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# Network



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In the days ahead, we will hear about Mary's visit from the angel Gabriel. We will read about Joseph and Mary's journey to Bethlehem. We will rejoice as the shepherds are startled by angels and wonder with them as they encounter the newborn Jesus. And we will say goodbye to 2022 and bless in the new year with the story of magi travelling far to see the infant Christ. It's a journey that begins with one teenage girl and ends with global visitors!

We celebrate these events in rapid succession, but if we pause and take a look, there is a lot of space in between them. Slowly revealing pregnancies with months and possibly a year or two in between. This was not a hustle and bustle season for our ancestors in the faith. It was a day by day encounter with the unfolding miracle of God at work. In a world where we can connect with friends and family around the world with the click of a button, order Christmas gifts with 2 day delivery over thousands of miles, and schedule ourselves to be three places at once with wifi, it can be hard to imagine the slower pace and space of that first Christmas. But if I'm honest, I kinda long for it.

This is the beauty of Advent. We get to slow down, letting each change in the decorations alert our hearts and imaginations to a new development in the nativity story. We can embrace the bustle, but let's let the pressure take a backseat on the journey. We can travel at camel's pace instead of highspeed internet and see the sights along the way. Our children will help us see the story anew on Epiphany, 12 days after radio has stopped the music and the stores have filled the aisles with valentines. We'll get there, just a little more slowly.

What does your heart need this December? As I write these words, the outside sounds have been hushed by a blanket of snow. My hope is that our Saint Andrew community can be a place where you can find the sanctuary of quiet spaces, familiar hymns, and the presence of Christ in bread and wine and each other ground you in a pace that lets your spirit experience Advent and Christmas for all its hope in a way that transforms you to be the Christ in Christmas for others.

Take a deep breath. Remember who and whose you are.  
Merry Christmas,  
Love,  
Pastor Leslie

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**  
Sundays: 8:00 am—Sanctuary + Livestreamed  
10:30 am—Sanctuary  
Wednesdays: 12:15 pm—Chapel

## Christmas at Saint Andrew

Come join the celebration of Christ's birth! All Christmas Eve worship services will include candlelight and familiar carols. The 4:00 pm service will be especially family friendly with an extended children's sermon and slightly shorter length. Children are absolutely welcome at all times and we encourage families to worship together on this holy night at whatever time makes sense for you. At 10:00 pm, we will let a bit more of the contemplative nature of the Christmas celebration guide our meditation and song.

On Christmas Day, join us in your Christmas pajamas (or whatever makes you comfortable), and celebrate Jesus' birthday with carols, hot chocolate, and a special reading of the Christmas gospel.



**Saturday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve Worship:  
4, 6 & 10 pm

**Sunday, December 25**  
Christmas Day Worship:  
9:30 am

### Christ In Our Home Devotionals

The 2023 first quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy for your family.

### Art Devo

**Thursday, December 1  
12:00 pm**

Class will be held in the Activity Room. A donation for supplies used will be received.

### Ministry Night Meetings

**December 6, 6:30 pm**

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 **Sunday & Wednesday, December 18 & 21** in support of the ELCA Good Gifts.

## WELCOME JONATHAN!

Dear members of Saint Andrew,

I am so excited to begin working at Saint Andrew! My purpose is to share God's love through art to call God's people to action.

I have led music at worship services since 2013, and got my start with worship ministry in 2008 in my high school's youth group. In fact, I grew up in Wausau, and much of my training and experience comes from central Wisconsin. I have served in many musical leadership roles, including directing musical productions, providing music for weddings and funerals, performing in musical theater/opera productions, and teaching private music lessons. I received my BA in Music from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point in 2015.

In 2017, my wife Allycia and I moved to the Twin Cities in Minnesota. Initially, I supported multiple organizations, including Chain of Lakes Church, Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies, St. Paul School of Music, and more, including managing my own music lesson studio.

Since 2019, I have served Prairie Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie as their Director of Worship Arts. In this role, I led and coordinated all areas of worship, trained musicians and AV volunteers, and embraced and implemented technology to better serve congregants in person and online.

