

# Network



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## Network Note from Pastor Jenn

Recently an artist in our congregation named Karoline Schwantes shared a water color rendering of the stained glass windows in our sanctuary and chapel. Originally the windows were designed to represent the Sea of Galilee—



a nuance to our namesake, Andrew, who was called to follow Jesus from beside the sea.

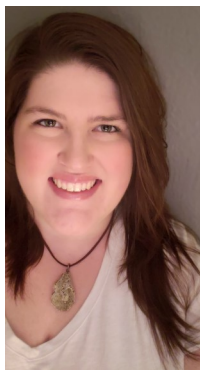
The story unfolds in John 1:35 and details how John the Baptist called out “Look, here is the lamb of God!” Immediately Andrew has both beginning and ending—the end of life as he knew it and the beginning of something new that was hardly yet defined. “What are you looking for?” Jesus asks them. As I looked at Karoline’s painting, which can be found attached to a thank you on the bulletin board outside of the office, I remembered at one time having been told that the oranges and the reds in the glass depicted either the sun setting or the sun rising over the Sea of Galilee. I kind of like that I don’t remember which it is because in a way, I suppose, it could be both sunrise *and* sunset.

It’s hard to know when some endings end and other beginnings begin because life is so fluid. We feel this acutely in August because Summer is such a sacred time in central Wisconsin. In this issue of the Network you will find exciting news about all that is on the horizon for the coming school year—including the starting of a team to recognize and celebrate Saint Andrew’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Even as we bid farewell to Interim Pastor Gary Brandenburg who has been a blessing to us for almost a year, we say hello to new staff member, Jenna Diedrich, who comes to us with a wealth of experience in leadership development, planning and implementing of programs. Those gifts will serve this community faithfully in her role as faith formation coordinator.

Beginning or ending, Jesus is in it and continues to call to you, “Come and see.”

### Saint Andrew welcomes Jenna Diedrich as Faith Formation Coordinator

Jenna grew up in Wausau, graduating from Newman in 2006. She continues to live in the area with her husband, Bob, and loves being a part of the Wausau community. She is a performing member of CenterStage Band and Show Choir as well as HotDog Comedy Improv. Her passion for youth development comes from her long-time connection with Scouts, BSA. She started working for the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation in 2005 and served as Camp Director during the 2018 and 2019 camping seasons. Her work as a Resident Camp Administrator prepared her for this new opportunity as Faith Formation Coordinator and she is excited to bring her camp skills home and use them in new ways to help engage all members of SALC on their own faith formation journeys.



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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## Weekly Worship

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

### Rally Sunday September 8

- \*Sunday School Begins
- \*Blessing of Backpacks
- \*Ministry Fair
- \*Annual Church Picnic



### Fall Worship Opportunities

Thursdays: 12:15 + 6:15 pm  
Sundays: 8:00 + 9:30 am  
**\*Note: Sunday 10:45 am Worship has been discontinued**

### Older Wiser Lutherans!

**Tuesday,  
September 3  
11:30 am**

The OWLS will meet at 11:30 am for a potluck lunch followed by a presentation by Sue Paisar, the "SALC Library Lady."



### Blood Drive

**Thursday, October 3**

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

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, September 12 & 15** 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, September 15**. All purchases help small landowner producers sustain their families and villages.

## 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 dessert; N-Z salad or side dish**  
**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

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 three 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 **equipment or resources** that the church could borrow for projects.
3. You will be able to indicate your interests, so we can determine what groups might be formed for fellowship activities or support.

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!*

*"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above."*

— JAMES 1:17A

## MINISTRY FAIR

**Sundays, September 8 and 15**

The Saint Andrew ministries are planning a **Ministry Fair** to give members a chance to learn what each of the ministries do and what opportunities are available to contribute their time and talents and participate in the life of Saint Andrew. A Passport Booklet will be available to receive a stamp or punch from each ministry table. When your booklet is filled up, drop it off along with your time and talent card in the designated box in the Narthex on Sunday, September 15 to be entered into a drawing. Come and see...there may even be samples and treats!

Connect~Worship~Serve~Create



### With Gratitude

I would like to express my gratitude to the people of Saint Andrew for the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor. I appreciated your kind words, cards and gifts as I came to the end of my interim. I pray for the continued blessings on your new lead pastor, Jenn Collins, your excellent staff and the wonderful people of God who gather at Saint Andrew each week.

God's peace,  
Pastor Gary

### Check It Out...From the SALC Library

"The Underground Church" by Robin Meyers is a radical book that proposes a radical idea: we need to recapture the spirit of the early church with its emphasis on what Christians do rather than what they believe. Instead of endless theological and political arguments, the church must be more concerned with being loving than with being right.



