

Network



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A Note from Pastor Justin

One of the most common misconceptions in the church is that a new pastor will save us. They can engage groups in new ways. They can bring new perspectives. They can bring their unique skills and passions. A new pastor can do all this and more, but they cannot save the church.

The one thing that saves the church is God. We exist as a congregation not because of the work of a pastor, but because the Holy Spirit has called us. We are a part of Saint Andrew because we have heard the call of the Holy Spirit. We may have heard it through the Sunday School programs, the Bible Studies, the fellowship, the worship, the service, and we may have not even realized it was the Holy Spirit calling us. But, we were called, nonetheless. This means our presence in and among the people of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church is not a coincidence, any more than the child born in Bethlehem was.

God came to live among us not just to bring us love, hope, joy, and peace as gifts to the world, but to form all those called by the Holy Spirit into these gifts. The challenge for us is the daily choice to live deeper into this transformation. We hope to call a new lead pastor, but not simply to lead. We are calling them to join with us in being formed into the gifts of love, hope, joy, and peace that the Wausau area needs. We are calling them to help us realize the gifts that God has sown among the people who gather as Saint Andrew Lutheran Church.

This process does not change who we are. We will still be the congregation who is open to all who wish to express our faith in God through Jesus Christ by worship, learning, witness, and service. We are ever and always God's people gathered to show Christian love as we minister to one another, the community, the nation, and the world. We are now as we have always been, guided by the Holy Spirit so that we can fulfill this, the mission to express the love of Jesus Christ.

We are God's people, saved by grace through faith for God's purposes of Christian love and service. We are the ones who engage in the ministry of Saint Andrew. The presence of a new Lead Pastor will empower us to deeper engagement, open our eyes to new possibilities, and continue the process of living into love, hope, joy, and peace of Christ's presence among us.

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

Sunday: 8:00 am

9:15 am - Also Livestreamed

Congregation Annual Meeting

January 30

In person in the Fellowship Hall and Livestreamed

Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, January 13 & 16** in support of the Wausau Warming Shelter.

Check It Out...From the SALC Library

Coming soon: New collection of books to the Church Library. Come and "check us out!"

Weekly Worship Available on Facebook and Charter/Spectrum

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

It is also recorded and can be found on Charter/Spectrum channel 980 on the following days and times:

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

SANCTUARY RENEWAL PROJECT

Help Needed!

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 Monday, January 3 through Friday, February 18 (authorized personnel only)**. Regular pictures and updates will be posted on the bulletin board outside the office during the project. 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!

SALC ANNUAL MEETING

Mark your calendars for the annual meeting taking place on **Sunday, January 30**. This meeting will allow for us to give thanks for the ministry that took place in 2021, receive a spending plan for 2022 ministry and elect council members. More details will be coming soon regarding hybrid/virtual attendance, participating in the meeting via livestream and voting options.

2022 PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to everyone who has pledged their support of time and talent and their financial support to the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew. It is not too late to turn in a Time and Talent or a Pledge card for 2022 indicating your commitment. Thank you!

ENDOWMENT SUPPORTS MONK BOTANICAL GARDENS

Earlier this year, the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund Committee approved a \$2000 grant to support the Monk Botanical Gardens - After School in the Gardens program. The Garden's director provided the [attached report](#) summarizing the program and highlighting its positive impact on children and families in our community. For more information on the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund, please visit the Endowment Fund page on the Saint Andrew website: <https://www.salc-wausau.org/endowment-fund/> If you are interested in serving on the Endowment committee, please contact the church office.

FAREWELL AND WELCOME

After 12 years of service to Saint Andrew, Sheldon Geiger will be retiring as Bookkeeper. Thank you, Sheldon, for your dedication and time as a valued member of the Saint Andrew staff. Best wishes and blessings on your "real" retirement!

Welcome (back) Kerry Fehrman. Kerry has served in many roles at Saint Andrew and will be coming back to fill the position of Bookkeeper in January, 2022. Saint Andrew is blessed to have you and your gifts of financial knowledge and understanding of the innerworkings of the church to add to the staff.

MINISTRY MEMBERS NEEDED

The Finance/Stewardship Ministry is in need of members. The ministry needs a secretary to take minutes of the meetings as well as 2 other people who want to learn about the church's finances, help guide decision making and contribute ideas for stewardship education. Accounting experience a bonus but not required. We are also in need of 3 people to be on the Audit Committee and we need 2 people to join the Endowment Committee. If you are interested, please call or text Mark Gleisner at 414-530-9812 for more information.

