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# Network



## Weekly Newsletter September 5, 2024

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### Mortgage Pay-Off Update

Saint Andrew's mortgage was completely paid off as of July 31, 2024. The Congregation had approved spending up to \$100,000 of our Contingency Fund to pay off the remaining balance after all contributions and matching funds had been paid. The actual amount of Contingency Funds used was \$76,726.75. The remaining balance in the Contingency Fund as of July 31 is \$55,133.22. Thank You to everyone who contributed to making this effort a huge success.

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### A Time of Celebration!

***Worship: Sunday, September 15, 9:00 am***

- Worship will begin with the **mortgage burning ceremony** outside the main/south entrance. This will also be live on video and can be viewed in the Sanctuary.

- Bring your remaining Mortgage Reduction envelopes to burn or use them to make an offering to rebuild the Contingency Fund.

**NOTE:** At 8:45 am a part of the parking lot will be closed near the main entrance for the mortgage burning ceremony and will be opened again afterward.

- **Pr. John Roseth**, Pastor Emeritus, will be the guest preacher.
- **The Chancel Choir** will offer two anthems during worship.

*If you would like to be a part of the choir on this day*, please come to rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 pm**. There is no commitment to join for the year, though you are more than welcome to!

- A **Noisy Offering** will be received to help offset shipping costs of LWR (Lutheran World Relief) quilts, school bags and personal care kits.



## **SALC Annual Church Picnic**

**Sunday, September 15; Following Worship**

All are invited to gather on the Celebration Patio for the annual church picnic. Pulled pork sandwiches, hot dogs, roasted corn on the cob and potluck dishes will be served. Enjoy fellowship, games, bouncy

house, a cake walk and more! If you would like to bring a dish to pass or a cake for the cake walk, please check out the display in the Narthex with pull-tabs for needed items.

### **Picnic Volunteers**

Big, fun events don't happen without volunteers who make it happen...and we are looking for people to help in many different areas for our Annual Church Picnic: set-up, food prep, face painting, bouncy house attendants; clean-up/take down. [Sign up here](#) or sign up in the Narthex.

## **Give the Gift of Blood**

**Thursday, September 19 - 12:00-5:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**



Make your appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) 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](mailto:jannelson.79@gmail.com) or 715-470-0038 if you have questions or want to volunteer.



## VIRTUAL DISCERNMENT EVENT 2024

» *Are you Ready for Seminary?*

Join us for a Zoom virtual discernment event with representatives from all seven ELCA seminaries. Explore your sense of call, learn about your seminary options, and consider your next steps.

Register >>  
Here



**Sunday, September 15, 2024**  
3:00-5:30pm (CT)  
1:00-3:30pm (PT), 2:00-4:30pm (MT), 4:00-6:30pm (ET)

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## ECSW Lay School of Ministry

Have you felt like you are stuck and looking for a new adventure? Lay School of Ministry could be your answer. Lay school meets once a month from September to May and offers the opportunity to build new friendships, learn about church history, the Bible, worship and liturgy along with other topics. There are three ways to participate - here, at Saint Andrew,

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Combined Locks or via Zoom in the comfort of your own home. Check it out! **Registration deadline is Friday, September 6.**

Learn More or Register!

Lay School Brochure

## Lay School 2024-2025 Scholarships Available

Saint Andrew and Faith Formation Ministry is excited to offer 3 scholarships to help financially support individuals who are interested in attending Lay School. Please contact [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) for more information.

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## Fall Faith Formation Program Update

In June, Faith Formation introduced a new format for our Sunday morning programming to try out this fall. Like previous programs, this format was reliant on sufficient volunteer support to ensure safe supervision ratios and flexibility for the volunteers serving. Unfortunately, we did not receive enough support to successfully run Sunday Spark in the fall.

To stay connected with families this year, **Faith Formation will be hosting Family Faith events once a month for the 2024-2025 program year.** These events will be fun, project-based activities to do as a family that are a mix of new (such as making advent wreaths) and familiar (such as participating in our Epiphany pageant or creating valentines to send to members on our prayer list).

Thank you to those who expressed interest in assisting with programming; we hope you will consider serving during our monthly events. Faith Formation Ministry will continue to find ways to encourage members of all ages to connect with the Saint Andrew vision to *Worship, Serve, Love. Together.*

If you are interested in joining the Faith Formation ministry team to help plan yearly programs and events, recruit volunteers, and support lifelong faith formation for all Saint Andrew members, please contact [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) for more information.





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## Confirmation 2024-2025

Confirmation Orientation for new and returning students (confirmation years 1-3) will be held on **Wednesday, September 18 at 6:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that at least one parent be present for this first gathering so we can meet you, present an overview of the year, and address any questions you may have.

Confirmation at Saint Andrew is a 3-year program open to students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Letters were sent to new 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and returning confirmation students in mid-July. If your family has a student who would like to attend confirmation but did not receive a letter and class schedule, please contact [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) for information.

Registration for both new and returning students can be found [online here](#).

