

# Network

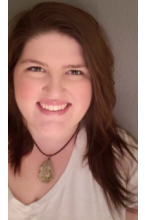


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## *A Message from Jenna Diedrich - Faith Formation Coordinator*

This August marks my third year working at Saint Andrew, and I think it is safe to say that each year has been drastically different than the last. My role as Faith Formation Coordinator has evolved and shifted with every transition, every new beginning and every challenge that has been presented to us in the last couple of years. Throughout that time, I have been learning about different ways to best equip our members to live out our church's mission and I am looking forward to using all that I have learned to help plan and create a pathway to lifelong faith formation for the members of Saint Andrew.



Faith formation isn't just about Sunday school, it isn't just about confirmation classes, and it doesn't just happen at church on Sunday mornings. Lifelong faith formation is about introducing building blocks of faith, nurturing a deeper connection with Jesus and our community, and equipping and guiding our members to live out their faith in every aspect of their lives—no matter their age.

John Roberto writes in his book, *Lifelong Faith*, "Through lifelong faith formation, churches are becoming centers of lifelong learning and growth for all people, bringing an abundance of meaningful and engaging experiences to the whole community, to families, and to people at each stage of the life span from childhood through older adulthood."

A shift in focus often comes with a change of practice and you will notice some significant changes coming to Saint Andrew this fall. But all these changes are coming from a desire to become a center of growth for our members. We are adjusting our worship schedule, adding a one-hour block of education for all ages on Sunday morning and changing the structure of our Thursday night service time.

As you read through the *Network* this month you can learn more about the changes you will see this year as well as ways that you can be a part of this exciting new chapter of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church.

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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God's work. Our hands.

**Weekly Worship**  
Thursdays: 12:15 pm—Sanctuary  
6:30 pm—Campfire Worship  
Sundays: 9:00 am—Sanctuary + Livestreamed  
10:45 am—Outdoor Worship

*\*NOTE there will be no worship on Thursday, August 11 at 12:15 pm*

### VBS & DAYCAMP *It's not too late to sign up!*



**Vacation Bible School 2022: Camp Creation**  
**August 8-11, 9:00 am-12:00 pm; ages 4-7**  
**Cost is \$15/child (maximum \$30 per family)**



**Day Camp at Waypost**  
**August 8-11, 9:30 am- 3:30 pm**  
**3rd-6th Grades; Cost is \$20/child**

Registration forms are available on the SALC website: [www.salc-wausau.org](http://www.salc-wausau.org). **Financial assistance is available for all camps.** Questions? Contact: Jenna at [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) or 715-842-3333.

### PET SUNDAY

**Sunday, August 21, 10:45 am**

Bring the *whole* family — all socially adapted creatures, great and small, are welcome. Bring a lawn chair and sunglasses to the Celebration Patio area on the north side of the Fellowship Hall and enjoy this outdoor worship experience.



### **School Bag Kits and Quilts for LWR**

A few more school bags are needed for LWR. Kits are available in the Narthex. Please **return completed bags by September 18**. Also, if you have been working on LWR quilts at home, please return those by September 18 also.

### **School Supplies and Personal Care Items for LWR (Lutheran World Relief)**

A display and a place to collect donated items will be coming soon in the Narthex for items needed to fill School Bags and Personal Care Kits for LWR.

### **Ministry Night Meetings**

Ministry Night meetings will resume on **Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**. Meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month going forward.

### **Noisy Offering**

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, August 18 & 21** in support of SALC's VBS and Daycamp which will be held the week of August 8.

## **AN EXPANDING SCHEDULE FOR OUR LIFE TOGETHER!**

Dear ones of Saint Andrew,

To say that change has been in the forefront of our lives over the past three years might be the understatement of the millennium. As a congregation you have adjusted and readjusted to new realities and transitional normal, hoping with every shift that it might settle in for the long haul. You have persevered and grown in the process, and where the rubs have left blisters, I hope you've also found healing in the presence of the One who promises to be with us on the road. This has not been an easy journey, and I write these words with tender love, holding heart space with you for the losses that have not found words and the frustrations and hopes that seem on permanent hold.

