

# Network



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## *A Note from Pastor Justin*



In the beginning, God created everything, and among all that was good were two trees, the Tree of Life, which blessed humanity with life in the Garden, and the Tree of Knowing Good and Bad. The Tree of Life bore fruit which was our nourishment for life, abundant and eternal with God. Humanity was perfectly united with God for God's purpose for us in creation--but, we chose the other tree.

The Tree of Knowing Good and Bad bore fruit that led us from God. It made us like God, with the ability to define what is good and what is bad according to our own standards, not God's. Our union with God was shattered and we lost access to the Tree of Life.

Returning to the Tree of Life, the perfect presence of God, is something that we strive for in this season of Lent. We cannot go back to the Garden, so we strive to move forward with God. We surround ourselves with reminders of the Garden, like ancient Israel did. We rediscover the purpose for our creation, to be like the Tree of Life, rooting and grounding ourselves in God that we might bear fruit that would bring life to others. We work to bear fruit in all seasons, even when hope seems far off, and the world looks dry and barren. We hear the parables of the Kingdom, and how the joy of restoration grows nearer, and discipleship grows by being rooted and grounded in Christ Jesus.

Then we are able to see the Tree of Life again and dwell underneath it. Its outward appearance is the cross upon which Jesus hung and died. The life that streams from this Tree of Life restores our access to God, returns us to our purpose of living with God, and empowers us to join with God in helping Heaven's Dominion break into our world by being the ones who bear the spiritual fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, bringing life to all.

Gathering and dwelling beneath the Tree of Life will be our theme and focus this Lenten season. In addition to the Lenten services on Wednesdays at 12:15 and 6:15 pm, I encourage you to check out several free resources from [bibleproject.com](https://bibleproject.com) on the Tree of Life theme.

- ♦ Blog post: <https://bibleproject.com/blog/tree-of-life-lost-not-forgotten/>
- ♦ Podcasts: <https://bibleproject.com/podcast/series/tree-life-podcast/> - (10 episodes)
- ♦ Video: <https://bibleproject.com/bible-studies/tree-of-life/>

## **"Tree of Life" begins on Ash Wednesday March 2**

**12:15 and 6:15 pm**

This marks the beginning of Lent with Confession, the Imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion. Pr. Justin will also distribute ashes near the north Chapel doors from 11:30 am to noon on Ash Wednesday. Packets of ashes for home use will be available starting February 27.

### **Wednesday Worship/Themes**

**12:15 & 6:15 pm**

March 9 – Trees of Creation

March 16 – God's Vineyard

March 23 – Trees in the Wilderness

March 30 – Trees of Hope

April 6 – The Tree of Life

### **Holy Week**

April 10 – Palm Sunday

April 14 – Maundy Thursday

April 15 – Good Friday

April 17 – Easter Sunday

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**

**Sunday: 8:00 am**

**9:15 am - Also Livestreamed**

## SOUP TO GO

### ***Wednesdays, March 9-April 6***

SALC will serve soup to go during the Lenten season. Proceeds from a free-will donation will support SALC's Social Ministry for use in the community.

Soup orders may be placed [online](#), or contact the church office at 715-842-3333. Orders are due by 4:30 pm on the Friday before soup night on Wednesday.

Pick up your soup between 11:30 am and 5:30 pm, at the time you registered for. When picking up your soup, enter through the main door (near the bell tower) and follow the signs to the Fellowship Hall, where volunteers will assist you.

If you requested curbside pick-up, please pull up to the north entrance (near the Chapel) and call the number listed on the sign to let the volunteers know you have arrived. They will meet you at your car with your order.

## SOUP PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### ***Sundays, March 6 through April 10***

If you're looking for some fun fellowship during Lent—we're looking for you! Volunteers are needed to help prepare Soup for Community ingredients. With four different kinds of soup each week, there's plenty to do!

So, join us after the 9:15 am Sunday service starting March 6 for some slicing, dicing, and plenty of peeling. Bring your favorite knives and peelers and help make this popular Lenten event a continued success! If you are interested, let Sandra Fischer know at 715-680-1566.

## EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE

### ***Tuesday, March 1***

Beautify the altar for Easter with your purchase of a floral arrangement. Choose from:

**Easter Lily, Daffodil or Tulip - \$10 ea.**

**Chrysanthemum - \$12 ea.**

Order [online](#), or fill out a paper form found on the Information Desk in the Narthex and place it in the designated box, along with your payment. Due to flower supply and demand, the florists need orders earlier than usual: ***Tuesday, March 1.***

## LENTEN SOUP MENU

<u>March 9</u>	<u>March 16</u>	<u>March 23</u>	<u>March 30</u>	<u>Week 5</u>
1-Chili	1-Corned Beef and Veg.	1-Cheeseburger Soup	1-Cream Cabbage	1-Creamy California
2-Cheesy Potato w/Ham	2-Cream of Chicken	2-Taco w/Ched Cheese	w/Polish Sausage	Medley
	w/Wild Rice	& Sour Cream	2-Beef Barley	2-Navy Bean Soup
3-Chicken Dumpling	3-Hamburger Vegetable	3-Chicken Dumpling	3-Turkey Noodle	3-Chicken Dumpling

\*\*\*4-Winter Soup (vegan/gluten-free) each week\*\*\*

## MARCH 6 EVENTS

### **PRETZEL SUNDAY**

#### ***March 6***

There's nothing like biting into a warm, soft pretzel on a winter day! Don't miss Pretzel Sunday after both morning services at Saint Andrew March 6. They will be ready in the Fellowship Hall after both services for you to enjoy!