**Please register before September 15.** Registration fee of \$25 can be mailed to:

Saint Andrew  
150202 County Rd NN  
Wausau WI 54401

## Confirmation Adult Leaders

The confirmation program is looking for adult volunteers to help lead weekly bible studies with students during their class time on Wednesday evenings. Adults will help guide discussion of scripture with 8-10 students. All materials will be provided. Adults that wish to volunteer will need to apply through Safe Gatherings for background screening and training. If you are interested, please contact Jenna at [jenna@salc-wausau.org](mailto:jenna@salc-wausau.org) **by September 9.**

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**East Central Synod of Wisconsin**

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New in the blog, Associate to the Bishop, Pastor Jenn Pockat, shares a reflection on self-esteem and the congregation:

"In the church these days, we could name some of the following as causes for low self-esteem: the trauma of covid, the secularization of society, polarization in politics and its impact on faith communities, successful ministry from siblings in Christ, lower giving trends, members leaving our churches.

The effects of low self-esteem in our churches contributes to things like volunteer burnout, lack of fulfillment in worship, bullying behavior that impacts pastors and leaders, less resources for engaging in ministry, and low morale. Simply put, the story we tell ourselves about who we are has some significant power in shaping the ministry we share with our communities."



[ECSW.org](https://ECSW.org)

[Self-Esteem and the Congregation - East Central Synod of Wisconsin ELCA](#)

[Reflection by Pr. Jenn Pockat, Associate to the Bishop, August 26, 2024](#)

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## **LWR (Lutheran World Relief) School Bag Supplies**

It's that time of year again! Kids all over the world are returning to school and Lutheran World Relief could use our help. Supplies are needed to fill school bags that

are then sent overseas. Each bag needs:

- 4-70 sheet notebooks
- 1-box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1- pencil sharpener
- 1-30 centimeter ruler
- 1-pair of blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers
- 5-black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1-2 1/2 " eraser



Pull tabs are available in the Narthex. Return purchased supplies by ***Sunday, September 29***. We appreciate your support of education worldwide!

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## LWR Personal Care Kits

Along with school bags filled with school supplies, LWR is also collecting items for Personal Care Kits. Each kit contains the following items:

- 1- light weight bath-size **towel** (between 20 by 40 and 27 by 54) in a dark color. Smaller, lighter, dark colored towels are easier to hand wash and air dry. Amazon sells these smaller sizes.
- 2-3 bath-size bars of **soap**
- 1-adult size **toothbrush** in its original packaging
- 1-sturdy **comb**, remove the packaging
- 1-metal **nail clippers**, attached file optional, remove the packaging



Return purchased items by ***Sunday, September 29***. Thank you for supporting LWR with **Personal Care Kits**.

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## Altar Flower Vases

Thank you to everyone who has given flowers to beautify the altar on Sunday mornings. Just a reminder, to bring the vase back to church if you have taken your flowers home to enjoy following a Sunday service so it can be returned to the florist. Thank you!



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

### **Thinking about practicing yoga?**

Come join our non-judgement, welcoming, mixed-level practice where you are invited to take the practice and make it your own. Yoga is a spiritual practice of connecting with yourself through awareness of body, mind and spirit. We begin with connecting and devotion, warm up and move our bodies, and finally surrender.

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

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

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

*Wednesdays @ 8:30 am*

*Classes are drop-in and free-will donation.*

*(The Hagar House will receive 50% of all donations during August & September)*

*Just dress comfortably and join our practice in the beautiful Chapel  
(No mat, no problem! We have extras available! Props, including chairs, blocks and straps will be available)*

*Saint Andrew Lutheran Church*

*150202 N Mountain Road, Wausau*

***All are welcome! Looking forward to your presence!*** ❤️

“Yoga was never intended to be separate from devotion to God. The physical practice is to settle our bodies so we can sit with our breath, enjoy the healing Presence, and be connected in our relationship to God and each other. Union of body, mind, and spirit has always been the intended outcome of yoga practice.” *Yogadevotion: Practicing in the Presence* (Senarighi & Green, 2017,

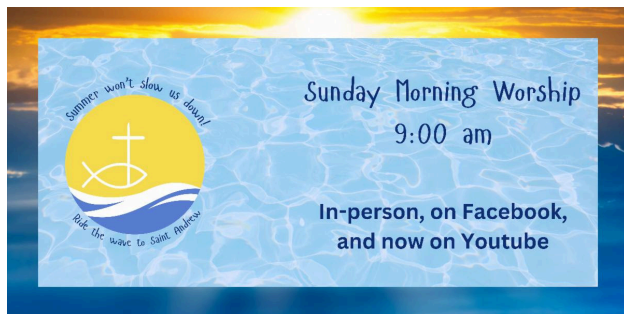


# New Member Orientation - Mark Your Calendar

**Sundays, October 6 & 13; 10:30 am**

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Saint Andrew, please contact the office if you have not already done so. A letter will be sent in September with more details to those who have expressed an interest in joining. New members will then be received during worship on **Sunday, October 20.**

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## Saint Andrew Sunday Worship Livestream

[Click here for Youtube](#)

[Click here for Facebook](#)

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### Worship

Sunday

**9:00 am - Sanctuary**

*(The Sanctuary is*

*T-Coil Hearing Loop Enabled)*

**6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall**

Thursday

**12:15 - 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

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### Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**

**8:30 am-4:30 pm**

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### 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](mailto:joy@salc-wausau.org).

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