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# Network



## Weekly Newsletter February 15, 2024

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### Report to the Bishop

One of the requirements of interim ministry is to complete a quarterly report to the Bishop which I have now completed. I believe it to be a comprehensive review of our ministry together since November. Copies are available at the Welcome Desk and are also available [here](#). As with any aspect of this ministry, I welcome your comments or concerns. Thank you for your many expressions of support.

Because of the exceptional effort of the entire staff, week-by-week we are expanding this ministry. Best of all, you are responding to those efforts. Even though we have developed a plan for adding worship services (see the report to the Bishop), it will take time and our worship space may get crowded during the next 10-12 weeks. I ask your indulgence. Don't stop coming because the room is full. We have added chairs and ushers will help you find a place to sit. It is because of your regular attendance that we will be able to work toward adding a second Sunday morning service in mid-September.

We are trying to be careful that each step be done well. Saint Andrew people have shown a desire for expanded ministry which motivates me in this work. I will be on vacation for the next two weeks. Please reach out to Joy in the church office for any pastoral needs while I am away.

Oh, and by the way, Pr. Jenn Pockat will be preaching here on Sunday, April 14. She will lead a forum on the work of the synod following worship. How nice it will be to have her back at Saint Andrew!

Pastor Gary

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## Adult Bible Study

Adult bible study will resume this ***Sunday, February 18 at 10:15 am in the Activity Room.*** The theme and scripture for that day is: "Delivered from the Lions", Daniel 6:10-11, 14, 16, 19-23, 26-27.

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## Noisy Offering

Bring your noisy coins to church to drop in the Noisy Offering can this ***Sunday, February 18,*** in support of the D.C. Everest and Wausau school district funds for families in need as they restock their supplies of clothing and hygiene items.

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## Giving Up for Lent

It's traditional to give something up for Lent. But how about taking this sometimes meaningless gesture, and turning it into a gift from the heart? The money you save from "giving up" could turn into a real gift to students from financially struggling families. The D.C. Everest and Wausau school districts maintain stocks of some household basics, however, they are currently running low on the items listed below. Take a heart from the poster in the Narthex, buy the item, and return the purchased item in the marked basket in Narthex. You can give ~~up~~ for the entire season of Lent!

- Individually wrapped nut free snacks
  - Disinfectant Wipes
  - Toilet Paper
  - Deodorant
  - Dish Soap
  - Laundry Bags
  - Laundry Soap (small bottles or containers)
  - Laundry Baskets (square)
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## Invitation to Midweek Worship Services

***Lenten Theme: Witness and Service***

***Wednesdays, 12:15 & 6:15 pm (livestreamed)***



During the midweek Lenten services, we will hear faith stories from members of Saint Andrew. These stories will share how they have witnessed God working in their lives, as well as stories about how that witness has led them to service.

**Sharing Faith Stories**

**February 21 – Nick Josiger**

**February 28 – Cheryl Allen**

**March 6 – Lori Duginski**

**March 13 – Sandy Block**

**March 20 – Kerry Fehrman**

Soup will be served beginning the Wednesday following Ash Wednesday, February 21 through March 20. Thank you, Social Ministry, for continuing this wonderful opportunity to gather the community and be both spiritually and physically filled.

Let us thank and pray for our neighbors and friends who will share their witness of how God's love and grace has soothed their hearts and helped them through challenging times, and how God's example has inspired them to serve. May we all be inspired to follow Christ's example of how to live with bold confidence of Christ's love and give our time and talents generously to others.

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## **Lenten Soup Meals**

Enjoy soup and fellowship on Wednesdays in Lent in the Fellowship Hall following the 12:15 pm service as well as before and after the evening service starting at 5:00 pm. A free-will offering will be received.

To make this a success we need your help. A display is located in the Narthex with a place to sign up for several opportunities to share your time, such as:

- chopping vegetables on Sundays
- helping to prepare soup Wednesday mornings
- setting up, serving, and cleaning up for after the 12:15 service
- setting up, serving, and cleaning up before and after the 6:15 service
- providing dessert

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## **New Member Orientation**

***Sundays, March 3 & 10; 10:15 am***

A letter will be mailed out soon to those who have expressed an interest in membership. If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, New Member Orientation

will be held on Sundays, *March 3 & 10 at 10:15 am*. New members will be received during the 9:00 am worship service on ***Sunday, March 17***. Please call the church office by ***Monday, February 26*** to sign up.

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## The Welcome Table:

### A New Weekly Service Beginning March 3

#### ***Sundays, 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall***

Saint Andrew is launching a new weekly worship service on Sunday evenings called The Welcome Table. Two of the biggest insights gathered from the survey taken in the fall is that this community connects with the mission of being “open to all,” and that 72 of 220 families that replied would like to have an evening worship option. From those insights, we have discerned and created a worship service that we believe will connect with those who are:

- Looking to explore their faith and ask questions
- In middle/high school, and who are looking to apply their faith to daily life
- Current congregants who are looking for an evening service option

The service has 3 core components - come for one or come for all:

#### **\*5:00-5:45 pm: Interest groups/dinner**

Small groups forming based on common life stages or interests.

#### **\*5:30-6:00 pm: Dinner/Fellowship**

March 3 is pizza night and gluten/egg free pizzas will be available.

#### **\*6-6:30 pm: Worship**

Modern and reflective music, discussion of scripture and how it could be applied to our lives, and communion around the dinner table.

