Network

SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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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Network Note from Pastor Jenn

Have you ever had a *moving experience?* I moved 15 times between the beginning of my college experience and when I finally settled in to Wausau seven years ago. When you move so much you learn a few tricks of the trade. These were the traditions I frequently came to observe.

Pack light! The more stuff you keep the more stuff you haul…

Establish the "right" fork drawer. If you keep reaching for the forks in a different drawer than where you originally put them, move them to the drawer you reach for.

Always hang pictures earlier than makes sense. Pictures of family and special artwork is what makes home a home.

Have friends over to bless the space. Light a candle and move from room to room to pray for God's work and will to be lived out where you eat, sleep, bathe, rest, and dwell.

If you walk through church these days you might get the sense that a move is underway and you would be correct. Shannon, our church custodian, has moved to what used to be the Christian Education office. The three "middle offices" are all receiving new paint and a refresh with strong support from Property Ministry as well as a new exterior door system being installed.

The physical space changing is fitting because much of the ministry we share is taking on new life as well. In this edition of the network you will find all of the normal fall start-up information you may expect—but you will also see that Pastor Gary's time with us is coming to an end at the end of August.

As he prepares to depart we also are excited to receive a new full time staff person who will begin with us in mid-august. Jenna Diedrich comes to us as SALC's new Faith Formation Coordinator with 12 years of camping administration with the Samoset Council (BSA) and other wonderful gifts in communication and leadership development. Welcome, Jenna!

And after several years of development, the Worship Ministry encouraged council to suspend the Sunday 10:45 am worship service to have better hospitality for visitors, freeing that time for pastoral care and other learning opportunities, and to prepare for the potential of a season with only one pastor in leadership.

Change sometimes can mess with our sense of where we expect the fork drawer to be! I'm still getting used to the new space and desk in the Lead Pastor office. (Sometimes I catch myself walking into my old office space!)

One of the things that God promises is to go with us where we go. When the people were freed from the oppression of Pharaoh in Egypt, God literally went with them in a *pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:21).* August is all about soaking in the rest and the best of summer. As you prepare for another *change* in seasons, how might you create *room* in your life to make *space* for God? In what ways is God challenging you to *change, move, learn, or grow?* Let's find out together.

Weekly Worship

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

PET SUNDAY—Sunday, August 18, 9:30 am

Bring the *whole* family — all socially adapted creatures, great and small, are welcome. Bring a lawn chair and sunglasses to the Celebration Patio area on the north side of the Fellowship Hall and enjoy this outdoor worship experience.

Older Wiser Lutherans!

Tuesday, August 6
11:30 am

The OWLS meet monthly and are a great way to interact with peers for learning, food, and, fellowship. Meet the OWLS at Saint Andrew to carpool to Chet & Emil's Restaurant in Birnamwood then go to the Carlson residence to tour their garden.

Can you Help? Food Pantry Needs

Assorted canned soup, beef stew, canned kidney beans, green beans, corn and peas, canned tomato products, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, Instant potatoes, 1# bags of rice, and jelly Snacks for lunches for kids and teenagers.

Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances.

Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on ***Thursday and Sunday, August 15 & 18*** in support of VBS.

Reading Reflections

The group will take a break on August 6 from their normal weekly Tuesday morning meeting time. They will meet again on Tuesday, August 13.

Fair Trade Products

will be available for purchase on ***Sunday, August 18.*** All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

Life changes

If you have moved, changed phone numbers, dropped a land line or acquired a new e-mail, church would love to keep your info up to date. Email: *info@salc-wausau.org*

Church Council Highlights

Church council meetings welcome visitors and are typically held on the fourth Thursday of every month. Following each meeting, minutes are made available in the binder on the Information Desk for members to review. At June and July's council meetings several important conversations were held. Here are some of the highlights and opportunities to be involved.

- Council reviewed and approved a technology and office update plan submitted by a technology update task force: physical space, phones, doors, computers, firewall, switch and server are in process of being updated.
- The term has ended for Saint Andrew's mortgage. New bids are being reviewed to refinance the current mortgage of $723,500.
- Following an extensive joint interview process between personnel and faith formation ministry, Jenna Diedrich was hired as Full Time Faith Formation Coordinator and will begin on August 19.
- At the recommendation of the worship ministry, the Sunday 10:45 am worship service was discontinued.
- Council continues to seek a new treasurer and is grateful for Terri Wiederhoeft's faithful service.
- *A God's Work—Our Hands Service* project is being planned for the first weekend in September.

New Member Orientation

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on ***Saturday, August 24, 9 am—12 pm.*** New members will be received during the 9:30 am worship service on ***Sunday, August 25.*** If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by *Friday, August 16.*

God Speed, Pastor Gary!

Pastor Gary's last Sunday at SALC is August 25. He came to serve as Interim Lead Pastor in October of last year. Having faithfully served his six month contract, he was willing to extend his time with us through the summer. Pastor Gary, you have been a blessing to this community and your laughter, wisdom, preaching, and guidance has been appreciated and will be missed! God bless you, Kathleen, and your family! Thank you!

