

Network



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Luther Individual from Pastor Justin

There is never a good time to do anything.

Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "If I knew the world would end tomorrow, I would plant an apple tree." I didn't know what I was doing, but I trusted my wife. She bought a pair of apple trees and asked me to plant them. It took me all morning to dig holes, place the trees, pack the dirt, and water it. Why would we want to waste an entire morning digging in the dirt at the end? Hope.

In the Spring of 2020, with the pandemic's first wave breaking upon us, I shared a prayer from Julian of Norwich that ended, "Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." It is a reminder, as we look towards the seemingly endless presence of Covid-19 in our world, of God's eternal goodness. The prayer envisions us wrapped completely in God.

God's presence is not passive, isolating, or insulating. It reminds us of God's presence, give us God's vision, and transforms us into beacons of hope for the world. Carrying us beyond what we assume to be the end, hope firmly claims God's word as the final say amid the troubling data, the fear mongering, and misinformation. While the world peddles certainty to protect us now, we preach hope to move us forward.

We do not need the one weird trick to fix things, the secret truth that others hate, or any pre-packaged solution. We need the hope of a vision of what our community would be like when we fulfill our mission as God's people. Answering the invitation to join in using what God has blessed us with to bless our world and build God's vision. Hope proclaimed does not tell us what to do but inspires us to see how we are integral to God's future.

We don't always feel up to the task, but God has a proven track record of not simply calling the equipped but equipping those who are called. Jesus sent the disciples out early in his ministry. (Matthew 10, Mark 6, Luke 9) They weren't trained, they didn't know the whole story. All they had was the message that Jesus preached, that the Kingdom of God had come near. They had the vision and they knew they were a part of it, everything else was hope breaking into the world.

Hope breaks into our world in the best and most inconvenient way. We think we know how things should go, but God always has better plans. This moment may not feel like a good time to start something at Saint Andrew. Now may not feel like the right time to look towards the mission and vision work. It may feel like adding additional tasks onto the already full schedule that we have is not worth it. Yet, what has been gained from our last months of survival mode, keeping our head above water? There is never a good time to do anything.

That's why you do it now.

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
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God's work. Our hands.

Weekly Worship

Thursday: 12:15 + 6:15 pm Sanctuary
Sunday: 8:00 Sanctuary
9:15 Sanctuary + Livestream

Important Upcoming Dates to Note

- * **Sunday, October 31:** Last 10:30 am Worship Service
- * **Thursday, November 4 and Sunday, November 7:** Remembering the Saints on "All Saints Sunday"
- * **Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 am:** Daylight Saving Time Ends: Remember to set your clocks back one hour
- * **Wednesday, November 24 at 6:15 pm:** Thanksgiving Eve Worship



Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, November 18 & 21** in support of the local Salvation Army and their efforts to provide Thanksgiving meals to those in need in the Wausau community.

Harvest Items

Bring your pumpkins, gourds, bittersweet, dried flowers, apples or other fall decorations to help complete the Thanksgiving altar display by **Friday, November 5**. A container is available in the Narthex for these items.



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

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

The Call Committee has been meeting and has prepared and submitted the MSP (Ministry Site Profile). In conjunction with the synod, potential candidates have been identified and the committee is preparing to hold the first round of interviews.



GATHER THE HARVEST FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

Jesus said, "You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16

Non-perishable food will continue to be collected in the bushel baskets under the Giving Tree through November, as WE ARE CALLED to help the many in our community who are in need. Suggested Items for Donation: (please no expired food)

- Hearty Canned Food (pop tops welcomed, as some people don't have can openers)
- Tomato Products
- Granola Bars
- Fruit/Fruit cups
- Peanut Butter/Jelly

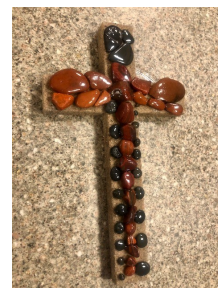
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following new members were received into the Saint Andrew family: Bob and Janet Grady; and Mike and Lisa Steltenpohl. Please welcome them as you see them participating in worship and the life of Saint Andrew!

