



Network | February 2023

Inside the February Network...

- * Lenten Theme and Worship Dates
- * Lenten Soup Meals to be Served
- * Cabin Fever Art Devotions
- * New Member Orientation Dates

Look inside for more events, information and details!

Quick Links

[Son Riser's Bible Study Zoom Link](#)

[Wonder? Women Bible Study Zoom Link](#)

[Worship Assisting Sign-Up](#)

Emails

patrick@salc-wausau.org

tawieder@gmail.com



About

Worship

Education

Calendar

Contact Us

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

(715) 842-3333

office@salc-wausau.org

www.salc-wausau.org



Network



Volume 15, Issue 2

February 2023

*Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts we are about to receive.
from thy bounty through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

This mealtime prayer has always been a favorite of mine. To me, it is such a good reminder that everything we have belongs to God and is given to us out of the abundant resources of our Creator, to whom we are able to pray because of the work of Jesus. What we sometimes neglect to acknowledge when we pray this prayer, however, is that we receive these gifts through many middle roads: farmers, harvesters, grocers, truck drivers, cooks, neighbors, and our own family members who place the food upon our tables. Meals don't just magically appear from heavenly messengers! So if we benefit from the work of others, it only makes sense that our work would also benefit others. Most of us aren't farmers, but we do play a role in the global economy. And because of that, we are also part of making sure that everyone has what they need to survive and thrive, especially because we know Jesus, and he asks us to feed the hungry.

Recently, our liturgy at Holy Communion also included a portion of this mealtime prayer, reminding us that the bread and wine we eat together is part of this larger cycle of eating and drinking, joining us not only to one another at the table but also with the communion of saints throughout time and the world's geography.

As we enter the season of Lent later this month, we will focus together on hunger, both physical and spiritual, and the ways God satisfies those needs, using both us and ministry partners around the world. We will refresh our understanding of holy communion and the ways we gather around Christ's table. We will hear the stories of our siblings around the world who are relentless in their work to ensure no one goes to bed hungry. We will meet partners in our own community who are also passionate about putting food on every table. And together we will engage the spiritual practices of Lent: fasting, prayer, and sacrificial giving, in ways that call us to better understand our call as followers of Jesus to care for those whose cupboards are bare and whose children have empty tummies. Our journey will challenge us a bit, but we will also make some new friends along the way and grow closer to the One who loves us beyond measure.

Keep an eye out for ways to get involved in Lent activities and events! From worship to soup to creative expression and giving, we will have ways from everyone to grow spiritually as we travel the Lenten journey together. It's a blessing to be at this table with you.

~Pr. 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-



150202 County Road NN
Wausau, WI 54401-7275
715.842.3333 (FEED)
www.salc-wausau.org



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Weekly Worship

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

LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER

February 22—Ash
Wednesday
April 2—Palm Sunday
April 6—Maundy Thursday
April 7—Good Friday
April 9—Easter Sunday

LENTEN THEME

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

March 1—Until All Are Fed
March 8—Give Us This Day
March 15—Come to the Water
March 22—By Your Hand You Feed Your People
March 29—Be Present at Our Table
April 6 (Maundy Thursday)—Do This to Remember Me
April 7 (Good Friday)—We Wait for Resurrection
April 9 (Easter Sunday)—He Is Not Here, He Is Risen As He Said!

"One In the Spirit" Devotional Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

Thursdays, 4:30 pm in the Chapel

***Note: There will be no yoga on February 3**

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.

Ministry Night Meetings

February 7, 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, February 19 & 22** in support of the Neighbor's Place.

CABIN FEVER ART DEVOTIONS

Wednesdays, February 1, 15, March 15 & 29, Noon-Evening—Activity Room

Need to get out of the house during cabin fever time? Bring your craft along and socialize while you crochet, knit, rubber stamp, cross stitch, paint, sculpt, sketch, make jewelry, sort your supplies, etc. etc. Join in when your schedule allows. All are welcome!