In my personal time I love to play piano, guitar, violin, mandolin, and sing. I am a bicyclist, and use my bike as my main form of transportation. I'm an advocate for more sustainable, safe, and equitable policies in city planning and transportation. I also enjoy reading about faith and theology. Additionally, I compose music and compile lyrics, meditate and pray, do yoga, drink coffee, and spend quality time with my wife Allycia and our two cats.

My top goal is to know you and your family. Pastor Leslie, Pastor Justin and I plan to find new ways to share the Gospel and make a joyful noise with people of all ages. I am thrilled to begin working with this faith community!

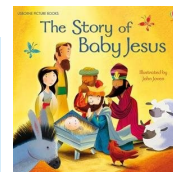
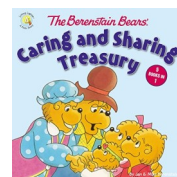
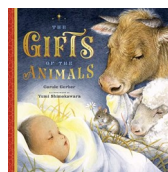
Looking forward to the day we meet, or if you may already know me, the day we get to say hello again!

Jonathan Smith



## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BOOKS

Stop by the Saint Andrew library to check out these and many more books that are currently on display. Come check us out!



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Help beautify the altar at Christmas with a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one. Order forms are available online ([salc-wausau.org](http://salc-wausau.org)) and at the Information Desk. Cost is \$10 per plant. Order deadline: **Sunday, December 4.**

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

**Sunday December 4, 9:00 am**

Get into the holiday spirit by helping to decorate gingerbread houses that will be displayed at church and at a local nursing home. The gingerbread houses, frosting, decorating supplies and snacks will be provided! Sign up on the Information Desk in the Narthex.



## CHRISTMAS UNCONTAINED!

**Sunday, December 4, 9:15-10:15 am**

Advent has been unfolding—we're getting closer to Christmas! During the Learning and Fellowship Hour, we invite you to help Saint Andrew deck the halls. Join in the fun and decorate your own gingerbread house, lend a hand in decorating the Christmas trees in the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary, check out the Christmas books in the library or just warm up with some hot chocolate. All are welcome! Reminder: There is no Sunday school this day.

## ELCA Good Gifts

*As members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference. ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.*

Stop by the tree in the Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, December 4 and take an ornament with a suggested donation. Donations can be made online at [goodgifts.elca.org](http://goodgifts.elca.org). Keep the ornament as a keepsake!



## GIFT CARD DRIVE

**November 24-  
December 11**

The confirmation class is hosting a gift card drive to collect resources for local churches to offer to those in need during the holiday season. Gift cards for area grocery stores, gas cards, or Walmart would be greatly appreciated. Gift cards can be dropped in the labeled box in the Narthex.



## CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

If you or someone you know would appreciate receiving a Christmas Food Basket, please call the church office by **Monday, December 12** at 715-842-3333. Baskets will be ready to be picked up on **Saturday, December 15, 4-6 pm.**

## FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

Need ideas for Christmas gifts? Fair Trade products make the perfect gift or stocking stuffer. Re-fill your own supply of coffee or chocolate bars or fill someone's Christmas stocking with coffee, chocolate bars or any of the specialty products. Order online at [www.salc-wausau.org/forms](http://www.salc-wausau.org/forms).

## ARC BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, December 15, 12:00-5:00 pm Fellowship Hall**

Appointments are helpful and can be made online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). Walk-ins are welcome! Give by December 15, 2022, and Red Cross will send you a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon! Two volunteers are also needed to help with registration, refreshments, or other support. Please contact Jan Nelson at 715-470-0038 or [jannelson.79@gmail.com](mailto:jannelson.79@gmail.com) if you have questions or want to volunteer.





