the Sanctuary windows.**

Crop Walk**Sunday, October 7**

As every year, the money raised in Crop Walks around our country supports those who have suffered loss due to natural disasters. About 70% of the money goes overseas where the need is greatest! The remainder is used in our country to address destruction caused by natural disasters. We pray and hope that this year there are fewer disasters than last year.

Coming Soon to the SALC Library!

A new library display will feature books on social justice issues (poverty, evictions, refugees, immigrants, etc.), Bible study books, memoirs and biographies, spirituality, children's books including the Berenstain Bears, and a family book chucked full of ideas on creating sacred moments at home. Come check it out!

SALC Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Jerry Laine and Dixie Woller. 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.

SALC Mailing List

Would you like to receive emails from Saint Andrew with announcements of activities, events and information? You could also receive the Network via email rather than a paper copy in the mail. Simply call the office or email: office@salc-wausau.org with your preference to begin receiving SALC notifications and/or the Network.

PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LWR

Saint Andrew has a group of people who gather routinely to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. School bags are also sewn and school supplies are collected to send along with the quilts. This year we are adding another very important item: a personal care kit consisting of:

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel , between 20 x 40" and 27 x 52" , preferably a dark color
- 2-3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 ounces, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clipper

If you would like to donate - ***please purchase all five items-new items only, with no advertising, religious or military symbols.*** Look for the Personal Care Kit display in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

GOOD STEWARDS

Generosity and giving go hand in hand. They are also essential to the life and ministry of Saint Andrew. Each year members are invited to consider a level of giving and 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

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on **Tuesday, October 2, 6:30-8:30 pm.** New members will be received during the 9:30 am worship service on **October 7.** If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by **Monday, September 24.**

CHOIR SEASON IS HERE

The chancel and bell choirs are starting. First rehearsals begin **Wednesday September 5;** bells at 5:15-6:15 pm in the chapel, and chancel choir at 6:30-8:00 pm in the sanctuary. This is going to be a very special year for the choirs. In addition to the Sunday morning music, we will learn music for a cantata to be presented **December 16 at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm.** The Cantata will be the Christmas music of John Rutter and Dan Forrest with full orchestra and congregational participation; you may remember "O Little Town of Bethlehem" from last Christmas by Dan Forrest and "Candelight Carol" by John Rutter. Rehearsals for the cantata begin **Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm** for about 45 minutes of the regular choir rehearsal until the performance. **Additional rehearsals will be Sundays at 10:30 am in the church and Tuesdays at 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary also. Please invite your singing friends also for the cantata. You only need to be at one rehearsal per week, but you are welcome to attend more if you would like. If you have been thinking of joining one of the best church choirs in the area now is the time to learn this beautiful music from the start. If you are unable to join us now, please come as soon as you are able. Please consider being a part of this beautiful and rewarding ministry at Saint Andrew. We always welcome Singers and Ringers with open arms.

GROWING IN FAITH AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

Adult Sunday School will be available at 9:30 am beginning **Sunday, September 9**. The lessons follow the International Sunday School lesson schedule and are each self-contained, so it is OK if you can't make it every week. Please feel welcome to join us any time. The first group of lessons are taken from the book of Genesis.

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 14** at Saint Andrew and are then held once a month through May. For more information, contact Jeanette Carlson at 715-848-2108 or Mary Neumann at 715-693-2087. Visit the website at www.wausaulayschool.org to learn more.

Sunday Evening Bible Study resumes **September 16 at 6:30 pm**. Join Pastor Jenn for an in depth walk through of the book of Genesis this year.

Book Studies and fellowship groups

- *Reading Reflections*, every Tuesday, 9:00 am
- *Women's "Gather" Study* - 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 12:15 pm—resumes **September 5**

Hear the scriptures BEFORE worship on Sunday.

These three groups examine the preaching texts for the week ahead:

- *"Son-Risers" Men's Bible Study and Breakfast*, Wednesday, 6:45 am resumes **September 12** (Come read the bible AND eat bacon and eggs!)
- **NEW**—*Women's "Lectionary Study,"* every Wednesday, 9:30 am—kicking off for the first time **September 12**
- *Men's Bible study*, every Wednesday, 10:00 am—resuming **September 12**

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION: IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 5 **7th & 8th Grades Students and their Parents—Confirmation Orientation**
- 9 **Rally Sunday for Sunday School during 9:30 am Worship Hour/Sunday School Classes Resume—First Faith-Grade 6 Church Picnic at 10:45 am**
- 12 **Confirmation Classes Begin—6:15 pm**
- 23 **Second Grade Bibles Presented**
- 26 **9th Grade Confirmation Resumes—7:30 pm**

October

- 3 & 10 **9th Grade Confirmation**
- 13 & 14 **9th Grade Conf. Retreat at Waypost**
- 24 **Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures**
- 28 **Confirmation Worship—2:00 pm**

November

- 21 **No Confirmation**
Thanksgiving Eve Worship—6:15 pm

December

- 16 **Sunday School Christmas Program**
- 23 & 30 **No Sunday School**
- 26 **No Confirmation**

How to Register for Sunday School

- Registration forms are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex.
- Register 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 4.**

Confirmation Information

- Confirmation BEGINS **Wednesday, September 5 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 has been sent out to families. If you think you may have missed the mailing, contact the office.