### 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.

### SALC Memorial Gifts

Gifts were received in memory of Bill Harvey. 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.

## CHOIRS TO BEGIN REHEARSAL SEPTEMBER 4

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 4:**

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

## ART DEVO

Welcome to a new form of spiritual relaxation and meditative mindfulness with Pam Clark on **Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm beginning September 11**. Art with no fear. No judgement. No right or wrong. Let your inner spirit guide you as you mix acrylic paint and pour it on canvas. It's that simple!

The stirring process is a type of meditation on its own. Discover different pour techniques, letting the paint find its way through the other colors and let go of control. A form of art therapy and a magical process to enjoy as you begin your own mindfulness journey.

A \$20 suggested donation for your first class includes two 8 x 10 canvases. Classes thereafter are a \$10 suggested donation plus the price of the canvas you choose. All donations go back to Saint Andrew to fund this ministry.

## LORDY, LORDY, LOOK WHO'S... SAINT ANDREW!

In anticipation of SALC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, members, from charter members to new members, are being sought to help with a variety of special events and projects to celebrate 40 years of ministry at Saint Andrew. If you are interested in joining the Anniversary Planning Team, e-mail Jenna@salc-wausau.org or look for the anniversary display at the Ministry Fair.

**Artists, graphic designers, history buffs, and story tellers are needed to create an Archive team:** This group will work to pull forward and sort through some of Saint Andrew's history—sharing the story of how God is at work in this place (4-5 people). This group will work with the anniversary team.

## ZEERUST VISITORS COMING SUMMER 2020!

Dr. Benjamin Molokoe from Zeerust Lutheran Church and Pastor Jenn shared in an exciting phone call anticipating a visit from our brothers and sisters in Zeerust next summer. The tentative dates for their stay with us are **June 17—June 30, 2020**, pending confirmation of airline schedules. In the coming months look for ways to be involved with their visit. May God continue to grow our partnership in ministry.

## GROWING IN FAITH AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

**Adult Sunday School** will be available at 9:30 am beginning **Sunday, September 8**. 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:***

"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." Classes will begin **Friday & Saturday, September 13 & 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](http://www.wausaulayschool.org) to learn more.

### ***Book Studies and fellowship groups***

- *Reading Reflections*, Tuesdays, 9:00 am
- **NEW: Art Devo** - see details on pg. 3. Begins Wednesday, **September 11**, 11 am-1 pm

### ***Hear the scriptures BEFORE worship on Sunday.***

These three groups meet on **Wednesday** mornings and examine the preaching texts for the week ahead:

- *"Son-Risers" Men's Bible Study and Breakfast*, 6:45 am resumes **September 4** (Come read the bible AND eat bacon and eggs!)
- *"Wonder? Women" Lectionary Bible Study*, 9:30 am—resumes **September 11**
- *Men's Bible study*, 10:00 am—resumes **September 4**

**Please note the Sunday Evening Bible Study and Wednesday morning Gather Study will be discontinued.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONFIRMATION: IMPORTANT DATES

### September

- 4 Confirmation Orientation—7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and their parents—6:15 pm
- 8 Rally Sunday for Sunday School during 9:30 am Worship/Sunday School Classes Resume-First Faith-Grade 6 Church Picnic at 10:45 am
- 11 Confirmation Classes Begin—6:15 pm
- 15 Second Grade Bibles Presented
- 25 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Resumes—7:35 pm

### October

- 2 & 9 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
- 12 & 13 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Conf. Retreat at Waypost
- 23 Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures
- 27 Confirmation Worship—2:00 pm

### November

- 27 No Confirmation  
Thanksgiving Eve Worship—6:15 pm

### December

- 15 Sun. School Christmas Program (tentative)
- 22 & 29 No Sunday School
- 25 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](http://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 3.**

### Confirmation Information

- Confirmation BEGINS **Wednesday, September 4 at 6:15 pm** in the Fellowship Hall with orientation and registration. **Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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

- Sunday school job share for grades 4 and 6
- 4 people willing to lead small group for confirmation on Wednesday evenings



## CALL PROCESS UPDATES

The bishop's office has received and approved the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) and it is now posted for potential candidates on the ELCA's website. This means we are waiting for potential candidates to recognize our profile and make connections through our synod. Please keep our future pastor and all of those involved in discernment in your prayers.



## SAINT ANDREW SPENDING

Looking back at July...

