

Network



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Network Note from Pastor Justin

The long green season after Pentecost is a season of discipleship, where we grow deeper in our faith. We have heard the story of what God has done for us. From love born at Christmas, to Jesus' light shining through miracles, conversations, parables, and teachings, among us, we have witnessed the gift of God's own self crossing the space between heaven and earth to know us and our lives in a new way. As we reflected upon the necessity of the cross in Lent, we witnessed the depth of God's desire to be with us even in the darkest parts of life. In Easter's dawn, we celebrated our new lives in the salvation that God has brought us. Now, after the celebration of the generous gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we are invited to a life of discipleship.

As we answer the Spirit's call, we become disciples, like Peter, James, John, Andrew, and the rest. While it feels strange to consider ourselves in company with them, it is good company to be in. As fellow disciples, we can learn from one another about the impact of the Gospel on our lives. We can celebrate with one another how our actions reflect God's generous gift of God's self, as we give of ourselves for the life of those around us. We can hold one another accountable for remaining centered on Christ while the world tries to draw our attention away from our role as stewards of what we have been given. We can accept the generosity of others to pick back up when we stumble and fall, and continue to journey with our abundant God, through acts of worship, learning, witness and service.

The generosity of God's people is families of disciples living generous lives, teaching generosity through conversation and example. As faith is nurtured and disciples grow, generations approach life understanding that God has called us to be servants of the Servant. It is small groups, mentors, and partners who find ways to reflect God's generosity by investing their time in one another, using their talents for service, and sharing their treasures in creative and inventive ways as the Holy Spirit inspires. It is communities of people understanding that whatever we have has been entrusted to our stewardship by God and is not ours alone. It is congregations worshipping a God of abundance and becoming the overflowing cup to bless their members and community with the time, talents, and treasures that God has given them to steward. Generosity is not a specific action, but the outlook of disciples who have been shaped by what God in Christ has done for us.

We will be reflecting on generosity this summer in some unique ways. There have already been invitations to be generous with time as we are retuning to indoor, in-person worship. Those who have offered their talents as Assisting Minister are being generous with their talents. Faith Formation will be reviving their work with the Generosity Project, too. If you would like some additional information about the Generosity Project, it is available on the ELCA website—elca.org/generosityproject.

Have a great day Saint Andrew!

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 + 6:15 pm In-person
Sunday: 8:00 In-person
9:15 In-person + Livestream
10:30 am In-person Outdoors

Food Pantry Current Needs

The Saint Andrew food pantry currently needs the following items: *canned soup, mustard, ketchup and kidney beans*. Items can be dropped off in the baskets inside the building entrances. Thank you for supporting the food pantry!

Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, July 15 & 18** in support of SALC VBS and Day Camp which will be held August 10-12.

Personal Care Kits and School Supplies for LWR

Saint Andrew has a group of people who gather regularly to make quilts and school bags for Lutheran World Relief. School supplies are then collected to put in the school bags to send along with the quilts. Personal care kits are also sent out consisting of 5 hygiene items. **Check out the display in the Narthex for more details including a grab-and-go list for the personal care kits and a tag board for school supplies.**

SEEKING SALC SEXTON

Saint Andrew is seeking to hire two high school students to share Sunday Sexton responsibilities from August 2021 through August 2022. The role of the Sexton is to collaborate with the pastors, staff, and lay leadership of the congregation to help maintain campus order during Sunday worship at Saint Andrew. If you are interested please send an email to personnel@salc-wausau.org by **July 9, 2021** and additional information will be provided and an interview set up.

SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at May:

Average attendance	170
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 55,697
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	54,864
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 833



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

THERE IS A CAMP FOR YOU THIS SUMMER!

Confirmation Camp

July 11-16- Confirmation Camp; 7th and 8th Grades

Cost is \$230/camper. Contact jenna@salc-wausau.org if interested.



Vacation Bible School 2021: Compassion Camp

August 10-12, 9:00 am-12:00 pm; ages 4-7

Cost is \$15/child (maximum \$30 per family)

Day Camp at Waypost

August 10-12, 9:30 am- 3:30 pm; 3rd-6th Grades

Cost is \$20/child.



Registration forms are available on the website: salc-wausau.org or you may pick one up on the Information Desk in the Narthex. **Financial assistance is available for all camps. Contact Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org or 715-842-3333.**

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Adult and student volunteers are needed to help with the VBS program **August 10-12; 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**. Station activities include presenting opening bible stories, facilitating games, crafts, and leading movement/yoga activities. Individuals to lead groups to each station will also be needed (a great job for high schoolers!) If you are interested in helping any or all days, please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org.

Seeking Assistant Ministers, Singers, Readers & Ushers

Assisting ministers have been implemented in the Sunday morning worship services. This role may include singing the liturgies, speaking portions of liturgies, reading scripture, and assisting with liturgical responses. Pastor Justin and Al Freiberg 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.

Readers, singers and ushers are also needed for worship as the transition continues to worship in person. If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please contact Al at 715-574-2138.

Art Devo

**Thursday, July 8,
12:00 pm**

Classes will take place beginning at noon on the second Thursday of the month in the Activity Room.

SALC Memorial Gifts

Gifts were recently received in memory of the following: Don Skare, Glen Schilling and Russ Van Skike. 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.