Want to try your hand at something new and create unique, one-of-a-kind cards and small pieces of art? Even if you don't consider yourself creative or artistic, within two hours you will have a completed piece and a sense of accomplishment. You will leave the class with completed art and maybe a new sense of what is possible for you to create. All supplies will be provided for your use and Pam Clark will be available to guide you. Watercolor and acrylic paints will be used. Feel free to bring your favorite supplies along if you have them. There is no charge for this class, but a free will donation in the "Saint Andrew Art Jar" is always appreciated to keep updating and renewing art supplies as necessary.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sundays, February 5, 12 & 19, 9:15 am

Orientation will take place in the Parish 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**.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 9:15 am in the Activity Room

February 5	Résumé of Those Called
February 12	Reminder of the Call
February 19	Responsibility of Those Called
February 26	Results of the Call

HOLY SPIRITS

Tuesday, February 14 & March 14, 7:00 pm

Holy Spirits is a casual group that meets in a private dining area at the Great Dane Pub, Wausau. A food or beverage purchase is not required. There will be casual, spirited conversation about faith, life and the Bible.

FIRST COMMUNION WORSHIP

Save the Date!

Sunday, April 2, 8:00 and 10:30 am Worship

First Communion instruction will be held for students and their parents on the **Sundays, March 12, 19, and 26 at 9:15 am**. **Note that for some students this would be in place of Sunday school on those days.* More details will be sent out to families in February.

PRETZEL SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, February 26 —Pretzels for Fellowship in honor of the first Sunday in Lent

The first **pretzel** was made by a French monk long ago. At that time, **people prayed by crossing their arms over their chest**, so the monk twisted the dough to represent arms folded in prayer. The **three openings** in the pretzel stand for the three persons of the Trinity. The **salt** reminds us that we are the "salt of the earth" (MATTHEW 5:13), and must stay true to our Christian calling to make a difference in the world. The **yeast** represents the kingdom of heaven (LUKE 13:20-21), reminding us to be a leavening influence in the world by living the Gospel.

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE

What is Social Ministry up to? We finished 2022 with a great turnout for Lutheran World Relief. A big thanks to everyone that donated items for the school bags, personal kits and made school bags. There was a wonderful turnout of volunteers to put the kits together making the project fly by which couldn't have been accomplished without you. A big thank you to all those who donated, assembled and delivered four Christmas baskets of food for Season of Blessings. The ministry is very blessed to have so many supporting the needs of our neighbors.

What is Social Ministry planning for 2023? Social Ministry has participated in Help for the Homeless for the past several years so it was decided to support the community in a different way this year with "Winter Warm-Up". The DC Everest school district is currently requesting items for students in need of warm winter wear, such as: gently used coats, hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and socks for local children and teens. Gloves, toe and hand warmers and winter jackets for adults for the Wausau Warming Center and the Women's Community are also being received. If anyone is aware of an organization in need of similar items, please let us know.

After a break due to COVID, the ministry started to participate in Community Dinners again and are scheduled to prepare meals four times this year – March 19, May 28, July 16 and September 17. All are invited to help prepare, transport and serve the meal as well as help clean up.

Lenten Soup Meals will be starting soon as well. Again, volunteers to help prep veggies, make soup, serve and clean up are always needed. Another way to volunteer is to bake a dessert for the meal.

Social Ministry is looking forward to all that can be accomplished in 2023 and would love your assistance in achieving these goals for our community and to consider joining this ministry. Please contact Terri Wiederhoeft with questions or to volunteer. Call or text to 715-297-0089 or email at tawieder@gmail.com. THANK YOU!!

LENTEN SOUP MEALS

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Come and enjoy a bowl of hot, homemade soup on Wednesdays in Lent. Soup will be served in the Fellowship Hall following 12:15 pm worship and again before and after 6:15 pm worship. A free-will donation will be received. **Note:** Pre-orders and soup-to-go will not be available.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Property Ministry is seeking volunteers to help out on a routine basis with a variety of tasks around the building to continue to keep Saint Andrew a clean and well-running facility. A Volunteer Opportunities sign-up chart is available on the Narthex bulletin board. Tasks range from general light cleaning to assisting with weekend snow shoveling. Contact Patrick with any questions at patrick@salc-wausau.org or 715-842-3333.

SAINT ANDREW SPENDING PLAN A\$K FINANCE

Looking back at December...

Average attendance	366
Your gifts returned to God	\$ 82,554
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>62,775</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 19,778



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

What is the plan for paying off our mortgage?