As we navigate the next stage of life together, we would like to introduce a new schedule of worship and learning that will hopefully frame our ministry here in Rib Mountain and the wider world for quite some time. Many factors have been taken into consideration, including the current state of Covid19, capacity of current staff and leadership, the faith formation needs of all demographics of the congregation, and our unfolding vision to reach more boldly into the community with the love of Jesus.

**Sunday Worship Services:** Beginning on **September 18**, worship will be held on **Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am**, with one or both of these services livestreamed as we live into the reality and needs of our online community.

**Midweek Worship on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm:** A midweek worship service, similar in content to the Sunday preceding will be held in the Chapel. This is a shift from our Thursday schedule but will remain around 30 minutes for those who like to come and worship over the lunch hour. During special seasons of the year, such as Lent, the midweek service will reflect the season, and an evening service will be added at 6:15 pm.

**Faith Formation Opportunities.** Sunday mornings will offer learning opportunities for all ages, with a Sunday School hour from 9:15-10:15 am. Children 3 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Sunday School. Older youth and adult classes will be offered throughout the building with a schedule coming soon for your planning and anticipation. You can expect a mix of Bible study and topical forums to challenge and engage us as children of God called to live out our baptism in the world. Confirmation for students grades 6-8 will be held Wednesdays, 6:00-8:30 pm.

**Thursday Evening Worship:** will shift from a worship service to an adult bible study that will change periodically to explore topics of interest, biblical books and theological topics, book studies, and occasional events for families. Our hope is that these 4-8 week capsules of time will encourage all of us to prioritize faith learning without feeling pressured to commit to months at a time. **These studies will be held at 7:00 pm.**

These new times and schedules will begin September 18. If you have concerns or questions, I am happy to talk with you and provide whatever insight I can.

Joy be the journey,  
Pastor Leslie

## HELP WANTED

### Sexton

Saint Andrew is seeking a high school student to share Sunday Sexton responsibilities beginning August 2022. The role of the Sexton is to collaborate with the Pastors, staff, and lay leadership of the congregation to help maintain campus order during Sunday worship activities at the church. This is a paid position and monthly schedules are worked out based on availability. Please send an email to [personnel@salc-wausau.org](mailto:personnel@salc-wausau.org) by **August 7, 2022** if you are interested and additional information will be provided and an interview set up.

### Music and Worship Coordinator

We are seeking a dynamic, talented individual interested in continuing to enhance and uplift the worship and music life and spiritual growth of all members of our congregation. The Music and Worship Coordinator would collaborate with the pastors, staff, and lay leadership through planning, performances, and support of the music and worship life of our congregation. [Click here](#) to learn more about the position. Please send inquiries or applications [here](#).



Help  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR RALLY DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

### Church Picnic

Worship will be at 10:00 am followed by the church

picnic which will include food, fellowship, games and fun. More details coming soon! **Volunteers will be needed. Sign up on the Information Desk!**

### 3rd Grade Bible Presentation & Backpack Blessing!



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles

Families are invited to formally present bibles to their 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to fulfill the baptismal promise "to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures".

#### Backpack Blessing

Bring your backpack to have it blessed during the children's sermon to remember God goes with you for another great year of learning.



## Ministry Fair

**Sundays, September 11 & 18**

The Saint Andrew ministries are planning a **Ministry Fair** to give members a chance to learn what each of the ministries do and what opportunities are available to contribute their time and talents and participate in the life of Saint Andrew. Watch for more information and details and plan to come and see...there may even be samples and treats!

Connect~Worship~Serve~Create



## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

God's Work, Our Hands normally falls in early September. In order to leave room for the church picnic and other rally day festivities, we are planning a service event on or around **September 25**. We are in conversation with the Community Partners Campus to learn what they would need as they anticipate opening their campus in October. For information about the campus and the impact they will have on our community, check out their website: <https://cpcwausau.org>

## "ONE IN THE SPIRIT" DEVOTIONAL YOGA

*Transforming the mind, body, and spirit*

**Thursdays, 6:00 pm Beginning September 1**



Come join this mixed-level practice designed to build connection with ourselves, one another and the Spirit through movement, prayer and meditation.

Please bring a yoga mat, water bottle and a small blanket or bath/beach-size towel. Other props, including chairs will be available. A free-will offering will be received.