SHARING THE GIFTS WE OFFER

Through council discernment and action, benevolence was shared with the following recipients in 2021:

East Central Synod of Wisconsin
 Crossways Camping Ministries
 Compassion International
 Lutheran World Relief: Covid-19
 American Red Cross: Hurricane Ida
 First Presbyterian Church in Wausau: Thanksgiving Dinner
 Share Your Holidays Wausau supporting Salvation Army and Neighbor's Place
 ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief: US Tornadoes

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

There are many steps involved in the calling of a pastor. The graphic to the right briefly lists those steps. Candles are very symbolic within the rites of the church. What better way than lighting this candle at the installation of our new pastor!

CURRENT STATUS:
 The call committee has completed formal interviews and has presented a candidate to the council.

Status of Lead Pastor Call Process

From the Saint Andrew Call Committee



TAKE-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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

OVER 70 1/2? REDUCE YOUR TAXES

If you are over 70 ½ years old and taking a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA, you could reduce the taxable portion of your RMD by making a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) to a qualified charitable organization such as Saint Andrew, directly from your IRA. Rather than paying tax on the entire RMD distribution and then receiving an itemized deduction for your donation, the QCD portion would not be taxable income and you would still get the itemized deduction. The QCD needs to be taken early in the year before any RMD is withdrawn to get the benefit. Because there are certain restrictions and requirements for a QCD, you will need to consult with your financial advisor or institution to set this up.

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.

MID-WINTER RETREAT

A mid-winter retreat will take place in February for 3-6 grade students. An email will go out to families of these students with details soon.

Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at November:

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| Average attendance | 280 |
| Your gifts returned to God | \$ 56,964 |
| Ministry costs for Saint Andrew | <u>44,655</u> |
| Gifts greater (less) than costs | \$ 12,309 |



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

2022 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers. Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the last worship service on Sunday. Sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex. Cost is \$30.

SALC Memorial Gifts

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:

Lyric Lee Zahn - December 12
Olive Georgia Anderson - December 19
Audry Mae Geiger - January 2

For Weddings:

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

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...

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| Aiden & Dayna | Chuck | Kay | Pam | Tom |
| Anne | Dan M. | Kim | Ralph | Tracy |
| Ashley | Dan | Kristin | Renee | Zurn |
| Barbara | Diane | Leann | Rick & Tary | Amy |
| Bob | Ed | Lenette | Robin | Frank |
| Brent | Ellie | Meghan | Sandy | Katie |
| Brittney | Hilmar | Monica | Shirley | Judy |
| Callie, Zak, & | Jean | Monica | Terry | Cullen |
| Kathy | Jennifer | Nikki | Thomas | Zoe & Rich |
| Charles | Jesse | Nora & Melanie | Tim | |


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)



January 2022

| December 2021 | | | | | | | February 2022 | | | | | | | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | |
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| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 9:15 AM Worship | | | | | | 3 | Sanctuary Renewl Project Begins 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen | | | | | | 4 | 9:00 AM Quilting | | 5 | 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study | | 6 | 12:15 PM Worship 6:15 PM Worship | | 7 | | | 8 | | |
| 9 | 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship | | | | | | 10 | 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen | | | | | | 11 | 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Ministry Night Meetings | | 12 | 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 6:00 PM 7th Grade Conf. Class 6:30 PM 8th Grade Conf. Class | | 13 | 12:15 PM Worship 6:15 PM Worship | | 14 | Lay School Classes-Online | | 15 | Lay School Classes-Online | |
| 16 | 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship | | | | | | 17 | 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen | | | | | | 18 | 9:00 AM Quilting 9:00 AM Alzheimer's Group | | 19 | 6:45 AM Son Riser's Bible Study 6:00 PM 7th Grade Conf. Class 6:30 PM 8th Grade Conf. Class | | 20 | 12:15 PM Worship 6:15 PM Worship 7:00 PM Council Meeting | | 21 | | | 22 | | |
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| 30 | 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship and Annual Congregational Meeting | | | | | | 31 | 7:00 PM AA/Alanon/Alateen | | | | | |  | | | | | | | | | | SALC Annual Congregation Meeting January 30 | | | | |



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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

JANUARY

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| 2 | | No Sunday School Classes |
| 2 | 9:15 am | Worship (NO 8:00 am Worship) |
| 3 | | Sanctuary Renewal Work Begins |
| 9 | | Sunday School Classes Resume |
| 12 | | Confirmation Classes Resume |
| 30 | | Annual Meeting |

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**