

Network



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Network Note from Pastor Justin

I don't know how the soil in your yard is, but there is an annoying thing that happens in mine. When I have to pour off some water after a rain, I must be very careful, otherwise the grass can be pulled out of the ground by the force of even a little water. Its roots aren't very deep and wherever there is constant motion of water, like under the gutters, or feet, like under my daughter's hammock swings, the ground is bare.

We have a Gospel reading about deep roots and good soil. (Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8) OK, we have three Gospel readings about the Parable of the Sower, which illustrates the power of deep roots in good soil to improve the health and life of the plants. Deeper roots prevent plants from being choked out by weeds. Deeper roots prevent the heat of the sun from wilting the plants. The deeper the roots, the harder it is to remove the plant.

We are turning from summer to fall, the start of school, the start of college, the start of Sunday school, the start of confirmation, and the start of many things that help us grow deeper roots in many different areas. We also have the opportunity to grow deeper roots in our faith and as families. One of the best ways to grow together is spending time in worship. In the midst of hectic schedules, time together is proven to strengthen families. It is likely that, as you are reading this newsletter, faith and connection to a faith community is valuable to you. Either coming to church, watching the livestream together, or even a simple bedtime devotional and prayer are ways to help pass those values on to children and grandchildren.

When we take time to attend to sinking our roots of faith deeper into life with God, we will find ourselves growing in new ways. The connection to God through prayer can help us find peace in the midst of a continuing pandemic. The connection to God through worship can help us find inspiration and comfort in what God in Christ has done for us. The connection to God through community can provide us companions for the journey. The connection to God through family can remind us of the generations that have helped us grow our roots of faith and show us how we can help generations to come.

You are invited to join us and find ways to grow your own roots of faith deeper by connecting with what is going on at Saint Andrew. Even as the pandemic continues, we are continuing to grow our roots deeper through worship, learning, witness, and service. You are invited to join with us in this growth and in the deepening of our roots in God's Word, God's Promises, and God's Work through those rooted in God.

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 Sanctuary
Sunday: 8:00 Sanctuary
9:15 Sanctuary + Livestream
10:30 am Celebration Patio

Sunday, September 12 - Worship Service Change

On Sunday, September 12 ONLY, there will be ONE worship service at 9:15 am.

The service will be held in the east parking lot and will also be livestreamed. The church picnic will take place on the Celebration Patio and the north lawn following the service. Please bring a lawn chair and enjoy outdoor worship as well as the church picnic! See inside for more details.

Don't Miss Rally Sunday

CHURCH PICNIC, BIBLE PRESENTATION, BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 12



The annual church picnic is back—and it's something to cluck about!

Gather on the Celebration Patio and north lawn after the 9:15 outdoor service for this year's church picnic catered by Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken. No need to bring a dish to pass - chicken, potatoes, sides, desserts and beverages will all be provided. The picnic will start with art projects and lawn games designed for the whole family. Then at 11:00, lunch is served! Bring your lawn chairs to sit in comfort and enjoy the day. Folding chairs and tables will also be available. Please **RSVP on Saint Andrew's website or call the church office by September 7** to ensure there is enough food for everyone. We'll see you there!

Bibles

To help fulfill your baptismal promise, "to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures," bibles will be made available to all children and youth to carry with them on their faith journey. The presentation of the brown Spark Bibles will shift to 3rd graders (previously 2nd grade). This year both Spark Storybook Bibles (recommended for 2nd grade and younger) and the brown Spark Bibles (for 3rd grade and older) will be available.



Backpack Blessing

Bring your backpack to have it blessed during the children's message to remember that God goes with you for another great year of learning.

Sunday School News



Welcome back to Sunday school! ***The first day of classes is Sunday, September 19*** (a change from the August Network). A mailing went out last week to Sunday school families with details-some are noted below. If you did not receive a letter, please call the office to let us know.

Registration is available online at salc-wausau.org/forms or at church in the Narthex on the Information Desk. ***Please register by Sunday, September 12.***

New Time

Sunday school classes will begin at 9:00 am, prior to the 9:15 am service. Classes will end around 9:45 am at which point **students will return to the Sanctuary after the sermon** allowing them to engage in and become an integrated part of the worship service.

New Elective Program for 3-6th Graders

A new elective program for 3rd-6th graders will be offered. Students will participate in 4-week sessions teaching them about the ministries and mission of Saint Andrew led by ministry members in liturgical arts, the church seasons, livestream technologies, and more.

3-year-olds Through 2nd Graders

Classes will remain in a traditional format. Students will learn bible stories and do fun activities using the Spark Classroom curriculum. Class time: 9:00-9:45 am.

Take Home Sunday school

If your family would prefer to do Sunday school lessons at home, Spark curriculum will be available to pick up. Please e-mail jenna@salc-wausau.org to request lessons and for what ages.

Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, September 16 & 19** in support of our companion church, Zeerust Lutheran Church in South Africa.

Property Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, October 9, 8:30 am

Raindate: Saturday, October 30, 8:30 am

The Property Ministry is planning to prune the plants, pick up apples and other fall clean-up tasks as well as some indoor projects like paint touch-ups, window cleaning, and more. Please join us in service and fellowship as we care for Christ's church at Saint Andrew.

Personal Care Kits and School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Thank you to everyone who has purchased school supplies and personal care kit items for LWR. The school supplies have all been purchased—thank you!! A large, single donation of personal care kits was just received (thank you!) and we are able to receive and send more! **Check out the display in the Narthex for more details including a grab-and-go list.**

VOLUNTEER**Sunday school teachers, helpers, and group leaders**

are needed to make Sunday school a success!

Requirements to volunteer: a willingness to share your faith and a caring heart. Help is needed for all grades.

Small Group Confirmation Mentors/Facilitators

Classes take place Wednesday evenings, September-February. Lesson plans and teaching materials will be provided. Mentors will stay with their small groups throughout the confirmation journey ending in the fall of students' 9th grade year.

If you would like to support these programs with your time and talent, please reach out to jenna@salc-wausau.org

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 30, 1-6 pm

Mark your calendar! A blood drive supporting the American Red Cross will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers will be needed to help with registration, refreshments or other support. Please contact Pr. Justin at 715-842-3333 or pastorjustin@salc-wausau.org if you have questions or want to volunteer.

**Is it safe to give right now?**

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows high standards of safety and infection control. We are taking precautions to help ensure the safety of our employees, volunteers and donors.

Safety at blood drives

Red Cross employees implemented added precautions to ensure blood drives and donation centers are safe for donors and staff: beds are spaced 6 feet apart, face masks are required, donor touched areas are wiped down and hand sanitizer is readily available.

CONFIRMATION

Registration: All new and returning students

(grades 7-9) will need to register for confirmation

classes. Registration is available online at

<https://www.salc-wausau.org/learning/confirmation/>

7th and 8th Grades Confirmation

Orientation: Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 pm

Classes Begin: Wednesday, September 15

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

9th Grade Confirmation

Resumes Wednesday, September 22 at 7:30 pm

9th Grade Confirmation Worship—Save the Date

Sunday October 31 at 2:00 pm

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.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION

Sunday, October 3, 11:30 am

Orientation will be held in the sanctuary for families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office if you would like to attend.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

The next *New Member Orientation* will be held on

Sunday, October 10, at 11:30 am. New members will

be received during the 9:15 am worship service on

October 17. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by **Monday, October 4.**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

An assisting minister's 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. Singing may be omitted if the individual is not comfortable.

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

CHOIR REHEARSALS POSTPONED

Due to rising Covid numbers, rehearsals for handbell choir and chancel choir are postponed until further notice. Watch the Network for updated information.

GOD LOVES TREES



A Note from the Liturgical Arts Ministry

Trees are perfect examples of how we live, grow, transition and even die in grace. Liturgical Arts will help create the theme, "Deeper Roots, New Branches", to be displayed in the Sanctuary on Rally Day.

We are just like trees. We grow the most during those times we seem lost, when our roots drive deeper into greater mysteries of God. Our branches transform and adapt, reaching to grow towards God's promised future for us. Just like trees - our community root system depends on one another. Community takes time. It's only after seasons of living together, struggling, suffering and rejoicing, that the community roots deepen.

So we are anticipating a new season - growing another "ring", that tells the story of what we went through. While the seasons continue to change, God's love for us never does.

ECSW LAY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY CLASSES BEGIN

Lay School. It's a funny name, we know. But the term "lay" stands for laity from the Greek word for "people." Not everyone is called to pastoral leadership. But pastoral leadership is not the only kind of leadership that exists in the church. Through the baptized, the Holy Spirit is at work feeding, healing, teaching, restoring, and loving. That's what Christ's mission is all about.



The Holy Spirit equips and calls people to lead. Maybe God is calling you to deepen your sense of what faith is all about or to serve on teams that plan for new pastors, engaging people in worship, sharing the mission of Jesus in community. If that's the case, lay school is for you.

Lay School is either a two year program with "Core Classes" that take you through the basics. OR, you can just learn one class at a time. Fantastic classes are available to you with scholarship assistance ready if you are in need. Chat with your pastor or email ecswlayschool@gmail.com if you would like to have more conversation or have any questions. Now is the time to register before classes start on September 17 & 18. Registration forms can be found at www.ecswlayschool.org.

