



April 24, 2020

The Weekly Wave

Our beloved newsletter, The Network, was once a weekly publication that was mailed to each household. It's fun to look back at the weekly history of Saint Andrew. Over time, a weekly publication wasn't as possible. In these last weeks what we've come to recognize is that people are hungry for more regular contact with church, since we cannot physically be together. Hence the creation of the "Weekly Wave." Think of it as a quick hello, the wave of a hand to greet you and fill you in on life. Or in the spirit of Andrew, called from beside the sea - a movement of water and spirit - bringing us together in unity on the shores of the church. Where together we find a purpose and a mission that is "open to all" for the sake of all.

Thanks to Karoline Schwantes for her original artwork of the stain glass at Saint Andrew in watercolor.

Reflection

Are you a future oriented person? Often finding your thoughts and your plans pointing you down the road to the goals you have for the next week, month, or year? Or are you a past oriented thinker? Do you reflect on what once was? Perhaps lingering or dwelling in a time or a place where wholeness felt more achievable - a place where you'd like to find yourself again. Or maybe you find it's easiest for you to be grounded in a sense of the present - thinking mostly about the work of today: the next hour, the next meal, the next task - one thing at a time, one moment at a time, one day at a time.

One of my favorite passages has come to mind quite a bit lately as we find ourselves in what we hope will be a "once in a lifetime" scenario. In Ecclesiastes 3:11, the poet writes, "God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

In biblical Greek there are two words for the word, "time." The word, "chronos" is used to talk about chronological time: past, present, future; this morning, this afternoon, this evening. The word, "kairos," however is not bound by linear movement or thinking. It just is... time. God's time, more specifically. The perfect timing of a word that comes at the moment you need to hear it the most. An unexpected gesture of kindness that follows a storm within that the giver may not even know was needed.

With eternity inside of our hearts, our sense of time is expanded. Even though we are longing for chronological insight and answers to our questions about how long this could go on and what we will find when we return to public life together. We are yet "kairos" people in a "chronos" world. Whatever movement we make as a church we will make with both "kairos" and "chronos" in mind and we will make those moves together, on pace with other colleague churches and at the advisement of the bodies that have been guiding us all along: the bishop's office, Wisconsin Council of Churches, The Department of Public Health for the state of Wisconsin, and the CDC.

Chronologically, plans for reassembling at church are being made - even if we may not be able to utilize them at this moment. Conversations are taking place about what a return to communion may look like, what kind of offerings we might provide even as social distancing and limits for gatherings extend into phase two of the state's plans to reopen. As Kairos people, we are gathered already into God's embrace. But won't it feel good to eat the bread and sing together again?

We will but not yet. We will - in God's good timing.

Midweek Reflection and Sunday Worship

Join us on Facebook live stream for **Midweek Reflection at 12:15 pm on Thursdays and for worship at 9:00 am on Sundays**. You do not need a Facebook account to join in worship. If you do have a Facebook account and "like" the Saint Andrew Facebook Page, you should receive a notification at the beginning of the live stream. Services will remain available on our Facebook page under the "videos" tab along the left side of the page. Click here www.facebook.com/salcwausau/ to watch the live stream or you can watch them anytime following.

God Bless, Keep You, and Bring You Hope & Resurrection

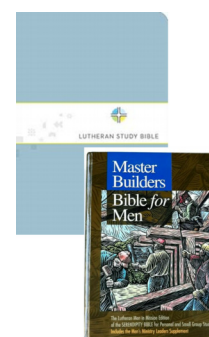
Sparkhouse Family Sunday School



Sunday school is now online! We are inviting families to take advantage of the free Sunday school lesson offered weekly through Sparkhouse. [Click here](#) for the link for this week's material.

Weekly Bible Studies

The weekly men's and women's bible studies are still going strong and meeting via Zoom. Both groups meet on Wednesday mornings - the men's group at 7:15 am and the women's group at 9:30 am. If you would like to tune into the men's group, [click here for the link](#) or contact Bob Wiederhoeft at bob.wiederhoeft@gmail.com. To join in the women's group [click here for the link](#) or contact Pr. Jenn at pastorjenn@salcwausau.org.

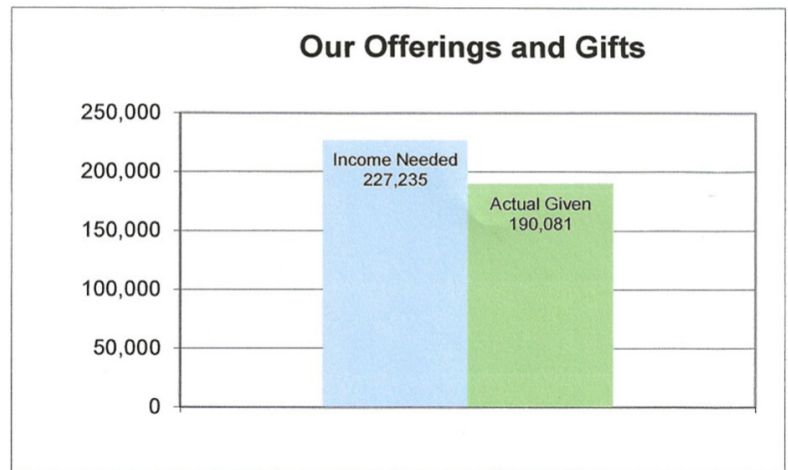


Saint Andrew Spending Plan Review

Ways to Give

With the church building closed and services being conducted remotely, several members have asked how they can still make their offerings. There are a number of ways you can make your offerings to Saint Andrew.

- *Mail an envelope to church
- *Send a text message
- *Sign up for TOE (Transfer Offering Electronically)
- *Use the online system through the church website
- *Use the Bill Pay feature on the On-Line Banking System offered by your financial institution



[Click here](#) to go to the SALC website for more details on ways to give. All gifts are a blessing and are appreciated. Thank you.

Submit Your Video Easter Greeting

Send your Easter greeting to the folks at Saint Andrew by creating a short 5-10 second video and emailing it to salc.live.stream@gmail.com to be included in the Sunday livestream. Please call or text Pr. Justin at 715-544-8925 with questions or technical support.



Fair Trade Products



Have you run out of your favorite coffee, tea or chocolate bar? Please consider going online to our supplier, [Equal Exchange](#), where you are able to buy bulk quantities of these products. What does bulk mean? It means buying 6 bags of the same coffee or tea or a dozen of the same

chocolate bar. For orders over \$75, shipping is free. For orders under \$75, shipping is \$7.50.

Sewing Face Masks for PPE

Over 700 masks have been sewn and distributed so far to facilities such as Aspirus, Mountain Terrace, Ascension at Home, Meals on Wheels and Forest Park. If you are interested in making masks, please contact Linda Peterson at the number or email below, otherwise, 100 will be available on a first come, first serve basis.



If you are able to safely do so, Linda will be available at the church parking lot on Fridays through May 1 from 3:30-4:00 pm to distribute mask kits and to receive completed masks. Please put completed masks in a plastic bag and label with the number of masks, your name and phone number and return to Linda by May 1.

If you are unable to meet her at this day and time, if you have any questions, or would like some kits, she can be contacted at lindaksp@aol.com or at 715-573-4866.

Thank you and bless you for your help and support.

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