
Network



Weekly Newsletter October 17, 2024



Noisy Offering

Sunday, October 20

Bring your noisy coins to church to drop in the Noisy Offering can! A Noisy Offering will be received in support of Feed My Starving Children, a Christian nonprofit organization called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. FMSC hosts MobilePack events around the country to package food to further their mission to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. To learn more, visit their website at www.fmsc.org

Congregational Forum

Sunday, October 20; 10:15 am in the Sanctuary

Just a couple things will be brought to your attention:

1. The call committee will bring you up-to-date on their progress.
2. I will share our new Vision and Mission statements and the implications of each for the future of our ministry.
3. Time for questions and answers.

I have been very pleased with these gatherings to keep you informed and look forward to meeting with you on the 20th.

Also, please note that I will be on vacation October 21-28 and Pr. Dan Sire will lead worship on Thursday, October 24 and Sunday, October 27.

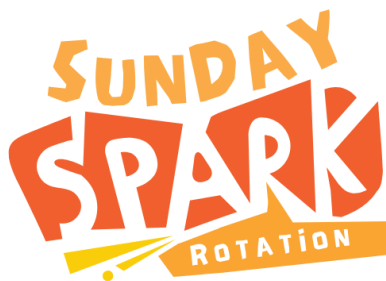
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October Family Faith Event: Fall Luminary

Sunday, October 20; 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Let your light shine before others! Come join Faith Formation Ministry and make a fall-themed jar luminary. Make and take your project home or give your luminary as a gift. These monthly events are planned for family participation; children should be accompanied by an adult.



Sunday Spark!

Sundays, 10:30-10:45 am - Sanctuary

Kids, it's time to start your week with a Spark! Children of all ages are welcome to continue fellowship and learning with Faith Formation in the Sanctuary from 10:30-10:45 am. Parents are welcome to join or can simply drop children off with the adult volunteers near the Sanctuary doors. Music and check in starts at 10:20 am. Invite your friends!

Adult Bible Studies

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Sundays, 10:15 am - Activity Room.

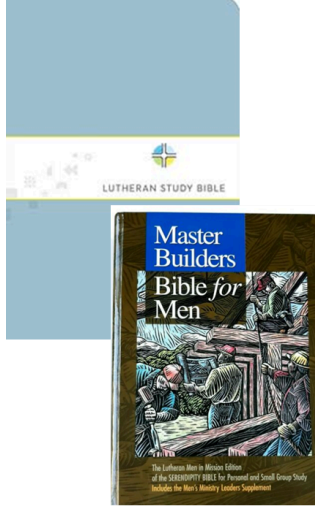
Men's Bible Study

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 am - Fellowship Hall for breakfast and bible study.

2nd-5th Wednesdays, 7:15 am - [Zoom](#).

Wonder? Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30 am - Parish Room.



The Open Door of Marathon County Donations

Donations of coffee, bags of sugar, and powdered creamers will be received for The Open Door of Marathon County Day Services

Program. This program serves the special needs of individuals coming out of incarceration as well as serving as a warming center for those experiencing homelessness.

Additionally they are asking for donations of backpacks for distribution to their clients.

This winter, Open Door has been designated as an overnight overflow center for an additional 15 people in need of shelter when temperatures are expected to fall dangerously below zero. Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex through **November 3**.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

HURRICANES HIT THE SOUTHEAST

All gifts matched up to \$125,000

Your gifts will rush 2X the relief to families in the path of Hurricanes Milton and Helene.

Hurricanes Milton and Helene: A Note from Lutheran World Relief

Dear Partner in Ministry,

Thank you for rushing your congregation's care and compassion to our neighbors. Your love is on the ground in the U.S. reaching survivors of Hurricane Helene and preparing to respond to our neighbors facing Hurricane Milton.

And because of faithful leaders like you,
your gifts will now be matched up to \$125,000!

Our emergency response team is coordinating with organizations across the Southeast. Here's how your generosity will help:

- Rush bottled water to North Carolina and Florida, which is the #1 most requested item.
- Cover the shipping costs to deliver LWR Quilts and Kits to multiple Lutheran and faith-based organizations in North Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. At least 10 semi-loads of quilts and kits are reaching these organizations, with more quilts and kits at the ready as needed.
- Deliver cash grants to many of the same organizations receiving quilts and kits. The grants allow the organizations to expand their local response, which often includes providing food, water, essential supplies and temporary housing. Most of these organizations fundraise locally, so your donation brings additional support and aid that would otherwise be unavailable.