We hope this service provides an opportunity to make or strengthen connections to God, to one another, and to a community of people that, as Pastor Gary shared one Sunday, “Need a lot of love, and have a lot of love to give!”

With gratitude for our continued and expanding ministry together,  
Jonathan Smith  
Director of Worship and Music

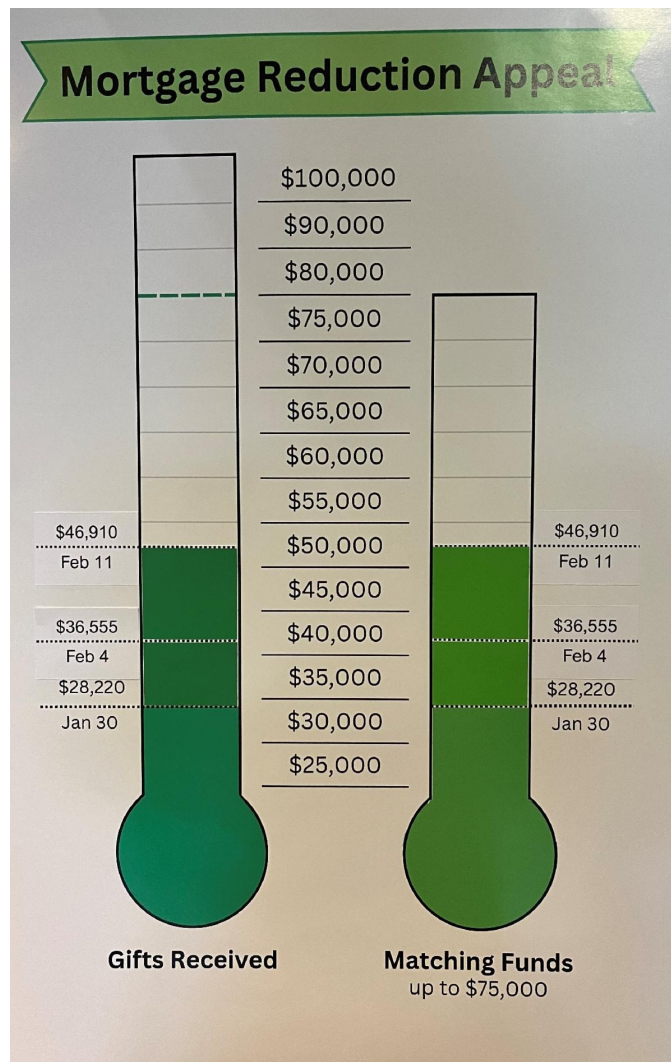
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## Art Devotions

#### ***Wednesday, February 28; 1:00 - 8:00 pm - Activity Room***

Art Devotions begins with a reading from Sara Young's 365-day devotional called "Jesus Calling" which helps us slow down and focus our thoughts on the present moment. From there we are free to create that which brings us joy for the day. Some

people bring their own projects; others experiment with the variety of tools, paper and paints available in the Activity Room. Artful play in a non-judgmental and safe zone is a gift you give to yourself as well as others.



## Mortgage Reduction Appeal

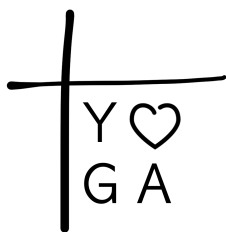
Saint Andrew has an incredible opportunity to make a lasting impact on the future of our church and mission. We are blessed that two Saint Andrew families have offered to contribute up to a combined \$75,000 toward paying down our mortgage if the congregation will match those offers.

Saint Andrew has a mortgage of \$388,865 as of December 31. The loan must be renegotiated this summer and it is likely that our interest rate will increase. It feels like a very good time to substantially reduce the amount we will need to refinance. By paying down our mortgage balance now our mortgage will be paid off sooner allowing for more funds for ministry and mission.

If you would like to help with this appeal with a contribution, you can mail a check to the church and mark your gift

“mortgage reduction.” Or, you can go to the “Giving” tab on the Saint Andrew website, select the online giving button and make an electronic payment for Mortgage Debt Reduction.

Any gift that will help us to attain the \$75,000 match will be greatly appreciated.



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**“One in Spirit” Yoga**  
*Transforming the mind, body, and*



February is a month of love!

## **TRANSFORMING LOVE!**

*What might shift within us and within our lives  
if we open ourselves to the  
transforming love  
that lives within us?*

*You are invited to **COME AND SEE!***

### **Mat-based Yoga Flow Practices**

*Tuesdays @ 8:30 am & 4:30 pm*

### **Chair-based Yoga Practice**

*Wednesdays @ 8:30 am*

**All are welcome! Bring a friend!**

No mat? No problem. We have extras here!

**Looking forward to your presence!**

*February donations received will be given to  
"Layla's Beauty Shop LLC,"  
a Black owned local business,  
in honor of Black History Month.*



## **The Magic Paper Box**

The blue Magic Paper Box, located in the northeast parking lot, earned \$340 in 2023 which helps fund Saint Andrew youth activities. Thank you to all who have brought in your mail, newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and other paper to be recycled. Let's see if we can exceed this amount in 2024.

## **Worship**

**Sundays**

**9:00 am**

**(The Sanctuary is**

## **Recorded Worship**

## **on Spectrum**

Sunday worship is livestreamed on the

***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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