### **KINDNESS ROCKS**

#### ***Sunday, March 6, 10:30 am***

Join us in spreading kindness one rock at a time by participating in SALC's Kindness Rocks Event in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:15 worship service. All of the supplies will be ready and waiting for your creativity. The perfect project for all ages. See you there!

### **HYGIENE DRIVE ENDS**

#### ***Runs through March 6***

Help "Stack the Rack" with the annual **Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive**. Look for the display in the Narthex with a tag board listing needed items. Select one or more, then return them to the rack.

## "HELLO" FROM THE NEW LEAD PASTOR

Last month, the congregation of Saint Andrew voted to approve a call to Rev. Leslie O'Callaghan to serve as the church's new lead pastor. She has accepted and her first day will be **March 21**. Look for more updates about her arrival on Facebook and other SALC communications. Until then, she shares this message:

*Dear ones of Saint Andrew,*

*I am beyond excited to write this letter informing you that I've accepted your call to come and serve alongside you, pastors Justin and Jeff, and the other staff members as your new lead pastor. I am looking forward to getting to know you, hearing your stories, and learning where you see God at work at Saint Andrew, in the Wausau area, and in the world. Knowing that together we will discern the next faithful steps of Saint Andrew, gives my heart such joy.*

*The coming weeks will be full of transitions for our family and we ask for your prayers as we make our way to Wausau and settle into our new community. I will be praying for you as you continue to worship, move back into the sanctuary, and enter into the disciplines of Lent. I'll see you very soon!*

*Grace and peace,*

*Rev. Leslie*



## SANCTUARY RENEWAL THANK YOU!

Just in time for the Lenten season, the move back into the Sanctuary is complete! The project's success requires many thanks.

First, **thank you to all the members of Property Ministry** for their time and efforts in getting this impressive undertaking going—including researching bids from various contractors and ultimately hiring the general contractor, Complete Service. Their workers took care of the removal and reinstallation of the pews, as well as doing the painting. Throughout it all, they did a great job and were a pleasure to work with.

Also, **thank you to all those who spent their time looking at paint and carpet styles**. Those hours eyeing colors and samples help ensure that the Sanctuary will continue to be a welcoming place for many years to come. Once the final choices were selected, Macco's provided great care and attention to detail removing and installing the new carpet in a timely manner—even providing constant updates when it looked like delivery may be delayed.

And finally—and most importantly—**thanks to you, the congregation of Saint Andrew**, for the patience and willingness to be flexible during these renovations. This project could not have been accomplished without your generous support and willingness to take on this major project.

## WAUSAU WARMING CENTER COLLECTIONS CONTINUE

New or slightly used warm items needed include: hooded sweatshirts, boots, men's heavy jackets, long underwear, good quality warm gloves, and blue jeans size 32-38. Disposable food serving items are also needed. A list of these items is available on the Information Desk in the Narthex, along with a volunteer sign-up. Please place donated items in the baskets under the Rooted for Love tree in the Fellowship Hall.

### Noisy Offering

Bring your change on **Thursday and Sunday, March 17 & 20** and help support area organizations working to relocate refugees from Afghanistan.

### Time Flies!!!

Don't forget to set your clocks **ahead one hour** when Daylight saving time begins:  
**Sunday, March 13**

### 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	Friday 6:00 pm
Thursday 10:30 am	Sunday 7:00 am

### Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at January 2022:

Average attendance	404
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 63,810
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	\$ <u>49,207</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 14,603



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

### Home Pastoral Visits

If you, or someone you know, would like to have a pastor visit you at your home, let us know. Contact the church office to schedule a one-time or regular visit.

### Take-Home Sunday School

If your family prefers at-home Sunday school lessons, Spark curriculum is available to pick up. Please e-mail [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) to request lessons and for what ages.

## SPRING TREASURE SALE

June 9, 10 & 12

The dates are set for the 2022 Spring Treasure Sale! So, as you begin your spring cleaning, start setting aside gently used items in good working order that can be resold. We are looking for many treasures, but cannot accept electronics (computers, printers, televisions, phones, batteries, chargers,) light bulbs, microwaves, carpets/rugs, paints or chemicals, large appliances, or exercise equipment. Help make this year's Treasure Sale a

## 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.



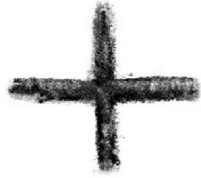
### FOR THESE WE PRAY...