Here's how you can **DOUBLE** your impact:

1. Give online at lwr.org/hurricane-match.
2. Mail a check to:

Lutheran World Relief
PO Box 17061
Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

Donate

2025 Initiatives

The Congregation Council has approved three initiatives for 2025 that have been designed to continue and accelerate the growth we have enjoyed during 2024. We will need support from throughout the congregation for these initiatives to be most effective.

1. We will conduct 40 member gatherings under the theme Serve: Together during May of 2025 (April 28 through May 23). Each gathering should include 25 people, making it possible to engage as many as 1,000 Saint Andrew folks in face-to-face conversation about the mission and ministry of this congregation.
2. We will build a program of Faith Formation opportunities on Sunday mid- to late-afternoons – generally from 4:00 to 5:30. The initiative includes expanded adult education and interest group opportunities. It includes a re-vitalized youth ministry. In September, 2025 we will move our entire confirmation program from Wednesday evening to Sunday evening. I, personally, will begin the initiative by offering an adult Bible Study on Revelation beginning on November 10, 2024.
3. We will develop a robust hospitality ministry that will shepherd people from their first visit to Saint Andrew until the first anniversary of becoming a member. We will need a team of 25-50 volunteers who love people and love this congregation. We will start as soon as team members are identified and training can occur.

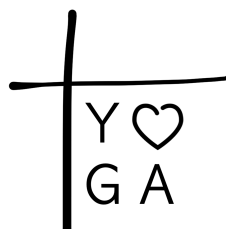
I can't know – none of us can know – when a new pastor will begin his/her ministry at Saint Andrew. Until that day comes, whether in the near or distant future, I will continue to provide the best of my training and experience to the ministry task that you have placed before me.

I expect that you know of my plans to spend the winter months in Southern California. Pastors Sharon Fox Bogen, Phil Bogen, Rich Block, and Dan Sire will preach and lead worship while I am away – for Thursday and Sunday services.

At their most recent meeting, I made a commitment to the Congregation Council that, should my services still be required after April 1, I will provide ministry to Saint Andrew for as long as I am needed.

Join me in the above initiatives as we continue to follow the Spirit's lead to *Worship, Serve, Love. Together.* Learn more at our congregational forum on October 20.

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One in Spirit Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

Interested in trying yoga? An additional practice time has been added on Thursdays @ 6:00 pm (trial thru November 7)

Mat-based Yoga Flow Practices

Tuesdays @ 8:30 am & 4:30 pm (No classes October 22)

Thursdays @ 6 pm (trial thru November 7)

Chair-based Yoga Practice

Wednesdays @ 8:30 am

Classes are drop-in and free-will donation.

All are welcome!



Area Trunk or Treating

Trunk or Treat and Reformation Fest at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

Friday, October 25

Have fun ***trunk or treating from 4 to 6 pm*** and enjoy a free Monastic style ***meal served from 4 to 7 pm*** along with Reformation Fair activities inside. The event will be held rain or shine! Good Shepherd is located at [930 Edgewood Rd., Wausau.](#)

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 26

The community is invited to trunk or treat at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, [709 Weston Ave., Wausau.](#)



Fall Clean-up

Saturday, November 2; 8:30 am

Rain Date: Saturday, November 9; 8:30 am

Volunteers are needed to help clean-up the landscaping around the building as we get ready for the winter months.

Outdoor tasks will include pruning, weeding, raking, and debris clean-up. Dress for the weather and bring yard clean-up tools (rakes, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers, etc). Please contact Patrick by calling the church office at 715-842-3333 or by email patrick@salc-wausau.org if you have any questions.

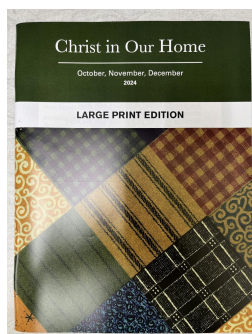


OWLS Learn About Musical Instruments

Wednesday, November 6; 10:30 am

The OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) will see and hear examples of musical instruments from different cultures, time periods, and regions here in the U.S. and around the world. Jan Nelson will share from her own collection and a few

borrowed. Learn a little about each instrument and have the opportunity to try some of them yourself.



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.

Saint Andrew Sunday Worship Livestream-9:00 am

[Click here for Youtube](#)

[Click here for Facebook](#)

Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 am

In person, on Facebook,
and now on Youtube.



Worship

Sunday

9:00 am - Sanctuary

**(The Sanctuary is
T-Coil Hearing Loop Enabled)**

**6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall
(Dinner at 5:30 pm)**

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

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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