



## Network | January 2023

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## *Go With God - by Pr. Justin*

One of the first things I shared in the Network was a piece about the radical Christian practice of hospitality. That ancient lifeline which the ancestors of faith held to and benefited from in their walk with God. You have all extended hospitality to me and my family as we came to the area and began serving at Saint Andrew. Some gave food, others shared their favorite restaurants. As I was packing up my office, I found the cards that were shared with me at my installation of what we should see and do in the area, and I can say that 80% of your suggestions we got to, the other 20% just haven't happened yet.

The other part of hospitality is the sending forth. This is the blessing and sending of those who are continuing on their journey. Celebrating the time shared and bidding them farewell with blessings for the journey ahead. We may have experienced this over the Christmas/Advent season as family, friends, and other guests have moved through our homes and lives. There may have been a bittersweet parting at the beloved ones being parted from us for a season. It is also fine to breathe easily when those more difficult guests have finally taken their leave from us.

God is part of our partings, as much as they are a part of our gathering. Each time we gather for worship, we gather in the name of the Triune God. When we go forth from the worship service, we go forth in the same name, engaging in mission and ministry shaped by the Gospel, until we gather again. This gathering in and going out mirrors the process of breathing, where we take in oxygen and give off carbon dioxide. Just as the process of photosynthesis within the plants of our world is the inverse process that provides us with the oxygen that we need. This patterns of gathering and sending, of inhaling and exhaling, inspiring and expiring, gathering and sending are natural and beneficial for health and life.

There are even some Hebrew scholars who claim that the proper name of God, which is never pronounced but represented in the Hebrew text by the consonants YHWH, would create a similar sound to lungs filling and emptying with the rhythm of a person's breathing. Mirroring the hospitality and the sending that are integral to our social lives. Reflecting the constant change that, paradoxically, is this life's only constant.

So, we send each other on our own ways. Parting company and siblings in Christ who long for one another but entrusting each other into the hands of the God who has walked with us, is walking with us, and will walk with us all the days of our lives.

I want to extend my thanks to everyone who has reached out over the past month. Whether it was through an extended handshake, a card, or dropping by for a chat, I appreciated your kind gestures in this tough time. Thank you all for your prayers throughout this time. You have truly blessed me in many ways.

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

## **SALC Congregational 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.

### 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.

### 2023 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event. Sign up on the Flower Chart in the Narthex. A letter will be sent a week prior to the Sunday you signed up for flowers confirming the bulletin message. Cost is \$30.

### Ministry Night Meetings

**January 3, 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, January 11 & 15** in support of KATS—Keeping Area Teens Safe.

## EPIPHANY PAGEANT AND POTLUCK



**Friday, January 6, 6:00 pm**

Celebrate the Christmas season through songs and storytelling! An Epiphany Pageant will be presented at a special service with a pizza potluck to follow.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes will meet in the Parish Room

<b>January 8</b>	God Promises to Restore
<b>January 15</b>	God Promises to Guide
<b>January 22</b>	God Promises to Light

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

**Sundays, February 5, 12 & 19, 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 26**. 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, February 20**.

## SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN

Looking back at November...

Average attendance	427
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 39,610
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>56,123</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ (16,513)



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

## CHRISTMAS TREE UN-DECORATING

**Sunday, January 8, 11:30 am**

Help is needed to un-decorate the Sanctuary Christmas tree following 10:30 worship. All the ornaments and lights will need to be removed and packed up to allow Property Ministry to disassemble the tree on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. If time allows, volunteer assistance would also be appreciated to help un-decorate the Narthex and Chapel.

## HOLY SPIRITS

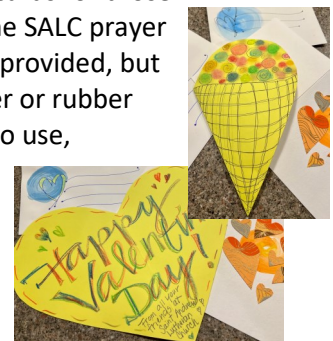
**Tuesdays, January 10, February 14 & March 14 7:00 pm**

Holy Spirits is a casual group that will meet in the private dining area at the Great Dane Pub, 2305 Sherman St., Wausau. There will be casual, spirited conversation about faith, life and the Bible.

