

Network



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A Note from Pastor Justin

We still have our Christmas Tree up.

I know that the Christmas season was over several weeks ago, but our tree is going strong. We cut it fresh and got it into the stand and watered without much delay. The constant watering throughout the past few weeks has actually allowed for new growth to appear.

The same is true of our faith.

Whenever we nourish our faith by remembering our baptism, we find ourselves rooted in the love of God that brings us from death to life. Whenever we nourish our faith through worship, we find ourselves drinking deeply of every way that God is worthy of our praise. Whenever we nourish our faith by reading Scripture together, we are fed by God's Holy Spirit opening our eyes to God's presence in our lives.

Even if we are cut off for a time, reconnection always brings new life.

Connecting ourselves to faith in this long, drawn-out time of Covid's Omicron spike feels different. I know many of you are not comfortable gathering indoors with the viral activity where it is. Know that livestream worship is worship, you are with us each Sunday. You are connected to us whenever you find time to watch. Those who have switched to Thursday's smaller services at 12:15pm & 6:15pm have found a new mode of gathering and worship for our continuing age of Covid. We are committed to continuing these to make space for you in your week, in your comfort level, in your life of faith. Those who are joining us on Sunday morning for worship and Sunday School, we will continue to keep those gatherings as safe as possible.

However you connect, you are nourished by the Holy Spirit at work in our lives together. If you feel cut off from the community, reach out because in this age of Covid we know that we have overlooked things.

We want to help you connect because we know that the connections we have bring life. We want to help you find your place in God's kingdom, whether that's greeting people via the Facebook chat, helping with Sunday School, or even joining a ministry of Saint Andrew. It is never too late to root yourself in the love of God.

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



LENTEN THEME:

"Tree of Life"

begins on

Ash Wednesday

March 2

Worship: 12:15 and 6:15 pm

Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, February 17 & 20** partnering with the confirmation students supporting the Humane Society of Marathon County.

Check It Out...From the SALC Library

There are new books in the library concentrating on health issues such as Alzheimer's Disease, cancer and heart issues. Stop by the library and check them 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:

Tuesday 2:00 pm
Thursday 10:30 am

Friday 6:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am

VOTE TO EXTEND A CALL TO LEAD PASTOR CANDIDATE

We are excited to present the candidate for Lead Pastor at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

This candidate demonstrates gifts for ministry that we as a congregation value. She has served in both congregational and synod office settings, sees faith formation as a gift of our church and is energized by people using their gifts together. She is excited to join us in creating a space where the "all" in "all are welcome" means welcoming all people to nurture a relationship with God, from the youngest seeker to the oldest among us. She hopes that her openly queer identity will also help us to live into that welcome and foster a space where those who have been hurt by the church can find community. This candidate's gifts in administration and vision setting will be exciting to engage as Saint Andrew lives into its next steps.

All of those involved in the call process have found her to be warm, compassionate, thoughtful and energizing. We believe she will be a great addition to the ministry of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church. It is clear to us that this candidate loves Jesus and is excited to be a part of this congregation - a congregation that seeks to live out our discipleship both within and outside the walls of Saint Andrew.

The annual meeting will be part of the January 30, 9:15 am service. We will be voting, per the recommendation of the Call Committee and Church Council, to formally extend the call to this candidate to be our next Lead Pastor. Due to confidentiality, we are not able to share her name, picture or videos until the annual meeting.

Come learn more about who we feel the Holy Spirit is leading into this ministry we share!

Status of Lead Pastor Call Process

From the Saint Andrew Call Committee



ROOTED IN LOVE

A new liturgical season is upon us and gives us another opportunity for spiritual development. The "tree" will again transform and now symbolize a "Rooted in Love" theme. Congregational participation will include a "Heartwarming Practice", where we have honest conversations with God and find ways to build community, take care of one another and stay "Rooted in Love". A conversation heart station is located near the Rooted in Love tree. Please take a heart and write a heartfelt personal reflection or prayer. The hearts will find a home on the tree to beautify each branch. Keep practicing your heartwarming skills by donating needed supplies or volunteering your time at the Wausau Warming Center. Donated items can be placed in the baskets found under the Rooted in Love Tree in the Fellowship Hall. (A list of specific items needed can be found on the Information Desk) Like rings on a tree this heartwarming practice will mark another level of spiritual growth, adding yet another layer as we prepare our hearts and lean into Lent.



