



# Weekly Newsletter March 14, 2024



## **Visit Lay School This Weekend!**

Come visit the ECSW Lay School of Ministry courses in the months of March and April! You are welcome to join us inperson at Saint Andrew in Wausau, Christ the King in Combined Locks OR virtually March 15-16 and April 12-13. Check out one course or several courses each month for FREE.

Courses include: Old Testament, Intro to Theology, Faith and

Spirituality, Liturgy and Life, Faith in Action, Experiencing the Bible with Fresh Ears AND Bible Stories Jesus Knew

For more information about the courses go to **ecswlayschool.org**. To register or if you have any questions, please email **layschool@ecsw.org** the Wednesday before classes.

# **Congregation Forum**

Sunday, March 17; 10:15 am - Fellowship Hall

It is time to bring you up-to-date on the visioning process that is being followed by the Congregation Council.

Both Council members and those developing our Ministry Site Profile have been in regular contact with members as they work on their assigned tasks. Never in my ministry have I asked congregational leaders to do so much in such a short period of time. Saint Andrew's Council has accepted the task and are working diligently to develop a vision for the future of this congregation.

I want to provide you with a sense of the frame we are using to develop a picture of who Saint Andrew is today and who we might become by 2027.

The foundations for the process being followed, the rationale of building from strength, and the content of the Twelve Keys that we will evaluate to determine our vision for the future will be discussed. The initial demographic information that Council members have obtained to help in our work together will be shared.

I invite your participation. Our goal is to have as broad a level of participation as possible as we work to grow this ministry and enrich this community. Please join us!

**Pastor Gary** 



# Noisy Offering Sunday, March 17

Change to spare for a worthy cause? A Noisy Offering will be received on Sunday in worship in support of The Women's Community of Wausau.

# **Adult Bible Study**

Sunday, March 17 at 10:15 am in the Activity Room.

The theme and scripture for the day is: "Be Ready to Speak for Christ", 1 Peter 3:8-17.

## **Community Dinner Help Needed**

Sunday, March 17; 3:00-6:00 pm

A warm meal is provided to the community weekly at First Presbyterian Church, 406 Grant St., Wausau by various local churches. SALC will be providing the meal on Sunday, March 17 and will need assistance to plate and distribute dinners. Please contact Bob Grady at <a href="mailto:robertvgrady@gmail.com">robertvgrady@gmail.com</a> if you would like to help.

# **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**March 20 – Kerry Fehrman

# Lenten Soup Menu

Wednesday, March 20



Taco
Chicken Noodle
Cheesy Cauliflower
Minestrone- GF/Vegetarian

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

## Giving <del>Up</del> for Lent

The hearts are almost gone-thank you everyone who has donated items! 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!



- Dish Soap
- Laundry Bags
- Laundry Soap (small bottles or containers)
- Laundry Baskets (square)

- Individually wrapped nut free snacks
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant

# Hot Cross Buns for Fellowship Sunday, March 24 Following Worship Easter marks the end of Lent, and celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion.

It's fitting that these spiced buns are symbols of the holiday, because the meaning of hot cross buns at Easter ties directly to the resurrection. The cross atop the hot cross buns symbolize the cross used in Jesus's crucifixion.

The spices used in hot cross buns are symbolic of the spices, referenced in the bible, which were intended to embalm the body of Jesus Christ.

According to Luke 23: 55-56, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee prepared a mixture of spices for him. In Luke 24, when the women returned with the spices, they found the empty tomb.

Even the yeast dough of hot cross buns represents Jesus Christ. The dough has to rise before the hot cross buns can be baked, which symbolizes that Jesus has risen.

Enjoy a special tradition at Saint Andrew of Hot Cross Buns on Palm Sunday to signify the start of Holy Week. Served following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

#### **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



#### Palm Sunday Worship: March 24; 9:00 am

On Palm Sunday, all are invited to process from outside the church's north/Chapel entrance, around the outside of the Sanctuary, and then into the Sanctuary together. Sunday School kids will lead music during the procession. A brief liturgy will be shared before the procession and the service continues in the Sanctuary.

#### Maundy Thursday Worship and Communion: March 28; 12:15 pm and 6:15 pm

On Maundy Thursday, this community will gather and reflect on Jesus' knowledge of his betrayal to come, his willingness to share of his body and blood for all, and the representation of that gift during The Last Supper. The service will take place in the Sanctuary, with Communion around the table in the Chapel at 12:15 pm, and in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 pm. Last year, it was an incredibly impactful service that left people talking about their experience.