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



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#### **Parish Staff**

Rev. Leslie O'Callagahn, *Pastor*

Rev. Justin Smoot, *Pastor*

Rev. Jeff Martinson, *Visitation Pastor*

Jenna Diedrich, *Faith Formation Coordinator*

Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*

Kerry Fehrman, *Bookkeeper*

Patrick Kieper, *Facility Coordinator*

Joy Mitchell, *Administrative Secretary*

Erik Mrotek, *Communications Coordinator*

Dave Paisar, *Custodian*

## **Upcoming Events/Activities**

### **MARCH**

2	12:15 and 6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
6		Pretzel Sunday
6	10:30 am	Kindness Rocks
9, 16, 23, 30	12:15 and 6:15 pm	Lenten Wednesday Worship
13	10:30 am	Baptism Orientation

### **APRIL**

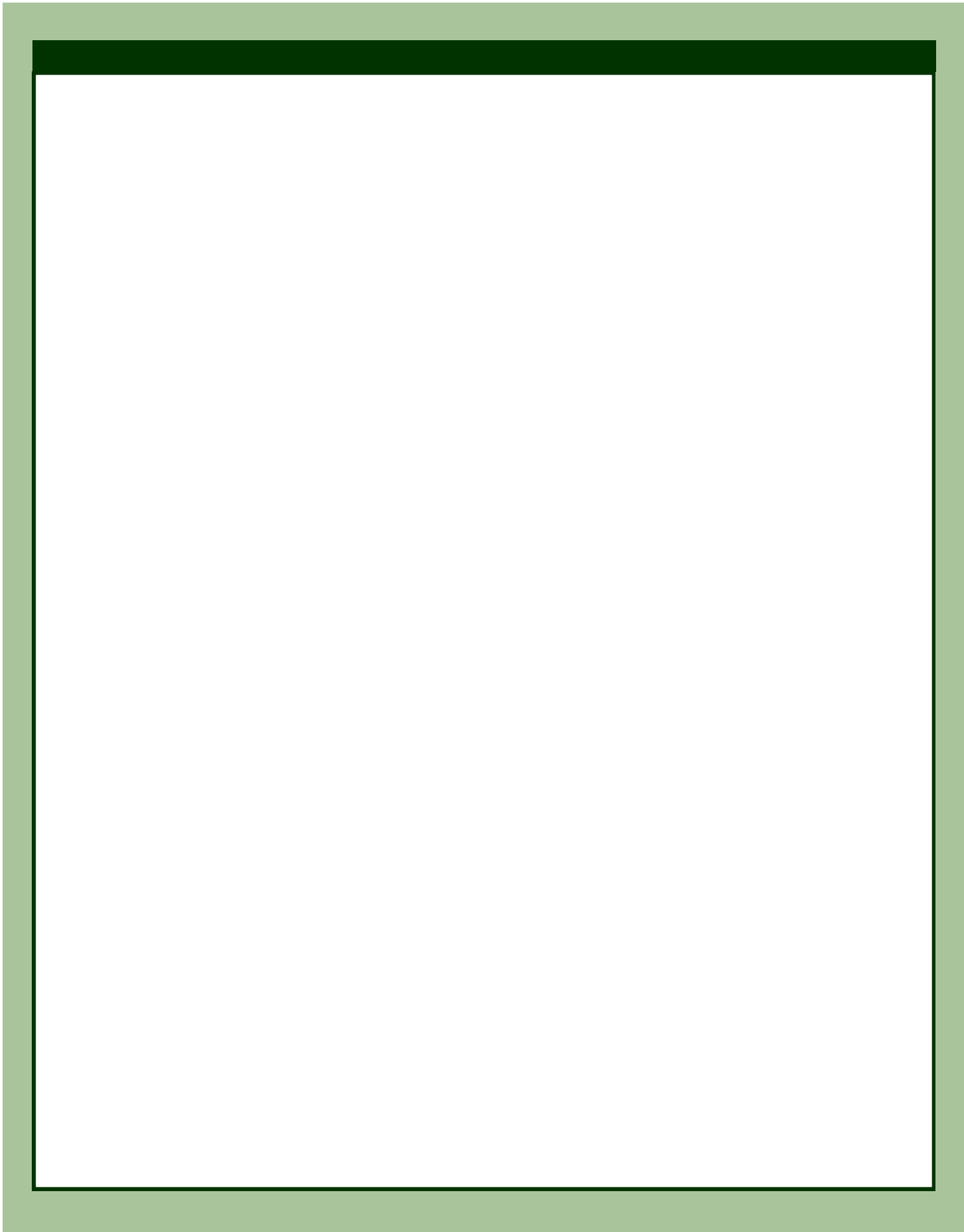
6	12:15 and 6:15 pm	Wednesday Worship
10		Palm Sunday
14		Maundy Thursday
15		Good Friday
17		Easter Sunday

### **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!**



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