Mentors and Teachers Still Needed

- Part time/job share for grades 3 and 4
- Job share or full time teacher for grade 5
- 2-3 people willing to lead small group for confirmation on Wednesday evenings

IN GRATITUDE...from Pastor Craig & Karen

Sisters and brothers in Christ, Karen and I are settling into our next home and neighborhood and at Salem Lutheran Church, Peoria. People are eager to welcome us and share their love and support just as eagerly as you did in Wisconsin. The transition is going well and boxes are thinning out. As life unfolds now for us in Illinois, Karen and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and support we received not only recently with cards, gifts and expressions of gratitude, but for the nine years we shared at Saint Andrew. Thanks also for the gifts given in my honor to the seminary fund as well as personally. Please know you hold a special place in our hearts and as we remember you, we do so with much gratitude. May the love of Christ continue to sustain and empower you as you bear witness to God's greatest gift of love in Jesus. God loves you and so do we. Peace be with you.



A stained glass window panel was commissioned by the staff and church council as a thank you gift for Pastor Craig's faithful service. Made by Denis and Janine Daniels and pictured above, the piece was intended the echo the new glass in our sanctuary. The design included Rib Mountain, the Saint Andrew fish and cross, and the "Easter Sunrise." Although God has called them forward, Pastor Craig and Karen have left with Saint Andrew, a lasting legacy of love for the gospel of Jesus—among countless other gifts.

ASSISTING IN SEPTEMBER

	Time	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 4	Team 5	Team 5	Team 6	Team 6
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Shepherd	A	B	Tipple	Weidman
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	<i>Call to Volunteer</i> <i>Call to Volunteer</i>	Dick Jarvis Nate Card	Gary Hibbard Craig Holmes	Eric Verber Jayne Germinaro	Ray Skare Tammy Schilling
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	<i>Call to Volunteer</i> Soukup	Howe Lawson	Czerwinski Soukup	Spalding Alafouzos	Garton Kyhos
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Larson Holmes	Jarvis Wurz	Wiederhoeft Alafouzos	Stangel Grabau	Breese Spiegel McDonald Wittich
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Miller Rusch	Spiegel	McDonald Wittich	Alafouzos	Fehrman

LECTIONARY READINGS

September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17 Mark 7:24-37	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

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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:

Geralyn Margaret Rose Wilkosz - July 1
 Kaylin Wren Jolly - July 5
 Kide David Michael Hoff - July 15
 Brynleigh Mae Rose - July 22
 Clara Bailey - August 23
 Eliza Faith Ayer - August 23
 Quillan John Binkley - August 26
 Oliver Michael Knighton - September 2
 Piper Jo Pike - September 23

For Weddings:

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

Kyle & Geralyn Wilkosz - July 14
 Caleb & Brittany Tesch - August 25
 Ryan Springer & Alyssa Ashbrenner - September 1
 Charlie Peth & Libby Price - September 1
 Luke Mroczenski & Samantha Oliver - September 22
 Justin Mayer & Callie Hempfer - September 28
 Taner Schillinger & Brenna Mikula - October 6
 Matthew Hader & Raquel Paszek - October 13

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Dixie Woller

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	Dennis	Pete	Pam	Jeff
Ali	Jennifer	Robin	Angie	Oliver Joe
Amy	Katie	Tom	Ruth	Richard
Ashley	Larry	Tony	Sue	Kathy
Babs	Leann	Ella	Helen	Joe
Bill	Lynne & Dan	Amy	Riley	Katie
Brian	Meg	Tom	Rebecca	Clemmence
Callie & Zak	Monica	Yvonne	Luke	Laurie
Charles & Gerry	Nikki	Laura	Ted	Deb
Colton	Pam	Frank	Katie	Judy

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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Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*
Matthew Clark, *Sexton*
Jenna Rusch, *Sexton*

Upcoming Events/Activities

SEPTEMBER

5	6:15 pm	7 th & 8 th Grades Confirmation Orientation
5	12:15 pm	Women's "Gather" Magazine Study Begins
9		Rally Sunday-Sunday School Classes Begin
9	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School Begins
9	10:45 am	Church Picnic
9		"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday
12	6:45 & 10:00 am	Men's Bible Study Begins
12	9:30 am	Women's Lectionary Study
14		Lay School Classes Begin
16		Fall Worship Schedule Begins: 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am
16	6:30 pm	Sunday Evening Bible Study Begins
	9:30 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study Begins
23	9:30 am	Second Grade Bibles Presented
26	7:30 pm	9 th Grade Confirmation Begins—Faith Statement Writing

OCTOBER

2	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation
7		CROP Walk at Marathon Park
7	9:30 am	New Members Received in Worship
13 & 14		9 th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Waypost Camp
24		9 th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures
28	2:00 pm	9 th Grade Confirmation Worship



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