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THE DATE

<i>Thursdays, December 1 &amp; 8</i>	<i>7:00 pm</i>	A Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew and Godspell
<i>Sunday, December 4</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	Gingerbread House Decorating
<i>Sundays, December 11 &amp; 18</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	Advent in Art, Music & Scripture
<i>Sunday, January 1</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	Lessons and Carols New Year's Day Worship
<i>Friday, January 6</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	Epiphany Pageant & Potluck
<i>Sundays in January and February</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	Adult Bible Study

## SUNDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no Sunday school classes the following Sundays to allow for holiday breaks for our teachers and students:

**Sunday, December 4** - Gingerbread House Decorating and Christmas Tree Decorating in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 25** - A Cozy Christmas Day Worship in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am

**Sunday, January 1** - Lessons and Carols New Year's Day Worship at 9:30 am

## "ONE IN THE SPIRIT" YOGA

**Thursdays, 6:00 pm-Fellowship Hall**

Class will not meet on December 29. The theme for December is "Breathe For Presence." We will have candlelight yoga on December 22. Come join us for some devotion and movement as we focus on the present moment!



## 2023 ALTAR FLOWERS

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers in 2023. Bouquets are routinely ordered weekly unless otherwise requested. A letter will be sent to you the week prior to the Sunday you signed up for flowers outlining the process, confirming what will be printed in the bulletin and will include an envelope for payment. Cost is \$30.00. Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the last worship service on Sunday. Sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## WAUSAU WARMING CENTER DONATIONS

In this season of blessings, we have an opportunity to be a blessing to others: the homeless and those for whom even thrift shop prices are a struggle. You can find containers to receive donated items in the Narthex.

**Donate your time** on a Friday evening at the Warming Center; make a meal once or twice every 6 months.

**Donate food and goods** such as granola bars, breakfast bars, fruit or pudding cups, bottled water, etc., hand and toe warmers, and large backpacks.

**Donate clothing:** \*men's dark colored knit boxer briefs (M, L, XL, 2X), \*women's underwear (all but size 8), \*men's and women's thermal underwear tops and bottoms (all but men's XL pants), \*men's jeans (waist size 34 & 36), \*winter gloves, \*sweatpants, \*long sleeve t-shirts, \*sweatshirts, \*hoodies, \*men's winter jackets (L, XL, 2X), and \*men's winter boots. Clothing items do not need to be new, just in functional and reasonable condition. They will go to a general use closet used by the homeless, those who were just released from jail, and anyone seriously struggling.

## END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Any 2022 contributions or 2023 prepaid contributions you wish to be recorded on your 2022 Annual Contributions Statement must be received at Saint Andrew before Saturday, December 31, 2022 or be postmarked on or before December 31, 2022 .

## SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at October...

Average attendance	396
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 46,309
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>48,786</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ ( 2,477)



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

## BUDGET REVIEW MEETING

**Sunday, December 11 at 9:15 am, Activity Room** for anyone who wishes to comment on the 2023 budget. Using giving records for 2022, pledged support for 2023, and ministry needs, a proposed estimated Spending Plan will be presented. Anyone is welcome to attend this informative meeting and to ask questions about the proposed Spending Plan and learn about the budget process before the **Annual Meeting is held in 2023**.

## SALC ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 29, 9:15 am**

Mark your calendar to attend the SALC Annual Meeting. Please plan on being present as we care for the business matters of the congregation for the coming year.

## ASK FINANCE

***Is the church still sending out offertory envelopes?***

Yes, the church does send out envelopes unless you ask not to receive them. When new members join Saint Andrew, they are given a starter set of envelopes to use until the next envelope mailing. Envelopes are mailed out quarterly. Those members who give electronically via TOE or Vanco get a smaller set of envelopes for special giving only. If you need envelopes, contact the church office.

***How do we donate?***

As an alternative to the offertory envelopes, many of our members prefer the convenience of giving electronically via TOE or Vanco. To give via TOE, you need to contact the church office. To give using Vanco, select the "Giving" tab on the Saint Andrew website and then the "Online Giving" option. There are also ways to give via a text or from your mobile phone described at the "Giving" tab. TOE only pulls money from checking or savings accounts. Vanco can also use credit cards and debit cards for payment but Saint Andrew is charged a 3.5% transaction fee.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Sundays, January 22-February 5, 9:15 am**

Orientation will take place in the Activity Room. New members will then be received during the **10:30 am worship service on Sunday, February 12**. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please sign up by calling the church office at 715-842-3333 by **Monday, January 16**.

# DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>7:00am Previous Sunday Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>8:00am Worship with Livestream</p> <p>9:15am Christmas Tree Trimming</p> <p>9:15am Gingerbread House Decorating</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm AA, Alanon &amp; Alateen</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Quilters</p> <p>2:00pm Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>6:30pm Ministry Night Meetings</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00am Son Risers Bible Study w/Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am Wonder? Women Bible Study</p> <p>12:15pm Mid-week Worship</p> <p>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>6:00pm "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga</p> <p>7:00pm Book Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00pm Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>7:00am Previous Sunday Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>8:00am Worship with Livestream</p> <p>9:15am Advent in Art &amp; Music</p> <p>9:15am Budget Review Meeting</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm AA, Alanon &amp; Alateen</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Support Group</p> <p>9:00am Quilters</p> <p>1:00pm Pastor's Text Study</p> <p>2:00pm Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:15am Son Risers Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am Wonder? Women Bible Study</p> <p>12:15pm Mid-week Worship</p> <p>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00pm Confirmation Class</p> <p>6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>12:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive</p> <p>6:00pm "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:00pm Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>5:00pm ECSW Lay School</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00am ECSW Lay School</p>
<p>18</p> <p>7:00am Previous Sunday Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>8:00am Worship with Livestream</p> <p>9:15am Advent in Art &amp; Music</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00pm AA, Alanon &amp; Alateen</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am Quilters</p> <p>2:00pm Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:15am Son Risers Bible Study</p> <p>9:30am Wonder? Women Bible Study</p> <p>12:15pm Mid-week Worship</p> <p>5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>6:00pm "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00pm Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p>6:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p>10:00pm Christmas Eve Worship</p>
<p>25</p> <p>7:00am Previous Sunday Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p> <p>9:30am Christmas Day Worship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00pm AA, Alanon &amp; Alateen</p>	<p>27</p> <p>2:00pm Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:15pm Mid-week Worship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:30am Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00pm Worship</p> <p>Rebroadcast - Cable 980</p>	<p>31</p>

## 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:*

Paxton David Linke - December 11

## 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	Diane	Kay	Robin	Judy
Ashley	Diane	Kristin	Ryleigh	Cullen
Bella	Doug	Leann	Sandy	Jill
Bob	Ed	Lenore	Shirley	Kim
Bob G.	Gary	Linda	Terry	Tom
Brent	Helen	Monica	Thomas	Wibilshouser
Bryan	Helen K.	Nikki	Tim	Family
Carol	Hilmar & Rosemary	Pam	Tracy	Payten & Jared
Cindy	Jean	Renee	Zurn	
Zak & Kathy	Jeff & Shannon	Riley	Amy	
Charles	Jesse	Robert	Frank	
Dan	John	Robin	Katie	

*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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Kerry Fehrman, *Bookkeeper*  
Dave Paisar, *Custodian*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### DECEMBER

1 & 8	7:00 pm	Book of Matthew and A Little Godspell Study
1	12:00 pm	Art Devo
4	9:00 am	Gingerbread House Creating
4	9:15 am	SALC Indoor Christmas Decorating
6	6:30 pm	Ministry Night Meetings
11	9:15 am	Budget Review Meeting
11 & 18	9:15 am	Advent in Art & Music
15	12-5 pm	Red Cross Blood Drive
20	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
24	4, 6 & 10 pm	Christmas Eve Worship
25	9:30 am	Christmas Day Worship

### JANUARY

1	9:30 am	Lessons & Carols New Year's Day Worship
6	6:00 pm	Epiphany Pageant & Potluck
29	9:15 am	SALC Annual Meeting
22, 29, Feb. 5	9:15 am	New Member Orientation



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