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Weekly Newsletter September 21, 2023

“Behold who you are. Become what you receive.”

These words that we sometimes use at holy communion always hit me at my very core. When we come together to share in worship and fellowship, to eat of the bread and drink of the cup, and then to go into the world to live God’s love, we have become something different than we were. To be the body of Christ in the world is no small matter and it is not a task we can do on our own. Yet in the blink of holy transformation, we are brought together and sent as just that – the body of Christ in the world, called to be his hands, feet, and voice in spaces longing for mercy, justice, and peace.

As I write these words, there are reminders of you all around me. Notes and keepsakes. Photos and drawings by the littles among us. There are hymnals and bibles and worship materials that have been my companions for the past year and a half, and there are bulletin notes for next week. You have left a mark on my heart in a very short time, and it has been an honor to serve and live as part of the body of Christ with you. In his letter to the church in Philippi, Paul wrote, “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your

partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Even in these times of change, we rest in the confidence and promise of Christ, that our work is a call to be Jesus in the world, and we are empowered by Jesus to do that work! Change, especially rapid change, is discombobulating, to say the least. It brings up worries and doubts and asks a lot of us. But it also imparts the gift of space to ask new questions, to do new things, and to wonder what might be just around the corner! Yet the promise of that holy meal remains: Christ is with us and moves us into the unknown so that the world might know his love. Who can argue with that?

Dear ones of Saint Andrew, be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go! Over the next few weeks, the council will be getting some plans in place. Please pray for them as they lead this congregation with grace and navigate the challenges these times can present. The staff will also be carrying on the ministries they are so very skilled at, and they will need every one of you to step up and be part of this body in ways you might not have needed to before. What a gift that will be to everyone! Hold each other in prayer. Give thanks for the skills and gifts God has given to each person who enters our doors. The body of Christ can't be a body without them. This is a great time to get to know one another again. We're still recovering from some pandemic effects – go ahead and reach out. There's no better time to love one another than today!

As I make my way toward where God is leading, know that I hold you close in thought and prayer. I look forward to seeing you around town, and I treasure the memories of this place forever.

Peace be the journey,
Pastor Leslie



Blessings for the New Year

Sunday, September 24; 9:00 am

Students, bring your backpacks to worship to have them blessed and receive a blessing yourself for the school year ahead! Bibles will be presented in worship to children who need them. Storybook Bibles are available for pre-readers-2nd grade. Spark Bibles are available for grades 3+. LWR (Lutheran World Relief) quilts, school kits and personal care kits will also receive a blessing as they are sent to those in need around the world.



Worship and Fall Programming Times

Beginning Sunday, September 24

Worship will continue to be at 9:00 am. Fellowship and educational opportunities will begin at 10:15 am. Due to staffing changes, mid-week worship will not resume at this time.



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.

Adult Bible Study

Begins Sunday, September 24; 10:15 am

All are invited to participate in this adult bible study which meets most Sundays of the programming year. The group will meet in the Activity Room.

Yoga Schedule Change

Yoga will not meet the week of **September 24** as Lyn will be out of town. Regular classes will resume the following week:

Morning Flow Yoga - Tuesdays, 8:30-9:30 am

Afternoon Flow Yoga - Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm

Adaptive Yoga - Wednesdays, 8:30-9:15 am



Thank you!

Thank you to all who brought desserts, salads, fruit, vegetables, buns, condiments and cakes for the cake walk. A special thank you to the grillers and those who provided the bouncy house. The picnic was enjoyed by many and God certainly provided a beautiful day for fellowship, food and fun!



Ministry Night Meetings

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 pm

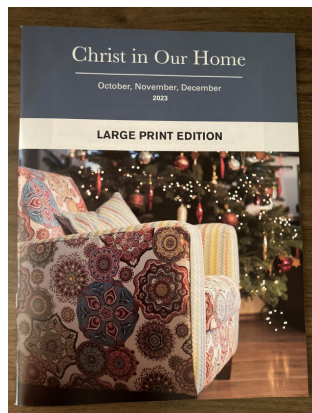
It's that time of year when we need to start preparing ministry spending plans for 2024. The Finance Ministry will provide information at the meeting to assist the process and the date they will be due back to Finance Ministry. All are welcome to bring their gifts and talents and participate in the ministry of their choice.

LWR (Lutheran World Relief) - Load the Semi

Saturday, October 7, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to help load a semi truck at Kolbe & Kolbe, located on the corner of S. 3rd Ave. and Bopf St., Wausau. LWR school bags, personal care kits and quilts from the area will be dropped off and then loaded on the semi.

Watch for LWR signs.



Christ In Our Home Devotional

The fourth quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex on the Information Desk and near the church office. Feel free to pick up a copy for your family.

Office Hours

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

In planning and preparing for the new program year, Saint Andrew office hours will continue to be Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (closed on Fridays). This schedule allows for staff to be flexible with their time to best serve the church, including weekends and evenings.

Worship

**Sundays
9:00 am**

Recorded Worship on Spectrum

Sunday worship is livestreamed on the

***(The Sanctuary is
T-Coil Hearing Loop Enabled)***



Office Hours

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

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

Tuesday - 2:00 pm

Thursday - 10:30 am

Friday - 6:00 pm

Sunday - 7:00 am

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