"Yoga was never intended to be separate from devotion to God. The physical practice is to settle our bodies so we can sit with our breath, enjoy the healing Presence, and be connected in our relationship to God and each other. Union of body, mind, and spirit has always been the intended outcome of yoga practice." *Yogadevotion: Practicing in the Presence* (Senarighi & Green, 2017, 4)

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS AND DATES

### SAFE GATHERINGS VOLUNTEER SCREENING

Saint Andrew is committed to the safety of our youngest members and will be asking all those who wish to volunteer with our children and youth programs to complete additional requirements as part of an updated Safe Place Policy and resolution through the East Central Synod of Wisconsin stating, "all ECSW congregations and ministries to have in place a policy outlining rules and requirements for those working with children, youth, and other vulnerable populations by December, 2023....[that] shall provide for the training, background checks, and subsequent trainings for any and all persons working with the above mentioned groups". Saint Andrew will be using Safe Gatherings, an online tool that helps streamline and automate a screening process for volunteers. It includes electronic reference checks, 4 levels of background checks and an online Abuse Prevention and Boundary Awareness Training. Once completed, this certification will be good for 2 years.

**Please Note: Volunteers cannot be placed in a position to work with children or youth until their application and training through Safe Gatherings is completed and approved.** If you are interested in volunteering with children and/or youth at Saint Andrew, please contact [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) to get the process started.

### YOUTH LOCK-IN

**Friday, August 12, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 am Saturday Morning**

Calling all middle and high school youth! Come celebrate the end of summer with a Friday night lock-in at church, hosted by Pastor Leslie and some other familiar faces. A campfire, games, supper, and breakfast are just part of the fun as we spend time together. RSVP to Pastor Leslie and we will send you more information or answer any questions you might have! Bring a sleeping bag and a snack to share. Register here or call the church office!



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Classes Begin Sunday, September 18**

Sunday school will be offered for students 3 years old through grade 6. Classes will be held from 9:15 to 10:15 am between worship services. Register online here or go to the SALC website and click on the Forms tab. If you are interested in teaching or assisting in Sunday school this year, please contact [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org).

### CONFIRMATION 2022-2023

Confirmation will see some changes this season. Saint Andrew is now including 6<sup>th</sup> grade in confirmation classes, expanding our program to 3 years. More detailed information will be mailed out in early August to families with youth in grades 6-9. Orientation for our new and returning students will be **Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 pm**. Confirmation registration is available here or go to the SALC website and click on the Forms tab.

### COLLEGE CONNECTION

Are you a college student heading off to campus soon? Do you have a child or grandchild away at school? Saint Andrew is starting a new program to stay connected to our college-aged members. Monthly communications through email and snail mail will bring SALC news and encouragement to our college students (along with some goodies now and then). The program will kick off in September with a card and special gift mailed to each participant. Contact [kerry@salc-wausau.org](mailto:kerry@salc-wausau.org) with your student's name, e-mail, and school mailing address to sign up. Subject line: College Connection



## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To the Congregation of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church and the best choirs in Wausau,

Thank you for allowing me to be your Music Minister for 27 3/4 years. Your response to creating music and to worshiping with music has been a reward that I will never forget. Thank you to the wonderful cards and wishes on my departure. Your hearts are warm and you will always be fondly remembered. The best thanks you can give me is to keep singing to the glory of God. I was truly gifted and blessed to have all of you. And a special thank you to Joel Freiberg for being the best accompanist.

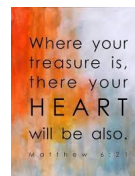
*Al Freiberg*

To all the volunteers that worked hard in the early July heat to help clean-up and update the landscaping around the building. Watch for more work days this fall as we hope to finish the process. Thanks again! *Property Ministry*

## SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at June...

Average attendance	321
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 46,543
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>59,360</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ (12,817)



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

## WHAT IS OLD AND WHAT IS NEW - *by Pr. Justin*

The shore of Galilee was cool. The harp-shaped lake that was the prominent feature of the region provided rest for weary travelers along the Via Maris as they walked along the trade caravans on the way to Damascus, with Egyptian goods. The Roman legions appreciated the relaxed posting out here, as opposed to being down in the Judean desert. The crowds of fishermen, farmers, women, vintners, olive tenders, and the occasional merchant gathered close to the seaside because there was a man speaking.

