

# Network



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## *A word from Pastor Jenn: The Role of Questions*

In the gospel passages that were before us last month, Jesus asked many questions: *Who do people say that I am? Who do you say that I am? What were you arguing about on the way?* Not exclusive to Mark 8 and 9, Jesus is always asking questions—to be precise—307 of them! Questions were central to Jesus' life and teaching. Jesus is also directly asked a lot of questions—183 in total. Here's the interesting thing... he seems to answer only three of the questions he is asked. There is a connection between asking questions and life in Christ.

During this season of life at Saint Andrew, many are wondering... *Who will be our next pastor? What does the process look like? What can I do to help?* At the encouragement of Bishop Jerry Mansholt, I am sharing responses to a few questions I have been asked to offer some clarity and peace.

- *How are you doing?* With a very connected staff team, the support from the council and many of you, encouragement from colleagues and friends, I am doing well. With the fall programming in full swing, it is an expanded schedule as usual, but my work mostly remains the same. I am enjoying our ministry here and continue to feel sustained by God's spirit. Please know my door continues to be open to provide support, or visit as you need.
- *Are you leaving, too?* The church has always been on the move—typically calling forth and sending out. Jesus designed it that way! Like an inhale and exhale it is natural for clergy to come and go, to and from communities. This is healthy for both pastors and congregations. In Matthew 10:11 Jesus says to the disciples as he sends them out, *"Whatever town you enter... stay there until you leave."* As of now my intention is to stay here and continue to serve among you as long as the spirit calls us forward.
- *Will you now be the Lead Pastor at Saint Andrew?* While this is a season of discernment for the congregation of Saint Andrew, it is also personally a season of discernment for me. I have two potential paths forward: remain in my current call of Associate Pastor, or to be considered as a candidate for Lead Pastor. As the process moves forward that was outlined in the letter you recently received, I encourage you to pray for your Pastors, staff, leaders and our congregation as we walk together through this transition.

I am profoundly thankful for the ministry we share. Let's keep asking questions together and listen for God's voice as we wait to see what God has in store!

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  
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God's work. Our hands.

**Weekly Worship**

**Thursday: 12:15 and 6:15 pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 + 10:45 am**

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*with*  
**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**



**Sunday, OCTOBER 28**  
*at*  
**2:00 PM**

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

## OWLS

**Tuesday, October 9,  
11:30 am—Please Note the  
Date Change**

Plan to meet at Saint Andrew at 11:30 am, then travel to Saint Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon (300 E. 4th St.) Lunch and a tour will be provided for a cost of \$10. Please RSVP to the church office at 715-842-3333.



## 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!

## Fair Trade Coffees Served

As a congregation we understand the importance to support the growers of the Fair Trade Products. The Fellowship and Social Ministry groups will be working together to provide Equal Exchange coffees for Sunday fellowship soon. On **Sunday, October 7** you are invited to sample several coffee blends in both regular and decaf plus vote for a favorite!

## Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks will be available on **October 21, 9:00-9:30 am** in the library area of the Fellowship Hall.

## Fair Trade Products

will be available for purchase on **Sunday, October 21**. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

## CROP WALK

**Sunday, October 7, 12:00 pm at Marathon Park**

Money raised by walkers supports Church World Services to help feed hungry people locally, nationally and globally.

Walker forms are available in the Fellowship Hall after each Sunday service or stop by to sponsor a walker.



## BLOOD DRIVE AT SALC

**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. Sign up to donate blood or volunteer at the Information Desk or call the church office—715-842-3333.



## BOOK FAIR AT SAINT ANDREW

A selection of books and other library materials will be available for purchase at a book fair after worship services on **October 11, 14, 18 and 21**. Items will be ordered and paid for at the time of the book fair and delivered within two weeks at the end of the fair.

## FALL CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, October 13, 9:00 am–12 pm**

The Property Ministry is planning to prune the plants, pick up apples and do the fall clean-up. Please join us in service and fellowship as we care for Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Many hands make light work!



## GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.—THANK YOU!



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

Thank you to all who participated in big and small ways to make "God's work. Our hands." very successful. Many projects throughout Saint Andrew were accomplished: pews were pledged, the nursery cleaned and ready for Rally Sunday, apples were picked up in the parking lot, the roadside trash was picked up, the Annual Church Picnic had many hands to help with set-up, clean-up and the kids' games, 60 personal care kits were assembled. The Christian Education hallway is also well underway with new paint and theme! Community projects included reorganizing the kitchen, basement and food pantry at the Wausau Warming Center and yet a future project of outdoor landscaping at Waypost Camp on Mission Lake. Thank you to the many, many hands that helped carry out God's work!! Thank you also, to the many hands that were a part of creating 134 quilts and 50 school bags. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) will receive 93 of the quilts along with the school bags. The remaining quilts will be shared in the community and with flood victims.

**Noisy Offering**

A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, October 18 & 21** in support of the SALC quilting group. Quilt groups meet on the second and third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. No sewing experience is needed. All are welcome!

**LWR—Load the Semi**

**On Saturday, October 6 at 8 am**, volunteers will be needed to help load a semi at Kolbe & Kolbe with school bags and quilts from the area for Lutheran World Relief. Please contact the church office if you would like to help!

**SALC Memorial Gifts**

Memorial gifts were received in memory of Jerry Laine. 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](mailto:office@salc-wausau.org) with your preference to begin receiving SALC notifications and/or the Network.

**GROWING THROUGH GENEROUSITY**

Each year members are invited to consider giving gifts of personal time and money to support the mission of Saint Andrew—a Christ centered community that is *open to all*, no exceptions. Scripture teaches us that all we have and all we are belongs to God. Generous giving helps us to release resources as an act of worship. This time of year, as planning for the coming year is underway. As leaders consider potential ministry opportunities, you are invited to reflect and share an intentional portion of what God has provided for you. While giving is meaningful for some and difficult for others, consider a gift that is doable for your personal budget, but also, challenging or sacrificial. Watch for a mailing that will assist you in considering a financial pledge for the coming year. Then a separate mailing will arrive in November identifying ways that you might give through volunteering. Know that your gift matters to many within and outside of our church. For what you have or might consider sharing, thank you.

*“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above.” – James 1:17a*

**ARE YOU OVER 70?**

If you are over 70 1/2 years old and taking a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you could reduce the taxable portion of your RMD by making a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) to a qualified charitable organization such as Saint Andrew directly from your IRA. Rather than receiving an itemized deduction for your donation, less of your IRA distribution would be taxable. If you are interested in the QCD, contact the church office for more information. Because there are certain restrictions and requirements for QCD, you will need to consult with your financial advisor or institution to set this up.

**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 have started, but it's not too late to join in! Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings**; 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 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 are **Sundays at 10:45 am, Tuesdays at 6:30 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm** for the first 45 minutes of the regular choir rehearsal and are held in the Sanctuary. 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. Please consider being a part of this beautiful and rewarding ministry at Saint Andrew. New Singers and Ringers are always welcome!

## GROWING IN FAITH AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

Reading Reflections, every Tuesday in the Parish Room, 9:00 am

On **October 9**, Reading Reflections will begin a study on the book by John Ortberg, *If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat* (Zondervan, 2014). Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. In what ways is the Lord telling you, as he did Peter, "Come"?

Women's "Gather" Study - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, in the Garden Room, 12:15 pm

A combination of fellowship and Bible Study, this group utilizes the resources found in Gather Magazine (<https://www.gathermagazine.org/>). If you're looking for a lighter commitment or something that you can jump into and out of, this is a good study for you.



Adult Sunday School—every Sunday in the Parish Room, 9:30 am

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.

Sunday Evening Bible Study: An in-depth look at the book of Genesis—Sundays, 6:30 pm in the Parish Room  
End the weekend with conversation surrounding "Beginnings" Led by Pastor Jenn. A syllabus for the study is available on the Information Desk. Read along if you can't make it in person.

The Central Wisconsin School of Lay Ministry of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin, monthly at SALC—Join members from several other area ELCA congregations and learn from pastors, professors and teachers on a variety of subjects regarding faith and life. Visit [www.wausaulayschool.org](http://www.wausaulayschool.org) to learn more.

**Hear the scriptures BEFORE worship on Sunday** - These groups examine the preaching texts for the week ahead:

"Son-Risers" Men's Bible Study and Breakfast, Wednesday, 6:45 am—Read the bible AND eat bacon and eggs!

Women's "Lectionary Study," every Wednesday, 9:30 am—Coffee, Creamer, Chocolate, Conversation, Christ!

Men's Bible study, every Wednesday, 10:00 am—For the non-early birds who still like coffee and Bible Study!