We are currently paying \$5,000 per month on our mortgage plus whatever Freed for Mission designated giving is received. The mortgage balance as of December 31 was \$447,747.66. The minimum required monthly payment is \$4,557.86.

We plan to continue paying the \$5,000 per month through July of 2024 which is when our loan must be refinanced. We expect our payment will likely increase then as interest rates are rising.

Since we do not know what our new mortgage payment will be after July 2024, our best estimate for when the mortgage will be paid off is 2032.

Our offertory envelopes include a monthly "Mortgage Reduction" envelope so members can make an additional Freed for Mission designated contribution. Through December 31, \$13,379 was contributed through designated giving to help pay down the principle balance this year.

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:

Hayden Mathos Jensen - January 8

Emery Jane Westfall - February 12

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

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)

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 7:00am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 8:00am Worship with Livestream 9:15am Education and Fellowship 10:30am Worship	30	31	1 7:00am Son Risers Bible Study 9:30am Wonder? Women Bible Study 12:00pm Cabin Fever Crafting 12:15pm Mid-week Worship 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 10:30am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980	3 6:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980	4
5 7:00am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 8:00am Worship with Livestream 9:15am Education and Fellowship 10:30am Worship	6 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm AA, Alanon & Alateen	7 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Pastor's Text Study 2:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 6:30pm Ministry Night Meetings	8 7:15am Son Risers Bible Study 9:30am Wonder? Women Bible Study 12:15pm Mid-week Worship 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 10:30am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 4:30pm "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga	10 6:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980	11
12 7:00am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 8:00am Worship with Livestream 9:15am Education and Fellowship 10:30am Worship 4:00pm Boy Scout Troop 453	13 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm AA, Alanon & Alateen	14 9:00am Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Support Group 9:00am Quilters 2:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 7:00pm Holy Spirits (at Great Dane)	15 7:15am Son Risers Bible Study 9:30am Wonder? Women Bible Study 12:00pm Cabin Fever Crafting 12:15pm Mid-week Worship 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Confirmation Class 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	16 10:30am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 4:30pm "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga	17 6:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 5:00pm ECSW Lay School	18 8:00am ECSW Lay School
19 7:00am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 8:00am Worship with Livestream 9:15am Education and Fellowship 10:30am Worship	20 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm AA, Alanon & Alateen	21 9:00am Quilters 1:00pm Pastor's Text Study 2:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 5:30pm Finance Ministry	22 7:15am Son Risers Bible Study 9:30am Wonder? Women Bible Study 12:15pm Ash Wednesday Worship 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:15pm Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	23 10:30am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 4:30pm "One in the Spirit" Devotional Yoga	24 6:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980	25
26 7:00am Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 8:00am Worship with Livestream 9:15am Education and Fellowship 10:30am Worship	27 1:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm AA, Alanon & Alateen	28 9:00am Quilters 2:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 6:30pm Council Meeting	1 9:00am Quilters 2:00pm Worship Rebroadcast - Cable 980 6:30pm Council Meeting	2	3	4



150202 County Road NN
Wausau, WI 54401-7275

Parish Staff

Rev. Leslie O'Callaghan, *Lead Pastor*
Jonathan Smith, *Worship and Music Coordinator*
Jenna Diedrich, *Faith Formation Coordinator*
Joy Mitchell, *Administrative Secretary*
Patrick Kieper, *Facility Coordinator*
Kerry Fehrman, *Bookkeeper*

Upcoming Events/Activities

February

1, 15	Noon-Evening	Cabin Fever Art Devotion
5, 12 & 19	9:15 am	New Member Orientation
5, 12, 19 & 26	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
10, 17 & 24	4:30 pm	"One In the Spirit" Devotional Yoga
14	7:00 pm	Holy Spirits
22		Ash Wednesday
26		Pretzel Sunday Fellowship
26	10:30 am	New Members Received in Worship

March

1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	12:15 & 6:15 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship
1, 8, 15, 22 & 29		Lenten Soup Meals
3, 10, 17, 24	4:30 pm	"One In the Spirit" Devotional Yoga
14	7:00 pm	Holy Spirits
15 & 29	Noon-Evening	Cabin Fever Art Devotion



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