

Network



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One of my favorite stories of scripture is that of the disciples meeting the resurrected Jesus on the road to Emmaus. You can read it in Luke 24! On the road, two disciples are heading home from Jerusalem when they encounter Jesus but do not recognize him. He walks with them and along the way begins to open their understanding of how the scriptures had been pointing to the Messiah all the way back to Moses, soothing their broken hearts from the events of the crucifixion. Then he sits with them at the table, breaks the bread, and they know who he is in that instant! And then, though they could have just stayed home, those disciples RAN back to Jerusalem to let the others know what they had experienced. A walk, some talk, a meal, and then sharing our good news. That's how I want to know Jesus!

This fall, our walk together is going to take us down those ancient roads with our ancestors in the faith: Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Ruth...we will meet some new faces and hear the stories we might remember from childhood Sunday School. The Narrative Lectionary will be our map for Sundays and will offer us a chance to experience God's story with God's people as one large arch. We'll start with Noah and end with the birth of Jesus in December. Spring will take us on a journey with Christ and the disciples as we sit with some longer readings and wonder together about what they mean for us today. These are the stories that form us in our understanding of who God is and we will work through the tough parts in community. Like the disciples on the road, we get to know Jesus as we hear the stories of salvation history and then share the meal together where Christ nourishes us for the work of living God's love in this world!

I am excited for fall as we celebrate our life together as this body of Christ at Saint Andrew. I invite you into the autumn months with a renewed sense of wonder at this work we share. I encourage you to try something new this year as you are able; perhaps our new yoga or bible study on Thursday night will fit your schedule. Maybe you would like to hang out with our awesome confirmation students as a mentor. Come and get to know new friends in faith. Invite the folks you think might love our community. It's good to gather, so let's do it often and rejoice that Jesus meets us there every time! I'll see you at the picnic on September 11!!

Joy be the journey,
Pastor Leslie

P.S. I will be available at the ministry fair with more information regarding the Narrative Lectionary!

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 Sundays: 8:00 am—Sanctuary + Livestreamed
Beginning 10:30 am—Sanctuary + Livestreamed
September 18 Wednesdays: 12:15 pm—Sanctuary

Rally Sunday September 11

- *One Worship Service at 10:00 am
- 3rd Grade Bibles Presented
- Blessing of Backpacks
- *Ministry Fair
- *Celebration Picnic



Fall Worship Opportunities

Wednesdays: 12:15 pm
Sundays: 8:00 + 10:30 am

***Note: Labor Day, Sunday, September:**
One worship Service at 9:00 am

School Bags and Supplies, Quilts, and Personal Care Kits for LWR

All donated items need to be **returned by Sunday, September 18.**

Check It Out!

On Display in the Library now: Awesome new children's books on a variety of subjects. Come, check us out!



Ministry Night Meetings

September 6 at 6:30 pm

Ministry Night meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and meet in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to bring their gifts and talents and participate in the ministry of their choice.

Noisy Offering

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on **Thursday and Sunday, September 15 & 18** in support of Lutheran World Relief to help offset shipping costs for quilts, school bags and personal care kits.

"ONE IN THE SPIRIT" DEVOTIONAL YOGA

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.

Park in the west parking lot and meet in the Calvary Room-other entrances will not be open. You may put any belongings in the Nazareth Room across the hall. **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)

FROZEN TREATS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Thursday, September 1, 2:30-4:00 pm

Hi students of all ages! We want to celebrate the start of a new school year with you by offering a frozen treat after school. Either drive through on your way home, or stop and hang out a while. Look for the balloons!

COME AND CELEBRATE—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11!

*Worship at 10:00 am (One Service Only)

- 3rd Grade Bible Presentation
- Backpack Blessing



*Celebration Picnic at 11:00 am on the Celebration Patio

Food, fellowship, games and fun! **Volunteers are needed. Sign up on the Information Desk!**

*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



HELP WANTED

Sexton

Saint Andrew is seeking a high school student to share Sunday Sexton responsibilities beginning this fall. 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 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. Please send inquiries or applications personnel@salc-wausau.org



SOCIAL MINISTRY UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Social Ministry is supporting the Open Door organization with a food booth fundraiser downtown Wausau on **Sunday, September 11** which is the Sunday of "Artrageous Weekend". Volunteers are needed to help in the booth with either set-up or tear-down. If you enjoy baking, desserts are also needed to be provided with the meal.

