



May 25, 2021

A Bittersweet Goodbye

To the dear church of Saint Andrew,

It is with a full but heavy heart that I announce my departure from Saint Andrew Lutheran Church as the Communications Coordinator.

As some of you may know, I will be moving to Greeley, Colorado to attend the University of Northern Colorado in August to pursue my Masters of Music in Jazz Studies with a Vocal Performance Emphasis. With this, I have the goal of achieving my Doctorate of Musical Arts and hope to become a professional musician and jazz historian and scholar.



During my time at Saint Andrew, I was able to try out new things, take time to discern my call, and allow the Holy Spirit to flow through me and serve this beautiful community. Thank you to everyone for taking a chance on me freshly out of college, serving in a brand new position. I was guided along carefully, given the opportunity to take creative chances, and above all, my relationship with God was fostered in a truly life-changing way. I will continue to pray for the next individual

who will fill this position and for the hiring committee that so graciously called me to serve here.

While my time at Saint Andrew has been short, it has given me the opportunity to become a better version of myself; a true servant of Christ, living in love every single day. My last day in the office will be **Friday, May 28, 2021**, as I plan on taking some personal time to rest and restore my soul and plan for the fall.

I am so incredibly grateful for the love I have been shown, the people I have met, and the opportunity I have had to serve the greater Wausau community. To all of my siblings in Christ, I am so grateful for the laughter, the tears, the moments of fellowship, and the relationships that have blossomed in this last almost-year. For the meetings, for the papercuts, for the endless cups of Fair Trade coffee, for the comfort during massive loss, for the beautiful chance to witness the Holy Spirit moving through this place during an incredibly challenging time for us all.

Though this seems like goodbye, it is simply just a "see you later", as I plan to continue my membership in the church and participate in the ever-growing community here while I am still in the area, as well as after my departure. I ask that you keep myself and my wonderful best friend and Siberian Husky, Indy, in your prayers as we take on this new adventure in the mountains. Thank you, thank you, thank you. My cup is overflowing with joy and gratitude. Much love and blessings to you all.

Michelle (she/her/hers)



Celebrate the Class of 2021!

Saint Andrew is excited to celebrate the graduating class of 2021! Please click [here](#) to view the video recognizing each of these graduates. May God bless you and guide you on the journey ahead.



SALC Treasure Sale and Maker's Market

Thursday-Friday, June 3-4

8:30 am-5:30 pm

*Sunday, June 6 Following
Worship*

Bring in your gently used donations for the Treasure Sale then come back and shop for new treasures! **New this year: a**

Maker's Market. Come and see and buy various works of art from local artists. A free-will donation will be received for most treasure sale items. Artists' items will be priced separately. Donated treasures should be in good working order and in very good condition. The following items will not be accepted: computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers, light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paint/chemicals, large appliances, or exercise equipment. Please drop off donation items by **Wednesday, June 2 at 12:00 pm. Volunteers are needed** to work shifts during the two sale days. Please call the office to volunteer (715 842-3333).

Seeking Assistant Ministers

In the coming weeks, there will be the implementation of an assisting minister in the Sunday morning worship services. This role will include singing the liturgies, assistance with speaking portions of liturgies, help with scriptural readings, and help with liturgical responses. Pastor Justin and Al will walk you through the process-feel free to ask as many questions as you would like. Singing may be omitted if the individual is not comfortable. If you are interested, please contact Al Freiberg at (715)574-2138.

Weed Pullers Needed!

It is that time of year again when everything is greening up and in beautiful bloom, which also means weeds. We are looking for volunteers that are willing and able to get a little dirty and help maintain the landscaped areas around Saint Andrew. If you are willing to "adopt" an area to maintain for the 2021 season, please click this link, find an area in the list that you would like to "adopt", and sign up. Buckets/bags for weeds and debris are provided by Saint Andrew, but please bring gloves, a kneeler, and preferred weeding tools. There is no set schedule for when the work needs to be done, however, you will likely need access to the building. Please be aware of the summer office hours which are **Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm** (closed Fridays) which begins **Tuesday, June 1**, or make arrangements with Patrick (patrick@SALC-Wausau.org).

A New Library Display

Coming soon to the SALC Library: A new children's display on Kindness! Our wonderful librarian, Sue Paisar, will be putting together a new display in the library that features stories about kindness. Come to the library to check it out!



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.

Pending Updates from Council

On **Thursday, May 27**, Council will be meeting to take another look at the Plan To Gather and revise the plan to begin considering indoor, in person worship. There are many factors being considered from the CDC, the Wisconsin Council of Churches, and congregational feedback. Please be on the lookout for communications coming later this week and an updated Plan to Gather that will be coming soon.

Plan to Gather Weekly

Update: 5/25/2021

On April 15, the council met to consider the timing for indoor/in-person worship but due to the rising case numbers of Covid-19 for Marathon County and the regression back to Phase One, for now the Plan to Gather includes in person **outdoor worship only**. What did change was the waiting period for phase transition from three weeks to the burden number itself. Stay tuned

for more information coming soon from the church council and visit www.salc-wausau.org/covid to review an updated *Plan to Gather*.

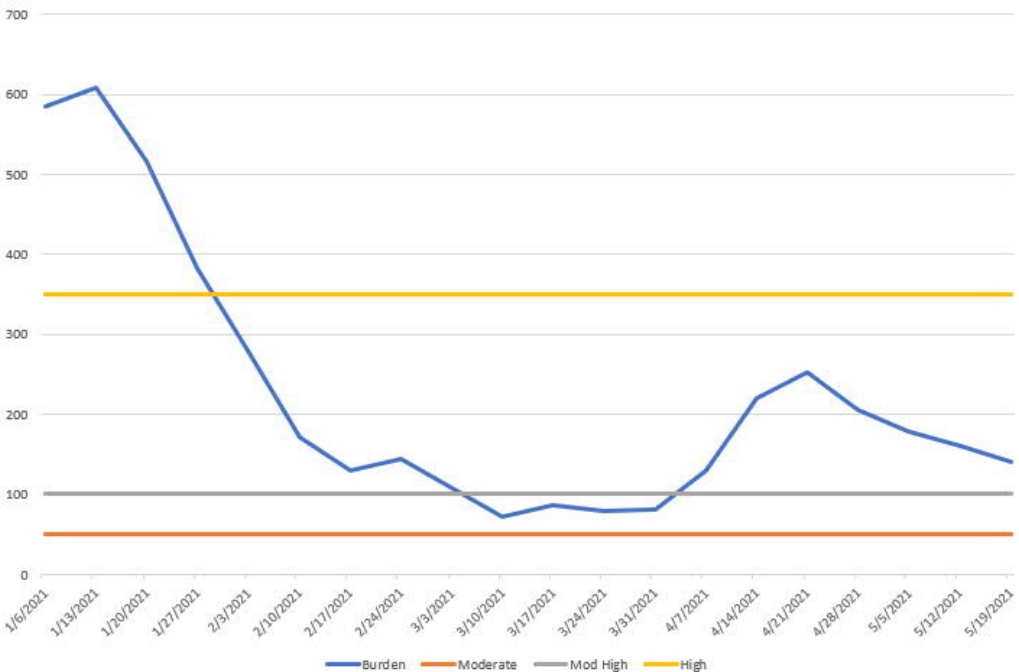
SALC COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 5/19/2021

Date	Burden #	Trajectory	Burden Status
4/28	206.3	No Change	High
5/5	178.9	No Change	High
5/12	159.6	No Change	High
5/19	140.3	No Change	High

Current SALC Status: Phase One

2021 Case Rate per 100,000 Marathon County Residents
AKA Burden



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