SANCTUARY RENEWAL PROJECT

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped on Sunday, January 2! In a whirlwind of activity, everything was out of the Sanctuary by noon, leaving little for Property Ministry to do the next day (they were not upset). Pew removal went well overall though they didn't all fit in the Chapel as expected so a few remain in the Narthex. The carpet was removed very quickly; the original estimate was 2-3 days but they had it entirely removed in less than one day. As of January 17, the project is going well and on schedule. The paint crew diligently protected all surfaces and even worked on the weekend to stay on schedule. The new paint color looks great! The installation of the new carpet is expected to begin on January 31.

HELP WANTED

As we look forward to getting back into the Sanctuary, and the project stays on schedule, help would be greatly appreciated on **Sunday, February 13**, following worship, to move the piano and altar into the Sanctuary. During the week of February 13 volunteers will be needed to come in to assist with window washing and dusting so the Sanctuary is ready for the first service in the renewed space on February 20. If you are interested in helping, please contact Patrick in the office to arrange a time you would be available during that week.

HYGIENE DRIVE

Beginning February 13, look for the display in the Narthex which will include a tag board with needed items, a rack to receive donated items and an official Hygiene Drive box to also receive donated items for the Neighbor's Place, Wausau Warming Center and Lutheran Social Services.

WARMING CENTER NEEDS

Prior to the start of the annual Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive, the **Wausau Warming Center is in immediate need** of new or slightly used warm items: hooded sweatshirts, boots, men's heavy jackets, long underwear, good quality warm gloves and blue jeans size 32-38. Please place donated items in the baskets under the Rooted for Love tree in the Fellowship Hall.

PRETZEL SUNDAY

Sunday, March 6

Fresh baked pretzels will be available after both services. Orders to go are available if ordered by February 20 and can be picked up between 8:30 and 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to leave your home and would like a fresh pretzel delivered to your house, please call the church office or sign up online on the SALC website: salc-wausau.org, by February 20 and a volunteer will deliver a pretzel to you! Please, one pretzel per person.

HUMANE SOCIETY SUPPLY DRIVE

The first-year confirmation students, as their service project, are hosting a supply drive for the Humane Society of Marathon County. They are excited to find a way to care for animals in our community. A display can be found in the Narthex along with containers to receive donated items. Please **return items by February 6**. Students are asking for the following items (from a list provided by the Humane Society):



Canine Supplies

- Interactive/Enrichment Toys + Puzzles
- Kong Toys + Kong Stuffing
- Kuranda Beds
- Dog Treats (variety)

Feline Supplies

- Adult Dry Cat Food (sensitive stomach)
- Marth Softwood Pellet Bedding
- Canned + Dry Kitten food (Purina + Iams)
- Cat Toys

FAMILY WINTER FUN AT SALC

Sunday, February 20, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

"Save the Date" for some winter fun! Faith Formation would like to invite families to hang out after church to play in the snow. Bundle up to build a snowman, play some games, enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows, and simply enjoy time together in the Wisconsin winter wonderland. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more details!

Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at December:

Average attendance	334
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 63,139
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>86,392</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ (23,253)



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

Baptism Orientation

Sunday, February 13, 10:30 am

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

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation will be held on **Sunday, February 27, at 10:30 am.** New members will be received during the 9:15 am worship service on **March 6.** If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please call the church office by **Monday, February 21.**

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

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Kenneth Andraski

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	Kay	Robin	Frank
Anne	Dan M.	Kristin	Sandy	Katie
Ashley	Dan	Leann	Shirley	Judy
Barbara	Diane	Monica	Terry	Cullen
Bob	Ed	Monica	Thomas	Zoe & Rich
Brad & Lisa	Ellie	Nikki	Tim	
Brent	Hilmar	Pam	Tom	
Callie, Zak, &	Jean	Ralph	Tracy	
Kathy	Jennifer	Renee	Zurn	
Charles	Jesse	Rick & Tary	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)

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Rev. Justin Smoot, *Pastor*
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Patrick Kieper, *Facility Coordinator*
Joy Mitchell, *Administrative Secretary*
Erik Mrotek, *Communications Coordinator*
Dave Paisar, *Custodian*

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

FEBRUARY

13	10:30 am	Baptism Orientation
20	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Family Winter Fun
23		Last Confirmation Class
27	10:30 am	New Member Orientation

MARCH

2	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
6		Pretzel Sunday

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!**