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## Weekly Newsletter November 16, 2023

### **A Message From Pr. Gary, Interim Pastor**

I have had a great first week as your new Interim Pastor! I am in learning mode: what makes Saint Andrew tick, what can we learn from Saint Andrew's history, where might the Holy Spirit be leading us in the coming years?

I need you-all to be my teachers. If you are willing to spend an hour in conversation with me, I want to know what attracted you to Saint Andrew, how your spirit is filled through the Saint Andrew community, how you minister in the name of Saint Andrew, and what new thing might we do together to advance the coming of the kingdom?

Joy has charge of my schedule -- call her to set a one-hour appointment. We can meet at the church or I can come to your home.

In my two years of retirement, I have been preaching nearly every week in churches -- from Medford to Marion -- who are all in the call process. It has allowed me to experience the wonderful diversity of our church.

During my 35 years of ministry I have used countless continuing education opportunities to train myself to be an agent of growth and change in congregations. I haven't slept very well during this first week because of the way that Saint Andrew is stoking my creative juices. We just might have a fun, productive and exciting year together.

I will be with you more regularly beginning at Christmas. I still have four Sundays of commitments at Immanuel in Wausau that need to be honored. But I am here during the week and I want to learn from you. Call soon!

May God bless Saint Andrew and this community of saints!

Pastor Gary Froseth

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## Called \* Committed \* Counted

It's not too late to respond with a pledge to the Saint Andrew 2024 Stewardship campaign. As of November 14, 2023, 33% of members/households have returned pledges.

The Stewardship Ministry is hopeful that the pledge response will increase to 50% by December 10. Please consider returning a pledge card. [Online pledge cards are available here.](#)

Maybe this is your first-time pledging. We know it can be a little vulnerable, but can you be as generous as you can? A pledge is not a debt; we know circumstances can change. Pledges just give us a framework in which to plan.

This coming year will see Saint Andrew walking through another time of transition. While change can feel uncertain, it also brings with it the possibilities and potentials of newness and growth. Now more than ever, we need you, our Saint Andrew family, to remember your place in this congregation. You are called and counted among us, and we love you. We value your place in this work we do with the help of the Holy Spirit for Christ's church at Saint Andrew.

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## Council Communication Corner

### ***October 24, 2023 Council Meeting***

1) Three Council Member seats will be up for election at our next Annual Congregational Meeting. We will also vote on some minor constitutional changes and cast ballots to approve attendees for the Synod Assembly in May. Please let a council member know if you are interested in becoming a council member or attending the Synod Assembly.

2) The Survey results are in! Council reviewed your feedback and you can expect to hear more on the results shortly. Thanks for your responses.

3) The Council discussed the timeline in the call process in finding a new pastor and will share next steps in the next few weeks.

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## Noisy Offering

**Sunday, November 19**

Bring your noisy coins to church to drop in the Noisy Offering can! A Noisy Offering will be received in support of Feed My Starving Children, a Christian nonprofit organization called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. FMSC hosts MobilePack events around the country to package food to further their mission to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. To learn more, visit their website at [www.fmsc.org](http://www.fmsc.org)



## Communion Training for Communion Servers and Ushers Rescheduled

**Sunday, November 19; 10:30-11:00 am**

Communion Training has been rescheduled to this **Sunday, November 19**. If you are serving this fall as an usher or communion server, or would like to, please come to a brief training session held in the Sanctuary.



## Communion Servers and Subs Needed

Saint Andrew has expanded to 5 communion stations including gluten-free to better serve the congregation, therefore, a few more people are needed to help serve. Communion Servers arrive 15 minutes prior to the service and serve once every three weeks. Please email [jonathan@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jonathan@salc-wausau.org) if you are willing to serve on a schedule or as a sub.

## Thanksgiving Eve Shared Worship at First English Lutheran Church

**Wednesday, November 22; 7:00 pm**

Last year, Saint Andrew and other Wausau area congregations participated in a Thanksgiving Eve service together. This year, Saint Andrew will continue to partner with other area congregations to collaborate in a shared ministry Thanksgiving Eve service hosted at First English Lutheran Church, [402 N. 3rd Avenue, Wausau](#). The loose offering received in worship will support Neighbors' Place and Blessings in a Backpack.



Enjoy a pie social following worship. If you would like to bring a pie, please sign up in the Narthex.

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## No Confirmation Class

Reminder there will be NO Confirmation Class **Wednesday, November 22**. Students and families are invited to attend Thanksgiving Eve worship at First English Lutheran Church at 7 pm.

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## Sunday School Schedule

There will be NO Sunday school class the following Sundays:

**November 26:** Happy Thanksgiving

**December 3:** Families are invited to the Fellowship Hall for the annual Gingerbread House decorating event.

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## Christmas Poinsettias

Help beautify the altar at Christmas with a poinsettia to remember or honor a loved one. Order forms are available [online](#) or near the Information Bulletin Board in the Narthex.

