

Network



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Luther Individual from Pastor Justin

Martin Luther has a famous quote, which I have on a pair of souvenir socks, "*Heir Stehe Ich, Ich Kann Nicht Anders.*" (Here, I stand. I can do no other) In these defiant words, in front of representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and the Holy Roman Emperor, Luther claims his standing on the Bible, the word of God, alone. This appears in art and culture as the image of Luther standing by himself in the midst of a hostile room, as if one man defied the world.

But Luther was not alone.

Fredrick the Wise, Elector of Saxony, encouraged Luther's disputation of indulgences and protected him from the Emperor and Rome. Luther's preaching and teaching brought great acclaim to the young University of Wittenberg and gave the Elector a reason to keep indulgence sellers away from his people.

Lucas Cranach, the printer and painter, used the movable type press to print Luther's words across Europe. This placed the Gospel in the hands of the increasingly educated middle classes of Europe spreading thoughts and ideas that challenged the established hierarchy of medieval Europe. Cranach's woodcut images carried images of Luther and illustrations of the Gospel to those who could not read.

Luther's academic colleagues helped him understand the Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic texts of the Bible, making his German translation the clearest, to date. Had Luther not also worked alongside German-speaking butchers, cooks, builders, and tradesmen, learning the way they spoke and the words they used, Luther's translation of the bible would not have been a unifying work for the German language. All of this made it accessible to the average German who made Jesus and the disciples sound like their fellow townsfolk.

Alone, Luther would not have had the impact he did, but he was never alone.

The greatest learning of Reformation theology is that God is with us, not as an angry judge, but a loving savior. Luther grew up in a world that demanded that you do things for God, and never spoke of what God in Christ has done for you. This Gospel is what brings so much joy in service and is what draws people together because it reminds us that we are not alone. When Luther realized that God was with him and for him, he found the peace that he had been searching for. He was not simply an individual trying to earn his way into heaven, but was part of the larger story of salvation.

This is Luther's legacy. He was part of a larger story of reclaiming the faith of the past to shape the future. This is the reformation that will shape the next 500 years of faith. We are not individuals who shape our own salvation. We are Baptized Children of God who have a place this in the story of salvation, alongside all the faithful. Because we can read the story, know the story, and live the story of scripture, we can set aside the proof-texting, doctrinal bickering, and denominational one-upmanship to recognize God's invitation, building the Kingdom of God. Because, freed by the Gospel, we can do no other.

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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Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Weekly Worship

Thursday: 12:15 + 6:15 pm Sanctuary
Sunday: 8:00 Sanctuary
9:15 Sanctuary + Livestream
10:30 am Celebration Patio

HOLY COMMUNION
with
THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION



Sunday, OCTOBER 31
at
2:00 PM

"I do and I ask God to help and guide me..."

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 the SALC quilting group. The quilting group meets every Tuesday 9:00 am-12:00 pm. No sewing experience is needed. All are welcome!

With Gratitude!

Thank you to everyone who gave many hours of their time and talent and/or monetary contributions so that we can send 137 quilts, 63 school bags filled with school supplies and 44 personal care kits to LWR. 104 quilts have also been given in the wider community this year; Salvation Army, Women's Community, Aspirus Hospice, African Project (through The Quilt Shop) and Fort McCoy Refugees. May those who receive these items be blessed and comforted.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the church picnic on September 12. The rain held off just long enough for everyone to enjoy the chicken dinner and yard games. Thank you everyone!

LWR—Load the Semi

Saturday, October 2, 8:00 am Volunteers are needed to help load a semi at Kolbe & Kolbe (located on the corner of S. 3rd Ave. and Bopf St., Wausau) with school bags and quilts from the area for Lutheran World Relief.

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR NEEDED

Saint Andrew is hiring a full-time [Communications Coordinator](#). This creative role uses written words and various multimedia formats to express ideas and tell a story. This collaborative position will create and support content that can be viewed on screens, listened to, or read that will advance the mission and ministries of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church.

If you are interested in full time employment and have the desired experience – please complete the [application and questionnaire](#). Please submit them along with your resume and examples of your work to personnel@salc-wausau.org.

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**.

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 outdoor fall clean-up tasks. Please join us in service and fellowship as we care for Christ's church at Saint Andrew. Any youth looking to earn community service credits are encouraged to come lend a hand! Many hands make light work! Please sign-up in the Narthex or contact Patrick at patrick@salc-wausau.org. If you prefer lighter duty tasks, please contact Patrick; smaller projects can be arranged.



