



Weekly Newsletter July 11, 2024



#### A Message from Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

I'm coming to you with a report directly from our team in Ukraine, where missile strikes hit cities across the country yesterday including a children's

#### hospital in Kyiv.

Our Lutheran World Relief team was blocks away at the time the missile hit. They rushed to the hospital - alongside first responders - providing care and support. As you can imagine, the situation was terrifying and desperate, especially for the young patients and their families.

Our team was able to provide aid immediately to patients, their families and others affected by the attack. They distributed LWR Quilts and Personal Care Kits that we

have on-hand in Ukraine because faithful congregations like yours have packed and sent them. Thank you.

They've asked me to let you know that your compassion is urgently needed in this time of crisis. The love of congregations has shown time and again that Lutherans will show up when there's a crisis – no matter where it strikes. Will your congregation help get lifesaving support to neighbors in need?

#### Here's how you can help:

- 1. Give a gift online at lwr.org/helpforukraine
- 2. Mail a check to:

Lutheran World Relief P.O. Box 17061 Baltimore, MD 21297 *Please write "Ukraine Hospital" in the memo line.* 

In faith and gratitude,

Rev. Lisa Kipp Director, Congregational Engagement



# **OWLS Picnic and Concert**

**Thursday, July 11** Note that the OWLS gathering this month is on Thursday rather than Wednesday.

6:00 pm: Meet at Marathon Park for a picnic lunch 7:00 pm: Attend the Wausau Concert Band



# A Night of Worship

Sunday, July 14 5:30 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm - Worship

The Welcome Table will host a night of worship focused on caring for creation as Christ calls us to. Come sing and share praises to God with

many popular contemporary Christian songs including, "Trust in You," "We Believe," "Reckless Love," and more.

### Saint Andrew Sunday Worship Livestream Now On



#### Youtube and Facebook

Join the community of Saint Andrew in worship in person, on Facebook, or on Youtube! <u>Click here for Youtube</u> <u>Click here for Facebook</u>

If you try out Youtube for the livestream, please share your feedback via <u>this</u> <u>form</u>.

# **Diving Into Ephesians**

For the next seven weeks I will be preaching from Ephesians. It is a New Testament letter written in the name of Paul but probably not by Paul. The writer envisions a universal Church where the adopted people of God live together in peace, harmony and mutual acceptance.

As I read through the lessons for these seven weeks, it strikes me that the writer is asking us -- the followers of Christ -- to explore how we live together in the midst of human difference. How are we Church together as rich and poor, as Republican and Democrat, as women and men, as gay and straight, as insider and outcast, as liberal and conservative, as young and old. By chapter 6, the writer is warning of the need to protect ourselves from the rulers and authorities. Even in the first century, there is this warning about the need for protection against the divisive impulses of those in authority.

This week, with two more baptisms on our worship schedule, we will read about God's adoption of us "as his children through Jesus Christ." We are a people (God's people) who have already been saved and are freed to be the presence of Christ in the world. How does our presence witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus?

Texts for the next seven weeks are as follows: July 14: Ephesians 1:3-14 July 21: Ephesians 2:11-22 July 28: Ephesians 3:14-21 August 4: Ephesians 4:1-16 August 11: Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 August 18: Ephesians 5:15-20 August 25: Ephesians 6:10-20

#### Pr. Gary



#### July Noisy Offering Sunday, July 21

A Noisy Offering will be received next Sunday in support of the Hagar House of Wausau: "We exist to free single Moms from cycles of crisis through a Christ-centered community."

#### An Update and Next Congregational Forum Sunday, July 21, 10:15 am; Fellowship Hall

I am writing on the day after our June Council meeting. I am feeling a warm sense of accomplishment.

Your Congregation Council has decided on the three areas of focus for the future of your ministry: Worship, Leadership Development, and Relationship Groups. They have now adopted a new vision statement and a new mission statement. Both, I think, are quite good.

Our congregational resume has been completed and sent to the synod. Our Call Committee has been appointed and the first meeting with synod staff is scheduled.

It has been seven months, but we have done what we have needed to do.

The next task for staff and leadership is the development of some broad objectives, broken down into quarterly and monthly goals. In order to be meaningful, each must be Specific, Concrete, Attainable, Measurable, Positive (SCAMP). Accomplishment of any objectives will require hours of volunteer participation and lots of dollars. You have already demonstrated the extent that things are possible for the future of this ministry.

Thank you for all that you have accomplished, for your support, your prayers, and your many words of encouragement. Please remember the members of the newly established Call Committee in your prayers as they now begin their work.

Please plan to attend the next Congregational Forum on Sunday, July 21 where I will share information on: the 3 Keys that have been chosen, the Saint

#### Andrew Vision and Mission Statements, the call process and enhancing worship.

Looking ahead: The Congregation Council has chosen September 15 (also the day of our congregation picnic) for a mortgage burning ceremony to acknowledge the retirement of our debt.