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:

Haakon Philip Smithback - July 18
Brody Kevin Schillinger - August 22

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

For the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:

Linda Kozey
Glen Schilling
Stephen Schmidt
Russ Van Skike

For Weddings:

In celebration for lives joined together in the covenant of marriage, we pray especially for:
Amber Clark and Riley Westfall - July 10

PRAYER CENTER

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	Dan M.	Jesse	Meghan	Rollie	*Frank
Anne	Dan	Jim	Monica	Sandy	*Katie
Ashley	Diane	Kathy	Monica	Shirley	*Judy
Bob	Ed	Kim	Nikki	Susan	*Becky
Brett	Ellie	Kristin	Nora & Melanie	Terry	*Angie & Laura
Brittney	Hilmar	Larry	Pam	Tom	*Cullen
Callie, Zak,	Jennifer	Leann	Ralph	Zoe	*Kimberly
Kathy & Tom	Janeen	Lenette	Renee	Zurn	
Chuck	Jerry	Marise	Robin	*Amy	

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)

June - Council's Communication Corner

Here are the 5 monthly bullet points about the work of your church.

1. We're Back

The Worship Ministry has been working very hard to restart a full worship schedule. THANK YOU WORSHIP MINISTRY! This schedule includes two services on Thursdays (12:15 & 6:15 pm) as well as three services on Sunday (8, 9:15 & 10:30 am). Four of the services are in the Sanctuary with the 10:30 am Sunday service on the Celebration Patio. The Livestream will remain during the 9:15 am service. We are continuing social distancing and masks for those not vaccinated when indoors. Best of all? Singing is back! We look forward to seeing you in person.

2. Call Committee & Lead Pastor Updates

Over 40 members volunteered or were nominated for the Call Committee for the next Lead Pastor. Thank you to all of those who are stepping up to help with this extremely important decision for the church. At the most recent council meeting the list was narrowed down to achieve a diversified committee of female and male, young and wise, young families and empty-nesters. Myself and Vice-President Dayna Herold will be making calls in the upcoming week to solidify this committee. Council member, Mark Clark has volunteered to chair this committee and will be a great asset in helping lead. Meetings will begin shortly after as the committee will be updating our MSP (Ministry Site Profile) and beginning the search process for the next lead pastor.

3. Interim Pastor Updates

Pastor Asher O'Callaghan - Associate to the Bishop and Director of Transitions and Discernment in the East Central Synod is helping us in this process of finding an Interim Pastor. There are three current options that are being pursued in hopes of having a solution sooner than later. A bit of disappointing news to share is Pastor Gary Brandenburg was very interested in coming back to Saint Andrew, but unfortunately due to a recent health concern he is unable to return. We ask that you please keep him and his family in your prayers.

4. Financial Updates

The church is operating very lean right now as we do not have a Lead Pastor, Interim, or Communications Coordinator. The Finance Ministry, headed by Mark Gleisner, has done an excellent job in budgeting and being very fiscally responsible over the course of the pandemic. We are so blessed to be in a position where our church is thriving financially. I want to note that there are some larger expenses in front of us with the positions that need to be filled, but I'm confident that the financial professionals will do their part as well as the members in continuing to provide such generous gifts to the church.

5. +1 Ministry

Since introducing +1 Ministry (giving that little bit extra) we have seen some amazing examples from Saint Andrew members and staff. Members are stepping up to read, usher, assist in pastoral duties, work on the stream team, join a committee, and volunteer time to a ministry group. The council wants to thank all for their efforts and encourage others to join in the movement of doing the work of the church. Reach out to a staff or council member if you would like to find out how you can get involved.

Specifically, we would like to extend a special thank you to the Plan to Gather Task Force who has been meeting frequently for over a year now. It was their research and recommendations that made Saint Andrew's Plan to Gather guidance a model for many ELCA churches in the area. We want to give them a huge THANK YOU for all their service to our church and community. Those members are: Russ Van Skike, Beverly Miller, Jeremy Hoffman, Darlene Caillouette, Rick Beese, and Tammy Schilling.

Make It a Great Day Saint Andrew! God Bless!

Derek Hoff

Church Council President.

Open to All



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Parish Staff

Rev. Justin Smoot, *Pastor*
Rev. Jeff Martinson, *Visitation Pastor*
Joy Mitchell, *Administrative Secretary*
Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*
Jenna Diedrich, *Faith Formation Coordinator*
Patrick Kieper, *Facility Coordinator*
Dave Paisar, *Custodian*
Sheldon Geiger, *Bookkeeper*

Upcoming Events/Activities

JULY

Tuesdays	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Quilting
Wednesdays	6:45 am	Son Riser's Men's Bible Study
8	12:00 pm	Art Devo
11-16		Confirmation Camp at Waypost Camp

AUGUST

Tuesdays	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Quilting
Wednesdays	6:45 am	Son Riser's Men's Bible Study
10-12	9 am-12 pm	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
10-12	9:30 am-3:30 pm	Day Camp at Waypost Camp, Hatley
12	12:00 pm	Art Devo
15		Pet Sunday

SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Quilting
Wednesdays	6:45 am	Son Riser's Men's Bible Study
8		Choir Rehearsals Begin
9	12:00 pm	Art Devo
12		Rally Sunday
30	1:00-6:00 pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive



Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Friday	Closed
Monday, July 5	Closed



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