Deadline: **Wednesday, November 29.**

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## Art Devotions

**Wednesday, November 29, 1-8 pm**

No experience in art is necessary and it is set up like an open house. Bring whatever craft or art you are currently working on and enjoy social time with others. Dedicated projects that Pam will be sharing will take place from 1-3 pm and 6-8 pm. Create a project on small canvases and cardstock with pressed flowers and leaves.



## Advent is Coming and Coming Soon!

This year, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. To accommodate for that, Saint Andrew will start Advent 1 on Christ the King Sunday, November 26, where



scriptures and themes from both Sundays will be intertwined by seminary student Christina Johnson.

### **Advent 2023 Schedule**

**November 26 - Advent 1/Christ the King Sunday:** Christina Johnson, sermon

Pr. Sharon Fox Bogen, Presiding Minister of Communion

**December 3 - Advent 2:** Pr. Gary Froseth

**December 10 - Advent 3:** Pr. Sharon Fox Bogen

**December 17 - Advent 4:** Pr. Gary Froseth

**December 24 - Christmas Eve:** Pr. Gary Froseth

4 pm and 6 pm - Candelight Worship with Chancel and Handbell Choirs

10 pm - Candelight, Contemplative Worship

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**Gingerbread House  
Decorating Event  
Sunday, December 3  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall**

**Get into the holiday spirit by decorating gingerbread houses that will be on display at church and at a local nursing home. The gingerbread houses, frosting and decorating supplies will be provided along with beverages and snacks.**

**Bring your creativity and join us for some fun!**

## Christmas Food Baskets

If you or someone you know would appreciate receiving a Christmas Food Basket, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 by **Thursday, December 7**. Baskets will be ready to be picked up at the south entrance on **Thursday, December 21 between 3:00 and 4:00 pm**.

If you would like to donate items for these baskets, please bring them by **Tuesday, December 19**. Non-perishable items can be placed in the baskets inside the church entrances and hams can be put in the marked area in the freezer.

Suggested items to donate:

- Ham (Half Hams Preferred)
- Canned vegetables
- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Pie Filling
- 5 lb. Bag of Potatoes
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Christmas Candy Treats

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## Weekend Snow Shoveling

Are you available to help with weekend shoveling? 6-8 volunteers are needed to help clear sidewalk entrances on weekends prior to Sunday morning worship on a rotational schedule with 2-3 volunteers each week. If you would be interested in helping out, please sign-up on the sheet below the Narthex bulletin board or contact Patrick at [patrick@salc-wausau.org](mailto:patrick@salc-wausau.org).



## Christmas Decorating

A few volunteers are needed to help coordinate, plan, recruit volunteers and decorate the church for Christmas which would include the exterior lights as well as the interior spaces. There are many lights and decorations available! Please contact Patrick in the office or at [patrick@salc-wausau.org](mailto:patrick@salc-wausau.org).

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## Ministry Opportunities at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Wausau

Details are also posted on the Saint Andrew Information Bulletin Board in the Narthex along with a sign up sheet for the chili supper.

**\* Tuesday, November 21**

5:30 pm - Chili Supper

6:30 pm - Service of Gratitude

[Click here for details.](#)

**\* Thursday, November 30**

A Day of Prayer held in their Sanctuary

[Click here for details.](#)

**\* Saturday, December 16**

2:00 pm - Christmas Singalong followed by light refreshments

[Click here for details.](#)



## Bible Studies

Adult Bible Study

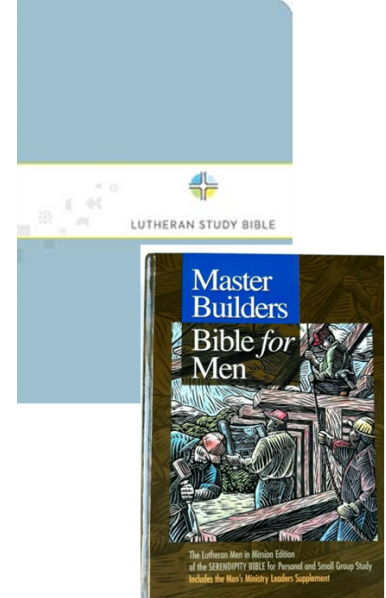
Sundays, 10:15 am - Activity Room

November 12 theme and scripture:  
*Fulfill the Law Through Love*  
*Romans 13:8-10 and 1 Corinthians 13:8-13*

### Son Risers Men's Bible Study

**Wednesdays via Zoom at 7:15 am**

*First Wednesday of the month is at 7:00 am at Saint Andrew for bible study and breakfast*



### Wonder? Women's Bible Study

**Wednesdays, 9:30 am - Parish Room**

## Worship

**Sundays**

**9:00 am**

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



## 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 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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