Church Doors and Keys Update

Last year church council appointed a task force to review emergency procedures. As a result, Saint Andrew is updating the four main entryways with new programmable security measures managed by staff through software. In the near future all entry to the building will be scheduled or changed to a fob/keycard entry. Those who have keys registered for ministry purposes (i.e. Altar Guild) should look for a post card soon that will detail what the changes mean for you. This transition will occur in stages which staff will communicate with you along the way.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with ECSW

March 23-31, 2020

Join Bishop Gerald Mansholt and your fellow ECSW (East Central Synod of Wisconsin) Lutherans for a special synodical group pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Planned stops include Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Jordan River Baptismal Site, Dome of the Rock, Western Wall, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem with optional homestay, and more. We'll also break bread with local religious and community leaders, peace-builders, and community members, including from partner ministries of the Evangelical Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Lutheran World Federation. And for three days, we'll experience MEJDI's UN award winning Dual Narrative touring program, with Israeli and Palestinian guide in dialogue on contested issues and sites. For more information you can visit this website:
https://www.mejditours.com/open-tour/ecsw-pilgrimage/

Christmas Quilt Kits

Christmas quilt kits are now available in the kiosk in the Narthex. The finished quilts will then be given to local facilities at Christmas time. Please return completed quilts by October 31.

Dartball Practice

August 12 & 26, 7:00 pm

All are welcome to come and try dartball during these practice times. Come for fun, fellowship and maybe even a home run!

You Won't Want to Miss Church on September 8!

Church Picnic

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. Burgers and Brats will be provided—Please bring a dish to pass according to the first letter of your last name:

A-M salad or side dish; N-Z dessert
Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up. Sign up on the Information Desk!

Sunday School Rally Day & Backpack Blessing!

Sunday School begins for kids as young as 2 years old through grade 6 with worship at 9:30 am! Bring your backpack to have it blessed during the children's sermon to remember *God goes with* you for another great year of learning. Then, students will head to classrooms to meet their teachers and classmates. Advance registration online is encouraged but will also take place in classrooms.

Stewardship 2020 — Time & Talent | Ministry Fair

This year there are *NEW* opportunities to participate in the life of Saint Andrew! In addition to signing up for joining a ministry or volunteering to help with certain tasks or duties, we will be asking people for two new pieces of information:

1. You will be able to indicate your **occupation, vocation or skill.** This information would be used for guidance, help or advice with a problem or project—members might have the knowledge or expertise to help out.
2. You will be able to indicate if you have **certain equipment or resources** that the church could borrow for projects.

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

The gifts we offer to God are truly unique and are so appreciated! Please look over the booklet and consider ways you can get involved and make a difference! Thank you for sharing in the life of Saint Andrew.
Watch for this mailing which will come to you in September—a bit earlier than usual!

The Saint Andrew ministries are planning a **Ministry Fair** on ***Sundays, September 8 and 15*** to give our members a chance to learn what each of the ministries do and what opportunities are available for members to contribute their time and talents and participate in the life of Saint Andrew. More details to follow in the September Network.

Confirmation Mailings & Orientation

Registration Materials—Families of students in grades 7, 8, and 9 should watch their mailboxes the first week of August for information detailing the upcoming confirmation year. Information and registration material is also available online at www.salc-wausau.org/learning/confirmation

Orientation for 7th Grade — Wednesday, August 28, 6:15 pm
Parents are asked to attend with your student and will receive supplies, an overview of the confirmation program.

Re-orientation for 8th Grade—Wednesday, September 4, 6:15 pm
During the already scheduled evening of confirmation, parents will be asked to join with students for the last 30 minutes of the evening, **7-7:30 pm.**

VBS is Pandamania!

God is *WILD* about you!

It's not too late to register at www.salc-wausau.org

Vacation Bible School
August 5-9, 9 am - Noon

Who—Students ages 4-7 (Older students are welcome!)
What— Arts and Crafts, Games, Songs, Skits, Friends,
Bible Study and Faith for Life!
Cost—$15 per Child
Student and Adult Volunteers are Welcome
Sign up on the Information Desk or Online

First Communion Survey & Proposed Date Change

Faith Formation Ministry and Worship Ministry have had conversation about the best time to hold First Communion and tentatively moving it to November lessons and First Communion worship in December, during Advent. Typically this has occurred during a special service on Palm Sunday for fifth graders and their families. Spring break in Wausau frequently interferes with this timing. A survey will be available on the Information Desk and online at www.salc-wausau.org beginning mid-august for those who would like to offer their thoughts.

Important Dates

Wednesday, August 28
Confirmation Orientation for 7th Grade
(Please note date change)

Sunday, September 8
Rally Day and Church picnic

Sunday, September 15
Second Grade Bibles Presented

Sunday, October 27
Confirmation Worship

Lay School of Ministry Begins in September—All are Welcome!

