

Network



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Network Note from Pastor Justin

This past year, we celebrated the milestones in the life of the church in different ways. We gathered privately for baptism using the same livestream technology that we used for Sunday mornings to gather families around a sacrament that has touched generations. Weddings were moved outdoors and took on a cautious character as our elation was balanced by the caution of a pandemic. Funerals were held at funeral homes and even entire services were at the graveside of our loved ones. Sometimes, we have held off any form of service, waiting for some future time to remember pushing a sense of closure to the horizon of our busy lives.

I want to invite those of you who have been holding off on memorial services or funerals to contact us and find a time to remember and celebrate the loved ones that have gone before us. I know that some may have not wanted a service, or you may feel like too much time has past. It may feel strange to invite someone who you are just getting to know into such an intensely personal space. I would be honored to get to know your beloved ones as you knew them and help you keep the memory of those close to you, while, as a community of faith, we claim the promises of our faith. The promises made to us in the generation sacrament of baptism that God still clings to our loved ones when our care for them has come to an end.

There is no time limit when a service can be conducted. We can gather at church for a formal service, or in your home to share stories and pray. No matter the shape of the gathering, God will bless it, and, by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, peace will descend as we take time to be reintroduced to those closest to us in the process of saying a farewell.

An additional invitation is also extended to those who had served to prepare the funeral luncheons and host the family. We are beginning these ministries again. Contact the church office if you wish to volunteer for this ministry, and know that we may be contacting you to join us in this ministry of fellowship, comfort, and support for families in seasons of remembrance.

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

PET SUNDAY—Sunday, August 15, 10:30 am

Bring the *whole* family — all socially adapted creatures, great and small, are welcome. Bring a lawn chair and sunglasses to the Celebration Patio area on the north side of the Fellowship Hall and enjoy this outdoor worship experience with your *whole* family!



Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, August 12 & 15** in support of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) to help offset the shipping costs for School Bags and Personal Care Kits.

LWR Mission 21

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is seeking to help vaccinate the world through Mission 21. If you would like to donate, checks can be made out to Lutheran World Relief and sent to:

Lutheran World Relief
P.O. Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

Please write "Mission 21" in the memo line.

Personal Care Kits and School Supplies for LWR

Thank you to everyone who has purchased school supplies and personal care kit items for Lutheran World Relief. Many supplies and personal care kits have been received already! **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 the remaining needed school supplies.**

RAINBEAU CORNER OPEN HOUSE

Friday, August 13, 10 am - 12 pm

Saint Andrew has a new children's play area! Families are invited to come visit RainBEAU Corner in the Fellowship Hall to share in fellowship, hear some stories, and play in the new space.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion classes will take place in November with worship to take place in December, during Advent. Families of 5th and 6th grade students will receive more information in the mail in September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, BIBLES AND BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 12

Sunday School begins for kids as young as 2 years old through grade 6. Advance registration will be available mid-August.

Faith Formation will have Spark Story Bibles and Spark Bibles available to all children and youth who have not yet received one.



Bring your backpack to worship and have it blessed reminding you that God goes with you for another great year of learning!



VBS AND DAYCAMP-AUGUST 10-12



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.

CONFIRMATION

Families of students in grades 7, 8 and 9, watch your mailboxes in August for registration and information detailing the upcoming confirmation year.

Registration is also available online at www.salc-wausau.org/learning/confirmation

Orientation for 7th and 8th Grades

Wednesday, September 8 at 6:15 pm

Parents are asked to attend with your student and will receive supplies and an overview of the confirmation program.

Confirmation Mentors

Our confirmation program relies on the help of parents and caring adults to serve as mentors/facilitators for small groups each week and are provided with lesson plans and teaching materials. If you are interested in being a small group mentor, please contact Jenna at Jenna@salc-wausau.org

Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at June:

Average attendance	223
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 49,164
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>42,207</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 6,957



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

Art Devo

**Thursday, August 12,
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: Alice Klegin, Gertrude Freiberg, David Christensen 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
Elijah Robert Daley - August 1
Brody Kevin Schillinger - August 22

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

David Robert Christensen
Alice Klegin

For Weddings:

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

Amber Clark and Riley Westfall - July 10
Bianna Kramer and Evan Kluck - August 21

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

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)

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

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
13	10 am-12 pm	RainBEAU Corner Open House
15	10:30 am	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
8	6:15 pm	Confirmation Orientation
9	12:00 pm	Art Devo
12		Rally Sunday/Sunday School/Bibles/ Blessing of Backpacks
30	1:00-6:00 pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive



Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Friday 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!