The ministry will also begin providing Community Dinners at First Presbyterian Church, downtown Wausau—the first one is **Sunday September 18**. Anyone willing to donate time to help make the dinner or provide desserts would be appreciated. Social Ministry is excited to represent Saint Andrew in these community projects. Please consider joining this ministry or volunteering as you can. Volunteers or anyone looking for more information can contact Terri Wiederhoeft at 715-297-0089 or at tawieder@gmail.com.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

Saturday, October 15

Every year on the Sunday after Labor Day, Lutheran Churches start up their Sunday School as children return to their studies and parents and families to the regular rhythms of school year life. As part of this swell of energy and enthusiasm for a new year of education and growth, the ELCA plans a day called "**God's Work. Our Hands.**" We will be working with Community Partners Campus (CPC) for Saint Andrew's service project.

The vision of CPC, "includes the acquisition and buildout of a facility that allows them to house 8 – 15 nonprofit partners having a mission-driven purpose to serve disadvantaged families and individuals in a single location." This is going to be a place where the Warming Center, the Neighbor's Place, Blessings in a Backpack, the Wausau Free Clinic, and more will be housed! Each group with its mission to serve our neighbors, will now be alongside one another, able to coordinate and collaborate to surround those who need their services with love and care in creative and lifegiving ways.

We will help unload, prepare, and set up office furniture for the spaces each organization will call home. Check out the CPC website <https://cpcwausau.org/>, and continue to serve as God has gifted us.



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. If you are interested in volunteering with children and/or youth at Saint Andrew, please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org to get the process started. 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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS AND DATES

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Please consider sharing your time with SALC's children and youth this year. Teachers are needed in several Sunday school grades to allow for flexible scheduling and maintaining proper supervision. Please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org if you have questions or are interested in joining our Sunday school team.

CHILDREN & YOUTH DATES

Wednesday, September 7 - 6:00 pm

Confirmation Orientation for
new and returning 6-9 grade students

Sunday, September 18 - 9:15-10:15 am

Sunday School Classes for
First Faith (3 year olds) through grade 6

SUNDAY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There will be a Learning and Fellowship hour from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday as a part of the new fall schedule. Here is what is coming up!

September	18	Ministry Fair
		Introduction to Narrative Lectionary
	25	"God's Work. Our Hands." Project

Join Pr. Justin as he recounts his trip to the Holy Land:

October	2	The Holy Land—Its People
		Faith Talk with Parents of Littles
	9	The Holy Land—Its Places
		Faith Talk with Parents of Littles
	16	The Holy Land—Its Politics

THURSDAY BOOK STUDY

Thursdays, September 22-October 27, 7:00 pm

Barbara Brown Taylor's *Learning to Walk in the Dark* provides a way to find spirituality in those times when we don't have all the answers. Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God's presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most.

INTRODUCTION TO NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Sunday, September 18, 9:15 am

This year we begin a new cycle of readings known as the Narrative Lectionary. Come hear from Pr. Leslie about this new exploration of scripture in worship, how we hear the grand narrative of God's story in the recorded world, and where these stories might challenge us in our faith walk together.

FAITH TALK WITH PARENTS OF LITTLES

Sundays, October 2 & 9, 9:15 am

We at SALC affirm that parents are their children's first teachers when it comes to faith. But we want to help you find the resources and connections you need to help make this a little easier! Come visit with other parents and Pr. Leslie as we talk together about how to support one another and let the babies and toddlers get to know each other as well. Parents of older children welcome as well.

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 starting in September. Monthly communications through email and snail mail will bring SALC news and encouragement to our college students (along with some goodies now and then). Contact kerry@salc-wausau.org with your student's name, e-mail, and school mailing address to sign up. Subject line: College Connection

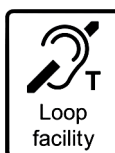
ARC BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 22, 12-5 pm

Help save a life! A blood drive in support of the American Red Cross will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Appointments can be made at www.redcrossblood.org but walk-ins are welcome, too. Two volunteers are needed from 12:00 - 2:30 pm and two from 2:30 - 5:00 pm to help check in donors. Contact Jan Nelson at 715-470-0038 or email: jannelson.79@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

T-COIL HEARING LOOP

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop system. Those with hearing devices with a t-coil are encouraged to turn them on or ask to have them programmed by an audiologist to take advantage of this improved system.