Average attendance	275
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 48,404
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>52,643</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ ( 4,239)

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

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP IN

	Time	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Altar Guild	8:00 am 9:30 am	Team 5	Team 6	Team 6	Team 2	Team 2
Usher Team	8:00 am 9:30 am	Tipple	Weidman	Johnson	Shepherd	A
Lay Readers	8:00 am 9:30 am	Cheryl Allen Shirley Bickford	Alex Cappel Mark Clark	Ron Dotseth Jayne Germinaro	Diane Goetsch Herbert Heyne	Gary Hibbard Lynn Lawson
Greeters	8:00 am 9:30 am	Jacobson   Nelson Murphy	Dotseth Koch	Weidman Alafouzos	Weis Schilling	Howe Schmidt   Smith
Fellowship	8:00 am 9:30 am	Sitko Wurz	Wiederhoeft Wittich   McDonald	Stangel Frolik   Mielke	Breese   Spiegel Alafouzos	Dotseth Gnatz
Cookie Bakers	7:30 am	Miller   Smith	Frolik	Mrotek	Weidman	Wittich   McDonald

## LECTIONARY READINGS

September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM WORSHIP	2 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings	3 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 11:30 AM OWLS Group Potluck and "Library Lady!"	4 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 5:15 PM Handbell Reh. 6:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh.	5 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP	6	7
8 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Blessing of Backpacks in Waship 10:45 AM Church Picnic Ministry Fair Rally Sunday	9 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball @ Wesley Methodist	10 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting Group	11 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 AM "Wonder's Women" Lectionary Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Art Devo 5:15 PM Handbell Reh. 6:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh.	12 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP	13 5:00 PM Lay School Classes	14 8:00 AM Lay School Classes 2:00 PM Bots/Holtz Wedding
15 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM WORSHIP Second Grade Bibles Presented	16 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball @ Mount Olive	17 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 10:00 AM Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	18 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 AM "Wonder's Women" Lectionary Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Art Devo 5:15 PM Handbell Reh. 6:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh.	19 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP	20 3:00 PM Hayes/Drake Wedding-Offsite	21
22 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM WORSHIP	23 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball vs Immanuel Baptist	24 9:00 AM Reading Reflections	25 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 AM "Wonder's Women" Lectionary Bible Study 10:00 AM Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Art Devo 5:15 PM Handbell Reh. 6:15 PM 7th & 8th Grade Conf. Class 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Reh.	26 12:15 PM WORSHIP 12:15 PM WORSHIP 7:00 PM Council Meeting	27 2:30 PM Daley/Maguire Wedding-Offsite	28
29 8:00 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM WORSHIP	30 7:00 PM AA, Alanon & Alateen Meetings 7:00 PM Dartball @ Good Shepherd		7:35 PM 9th Grade Confirmation			

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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:*

Isabelle Grace Jorstad - June 27  
Naamah See Yang - July 21  
Mack Carlton Melville - August 11  
Beau Rylee Kaiser - August 6  
Ava Mae Dantoin - September 8  
Corbyn Allan Huerth - September 29  
Hailey Mroczenski - October 20

### For Weddings:

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

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:*

Beau Rylee Kaiser  
Claude Paszek

## 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	Nikki	Amy	Dale
Ali	Jerry	Nora	Tom	Angie & Laura
Alice	Jim	Orreanna	Yvonne	Harper
Ashley	Kristin	Pam	Laura	Emmerson
Babs	Kristine & Family	Phil	Frank	Cullen
Bev	Leann	Rachel	Pam	Jay
Bill	Lynne & Dan	Robin	Helen	Barb
Brian	Meg	Roland	Riley	Bob
Callie & Zak	Meghan	Shirley	Katie	John
Charles & Gerry	Melanie	Tom	Joe	
Charles	Michael	Tony	Katie	
Dean	Monica	Zoe	Judy	
Ed	Neil	Zurn	Becky	

*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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Dave Paisar, *Custodian*  
Matthew Clark, *Sexton*  
Jenna Rusch, *Sexton*  
Dave Mueller, *Sexton*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### SEPTEMBER

3	11:30 am	OWLS Group Potluck and "Library Lady"!
4	6:45 am	Son Riser's Bible Study Begins
4	10:00 am	Men's Bible Study Begins
4	5:15 pm	Handbell Rehearsals Begin
4	6:15 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students & Parents
4	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsals Begin
8	9:30 am	Adult Bible Study Begins
8	9:30 am	Blessing of Backpacks in Worship
8		Rally Sunday and Church Picnic
8		Ministry Fair
11	9:30 am	"Wonder? Women" Lectionary Bible Study
11	11:00 am	NEW! Art Devo
15	9:30 am	Second Grade Bibles Presented
25	7:35 pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Resumes

### OCTOBER

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3	1:00-6:00 pm	Blood Drive
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27	2:00 pm	Confirmation Worship

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



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