"Have you all understood this?" he asked the crowds with a tone of finality. While murmurs of assent ran through the crowd as they turned over the stories about seeds falling on different types of soil, about weeds, wheat, mustard seeds, and all manner of mundane things. Before they could begin to converse about what they had heard and go back to their homes, his voice rang out again. The wind dropped at the moment and through the stillness rang, "everyone trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

These words hung in the air.

The people were still, and Jesus' sandals ground into the dust of the earth as he walked away from the lakeshore.

These words of Jesus still hang in the air despite the thousands of years and miles that separates us from that time and place. The Kingdom of Heaven has come near and we begin to see this. In every word, in the parables, teachings, miracles, and wonder, this reality resolves itself before our very eyes. The deep being of God, the ancient, eternal presence of our Creator is present in Jesus.

Treasures old and new, as descriptors seem like a failure of our finite language to grasp the movement of God. Jesus is God's movement towards us, outpacing sin's pull away it is as if we haven't moved, but something changed. This is blessed newness, but not anything that hasn't been before. God is still God. Gracious. Merciful. Slow to Anger. Filled with Loyal Love. Old words that echo in Jesus' life.

So, are they truly new, or are they renewing?

Is there a difference?

We are engaging in a similar transition here. The pre-covid patterns of worship and gathering are shifting, carrying what was so lifegiving to people in a way that opens space for others to join in, to bring opportunities for growth and engagement, to give us space to breath deeply the breath of God. An intermingling that draws us closer to one another and closer to God.



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## 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:*

Freya Ann Chase - July 10

Iven Derek Yirkovsky - July 24

Jack Logan Sonnentag - August 21

### For Weddings:

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

Jordan Egle and Gillian Streeter - September 3

## PRAYER CENTER

In response to personal requests, the Prayer Center list will not only be recognized in worship but also on this side of the calendar each month. 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...

Annette	Charles	John	Ryleigh	Cullen
Ashley	Dan	Kay	Robin	Jill
Barbara	Diane	Kristin	Sandy	Ben
Bella	Diane	Leann	Shirley	Payten, Jan &
Bev	Ed	Linda	Terry	Jared
Bob	Gary	Monica	Thomas	
Bob G.	Hilmar & Rose-	Nikki	Tim	
Brad & Lisa	mary	Pam	Tracy	
Brent	Jean	Patricia	Zurn	
Bryan	Jeff & Shannon	Renee	Amy	
Carol	Jennifer	Rick & Tary	Frank	
Cindy	Jesse	Riley	Katie	
Zak & Kathy	Joe	Roberty	Judy	

*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. Leslie O'Callagn, *Lead Pastor*  
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Rev. Jeff Martinson, *Visitation Pastor*  
Jenna Diedrich, *Faith Formation Coordinator*  
Kerry Fehrman, *Bookkeeper*  
Patrick Kieper, *Facility Coordinator*  
Joy Mitchell, *Administrative Secretary*  
Dave Paisar, *Custodian*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### AUGUST

2	6:30 pm	Ministry Night Meetings
8-11	9 am-12 pm	VBS
8-11	9:30-3:30	Daycamp at Waypost Camp
11		No 12:15 pm Worship
12-13		Youth Lock-In
21	10:45 am	Pet Sunday Worship

### SEPTEMBER

1	6:00 pm	Yoga Classes Begin
7	6:00 pm	6-9 Grades Confirmation Orientation for Students & Parents
11	10:00 am	Rally Sunday and Church Picnic Third Grade Bibles Presented Blessing of Backpacks in Worship Ministry Fair
18		Ministry Fair
18	9:15 am	Sunday School Classes Begin
22	6:30 pm	Bible/Book Study
25		God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Fall Worship Opportunities  
Beginning Sunday, September 18  
Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 am  
Wednesdays: 12:15 pm

Regular Office Hours Resume  
September 6:  
8:30-4:30pm Monday-Friday



SALC is on Facebook! Follow the link on the Saint Andrew website  
and click "like" to keep up with the latest news and events!