- Meets monthly—the first classes will be on ***Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14***
- The Lay School is a synod-wide effort to connect people with interest in really diving deeper into learning or leading in the life of the church.
- "The Lay School exists to challenge and equip adults for their work as disciples of Jesus in the congregations and communities where God has placed them. We provide several programs with the following classes available: Old and New Testament, Systematic Theology, Church History, Faith and Spirituality, Worship and Liturgy, Martin Luther, and Ministry in Daily Life."
- You can find more information including the schedule and fees on their website: ***www.wausaulayschool.org.*** or on the Information Desk.
- Pr. Jenn will be teaching the course on liturgy this year along with several other local pastors, Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel, including a seminary professor from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque.
- The best part? Lay school is hosted right here at Saint Andrew!
- Please speak with Pr. Jenn if cost may be prohibitive for you.

Call Process Updates

Check back here monthly for any updates on the Associate Pastor Call Process. **The bishop's office has now received and approved the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) and it is now posted for potential candidates on the ELCA's website.** Please keep our future pastor and all of those involved in discernment in your prayers and check out the bulletin board across from the office for more details.

Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at June...

Average attendance	358
Your gifts returned to God	$ 56,514
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	58,522
Gifts greater (less) than costs	$ (2,008)

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

Assisting in Worship in August

	Time	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Altar Guild	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Team 3	Team 4	Team 4	Team 5
Usher Team	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Johnson	Shepherd	A	B
Lay Readers	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Lyn Weis Judith Marshall	Dave Mueller Pam Clare	Eric Verber _____	Paul Nelson Lynn Lawson
Greeters	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Dotseth Paisar	Rickstad | Mann Kyhos	Weidman Lawson	Jarvis | Spalding Clark | Mielke
Fellowship	**8:00 am** **9:30 am**	Jarvis Poutanen	Mueller Smith	Rusch Sorensen	Dotseth Van Skike
Cookie Bakers	**7:30 am**	Lemke	Rickstad	Clemment	Fehrman

Lectionary Readings

August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29--12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

August 2019

July

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September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	5 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	6 11:30 AM OWLS Group Meet @ SALC-Carpool to Bimamwood for Lunch & Garden Tour	7	8 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP	9	10
	9 am - 12 pm VBS at Saint Andrew: Ages 4-7					
11 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	12 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball Practice	13 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:30 PM Ministry Night	14	15 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP	16	17
		9 am - 4 pm Day Camp at Waypost Camp: 2nd-6th Grades				
18 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP w/Blessing of Pets & Animals on the Celebration Patio	19 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	20 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	21	22 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP	23	24 9:00 AM New Member Orientation
25 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP w/Reception of New Members	26 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball Practice	27 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	28 6:15 PM 7th Grade Confirmation Orientation: Parents & Students	29 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Council Meeting	30	31

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:

Ashton Jacob Kolbe - *June 23*
Georgia Law Hagenbucher - *June 23*
Isabelle Grace Jorstad - *June 27*
Naamah See Yang - *July 21*
Mack Carlton Melville - *August 11*

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

Joe and Marissa Piatti - *June 8*
Ryan and Tara Brummer - *June 22*
Kyle Holtz and Megan Boris - *September 14*
Chase Drake and Ashley Hayes - *September 21*
Josh Daley and Tia Maguire - *September 28*
Tou Bee Yang and Mallory Zietlow - *October 5*

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:
For the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:

Daniel Smith
William Harvey
Patrick "Snipe" Neupert

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	Dean	Neil	Amy	Becky
Ali	Ed	Nikki	Tom	Dale
Alice	Jennifer	Orreanna	Yvonne	Angie & Laura
Ashley	Jerry	Pam	Laura	Harper
Babs	Jim	Phil	Frank	Emmerson
Bev	Kristin	Rachel	Pam	Cullen
Bill	Kristine & Family	Robin	Helen	Jay
Brian	Leann	Shirley	Riley	Barb
Callie & Zak	Lynne & Dan	Tom	Katie	Pat
Charles & Gerry	Meg	Tony	Joe	Mary
Charles	Michael	Zoe	Katie	Jean
Claude	Monica	Zurn	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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Fall Worship Opportunities
Thursdays: 12:15 & 6:15 pm
Sundays: 8:00 & 9:30 am
***Note: Sunday 10:45 am Worship will no longer be offered**

Regular Office Hours Resume September 3:
8 am-4 pm Monday-Friday

Upcoming Events/Activities

AUGUST

5-9		**Pandamania Vacation Bible School (VBS)**
6	**11:30 am**	**OWLS Group**
12 & 26	**7:00 pm**	**Dartball Practice**
13 & 20	**10 am-3 pm**	**Quilting for LWR**
13-15		**Day Camp at Waypost Camp, Hatley**
18	**9:30 am**	**Blessing of Pets and Animals**
24	**9 am-12 pm**	**New Member Orientation**
25	**9:30 am**	**Reception of New Members in Worship**
28	**6:15 pm**	**7th Grade Confirmation Orientation**

SEPTEMBER

4	**6:15 pm**	**8th Grade Confirmation Students Re-Orientation**
4	**7:00 pm**	**8th Grade Confirmation Parents Re-Orientation**
8	**9:30 am**	**Blessing of the Backpacks in Worship**
8		**Rally Sunday and Church Picnic**
8		**Ministry Fair**

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