## VALENTINE'S CARDS ART DEVO

**Wednesday, January 18, Noon until Evening**  
**Sunday, January 22, 9:15 am**

All are invited to make cards for those on their prayer list or the SALC prayer list. All supplies will be provided, but if you have special paper or rubber stamps you would like to use, please feel free to bring those in.



## "ONE IN THE SPIRIT" DEVOTIONAL YOGA



*Transforming the mind, body, and spirit*

**New year, new time! Beginning January 5 - Thursdays at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

### Thinking about trying yoga?

Come join this non-judgement, welcoming, mixed-level practice! We begin with a devotion, warm up and move our bodies, and finally surrender in receptive prayer.

### Why might you want to practice yoga?

[According to Johns Hopkins University](#), yoga practice includes these benefits:

1. Yoga improves strength, balance and flexibility.
2. Yoga helps with back pain relief.
3. Yoga can ease arthritis symptoms.
4. Yoga benefits heart health.
5. Yoga relaxes you, to help you sleep better.
6. Yoga can mean more energy and brighter moods.
7. Yoga helps you manage stress.
8. Yoga connects you with a supportive community.
9. Yoga promotes better self-care.

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

*"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)*

## HAPPY RETIREMENT DAVE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Our part-time custodian, Dave Paisar, officially retired at the end of December. While we are sure we will continue to see Dave around the building, volunteering in all sorts of ways to help Saint Andrew, we wish him all the best and hope he takes some time to rest.

With Dave stepping down, volunteers are needed to step-up and assist with some of the routine tasks around the building to continue to keep Saint Andrew a clean and well-running facility. Look for a sign-up chart in the Narthex starting in January. Tasks will range from general light cleaning to assisting with weekend snow shoveling. Contact Patrick with any questions at [patrick@salc-wausau.org](mailto:patrick@salc-wausau.org) or 715-842-3333.

## VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS COMING IN FEBRUARY

Property Ministry will be looking for volunteers to help with some special minor repairs and projects around the church. Projects will include refreshing the north education wing - removing the confirmation picture timeline, removing wallpaper, repainting the hallway, repainting the single occupant restrooms, and possibly painting some of the classrooms. Touch-up painting around the church as well as some deep cleaning of the kitchen will also be on the task list if there are enough volunteers. Contact Patrick with any questions at [patrick@salc-wausau.org](mailto:patrick@salc-wausau.org) or 715-842-3333.

# Januray 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 7:00 am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 9:30 am Worship with Livestream	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Quilters 2:00 pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 6:30 pm Ministry Night Meetings	<b>4</b> 7:15 am Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 am Wonder? Women Bible Study 12:15 pm Mid-week Worship 5:00 pm Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 10:30 am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 12:00 pm Art Devotions w/ Pam 4:30 pm "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Epiphany Pageant and Potluck 6:00 pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980	<b>7</b>
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<b>22</b> 7:00 am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 8:00 am Worship with Livestream 9:15 am Education and Fellowship 10:30 am Valentine's Day Cards Art Devo	<b>23</b> 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm AA, Alanon & Alateen	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Quilters 1:00 pm Pastor's Text Study 2:00 pm Worship 6:30 pm Council Meeting Rebroadcast - Cable 980	<b>25</b> 7:15 am Son Riser's Bible Study 9:30 am Wonder? Women Bible Study 12:15 pm Mid-week Worship 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Confirmation Class 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 10:30 am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 4:30 pm "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga	<b>27</b> 6:00 pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980	<b>28</b>
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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:*

Paxton David Linke - December 11

Hayden Mathos Jensen - January 8

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

*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**

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Joy Mitchell, *Administrative Secretary*  
Patrick Kieper, *Facility Coordinator*  
Kerry Fehrman, *Bookkeeper*

## Upcoming Events/Activities

### JANUARY

1	9:30 am	Lessons & Carols New Year's Day Worship
3	6:30 pm	Ministry Night Meetings
6	6:00 pm	Epiphany Pageant & Potluck
8	11:30 am	Christmas Tree Un-Decorating
18	12:00 pm	Valentine's Day Cards Art Devo
22	9:15 am	Valentine's Day Cards Art Devo
24	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
29	9:15 am	SALC Congregational Annual Meeting

### February

5, 12 & 19	9:15 am	New Member Orientation
22		Ash Wednesday
26	10:30 am	New Members Received in Worship



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