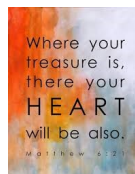


SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at July...

Average attendance	275*
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 57,815
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>50,177</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 7,638

**Estimated*



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

AUDIOLOGY SURVEY

Hi,

My name is Karley Wehrman and I am a UW-Stevens Point audiology graduate student. I am currently working on a research project to determine if access to training materials on hearing loops affects the perceived use and satisfaction of hearing loops in adult hearing aid(s) and/or cochlear implant(s) users and may assist audiologists in the future.

To participate you have to be 18 years or older and use (a) hearing aid(s) or (a) cochlear implant(s). This survey is completely anonymous and will not contain any personal information such as your name, actual age, etc. This survey should only be completed once per person and can be completed either on paper or online.

If you are interested in participating, there is an online survey (https://uwsp.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zVlzlu5RFhTNPg) or a paper survey can be found in the Narthex beginning Sunday, September 18.

Thank you for your consideration in participating in my survey!

A\$K FINANCE—ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Can my offerings be designated to the music ministry?

Offerings given to the general fund are the most helpful because they are used towards all our expenses according to our spending plan which includes our Worship/Music ministry. People can give designated gifts to specific funds where the money is used only for that fund's purpose. Saint Andrew has music related designated funds and a Memorial Gift fund. If you want to make a very specific gift, you should talk with one of the pastors to make sure it gets accounted for properly.

How much did we save in operational costs during COVID?

It's hard to determine how much we saved because we also had to spend additional amounts to pay for things like the communion celebration cups, masks, cleaning supplies and live streaming equipment. Our spending plan for 2020 was \$815,000 but we only spent \$692,385. Plus, we received a loan from the Payroll Protection Program for \$71,000 to help keep our staff employed during the pandemic. Because we did keep our staff employed during the pandemic, the loan was forgiven in 2021, so we did not have to repay it. In 2021 our spending plan was \$700,000 but we only spent \$612,302.



September 2022



August 2022							Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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:

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

For Those Who Have Gone Before Us:

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

Charles Parsch - August 4

Florence Blaher - August 6

Ronald Mathsen - August 10

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	Joe	Riley	Frank
Ashley	Dan	John	Robert	Katie
Barbara	Diane	Kay	Robin	Judy
Bella	Diane	Kristin	Ryleigh	Cullen
Bob	Ed	Leann	Sandy	Jill
Bob G.	Gary	Linda	Shirley	Justin
Brad & Lisa	Helen	Monica	Terry	
Brent	Hilmar & Rosemary	Nikki	Thomas	
Bryan	Jean	Pam	Tim	
Carol	Jeff & Shannon	Patricia	Tracy	
Cindy	Jennifer	Renee	Zurn	
Zak & Kathy	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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Parish Staff

Rev. Leslie O'Callagn, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Justin Smoot, *Pastor*
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

SEPTEMBER

1	6:00 pm	Yoga Classes Begin
1	2:30-4:00 pm	First Day of School Treats Given Out
4	9:00 am	Sunday Worship (<i>One Service Only</i>)
6	6:30 pm	Ministry Night Meetings
7	5:15 pm	Handbell Choir Reh.
7	6:00 pm	6-9 Grades Confirmation Orientation for Students & Parents
7	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Reh.
11	10:00 am	Sunday Worship (<i>One Service Only</i>)
		Third Grade Bibles Presented/Backpack Blessings in Worship
		Ministry Fair/Rally Sunday and Celebration Picnic
11		Social Ministry Food Booth Downtown Wausau
18		Ministry Fair
18	9:15 am	Sunday School Classes Begin
		Learning and Fellowship Hour-Intro. To Narrative Lectionary
18		SALC Provides Community Dinner
22	12:15 pm	First Wednesday Mid-Week Worship
22	12:00-5:00 pm	ARC Blood Drive
22	7:00 pm	Weekly Bible/Book Study Begins
25	9:15 am	"God's Work. Our Hands." Service Project



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