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Weekly Newsletter January 4, 2024

A Note From Pr. Gary

Happy New Year!

It is looking like a busy month. It is looking like a busy year. I will need your help to complete the tasks that I have assigned myself.

I see myself as working on behalf of your next pastor. I owe it (we owe it) to that person to have our ministries fully staffed and fully operational. I owe it (we owe it) to that person to have a sense of Saint Andrew's ministry focus for the coming years.

With that in mind, our January task is to obtain volunteers for our various ministries. We have these needs:

- A chair for Fellowship Ministry
- 3-4 members for Faith Formation Ministry
- 3-4 members for Social Ministry
- 3-4 members for Worship Ministry
- 2 members for Personnel Ministry
- 1 Volunteer coordinator (could be shared)

There may be others about which I am still unaware.

I understand that ministry membership doesn't always sound very exciting. With the changes in process, I am hoping that these tasks will become more satisfying.

1. Council will become a more visionary body and less managerial. We are reducing the size of the Council to 10 members (the constitution requires a membership between 9 and 12) and will ask them to think more about 2027 than about 2024. That means that the ministries will have authority to act within the confines of their budgets.
2. All leaders (at least Council and Ministry members) will be trained. I plan to establish a leadership development ministry with initial training set by Ministry Night in February. Eventually we want to offer training to every Saint Andrew volunteer.
3. All ministries have ongoing responsibilities during each year such as, Sunday School for Faith Formation and the summer picnic for Fellowship. As we study the needs of the community and think about the congregation's future, ministries will also be tasked with imagining new opportunities for our future. A real bonus for those who are idea oriented.

Please. Go back and re-read these paragraphs.

Seriously, prayerfully consider what you have to offer for the sake of Saint Andrew. Questions are welcome. Please e-mail me with your response at pastorgary@salc-wausau.org. Please join us for Ministry Night on ***Tuesday, January 9*** and speak with the members of our various ministries. May God bless our work together!

Pastor Gary

Adult Bible Study

Sunday, January 7, 10:15 am

Adult bible study resumes this ***Sunday, January 7***. The topic and scripture is: Assurance and Conviction Through Faith; Hebrews 11:1-4a, 7a, 8, 17-18, 2023, 32, 39-40.

Epiphany Pageant

Sunday, January 7, 10:30 am in the Sanctuary

Celebrate Epiphany through songs and storytelling, presented by our youngest members!



Christmas UN-decorating

Volunteers are needed **Sunday, January 7** following the Epiphany Pageant (approximately 11:00 am) to help take down the Christmas tree ornaments and decorations from around the church. All help is appreciated!

Ministry Night Meetings

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 pm

All are welcome to bring their gifts and talents and participate in the ministry of their choice.

Congregational Forum

Sunday, January 14, 10:30 am

Pr. Gary will conduct the first congregational forum of this interim term. It will give everyone the opportunity to be involved in every conversation that has been presented to Council and Ministry Teams. This presentation will be on Church Growth Theory and will give everyone a chance to talk about how to position Saint Andrew for the future. All are invited and encouraged to participate.



"One in Spirit" Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

Sharing Hope, Light and Love!

**100% of Yoga donations in December
were used to purchase ELCA "Good Gifts!"**

Chicks!



A set of ten little chicks grow to provide an on-going supply of protein rich meals, and can help start a small business!

3

sets @ \$10

Honeybees!



Colonies of honeybees not only provide needed pollination, but also honey and beeswax, allowing for a small business!

2

sets @ \$20

Water Filters!



Everyone needs a source of safe water! A simple ceramic water filter can provide purified water with no electricity or chemicals!

6

filters @ \$30

Send a girl to school!



World-wide girls are far less likely than boys to be enrolled in school. Providing for school fees and uniforms can make the difference, opening up a world of opportunity!

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@ \$40 purchased!

\$290 of "Good Gifts" wrapped in love, providing hope and light for the world!

Yoga classes resume in January! Join us for a Practice of Growing Light!

Tuesdays, 8:30 am & 4:30 pm

Wednesdays, 8:30 am: Adaptive/Chair Yoga

Looking forward to your presence!

Seeking Property Volunteers

Are you a handy person? Do you have experience in skilled trades such as HVAC, electrical, plumbing, carpentry or landscaping? Are you a DIY-er with skills to paint, clean, decorate or to do routine maintenance?

Property Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to be added to our lists of people to contact for special projects, work days or when things are in unexpected need of repair.

Upcoming projects for 2024 include painting, deep cleaning the kitchen, landscaping and more. To be added to the list of volunteers or if you have other gifts and talents that could be useful for our facility needs, please contact Patrick at the church office or email Patrick@salc-wausau.org

ELCA Youth Gathering – Servant Companions needed!

The 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in New Orleans next summer and it takes an incredible number of volunteers to make this national event happen every three years (missed in 2021 due to pandemic).

One of those roles is the Servant Companions: individuals that guide congregational groups as they learn, experience or serve alongside the people of New Orleans on their Accompaniment day. Applicants should be comfortable leading a group, thinking on their feet and speaking about their faith. Servant companions will also help during some evening activities. Volunteers also have the opportunity to attend some of the Gathering's many activities including the nightly Mass Gatherings. The ELCA is still looking for applicants to serve in this capacity.

If you or someone you know might be interested please check out [this page](#) for more information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Patrick at patrick@salc-wausau.org who is serving as the Supplies Manager for the ELCA Youth Gathering – Accompaniment Day.

SALC Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 10:15 am, Fellowship Hall

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.

Notice of Constitutional Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church will be voted upon at the upcoming Annual Meeting of the congregation on Jan 28, 2024.

The proposed draft of the amended Constitution of Saint Andrew is available [here](#) or at the Information Desk at Saint Andrew. Amendments to the SALC bylaws which will be voted on are noted on the first page as well as the changes annotated in the

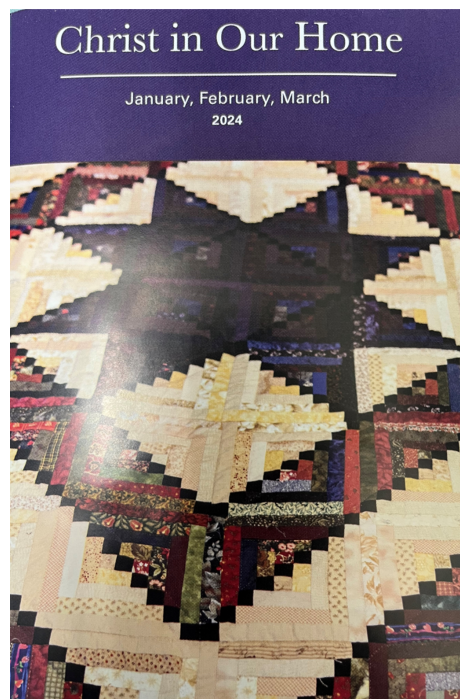
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The summary of the amendments to the mandatory provisions of the model constitution for congregations can be found [here](#).

A copy of the draft document is available at the Information Desk at Saint Andrew.

2024 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers in 2024. Bouquets are ordered weekly unless otherwise requested. A letter will be sent to you the week prior to the Sunday you signed up for flowers outlining the process, confirming what will be printed in the bulletin and will include an envelope for payment. Cost is \$30.00. Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the last worship service on Sunday. Sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Immediate upcoming, open dates are: ***January 21 and February 25.***



Christ in Our Home Devotionals

The 2024 first quarter of “Christ In Our Home” devotionals are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy for your family.

Worship
Sundays
9:00 am

Recorded Worship
on Spectrum

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



Office Hours

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

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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