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# Network



## Weekly Newsletter August 17, 2023

Grace and peace be with you, dear ones of the Saint Andrew community! As the month of August continues to fly, even those of us without children in our homes cannot go very far without noticing that back-to-school planning and shopping is in full swing. With it comes the farewell to summer's comings and goings and we look forward to seeing more of everyone in the weeks to come. With the season of fall comes the new program schedule, which we hope you will put in your calendars and plans. As a community, it is our hope that there are events and opportunities for everyone here at Saint Andrew, and our planning takes into account the varied and diverse people we are when it comes to activities and needs for spiritual nurture and fellowship.

After much reflection and discussion with various ministry leaders, it has been officially decided to move forward with a **single 9:00 am service time for this fall starting Sunday, September 24. Sunday School for children will meet at 10:15 am for a large group gathering in the Sanctuary and break into small groups from 10:30-11:00 am. Adult Bible Studies and programs will have more flexibility to begin either at 10:15, 10:30, or even at 8:00 am.** Watch for more information on adult studies coming soon!

Many factors went into planning this change for fall.

- Having a full church this summer is feeling great and is connecting congregants together in new ways.
- One service will help ensure the various volunteer needs of worship are covered fully without more commitment or over-taxing the current volunteers.
- One service will ease the commitment for altar guild members, musicians, and fellowship volunteers.
- Faith formation events will fall more easily to either side of the worship service, allowing for expanded offerings.

### **Additional Regular Worship Opportunities**

Midweek worship services will continue again this fall, starting back up on ***Wednesday, September 13 at 12:15 pm.*** We will continue to livestream our Sunday services online, and broadcast them to local access television.

We will continue to hold these worship times in conversation as the year progresses. Right now, what a blessing to be together in worship, to hear the singing of our voices in praise of our Lord Jesus, and to love one another in prayer and in service.

Joy be the journey,  
Pastor Leslie

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### **August Noisy Offering**

***Sunday, August 20***

Please note the corrected date. Bring your noisy coins to church this Sunday to drop in the Noisy Offering can! In conjunction with Pet Sunday worship, this month's offering will support the Humane Society of Marathon County.

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### **Ring a Handbell**

***Sunday, August 20; 10:15 am***

Have you ever wanted to try ringing a handbell? Stay after worship this Sunday and Diane Goetsch will provide a great first opportunity to ring! All are welcome.

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### **Parking Lot Repairs**

Over the next couple of weeks, the parking lot will be repaired in the area surrounding the current drain to help eliminate the standing water issues near the Courtyard entrance. Some potholes will be repaired as well.



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## Treats on the First Day of School

***Tuesday, August 29; 2:45-4:00 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 signs!



CONFIRMATION



## Confirmation 2023-2024

**Confirmation orientation and lunch** for new and returning students in **grades 6-9** will be held on ***Sunday, September 10 at 12:00 pm.***

**Confirmation classes** for students in **grades 6-8 grade** will begin on ***September 20 at 6:15 pm.*** If your family has a student who will be attending confirmation but did not receive a letter and class schedule in the mail, please contact [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org).

**9<sup>th</sup> grade classes** will resume on ***September 27 at 6:15 pm.***

New and returning students can register [here](#).

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Join us at the  
Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

# Church Picnic

Held on the Celebration Patio and north lawn.



**Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023**

**11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

(Following the 10:30 am Service)

**- Food provided -**

Hamburgers, brats, hotdogs, and beverages.

**- Potluck -**

Tear off a tab from display in the Narthex to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

Donate cakes for the cake walk.

***Enjoy fellowship, food & fun!***



## Sunday School Classes

***Begin Sunday, September 24; 10:15 - 11:00 am***

Classes will be offered for children 3 years old through grade 6. Students will meet in the Sanctuary for a large group opening and then head to classrooms where they can be picked up at 11:00 am. Please register online [here](#).

## Sunday School Teachers and Classroom Helpers Needed

Dedicated and caring adults are needed to ensure the success of our Sunday school program. As part of the Safe Place Policy, 2 adults are needed in each classroom every week. If you are interested in teaching or occasionally helping in a classroom this program year, please contact [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) for more information about completing the Safe Gatherings screening.