Core Classes

Old Testament - Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel, Wartburg Seminary

Liturgy and Life - Rev. Jenn Collins

Faith and spirituality - Rev. Cheryl Davis

Intro to Theology - Rev. Anne Edison Albright, Bishop

Continuing Ed Courses

Christianity in Contemporary America - Rev. Dr. Mark Granquist, Luther Seminary

"Experiencing God" How and where God meets us - Rev. John Meachen

Lutheranism 101: By Heart, Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism - Instructor TBD

Engaging Biblical Texts - Rev. Dr. Ann Fritschel, Wartburg Seminary

Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at June:

Average attendance	226
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 44,778
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>41,183</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 3,595



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

Art Devo

**Thursday,
September 9
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:

Elijah Robert Daley - August 1
Brody Kevin Schillinger - August 22
Oliver Michael LaVaque - August 29
Laurel Ruth Puig - September 9
Cecilia Mueller - September 19

For Weddings:

In celebration for lives joined together in the covenant of marriage, we pray especially for:
Brianna 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 & Dayna	Chuck	Jerry	Marty	Rollie	*Frank
Angie	Dan M.	Jesse	Meghan	Sandy	*Katie
Anne	Dan	Jim	Monica	Shirley	*Judy
Arnie	Diane	Kathy	Monica	Susan	*Cullen
Ashley	Ed	Kim	Nikki	Terry	*Kimberly
Bob	Ellie	Kristin	Nora & Melanie	Tim	
Brett	Hilmar	Larry	Pam	Tom	
Brittney	Janeen	Leann	Ralph	Zoe	
Callie, Zak,	Jean	Lenette	Renee	Zurn	
Kathy & Tom	Jennifer	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)

August - 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 August.

1. Plan to Gather - Our Plan to Gather Task Force and Church Council have deemed it necessary to adjust our criteria for moving back to Phase 1 where gatherings were heavily restricted. We will move back to Phase 1 after two weeks at a burden level of 1,000 or higher. The website has been updated to reflect these changes. Ultimately, it was discussed that due to vaccinations, safety protocols implemented, and different worship options that we made the change. This creates more stability for us to plan how to gather for worship, learning, witness and service this fall. We will continue with Thursday evening and Sunday morning services in the Sanctuary, Facebook livestreaming at the Sunday 9:15 service, and an outdoor option. For anything indoors, masks are recommended per CDC and Marathon County Health Department guidelines. Thanks again to our Plan to Gather Task Force for their continued guidance.

2. Giving and Pledges - Our church members continue to be so generous in their giving. We are so thankful that during this unusual time that we continue to see such great support. Our pledges for 2022 are right around the corner. Those pledges really help our financial team budget appropriately and create stability for our church. Your consideration and gifts are greatly appreciated.

3. Call Committee and Pastoral Updates - Our Call Committee has now had two meetings with a third coming up this week. They are finishing the MSP (Ministry Site Profile), which is a document highlighting our church so that potential candidates can see our mission, staff, financials, members, etc. The goal is for the MSP to be completed this week and have a pool of candidates to comb through over the next couple of weeks. Pastor Asher O'Callaghan feels very confident that there are a group of candidates ready to jump at the opportunity to lead ministry at Saint Andrew. Unfortunately, an Interim Pastor is not in the cards as the pool is very limited, so the Synod is really focused on helping us find a lead pastor in a timely manner. Thanks again to our Call Committee members for their continued great work: Mark Clark, Randy Trollop, Christina Johnson, Lyn Weis, Kim Hoff, Curt Richardt, Faith Fehrman, and Nick Josiger!

4. +1 Ministry - We continue to see members stepping up and doing a little extra for our church. A special thank you to Phil Bickley who volunteered his time once again to transport our youth to Waypost for Day Camp. One of many selfless acts from Uncle Phil. Thank you! We need more members to take on that little extra. Specifically our Ministries are always looking for more members to get involved in meeting once a month! Our next Ministry night will be on September 14.

5. Sanctuary Renewal - The Sanctuary Renewal project is ALL SET! The project will begin at the turn of the calendar - 1/3/2022. We are excited to head into a new year with a little makeover to our beautiful Sanctuary! Thanks again to all who donated to this specific 40th Anniversary project.

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!



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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

SEPTEMBER

Tuesdays	9:00 am-12:00 pm	Quilting
Wednesdays	6:45 am	Son Riser's Men's Bible Study
8	6:00 pm	7 th & 8 th Grades Confirmation Orientation
9	12:00 pm	Art Devo
12	9:15 am	Rally Sunday/Bibles/Blessing of Backpacks/Church Picnic
15	6:00 pm	7 th Grades Confirmation Classes Begin
15	6:30 pm	8 th Grades Confirmation Classes Begin
17 & 18		Lay School of Ministry Classes Begin
19	9:00 am	Sunday School Begins
22	7:30 pm	9 th Grade Confirmation Class Begins
30	1:00-6:00 pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive

OCTOBER

3	11:30 am	Baptism Orientation
14	12:00 pm	Art Devo
10	11:30 am	New Member Orientation
31	2:00 pm	9 th Grade Confirmation Worship



Office Hours

Beginning Tuesday, September 7
Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm



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