SANCTUARY RENEWAL PROJECT

Many have heard the talk and many have been asking questions about what the Sanctuary Renewal is all about. Property Ministry along with the Liturgical Arts Ministry have been developing plans to bring a fresh, more modern look to the Saint Andrew Sanctuary while still maintaining a very comfortable, inviting and light space. This project began last spring when new lighting was installed and will continue in January with fresh paint and new carpet. Work will begin on January 3, 2022 and is expected to take until February 18. During this time, the Sanctuary will be closed and plans are being made to use the Fellowship Hall for worship services. We will be back in the Sanctuary for the season of Lent. Following worship on **Sunday, January 2, 2022**, volunteers will be needed to help undecorate the Sanctuary from Christmas and move all the furniture and wall hangings out of the Sanctuary area to be ready for the construction crews on Monday, January 3. Please contact Patrick at patrick@salc-wausau.org or 715-842-3333 if you would like to help!

Weekly Worship Available on Facebook and Charter/Spectrum

Sunday, 9:15 am worship is livestreamed on the SALC Facebook page each week.

The 9:15 am worship service is also recorded and can be found on Charter/Spectrum channel 980 on the following days and times:

Tuesday 2:00 pm	Friday 6:00 pm
Thursday 10:30 am	Sunday 7:00 am

"Christ In Our Home" Devotionals

The fourth quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. Feel free to pick up a copy for your family.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

To offer Sunday school each week, we need to ensure that we have enough dedicated adults to teach and help in classrooms. If there is a Sunday that you are available from 9:00-9:45 am, you can sign up on the classroom door to let teachers know to expect you.

If you would like to teach, but are unable to commit to the full year, consider teaming up as a co-teacher or being a substitute. Please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org to be added to the team!

TAKE-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

If your family would prefer at-home Sunday school

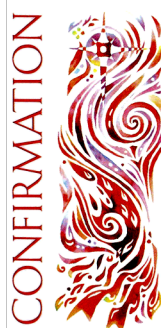


lessons, Spark curriculum will be available to pick up. Please e-mail jenna@salc-wausau.org to request lessons and for what ages.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

It's not too early to be thinking about the Christmas Program! Saint Andrew is excited to plan a Christmas Program in person this year. If you have a passion for working with children, teaching music, or directing short skits, please consider being a part of our Christmas Program team. The program will be presented at the **9:15 service on Sunday, December 19.**

CONFIRMATION WORSHIP



By the grace of God, after two years of faithful preparation, 9th grade students will affirm their baptism in worship on **Reformation Sunday, October 31 at 2:00 pm.** Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Classes continue September 29, October 6 and 13 at 7:30 pm.

Confirmation rehearsal and pictures are on October 27 at 6:30 pm for students AND parents.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Two times are offered for students and one or two parents or caring adults. You only need to attend one of the sessions. Each session will involve interactive learning, baking and tasting communion elements, hands on learning, and will be about an hour and a half in length. A mailing with further details went out last week. If you did not receive this information, please contact the church office.

First Communion Instruction - choose:
Sunday, November 7 at 1:00 pm—3:30 pm OR
Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00—7:30 pm

First Communion worship will take place during worship service on **Sunday, December 12.** Please invite family, friends, and baptismal sponsors to join you in celebrating with your child as they come to the Lord's table for the first time.

YOUR PLEDGE IS IMPORTANT

It is time again for our Annual Stewardship Appeal when members are asked to pledge their financial offerings to Saint Andrew for the coming year. This year we will be making an extra special appeal because after two very difficult years, we need to rebuild and reinvigorate our ministries.

Letters and pledge cards will be going out soon. If you don't receive one, please contact the church office or go to the church website under the Calendar/Forms tab and complete your card online. While we have been blessed to have about 60% pledging each year, for 2022 our volunteer ministry leaders need more members to pledge so they can plan their renewed activities. If you have not pledged before, please give prayerful consideration to pledging for 2022.

And please know that whether pledged or not, all offerings and gifts to Saint Andrew are greatly appreciated and essential to our mission and ministries.

FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Fair Trade means an equitable and fair partnership between coffee consumers in North America and coffee producers in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The Fair Trade movement ensures that the vast majority of the world's coffee farmers (who are small holders) get a fair price for their harvests in order to achieve a decent living wage. You can order your favorite Fair Trade products using online order forms on the SALC website. There are two forms for your use:



*Coffee, Tea and Chocolate

*Home Products and Clothing

You will receive an email when your order is ready for pick-up at church. Your purchase of Fair Trade products directly helps support the individual artisans and independent farmers from around the world!

FROM THE LITURGICAL ARTS MINISTRY



Bushel of Prayers

Prayer: a spiritual blessing God gives us as a major tool for growth. Please help us continue to grow our "Bushel of Prayers" by courageously surrendering your "leaves".

