

# Network



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## *A Note from Pastor Justin*

### Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

I am writing this mid-March to be read in April, when we're on the verge of Holy Week and Easter. But for now, I sit in the aftermath of daylight saving time. Have you blocked out the blurry-eyed days after the time change when an hour of our lives was sucked away? I can't seem to forget it. There is, however, a fitting metaphor for the season of life that we are in, right now, in 2022. Instead of one hour lost, we have spent two years operating in a vastly different mode than the rest of our lives. We are in a place that feels like the Monday after daylight saving time. Instead of simply needing an extra cup (pot?) of coffee to function, we need you.

Churches run on volunteer participation like pastors run on coffee. As a pastor myself, I know. Like the Bunn coffee makers that are connected to our water system to fill the pots with coffee, I recall stepping into the buzz of life at Saint Andrew in 2020. However, when Covid hit, we slowed to a pour-over single cup at a time process where each task was approached with care and precision to keep our community healthy.

I want to personally thank everyone who helped us find new ways to function in the midst of this change in coffee production through volunteer engagement: The livestream worship, the outdoor services, Soup for Community, Zoom Bible studies, the Sanctuary Renewal, the Rainbeau Corner, t.R.I.B.e., Sunday School, and other ways that we don't have the space to list here. None of it would have been possible were it not for you, the members of Saint Andrew, being generous with your time, talents, and treasures over the last two years.

I also want to personally invite you to join us as we worship, learn, witness, and serve this year. As we look to step up into the buzz of life again, we need coffee. If you want to step back into those pre-Covid ways that you served, we would love to have you. If you want to explore something new, that is great! Let us help you get connected.

You are the pot of coffee that will overflow our cup and help us wake up to the things—both new and old—that the Holy Spirit is working in and around Saint Andrew—in this metaphorical week after daylight saving time, when Saint Andrew wakes from Covid slumber and smells the fresh brewed coffee.

Have a great day Saint Andrew!



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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## HOLY WEEK

## Alleluia!

April 10: 8:00 & 9:15 am – Palm Sunday Worship

April 14: 12:15 & 6:15 pm – Maundy Thursday Worship

April 15: 12:15 & 6:15 pm – Good Friday Worship

April 17: 6:00 am – Easter Worship on Rib Mountain

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am – Easter Worship at SALC

**Weekly Worship**

**Thursday: 12:15 + 6:15 pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00 am**

**9:15 am - Also Livestreamed**

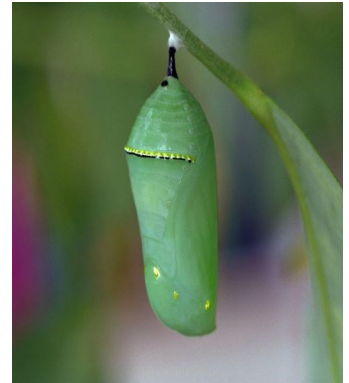
## HOLY WEEK GOO—PR. LESLIE

I was not much younger than I am now when I learned that the metamorphosis of a caterpillar from worm to butterfly involves the little bug turning to a complete pile of goo inside that tidy little chrysalis. As a child, I remember imagining that process more like the slow emergence of legs on a tadpole, that the caterpillar was gently trading in its fuzzy legs for wings and a long tongue. But science is seldom the gentle imagination of a nine-year-old. And so, we need the goo for that transformation to take place and butterfly to be ready for its next journey.

This month of April is a bit of a chrysalis. We walk the final weeks of lent and then crawl into the cocoon of holy week only to be reduced to blubbling goo as we remember the very death of God in the person of Jesus and those moments when the world stood still, awaiting the resurrection that it hoped for but had yet to see. And every year, we emerge on the wings of grace with our Alleluias echoing on the breeze and the buds of Easter hope blooming on our coffee tables.

This year has been a whirl of transition for many of us, and as I write these words on my second day as one of your pastors, I am aware that the process of change and newness is not all crocuses and sunshine. It's hard. It hurts. It makes us question our place over, and over, and over. Holy Week for me this year is already a call to tuck in and let myself be completely remade by the love of Jesus. The tears he shed, the cries he cried, the sadness, the love, the death and stillness...and the resurrection; these are for us, dear ones! Take the time to sit with them. Let them unmake you and pull you back together. And then step into Easter morning however you need to be. This year, we read the resurrection account in Luke's gospel, and there is a plethora of emotion that accompanies those who visit the empty tomb. They step into the reality with amazement, fear, disbelief, and sadness. Sometimes it takes a bit of time to reach the joy. Butterflies come out of the chrysalis all wrinkly and wet; it takes some time before the breezes are their ride in the sunshine. As we emerge from yet another bit of Covid and the changes it has brought to our worship and gathering, I encourage you to have hearts open to the new and the ways we are church in an ever-changing world, called to proclaim the life-transforming love of Jesus everywhere we find ourselves.

So together, let us embrace the chrysalis of April and the change God is working in each of our hearts as beloved children of the One who loved us and continues to love us so very much, even when we are a little bit gooey.



## ART DEVO-PALM TRACING

### ***Palm Sunday Art Project***

After the 9:15 Worship on **April 10**, you'll have the chance to experience "Zen Art." We will provide the supplies...you just provide your hand. Once it is traced, you will be shown how to make your own unique piece of art for Palm Sunday.



## YOU ARE NEEDED

### ***Ministry Members Wanted***

The work continues to return worship at SALC to the way it used to look, feel, and sound before COVID.