CONFIRMATION



### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

- ◆ Faith Statement Writing Continues: **Wednesdays, October 4 & 11, 7:30 pm**
- ◆ Confirmation Retreat: **Saturday and Sunday, October 14 & 15** at Waypost Crossways Camp where they will continue their confirmation journey.
- ◆ Confirmation rehearsal and pictures: **October 25 at 6:30** for students AND parents.
- ◆ By the grace of God, after two years of faithful preparation, these students will affirm their baptism in worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 29 at 2:00 pm**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DATES

**October 28:** Confirmation Worship—2:00 pm

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

**December 16:** Sunday School Christmas Program

**December 23 & 30:** No Sunday School

**December 26:** No Confirmation

## ADVENT RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date: **December 8, 8:30 am - 2pm**, for the first Faith Formation Retreat intended for Post Confirmation Youth and Adults. The title of the retreat is **The Elevator Speech: Knowing Christ**. Receive and review resources, take some time for personal reflection, prayer, bible study, fellowship and conversation about just how you might answer the question, "If you were asked about Jesus, what would you say?" Look for further details on this retreat in upcoming issues of the Network.



## COUNCIL UPDATE ON CALL PROCESS

- Six step process of calling the next pastor detailed in a letter mailed to each household.
- Currently on step two—entering transition with intention.
- Council is currently working to appoint the Ministry Site Profile team, intentionally formed to represent a cross-section of the congregation.
- Ministry Site Profile is a document that outlines our mission, identity, vision, and future needs in a potential lead pastor.
- Questions can be directed to SALC council members.

## CELEBRATION PATIO PAVERS

As summer is ending and the beautiful fall season approaching, it is a good time to enjoy the Celebration Patio. A paver order will be placed soon and new pavers will be installed before winter. Order forms are available on the Information Desk and can be turned in to the church office with payment or placed in the offering plate.

## THANKSGIVING DINNER AT SALC

The SALC Social Ministry will prepare the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Saint Andrew on **Thursday, November 22, 11 am-1 pm**. Signing up to attend prior to **Sunday, November 18** is greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be available on the Information Desk soon.

## ASSISTING IN OCTOBER

	Time	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 2	Team 2	Team 3	Team 3
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Johnson	Shepherd	A	B (2:00 pm Confirmation Worship also)
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Diane Goetsch Dan Malm	Faith Martinson Craig Holmes	Mary Jarvis Shirley Bickford	Paul Nelson Sue Paisar
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Weidman Schmidt   Tipple	Jacobson   Rickstad Mielke   Clark	Howe Weiland	Czerwinski Paisar
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Sitko Frolik   Mielke	Jacobson   Soukup Clemment	Geiger Gnatz	Mueller Holmes
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Frolik	Hersperger	Geiger	Lemke

## LECTIONARY READINGS

October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

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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:*

Clara Bailey - August 23  
 Eliza Faith Ayer - August 23  
 Quillan John Binkley - August 26  
 Oliver Michael Knighton - September 2  
 Piper Jo Pike - September 23  
 Fletcher Theodore Anderson - September 30  
 Clara Mae Radtke - November 11

### 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 & Alyssa Springer - September 1  
 Charlie Libby Peth - September 1  
 Luke & Samantha Mroczenski - September 22  
 Justin & Callie Mayer - September 28  
 Taner Schillinger & Brenna Mikula - October 6  
 Matthew Hader & Raquel Paszek - October 13

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

*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)*



# SAINT ANDREW

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Rev. Jeff Martinson, *Visitation Pastor*  
Shelby Gjertson, *Parish Administrator*  
Joy Mitchell, *Secretary*  
Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*  
Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*  
Shannon Vujnovich, *Custodian*  
Matthew Clark, *Sexton*  
Jenna Rusch, *Sexton*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### OCTOBER

2	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation
7		CROP Walk at Marathon Park
7	9:30 am	New Members Received in Worship
9	11:30 am	OWLS at Saint Anthony's Retreat Center
11	1:00-7:00 pm	Blood Drive
11, 14, 18 & 21		Book Fair at SALC Library
13 & 14		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat at Waypost Camp
14	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Fall Clean-Up
24		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures
28	2:00 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Worship

### NOVEMBER

4		All Saints Worship
21	6:15 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
22	11:00 am-1:00 pm	Thanksgiving Dinner at SALC



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