



Weekly Newsletter May 9, 2024



Funeral Arrangements Set

It is with much sadness and deepest sympathy that we share that Michael Luer, son of Ken and Jennifer Luer and member of Saint Andrew, passed away.

Michael's funeral will be held at Saint Andrew on *Friday, May 10, 2024* with visitation from 10:30 am until the time of service at 11:30 am with a meal to follow. His obituary can be found <u>here.</u>

Roadside Clean-Up

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am

All are welcome to come and help keep our stretch of Highway NN looking good and healthy for the environment. Cleaning up the grounds of Saint Andrew to get ready for summer will also be on the agenda. Kids/youth under 16 years of age are welcome to help with a supervising adult.



Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided. Please dress for the weather, bring gloves and wear closed-toe shoes.



Celebration of First Communion

Sunday, May 12; 9:00 am

The Celebration of First Communion will take place during worship for children who have completed our communion instruction class. We rejoice with them as they come to the table, some for the first time, to receive the gifts of Christ's body and blood.

Samuel James Bergstrom Norah Mae Bergstrom **Cameron Robert Blaubach** Avila Remi Cucchiarelli Anthony Edward Cucchiarelli **Reagan May Ekern** Erika Ann Gatzke **Benjamin Thomas Gatzke** Kenadie Bree Jacobson Ella Sue Jacobson **Everett Andrew Jacobson** Jackson Marshall Loth **Kyle James Loth** Hayden Hunter Lee Maahs Kennedy Lee Moeller Violet Ann Shafarik Theodore Bernard Tyjeski Tanner Marcus Tyjeski

Adult Bible Study

Sunday, May 12; 10:15 am

Adult Bible Study will be held in the Activity Room following worship. The theme and scripture for today is, "Our Justification, Christ's Resurrection" - Romans 4:13-25.



The Welcome Table: Mothering God

This *Sunday, May 12* at The Welcome Table, the congregation will explore images of God as mother written in the scriptures. Come at 5:30 pm for dinner, and 6:00 pm for the service.

The Welcome Table Pauses on May 19 and 26

The Welcome Table service will pause on May 19 and 26 to regroup and relaunch as we head into the summer. The service will continue on June 2 with a new service series on Climate Justice. If you would like to be a part of the team that helps sustain this new and innovative ministry, please contact <u>jonathan@salc-wausau.org</u>. Discussion leaders, greeters, musicians, childcare, and set up/tear down volunteers are needed.



Let's Bless Camp! Synod Assembly Service Project Details

The synodical expression of the church (Synod Assembly) will meet in Oshkosh on May 17 & 18 to worship and conduct church business. Please pray for Saint Andrew's voting members who will

attend: Phil and Helen Bickley, Bob and Terri Wiederhoeft, and Denise Skare.

Following Christ's call to cultivate inclusive communities, equip servant leaders, and create formative faith experiences, the East Central Synod of Wisconsin is enriched and transformed through the mission of our vital mission partner, <u>Crossways</u> <u>Camping Ministries</u>.

This year the Synod Assembly is supporting Imago Dei Village, Pine Lake Camp, and Waypost! An Amazon detailed wish list of items based on the ministry focus for our conference, which is Summer Staff, can be accessed here - <u>Summer Staff Amazon</u> <u>Wish List</u>. There is a link in the checkout to send the items directly to camp: Camp Director Gift Registry Address.

Saint Andrew will receive Amazon gift cards *until Sunday, May 12* to be given to the camp in lieu of collecting wish list items. They can be placed in the marked box in the Narthex near the Information Bulletin Board.



Confirmation Bake Sale Thank You

Thank you for supporting our Confirmation fundraiser. The bake sales brought in over \$650! Thank you to all the families who contributed baked cooked and students who ran the sale. We can't wait to unveil the new basketball hoop later this summer.

Special Congregational Meeting: Mortgage Congregational Vote

Sunday, May 19 Following 9:00 am Worship

Thank you very much for your contributions to the Mortgage Reduction Campaign. Through your gifts and the matching funds, we have been able to reduce our mortgage by over \$233,000 so far!