July - Council's Communication Corner

Hello Saint Andrew! My name is Derek Hoff, your Church Council President. Here are the 5 monthly bullet points about the work of your church. This is the Council's Communication Corner for July.

1. Sanctuary Renewal

The Property Ministry had put in a lot of leg work in developing a plan & getting quotes for improvements in the Sanctuary. The church had a campaign with our "40th year" that brought in funds directly for this project. After the financially unsure times of 2020 we pumped the brakes on the Sanctuary Renewal Project, but I'm happy to report that the Finance Ministry put forward a recommendation and Council approved it at the July meeting. Thanks to the ministries for their work, to all who donated, and to all who had a hand in helping this project come to fruition. We are unsure of the timetable, but you will begin to see some upgrades to our beautiful Sanctuary in the near future.

2. Staff Appreciation

Our staff has been working extremely hard in 2020/2021 and Council wants to continuously recognize the great team that we have in place. This past month the church was able to provide a "thank you" Panera Bread lunch for the staff and hope to continue to be able to acknowledge them with similar acts in the near future. Thank you to Vickie Mrotek and her team of volunteers who put this together. We also wanted to let you know that Council approved a one time bonus for some of our staff who have been taking on additional responsibilities from their normal routines to make sure the church is running smoothly. Thank you to all of our staff, but specifically Joy, Jenna, Pastor Justin, and Joel for your continued +1 work for our church. You are all appreciated.

3. Call Committee & Pastoral Updates

Our Call Committee is OFFICIAL. We have put together a team of youth and wise(older) members, male/female, young parents, and older parents to form a fantastic group that will help us in calling our next Lead Pastor. Thank you to all who considered this journey and specifically a HUGE thank you to:

Mark Clark - Chair

Randy Trollop

Christina Johnson

Curt Richardt

Lyn Weis

Kim Hoff

Faith Fehrman

Nick Josiger

They will begin their work starting in August working with Pastor Asher O'Callaghan, Associate to the Bishop and Director of Transitions and Discernment in the East Central Synod. Pastor Asher is still in pursuit of an Interim Pastor for Saint Andrew. We have struck out three times now, but are hopeful and praying that our perfect fit is just around the corner. Thanks for your patience.

4. Communication Coordinator

The Personnel and Communications Ministries have been working together and made a recommendation to begin the search for a full time position for our next Communication Coordinator. This was approved by Council at our last meeting. The staff and ministries worked together to create a job description that fills many needs for Saint Andrew and offers an opportunity for this new hire to really help our church grow. If you know of anyone who might be a great fit to join our team please inquire with Joy or reach out to a council member for more information about the position.

5. Sunday School & Fellowship

Our staff and Faith Formation Ministry have been diligently planning for Sunday School to return in the fall. Thank you to all involved in helping bring this back and for improving our program. The children breathe life into our church and our

Sunday school program is such a large part of their growing faith in Christ. Saint Andrew will follow the guidelines of the Wausau School District for proper and safe protocols for our children. We are working to bring fellowship back after our services. Our ministry groups are developing systems for a safe environment and our staff is preparing for proper setup and cleaning to be in place for each service. Thanks for your patience with this. We understand the importance of communication and shared peace among our fellow members and hope to have this up and running very shortly. Pastor Justin will communicate as things progress.

I want to sign off today with a reminder to all: It is not OUR PLAN, it is not OUR TIME. The people of Saint Andrew and the work that is being done is being prayed upon by many. The burden is great for our staff, our pastors, our ministry groups, and our Church Council. The decisions are not easy, we are not perfect, but we are relying on Christ for guidance and are reminded of his words in **Proverbs 3:5-8**:

- ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.
- ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
- ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
- ⁸ It will be a healing for your flesh
and a refreshment for your body.

I pray that we can all continue to put our trust in the Lord. Amen.

That's the Council's Communication Corner. Again I'm Derek Hoff, your Church Council President. Make It a Great Day Saint Andrew! God Bless!