Consider releasing: things, habits, attitudes that need to be "let go".

Write them on a leaf at the station located in the Narthex, then place them in the bushel basket under the tree in the Sanctuary. Like the trees, we too, can actively participate in this season of change that repeats itself over and over. We can decide to shed some things that we are holding on to that prevent us from growing and let the wind (Holy Spirit) carry them away. Let all our prayers take root, growing into a tree with new branches. God never tires of giving us what we need.

Does it feel like you are growing?

This congregational, transformational practice will continue through the season of autumn until all the leaves have fallen.

Gather the Harvest Food Drive

This food drive will begin in October and run through November. In this season of letting go, we can also find abundance. Not everyone has the luxury of a full plate of food. We know the community need is great and have learned the problem can be a hidden one. Lord what can we do? Can we share the bounty? YES, with donations of non-perishable food items (please, no expired food). Bushel baskets will be located under the tree in the Sanctuary for donated items which might include: pre-packaged, already prepared food such as granola bars, fruit cups, peanut butter, jelly, canned, hearty food that require no can openers. We will fulfill a basic human need to our neighbors who need our help.

The prayer tree has now also become the giving tree.

Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at August:

Average attendance	212
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 50,121
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>47,402</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 2,719



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

Art Devo

**Thursday,
October 14
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 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:

Laurel Ruth Puig - September 9
Bryson Christopher Koeppel - October 10
Griffin Joseph Schulz - October 14
Katherine Leigh Crotteau - October 14

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

William Miller
Albert Matthiesen

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...**

Adam	Chuck	Jerry	Monica	Shirley	*Cullen
Aiden & Dayna	Dan M.	Jesse	Monica	Susan	*Kimberly
Angie	Dan	Jill	Nikki	Terry	
Anne	Diane	Jim	Nora & Melanie	Tim	
Arnie	Ed	Kim	Pam	Tom	
Ashley	Ellie	Kristin	Ralph	Zoe & Rich	
Bob	Greg	Leann	Renee	Zurn	
Brett	Hilmar	Lenette	Rick & Tary	*Amy	
Brittney	Janeen	Marise	Robin	*Frank	
Callie, Zak,	Jean	Marty	Rollie	*Katie	
Kathy & Tom	Jennifer	Meghan	Sandy	*Judy	

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)

September - 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 September.

1. Annual Meeting and Church Council Nominees - Our annual meeting is fast approaching and the communication team is beginning work to make sure that we have options available for streaming, communicating and voting online if necessary. As we approach the turn of the calendar there will be three spots opening on the Church Council. Myself, Dayna Herold and Ken Luer's three-year terms are up and we will be looking for some motivated members to step up to the plate and help guide our church as we move into a new era with a new lead pastor. If you're interested please let Dayna or Pastor Justin know as they will be heading the nomination team.

2. Seminary Funding - The Council approved \$1000 each for Karoline Schwantes and Christina Johnson to be put towards their tuition as they continue to work on their education at Wartburg. This fund is getting low and we would like to be able to continue to support any members of Saint Andrew going into the field. If you would like to make a donation specifically to the Seminary Fund please communicate with the church office about your wishes. Thanks for your consideration and good luck to Karoline and Christina!

3. Call Committee and Pastoral Updates - Our Ministry Site Profile has been submitted and we are excited for interviews to be going on over the next few weeks. Thanks again to Mark Clark and his team for their continued service for our congregation.

4. +1 Ministry - We continue to see members stepping up and doing a little extra for our church, that +1 work. A special thank you to all of the volunteers, but specifically I want to focus on the Sunday school team. Thank you to Jenna Diedrich, Stephanie Birchler, all of the Faith Formation Ministry and the classroom volunteers for all your hard work and for breathing life back into our church with the presence of our youth and their families.

5. Benevolence - On behalf of Russ and Alice Van Skike and their past volunteer work for Hurricane Relief, the Council has approved \$1000 to be donated to the Red Cross for the people affected by Hurricane Ida. Russ passed away recently and we know he would have been in route to help the people of New Orleans if he was still with us. Thank you Russ and Alice for your great example of servanthood.


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!



October 2021



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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

OCTOBER

2	8:00 am	LWR Load the Semi at Kolbe & Kolbe
3	11:30 am	Baptism Orientation
9	8:30 am	Property Fall Clean-Up
10	11:30 am	New Member Orientation
14	12:00 pm	Art Devo
27	6:30 pm	9 th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal & Pictures
31	2:00 pm	9 th Grade Confirmation Worship

NOVEMBER

7		All Saints Worship
24	6:15 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
25		Thanksgiving Day -No Thursday Worship -Church Office Closed
26		Church Office Closed



Office Hours

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!