Because of the success of this appeal, we are VERY close to completely paying off our mortgage. The Finance Ministry and Church Council considered different options and decided it made great sense to use up to \$100,000 of the Contingency Fund to completely pay off the remaining balance of the mortgage. Paying off the balance would eliminate the need to refinance the balance on July 30 at a much higher interest rate.

In order to take advantage of this amazing blessing, we will continue the current Mortgage Reduction Campaign to raise an additional \$20,000 which will be matched. These new funds, coupled with up to \$100,000 from the Contingency Fund, will allow for the mortgage to be paid in full.

Because spending part of the Contingency Fund is a change to the 2024 Spending Plan, the congregation must approve it. The Church Council is calling for a special congregational meeting to vote Yes or No "To approve spending up to \$100,000 of the Contingency Fund to pay off the mortgage balance." The Contingency Fund currently has a balance of \$131,859.97.

Your participation is important. Please plan to attend to vote on this proposal.

Congregation Forum

Sunday, May 19; 10:15 am - Fellowship Hall

From the beginning of this interim, I have offered a series of Sunday morning presentations every two months to keep members up-to-date on both our long-range planning process and on our process in the call process.

Your leaders have been very busy during these two months. They have studied and scored Saint Andrew's effectiveness in each of the "Twelve Keys" that have served as our road map.

Based on those scores, they have selected three "keys" to build upon during the next three years. I will review the process and the decisions that have been made to this point. The next forum will be in mid-July.

A parallel point: It is time for my second quarterly report to the bishop. If you have items/ministries/successes/failures that you think should be included, contact me before Monday, May 6. This report is for the period February through April.

Thank you for all that you do. I am available for private conversations whenever the need arises.

Pr. Gary



High School Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 19

Saint Andrew would like to recognize the high school seniors in the congregation and celebrate their plans for the future. Join us at worship and we will pray for seniors and send them off with a small gift. If you would like to recognize a senior in your life, <u>click here</u> to submit a picture and information. We will share graduate names

and pictures during the announcement slideshow prior to worship. Forms must be submitted by Monday, May 13.

Opportunities to Volunteer at the Good Shepherd Shelter

1. Friday evenings: 6-7 Saint Andrew volunteers work with a paid staff person to check guests in, safely store their belongings for the night, hand out t-shirts and scrubs for them to sleep in, and serve supper. Each task is simple. You just need to be

at least 18, and to treat the guests with kindness and dignity. Because you would be part of a team, you can choose how often your schedule allows you to participate. To join the Saint Andrew team, see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

2. First, third and fifth Fridays: meals that are simple, yet filling, are prepared for 30 guests by an individual or a team. If you have the skills and time to make a meal, but it is not in your budget, Social Ministry will provide financial support. If you're part of a meal-prep team, you could make a single hot dish instead of 3-4. The meal needs to be delivered to the shelter and ready to eat by 6:00 pm or make special arrangements.

3. Needed items for the shelter are being collected throughout the month of May. Pull tags are available in the Narthex along with a collection box.



Give the Gift of Blood

Thursday, May 23 - 12:00-5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall



Donors can give blood every 56 days. Walk-ins are welcome, however, appointments are helpful and can be made online at <u>www.redcrossblood.org</u> or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). Two volunteers are needed to help with registration, refreshments, or other support. Please contact Jan

Nelson at **jannelson.79@gmail.com** or 715-470-0038 if you have questions or want to volunteer.



Thursday Mid-Week Evening Worship to Begin Thursday, May 23; 6:15 pm

Planning to be out of town over the weekend, but don't want to miss out on worship? Or maybe you just enjoy a more relaxed, evening worship service. This service will be a shortened version of the upcoming Sunday morning's service. In approximately 30 minutes, we will gather in community, sing hymns, hear a sermon, celebrate Holy Communion, and be sent out in mission and service to the world.

Worship

<u>Sundays</u> 9:00 am - Sanctuary (The Sanctuary is T-Coil Hearing Loop Enabled) 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

> <u>Thursdays</u> 12:15 pm - Chapel

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



Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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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