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The disciples are so relatable. I imagine their furrowed brows raised while they say, “huh?” at Jesus’ words and actions. There is a small story in Luke 9 beginning with verse 51. A Samaritan village refuses to receive Jesus because of his mission to go to Jerusalem – to the cross.

James and John ask, “Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” We don’t have dialogue; all we know is that Jesus doesn’t answer their question. He just turns and rebukes them. That is it. Then they go on to another village.

How do we heal the division in the world? Is it even possible that the gap between opposing viewpoints could grow smaller? Here’s how that happens: love. That’s it. Small moments of love – seeing them, creating them, focusing on them. I can’t rain down fire (and I don’t really want to). I can’t preach a sermon the world will hear. There’s no law that will fix division. No political leader. Love is the only option. Little and big love is how this world is mended.

To look someone in the eye and say thank you. To admit that you don’t understand but want to. To look at the person at the dinner table as a gift and not a burden or a threat. This is where the gap closes between us. Christ working in and through broken hearts is where the healing begins.

Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet, and loves with my heart.

-St. Theresa of Avilla

Pastor Jenn

New Member Orientation to Take Place Virtually

Friend in Christ and prospective member of Saint Andrew,

You (and any friends or family who may wish to join you) are invited to attend new member orientation on **Sunday, January 31 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm**. This gathering will take place online via Zoom. Directions for utilizing zoom to access the meeting and the meeting link are provided on the reverse side of this letter. Please send an email to joy@salc-wausau.org if you would prefer to have this link emailed to you. Membership in the life of the church establishes a set of promises and allows for a deeper level of connection and relationship. As a member, you have access to pastoral care in the midst of life's challenges and transitions. Members of Saint Andrew also have a say in how the ministry we share in this community is conducted and have the opportunity to serve on ministry teams, the church council, and vote at congregational meetings. As a congregation we seek to be “*open to all*” and allow for the love of Christ to be shared in all we do.

Orientation is approximately one and a half to two hours long and consists of interactive conversation with the pastors in which you will get to know others joining in the life of the church, review what it means to be a Lutheran, and learn the ins and outs of life together at Saint Andrew through a sharing in the church's history, mission, and opportunities to give back and serve.

If you are interested in membership at Saint Andrew and wish to participate in orientation, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 or email Joy at joy@salc-wausau.org by **Monday, January 25**. We can then add you to the list of participants and prepare materials you will receive via mail. If you wish to have further conversation or clarification regarding membership, please feel free to call the church to visit with one of the pastors.

Enclosed is a Membership Information Sheet. Please complete this form with **exact dates (to the day) including baptism and confirmation dates** as this will assist in keeping your membership records accurate. If you don't have the dates, please call the church where they took place to obtain those dates. You can scan the form and return it to joy@salc-wausau.org or mail it to the church. For your convenience, it is also available on our website, www.salc-wausau.org under the forms tab.

Thank you for your assistance with planning for New Member Orientation. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Serving in Christ,
Joy Mitchell

Furniture Available

We have been upgrading furniture around the building and have a few desks in need of new homes. If you are interested in any of these pieces, please contact the church office.



Check Your Email!

It's that time of the year again. The year-end Contribution Statements are being emailed this week. If you are not on the emailing list, your statement will be sent in the US mail. If you do not get yours in the next 10 days, contact the church office.

2021 Annual Meeting Has Been Scheduled

Mark your calendars for the annual meeting which will take place on ***Sunday, February 14***, a little bit later than usual. This meeting will allow for us to give thanks for the ministry that took place in 2020, receive a spending plan for 2021 ministry, and elect council members. This meeting takes place in a hybrid/virtual format being explored by a council appointed task force. Stay tuned for more information about participating in this meeting.

Top Three Reasons to Work at Camp

Hey everyone! It's Michelle, your Communications Coordinator. As many of you may or may not know, I spent my whole life camping at Waypost Camp and spent two summers on staff at Waypost as a Cabin Leader. Here are my top three reasons for college-aged young adults to serve in ministry at Waypost-

1. Spend your Summer Amidst God's Creation

I feel the most connected to Christ when I am amidst God's beautiful creation. At Waypost, you will spend time looking over the beautiful Mission Lake, seeing the unmatched sunrises and sunsets each morning and evening.



2. Deepen your Connection to Christ

Oftentimes, being at Waypost gave me the space to explore my own faith and ask questions in a safe community of peers who were experiencing a similar season of life. I made lifelong connections with other people seeking Christ and still keep in touch with many of them. My second summer, I had the privilege of being prayer partners with Christina Johnson, a beloved member of Saint Andrew, with whom I spent time asking questions and building a great relationship with that was very pivotal in the development of my faith. This is also where I met Pastor Jenn! Making connections with area pastors is an opportunity that staff members have that help not only for the summer season, but for the rest of life. Pastors have become mentors and friends of many staff members.

3. Jump Out of your Comfort Zone and Take on Leadership Opportunities

Camp gives staff members the opportunity to develop leadership skills. As staff, you will be leading worship services, large group activities and games, small group bible studies, and be pushed out of your comfort zone to get support, constructive criticism, and take charge in positive ways. These skills surpass just the camp world- my time at camp taught me how to step up and be a servant leader. This has led to many opportunities that helped me in my time in college and beyond!

If you or someone you know has interest in the chance to work at Waypost for Crossways Camping Ministries, check out crosswayscamps.org. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at michelle@salc-wausau.org or reach out to John Mai, Waypost Intern for 2020-2021 at john@crosswayscamps.org.

tRIBe

Are you looking for an at-home Sunday school resource? tRIBe, our small group curriculum, will be starting up again on **February 14**. We will be continuing our lessons exploring Jesus' Ministry. If you are new to tRIBe, and your family would like to start receiving lessons, you can find a sign-up form [here](#).

Facility Coordinator Position Open

Saint Andrew is seeking to hire a Facility Coordinator. The role of the Facility Coordinator (insert PDF of Job description here) is to collaborate with the pastors, staff, and lay leadership of the congregation to maintain a clean, healthy and safe building that facilitates the ministry of the congregation to be "open to all." If you are interested in full time employment and have desired experiences – please visit www.salc-wausau.org and fill out the application, questionnaire, and submit your resume to personnel@salc-wausau.org.

Videos Available on YouTube

Did you miss worship live? Was there something in particular that you'd like to listen to again? A children's sermon that tickled your ear? Facebook not your thing? Church is uploading these video resources to our YouTube channel. Check out [this link](#) or search for Saint Andrew and hit "subscribe" to see and share the latest content.

Plan to Gather Weekly Update: 1/19/2020

For now, Saint Andrew remains in Phase One of the Plan to Gather.

SALC COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 1/13/2021

Date	Burden #	Trajectory	Burden Status
12/23	671.7	Shrinking	Very High
12/30	584.1	Shrinking	Very High
1/6	584.8	No Change	Very High
1/13	607.8	No Change	Very High

Current SALC Status: Phase One

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