

Weekly Newsletter
February 22, 2024

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



February 25, 10:15 am - Fellowship Hall

You are invited to participate in our Community Conversation Series. This will provide members the opportunity to provide input on the Strategic Planning Work by the Church Council and the information we are gathering to include in our Mission Site Profile (Church Resume) as part of the Call Process for our next Pastor here at Saint Andrew.

- There will be 6 tables set up and members will be asked to provide input on the questions below.
- Participants will rotate tables every 10 minutes, so you can provide ideas and input on each question.

- A 7th table will be set up for our confirmation and high school students to have their own questions to provide input on as well.

The questions to ponder between now and Sunday are:

1. What primary areas of activity or focus do you wish our newly-called rostered leader give special attention to during the first year of his/her ministry at Saint Andrew?
2. What ways will our congregation support and encourage the rostered leader during the first year in order to help her/him to accomplish the identified areas of focus?
3. Do you believe your best years are before us or behind us? Why do you believe this?
4. What are three, present, major missional objectives and three we wish to accomplish in the next five years to reach out in our community.
5. What are the major significant relational groups currently present in your church and what relational groups would you like to see developed in the next five years?
6. What size of congregation do you believe we should strive to be now and in the next five years? Why do you feel this way? (Size theory presentation by Pastor Gary)

Adult Bible Study

Adult bible study will resume this ***Sunday, February 25 at 10:15 am in the Activity Room.*** The theme and scripture for that day is: “Living by Faith”, Habakkuk 2:1-5.



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 28 – Cheryl Allen

March 6 – Lori Duginski

March 13 – Sandy Block

Lenten Soup Menu

Wednesday, February 28



Broccoli Cheese
Turkey Noodle
Chili
Minestrone- GF/Vegetarian

Soup will be served following Wednesday 12:15 pm worship
and again before and after 6:15 pm worship.



Giving Up for Lent

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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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.



Easter Altar Flowers

Easter Lilies, Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips can be ordered for \$12 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order forms are available on the table near the information bulletin board in the Narthex. ***Order deadline is Sunday, March 3.***

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.



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

Resurrection Egg Project



**Sunday, March 10; 10:15-11:00 am -
Parish Room/Fellowship Hall**

Join us to fill your own set of resurrection eggs while Jenna guides us through the Spark Storybook Bible story of Jesus' resurrection. A create and take learning activity for all ages!

Easter Food Baskets

If you or someone you know is in need of a food basket this Easter, please contact the SALC office by **Wednesday, March 20**. Food baskets will be available to be picked up at SALC-south entrance on **Tuesday, March 26 between 3:00 and 4:00 pm**.

Anyone interested in contributing food items for the Easter food baskets may bring them to SALC by **Thursday, March 21**. Non-perishable items can be placed in the baskets by the entrances of the church. Perishable items should be labeled for Easter food baskets and placed in the refrigerator or freezer. All donations are very much appreciated! Items needed are:

- *Ham or turkey
- *Stuffing mix
- *Pie filling
- *Refrigerated Pie Crusts
- *Potatoes
- *Canned Fruit or Vegetables
- *Canned Cranberries

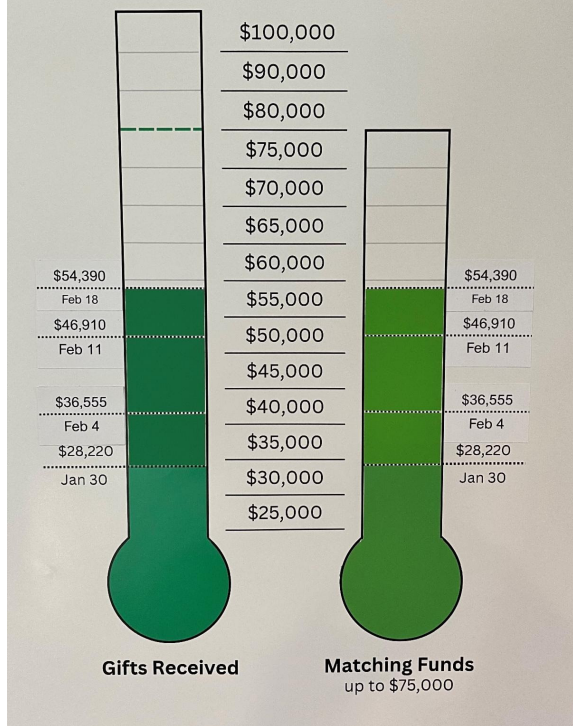
Mortgage Reduction Appeal

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.

Mortgage Reduction Appeal



Any gift that will help us to attain the \$75,000 match is 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
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

Network and Bulletin Weekly Deadline

Submissions for the Network and/or bulletin is 3:00 pm on Monday and should be submitted electronically to joy@salc-wausau.org.

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