CROSS CREATIONS FOR HOPE

Thursday, November 11, 6-8 pm - all are welcome following 6:15 pm worship service
Sunday, November 14, 10 am-Noon - following the 9:15 am worship service

As the seasons change, so will the "Tree of Giving" in the Sanctuary. You can help transform the "Tree of Giving" into a "Tree of Hope" by participating in decorating 100 wooden crosses. The finished 9" x 5" crosses will be blessed and displayed at church then placed in SALC's Hope Chest to be given to those who need a spiritual lift. Come to the Fellowship Hall/Activity Room for one of two Cross Creation decorating events (**please wear a mask and practice social distancing**). Decorate your cross any way you would like! Paint pouring will be available along with plenty of other craft materials and glue. However, feel free to bring along any décor items you may have at home to create a meaningful piece of art. Cards will also be available to accompany each cross noting the inspiration behind your work of art. Please RSVP by signing up online on the SALC website, at the Information Desk in the Narthex or by calling the church office.



SEEKING BOOKKEEPER AND COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Saint Andrew is hiring a part-time Bookkeeper. The responsibilities include performing and maintaining all aspects of accounts payable functions including payroll, assisting the Council Treasurer in the year-end reconciliation, audit, and annual budget preparation, and collaborating with the Financial Secretary in maintaining accurate electronic funds transfer (TOE) records.

Saint Andrew is also 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 applying for either of these positions and have the desired experience, please complete the [application and questionnaire](#) and submit them along with your resume and examples of your work to personnel@salc-wausau.org.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



Help beautify the altar at Christmas with a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one. Order forms are available online (salc-wausau.org) and at the Information Desk. Order deadline: **Friday, December 3.**

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DONATIONS

Help light up the mighty spruce outside SALC on the corner of Highway NN and Partridge Ave. for the holidays! Additional multi-colored LED lights are needed. Suggested lights to purchase for donation are: Holiday Time Multi-color LED Mini Christmas Lights. Light donations may be dropped off any time at church by **Sunday, November 14.**

CHRISTMAS DECORATING EVENT

Saturday, December 4, 9:00 am

Calling all decorators!! The Advent season is rapidly approaching which also means it is time to plan for all the wonderful Christmas decorating! Help Saint Andrew get ready for Christmas. Property Ministry, with the help of volunteers, will have the trees up and ready during the week of November 29. The focus will be to get the Sanctuary ready followed by other areas of the church. Kids are great helpers!! ALL children and youth are welcome to help with a supervising adult. If you or your ministry group is interested in "adopting" a particular area of Saint Andrew to decorate, please contact Patrick at patrick@salc-wausau.org. As a reminder, ALL Christmas décor in the Sanctuary will need to be removed on Sunday, January 2 to allow for the renovation project to begin on Monday, January 3.

HELP SALC SPARKLE

Sunday, November 14, 10:00 am

Join us in joyfully decorating the exterior of SALC following the 9:15 am worship service. In the event of inclement weather, decorating will be rescheduled. Please RSVP by signing up online on the SALC website, at the Information Desk in the Narthex or by calling the church office.

SANCTUARY RENEWAL PROJECT

Work will begin **Monday, January 3, 2022** and is expected to run through **Friday, February 18.**

Sunday, January 2, 2022 following worship, volunteers are needed to help undecorate the Sanctuary from Christmas; Property Ministry will remove the furniture and wall hangings from the Sanctuary January 2-4 to allow the construction crews to begin work on Monday, January 3. During the renovations, the Sanctuary will be closed (**authorized personnel only**). Plans are being made to use the Fellowship Hall for worship services during this time. Worship will be back in the Sanctuary for the season of Lent with a fresh look!

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Social Ministry is partnering with Wausau Salvation Army to fill over 400 Thanksgiving food baskets. Items needed are: 10-12 lb. turkeys, canned gravy, margarine, carrots and celery, canned vegetables, canned cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and canned evaporated milk (for pie), pie filling, pie crusts, tuna and Tuna Helper, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, muffin or cornbread mix. Non-perishable items can be placed on the cart in the Narthex, frozen turkeys can be placed on the designated shelf in the freezer and refrigerated items can be placed on the designated shelf in the refrigerator. Donations will be received through **Wednesday, November 17.**

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 have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please contact the church office or go to the church website under the Calendar/Forms tab where you can complete a 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.