#### Good Friday: March 29; 12:15 and 6:15 pm

On Good Friday, we will gather and hear Jesus' passion story as it is told in the Gospel of John and reflect on the stories from his arrest to his burial.

# Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: March 31; 6:00 am at the Rib Mountain Amphitheater

The tradition continues, as we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior together as the sun rises!

#### Easter Breakfast: Sunday, March 31; 7-9:30 am at Saint Andrew

Eggs, ham potatoes, fresh fruit and pastries will be served for a free-will offering. Flower petal pull tags are available in the Narthex for needed food items. Food items will need to be brought to church by *Friday, March 29*. Volunteers for serving and clean-up are also needed—sign up available in the Narthex.

#### Easter Sunday Worship: March 31; 8:00 and 10:00 am at Saint Andrew

Easter at Saint Andrew: Celebrating Jesus' resurrection; "Christ the Lord is Risen Today;" Chancel and Handbell Choirs, and plenty of joy and hymn singing!

#### **Easter Sunrise Service Volunteers Needed!**

#### **Holy Week Prep:**

- \*Sunday March 24: 12:00-2:00 pm Amphitheater prep and snow removal if needed.
- \*Thursday March 28: 1-2 Volunteers to place signs at bottom of State Park Rd.
- \*Friday March 29: 1 Driver with truck or other vehicle with large cargo space. Load supplies and equipment Friday and transport to the amphitheater on Easter Sunday at 4:30 am and stay until clean-up around 8:00 am.
- \*Saturday March 3: 8:00 am 12:00 pm Amphitheater prep, clear snow if needed.

#### **Easter Morning:**

\*4:45 am - 4 Volunteers to help transport and set-up equipment at amphitheater, shovel snow if needed.

\*5:15 am – 2 Greeters to welcome people and distribute bulletins and communion. 4 Ushers to assist people to seats and collect offering during service.

\*7:00 am – 4 volunteers to help clean-up and load equipment into vehicle(s).

If you are interested and able to volunteer, please contact Patrick at the church office or <a href="mailto:Patrick@salc-wausau.org">Patrick@salc-wausau.org</a> or sign-up in the Narthex.

# **Easter Morning Egg Hunt**

Easter Sunday, 9:15 am

Bring your basket to church and join us between worship services on Easter morning for an egg hunt in the education wing. The hunt will begin shortly after the 8 am service and which will allow plenty of time to also enjoy breakfast in the Fellowship Hall! A special area for toddlers will ensure



everyone has some extra fun. Invite a friend!



## **Easter Eggs on Easter Sunday**

Easter Sunday, March 31

Children are encouraged to bring a hard-boiled, decorated Easter egg to the 8:00 or 10:00 am Easter worship service. Eggs will then be donated to the Salvation Army.



#### The Welcome Table:

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

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

\*5:00-5:45 pm: Faithful Foundations Parenting: For parents of young children.

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

Regular pizza and gluten/egg free pizzas will be served.

\*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.

# **Faithful Foundations Parenting Group**

#### Sundays, 5:00-5:45 pm

Parents of young children (0-10 years) are invited to come to the newly formed Faithful Foundations Parenting group. This group seeks to bring the collective wisdom of parents together for mutual support in the challenges of parenting. Childcare will be available during the meeting, and families are invited to stay for The Welcome Table dinner and worship at 6:00 pm.

# **Child Supervision Volunteers Needed**

The Faithful Foundations Parenting group is looking for 2 volunteers each week to supervise children, ages 2-10, during their Sunday meetings from 5:00-5:45 pm. Adult volunteers will need to complete a background check and training through Safe Gatherings. Please contact Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org to sign up.



# One in Spirit Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

# Grow through the season of Spring!

Deepen your spiritual roots and experience the growth and beauty of your true self

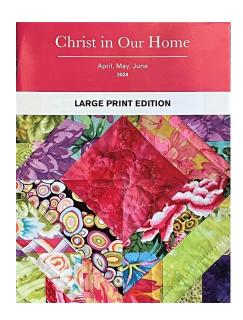
Mat-based Yoga Flow Practices
Tuesdays @ 8:30 am & 4:30 pm
Chair-based Yoga Practice
Wednesdays @ 8:30 am
in the Chapel

\*\*\*NO CLASSES WILL BE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 AND MARCH 25

Looking forward to your presence!

#### Christ in Our Home Devotionals

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



# 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.

**SALC Calendar** 

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