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#### The Welcome Table's New Learning Series: "Old and New" Sundays, July 21-August 11

5:30 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm - Worship

In this new learning series created by <u>Church Anew</u>, The Welcome Table will explore stories of the old and familiar, and the mysterious new we may be called toward. Topics include, "Leaving Eden," focused on Adam and Eve and exploring healthy boundaries, "See and Be Seen," focused on Hagar being "othered" and God claiming her as beloved, and more.



#### Thursday Evening Mid-Week Worship Thursdays, 6:15 pm

Thursday evening worship has resumed and takes place in the Chapel. It will follow the upcoming Sunday's readings and gospel.



# There Are New Things Coming This Fall!

If you were unable to attend the information meeting about Faith Formation's plans for new Sunday learning this fall, you can <u>watch the recording</u> <u>here.</u>

If you are interested in helping with our new Sunday Spark program, please <u>sign up here</u> before Friday,

**July 12.** 

#### What a Mess! VBS!



#### August 12-15; 9:00 am - 12:00 pm For kids age 4-7 (entering PreK-2nd grade) Please register by July 15

We have BIG MESSY PLANS for VBS this summer--but we are looking for more kids to join us!! All are welcome: invite a friend or introduce a new family to Saint Andrew. <u>Sign up here!</u> by July 15. Cost: \$15/child

# **Ministry Night Meetings**

Ministry Night was not formally held in July. Ministries are still encouraged to meet independently during the month. Please let a member of the staff know if you need meeting space in the building. Worship Ministry is planning to meet on

Tuesday, July 23.

Starting in August, Ministry Night meetings will take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month which will be *Tuesday, August 27.* 



#### Give the Gift of Blood

*Thursday, July 25 - 12:00-5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall* You may enjoy watching heroes in action on screen but plot twist: blood donors like you help save lives every day. Come give blood in July and get a Fandango Movie Ticket by email to see TWISTERS and a chance at a Ram Big Horn. Make your appointment 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: jannelson.79@gmail.com or 715-470-0038 if you have questions or want to volunteer.

# Wedding Host(s)

We are looking for a couple individuals that would be willing to serve as host/hostess to our wedding parties and guests. This person would be the face of Saint Andrew helping to greet, direct people around our building, aiding the bridal party with questions or requests. This person would also be asked to help reset the Sanctuary for the next Worship service and tidy up bathrooms as needed. Typical time frame would be up to 3 hours prior to their service time and 2 hours after their service. Contact Patrick for more information if you are interested. Thank you!



What's Rock the Block?

It's a fun weeklong event that supports the home repair and beautification of a Wausau neighborhood. Together we'll complete projects with homeowners and community partners including exterior home repairs, landscaping, yard work, window and siding washing and more!

# are you ready to ROCK THE BLOCK?



### July 23 - 27, 2024

#### Bring your friends and family!

- Anyone over 12 can volunteer.
- T-shirts provided
- No experience necessary, there is a job for everyone!



Get your hands dirty and make a difference!



For more information on Rock the Block, visit the Habitat for Humanity website: <u>https://habitatwausau.org/rock-the-block/</u>



**One in Spirit Yoga** Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

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

#### Desire more unconditional love, grace, and ease in your life?

Join us as we explore <u>The Four Agreements</u> by Don Miguel Ruiz during the month of July! July 2 & 3: Foundational concept of domestication July 9 & 10: Agreement One: *Be Impeccable with your word* July 16 & 17: Agreement Two: *Do not take anything personally* July 23 & 24: Agreement Three: *Do not make assumptions* July 30 & 31: Agreement Four: *Always do your best* 

Classes are free-will donation 50% of all donations during July & August will benefit The Christine Center (Willard, WI) A place for "Spiritual deepening for global transformation"

> Join our practice in the beautiful Chapel Saint Andrew Lutheran Church 150202 N Mountain Road, Wausau

Looking forward to your presence!

Christ in Our Home



#### **Christ in Our Home Devotionals**

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



JOIN THE FUN! POP UP CHOIR

#### **Pop-Up Choir** Sunday, August 4 - Rehearsal: 8:15 am; Service: 9 am

The next pop-up choir will sing "Halle, Halle, Halle." It is open to all ages and abilities: the only requirement is to do your best and have fun!

#### Worship

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

<u>Thursday</u> 12:15 & 6:15 pm - Chapel



#### Recorded Worship on Spectrum

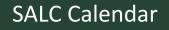
Sunday worship is livestreamed on the SALC Facebook page and on Youtube each week. The recorded service can then be found on channel 980 through Charter/Spectrum on the following days and times:

> 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.



Education

Calendar



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