GOT MILK JUGS?

Gallon size plastic milk jugs are needed for an exciting upcoming project! Please bring your rinsed out gallon milk jugs with caps tightly on to church. A donation box is set up in the Narthex to receive the jugs until **February 25, 2022.**

GIVE OLD BLANKETS NEW LIFE

The Quilting Group is looking for old blankets to be used for lining in quilts. Blankets can be dropped off during the week, 8:30 am-4:30 pm or during worship times.

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!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Saint Andrew's address has changed with the readdressing to:

150202 County Rd. NN
Wausau, WI 54401

Has yours changed too? Please call the office at 715-842-3333 or email at office@salc-wausau.org to update yours.

CONFIRMATION ON REFORMATION



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

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**. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Cole Michael Brillhart
Audrey Lee Burmeister
Camille Beatrice
Doering

McKenna Lynn Gale
Jakob James Hane
Hannah Kate Hinker
Clara Jean Meliska

Carter Allan Peterson
Chenpieng Tia Phakitthong
Evan Matthew Schroeder
Peter George Schwantes

Ty Vernon Stachovak
Josie Lynn Widmann
Kelsey Evelyn Wooley

TAKE-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

If your family would prefer at-home Sunday school



*Sunday***SCHOOL**
ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD
Growing in Faith Together

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

FAITH FORMATION DATES

November 7: First Communion Class or

November 16: First Communion Class

November 24: No Confirmation

Thanksgiving Eve Worship—6:15 pm

December 12: First Communion —9:15 Worship

December 26: No Sunday School

December 22 & 29: No Confirmation

January 2: No Sunday School

January 5: Confirmation Resumes

January 9: Sunday School Resumes

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. If you did not receive this information in the mail, please contact Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org.

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 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTS THE JESSE TREE

A Jesse Tree is a small tree decorated with symbols portraying the spiritual heritage of Jesus. During Sundays in Advent, our Sunday school students will help us prepare for Christmas by presenting Jesse Tree symbols during worship. This four-week lesson will take the place of a traditional Christmas program. You won't want to miss a single Sunday in Advent to capture the whole story of the Jesse Tree!

Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at September:

Average attendance	309
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 44,540
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>57,567</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ (13,027)



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

Art Devo

**Thursday,
November 11
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 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:

Bryson Christopher Koeppel - October 10
Griffin Joseph Schulz - October 14
Katherine Leigh Crotteau - October 14
Vera Kathleen Melville - November 7

For Weddings:

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

Hannah Kienbauer and Gary Flanery - November 13
Hilary Steltenpohl and Joseph Novak - December 31

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

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)



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7 All Saints Sunday 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 1:00 PM First Communion Class	8 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen	9 9:00 AM Reading Reflections 9:00 AM Quilting 9:00 AM Alzheimer's Group 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings	10 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 6:00 PM 7th Grade Conf. Class 6:30 PM 8th Grade Conf Class	11 12:15 PM Worship 6:00 PM Cross Creations for Hope 6:15 PM Worship	12	13 2:00 PM Krienbaum-Flanery Wedding
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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*

Interested in a paper copy of the Network?

Pick one up on the Information Desk in the Narthex or
call the office to be added to the mailing list.

Upcoming Events/Activities

NOVEMBER

4 & 7		All Saints Worship
7	1:00-3:30 pm	First Communion Class
11	12:00 pm	Art Devo
11	6:00-8:00 pm	Cross Creations for Hope Workshop
14	10:00 am	Exterior Christmas Light Decorating
14	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Cross Creations for Hope Workshop
16	6:00-7:30 pm	First Communion Class
24	6:15 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
25		Thanksgiving Day
		-No Thursday Worship
		-Church Office Closed
26		Church Office Closed

DECEMBER

4	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating Event
12	9:15 am	First Communion Worship
24	2, 4, 6, 8 & 10 pm	Christmas Eve Worship
25	9:30 am	Christmas Day Worship

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!