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## 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 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.



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## Lay School Kicks Off in September

Lay School kicks off in just a few weeks! The Lay School exists to equip and challenge adults for their lives as disciples of Christ, empowering them for service and ministry in their churches and communities. All of the details for the Lay School class offerings, schedules, and registration can be found at [www.ecswlayshcool.org](http://www.ecswlayshcool.org). Brochures are available on the Information Desk in the Narthex and also by clicking on the link below.

ECSW Lay School

Lay School Brochure

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## Food Pantry Current Needs

The following items are currently needed for the Saint Andrew food pantry:

Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Spaghetti Noodles



Canned Fruit  
Canned Vegetables  
Boxed Rice (please no bagged rice)  
Pancake Mix  
Pancake Syrup  
Cereal  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly

Donated items can be placed in the baskets found at each entrance. Thank you!

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## **LWR School Supply and Personal Care Kits**

Social Ministry is again collecting items for school supply and personal care kits in support of Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

A display with detailed information and grab n' go shopping lists with requested items is available in the Narthex along with a basket to receive donated items. The shopping lists are also printed below. LWR is very specific regarding donated items. If the items are not exact, they are destroyed rather than used or donated elsewhere.

Thank you for your continued support to assist those in need across the globe. God's blessings to you all.

### **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT**

- ☐ **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- ☐ **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ☐ **ONE** pencil sharpener
- ☐ **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- ☐ **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- ☐ **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ☐ **ONE** 2 ½" eraser
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

### **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT**

- ☐ **ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ☐ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ☐ **ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ☐ **ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

*\* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap*

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## **Sexton Positions Open**

Saint Andrew is seeking 2-4 high school students to share Sunday Sexton responsibilities beginning this summer for the 9:00 am service and continue into the fall. The role of the Sexton is to collaborate with the pastor, staff, and lay leadership of the congregation to help maintain campus order during

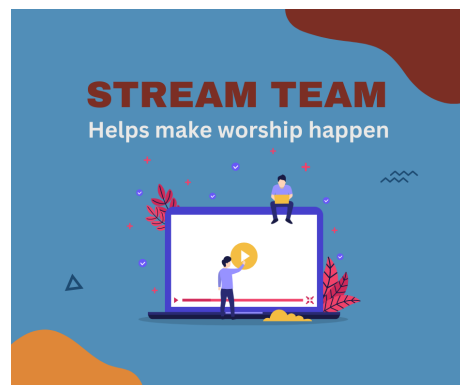
Sunday worship and activities at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church. This is a paid position and monthly schedules are worked out based on availability. If you are interested, please send an email to [personnel@salc-wausau.org](mailto:personnel@salc-wausau.org) or call or text Wayne Johnson @715-370-5263 and additional information will be provided and an interview set up if desired. Job shadowing can be set up with the current Sexton, Nick Josiger.

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## Stream Team Volunteers

Stream Team is the backbone of Saint Andrew's live and in-person worship services and is looking for additional volunteers for either of two roles:

- **Video Switcher:** follows a service order and selects what is viewed on the livestream. Switches between different cameras and the ProPresenter slide feed assisting the viewers to see worship and follow along.
- **ProPresenter Operator:** follows a service order and cues to advance slides at the proper time to assist the congregation in-person and online follow the service and participate in worship.



Volunteers can serve as little as once a month and arrive about a half hour before worship begins. You can pick your schedule or be assigned to services. If this opportunity to serve this community and learn new skills interests you, contact [jonathan@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jonathan@salc-wausau.org) to learn more or sign up!

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## Pastoral Visits

If you, or someone you know, need a pastoral visit during a hospital stay, please let us know by contacting the church office at 715-842-3333.

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### Summer Worship

Sundays  
9:00 am

### Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
8:30 am-4:30 pm

### Recorded Worship on Spectrum

Sunday worship is livestreamed on the SALC Facebook page each week. The recorded service can then be found on Charter/Spectrum channel 980 on the following days and times:

Tuesday - 2:00 pm  
Thursday - 10:30 am  
Friday - 6:00 pm



**The office will be closed  
on Labor Day  
Monday, September 4**

Sunday - 7:00 am

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