**But a complete return to normal requires your help.**

If you have assisted with worship in the past or were waiting to serve in a ministry—now is the perfect time to get involved.

Contact Al Frieberg at [afriebe1@charter.net](mailto:afriebe1@charter.net) for details.

## LENTEN OBSERVATIONS

The voice of Lent is the cry to become new again and the guarantee of a new life, indeed. Look for these special events at Saint Andrew as the season continues:

—Watch dramatic elements in the transformation of Jesus be revealed in a special display in the Fellowship hall.

—Follow Wednesday [SALC Facebook](#) meditations to serve as a guide through the journey of Lent.

*The Tree is waiting  
it is far from dead.*

*It's roots are drawing up energy from the deep retreat  
of winter.*

*Draped in the purple color of Lent, there is HOPE of the  
Easter Resurrection.*

## Easter Breakfast

**Sunday, April 17**

**7:00-9:30 am**

Enjoy a traditional Easter meal at Saint Andrew:

**Eggs, ham, potatoes,  
fresh fruit, muffins, and rolls**

Food donations are welcome. If you would like to help, select an item from the board in the Narthex. You will also find a sign-up sheet to volunteer. For more information, contact Sandra Fischer at 715-680-1566.

## HOT CROSS BUNS

### *Palm Sunday*

Come and get freshly baked Hot Cross Buns! They will be ready after each morning service on **Sunday, April 10**. Want to pick it up? Place a to-go order [on our website](#) or even request delivery if you desire. Be sure to enjoy this tasty Lenten treat!

## EASTER BASKETS

**Orders Due: Wednesday, April 6**

**Pick-Up: Saturday, April 9, 9:30-10:00 am**

If you or someone you know needs an Easter food basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333. **Hams and other food donations are needed.** Please place non-perishable donations in the baskets available at each church entrance.

## NOISY OFFERING

Bring your change on **Thursday and Sunday, April 7 and 10** to help support organizations aiding those in war-torn Ukraine.

## HYGIENE DRIVE

The SALC Social Ministry is looking for your help in the final days of the 2022 **Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive**. Donations include personal care items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss, cleaning products, and new or slightly used warm items such as: hooded sweatshirts, boots, and blue jeans size 32-38. You will find a list of needs in the Narthex. Place donated items on the rack in the Narthex. **The Hygiene Drive wraps up April 10.**

## BAPTISM ORIENTATION

**Sunday, April 24, 10:30 am**

Orientation will be held for families anticipating a baptism. Please call the church office at 715-842-3333 if you would like to attend.

## SUNRISE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

### **Easter Morning Volunteers Needed!!**

The work continues to restore things to normal here at Saint Andrew—and that includes **the return of the Easter morning sunrise worship up on Rib Mountain.**

But we need volunteers to make it happen—in particular, Easter morning. **We need help at 4:30 am to take care of these tasks, including:**

- **(2) Drivers with a pick-up truck or other vehicle** with large cargo space to haul supplies and equipment up to the hill and return it after worship
- **(8) Snow shovellers** to clean-up the amphitheater (weather pending—we may be able to do this prior to Sunday morning)
- **(6) Helpers** to set-up tables, place road signs, and direct traffic as needed

If you're interested and able to volunteer, please contact Patrick at the church office or [Patrick@Salc-wausau.org](mailto:Patrick@Salc-wausau.org)



## Saint Andrew Spending Plan

Looking back at February 2022:

Average attendance	362
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 47,836
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	\$ 50,113
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ (2,277)



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

## Pastoral Home 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, and 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, light bulbs, carpets/rugs, paints or chemicals, microwaves, large appliances, or exercise equipment.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Art Devo

**April 10:** Palm Tracing

**May 8:** Mother's Day Project

**June 5:** Father's Day Project

### Faith Formation

**July 10-15:** Confirmation Camp

**July 24-26:** High School Service Days

**August 8-12:** Vacation Bible School/Day Camp

—Look for more details on these events and others in future Network, email, and Facebook messages.

## PRAYER CENTER

### For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

*For the families of those who have recently joined the church triumphant:*  
Callie Elizabeth Teeters

Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer (*please ask first*)? Call the church office at 715-842-3333 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	Cullen	Jerry	Leann	Robin	Tracy
Amy	Dan	Jerry &	Monica	Rosemary	Zak & Kathy
Ashley	Diane	Rosemary	Monica	Sandy	Zoe & Rich
Barbara	Ed	Jesse	Nikki	Sandy	Zurn
Bob	Ellie	John	Pam	Shirley	
Bob G.	Frank	Judy	Patricia	Tary	
Brad & Lisa	Hilmar	Katie	Ralph	Terry	
Brent	Jean	Kay	Renee	Thomas	
Charles	Jennifer	Kristin	Rick & Tary	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)*

*"Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
Christ is Risen, Indeed!  
Alleluia!"*

**April 2022**



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#### Parish Staff

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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

### APRIL

5	6:30 pm	Ministry Night
6	12:15 and 6:15 pm	Wednesday Worship
10	8:00 and 9:15 am	Palm Sunday Worship Hot Cross Buns Art Devo—Hand Tracing Art Project
14	12:15 and 6:15 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
15	12:15 and 6:15 pm	Good Friday Worship
17	6:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship on Rib Mountain
	8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am	Easter Worship at SALC

### MAY

8	10:30 am	Art Devo—Mother's Day Project
10	6:30 pm	Ministry Night
22		Last Day of Sunday School
30		Memorial Day—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!