
Network



Weekly Newsletter February 27, 2025

Pastoral Search Update for Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

As your Call Committee, we feel that it is important to update you on the Pastoral Search for our church.

To lead the search for our next pastor for Saint Andrew, the Call Committee was formed in June of 2024. Our first meeting with the synod was on July 18 and at that time stepped through the process that is followed in the call process.

By mid-August, we had reviewed our church's MSP (Ministry Site Profile) and formulated the questions we felt would be appropriate for a first interview of a pastor candidate which is done by Zoom. We also held a mock interview by Zoom with a current ELCA Pastor to have our questions rehearsed, critiqued and improved upon.

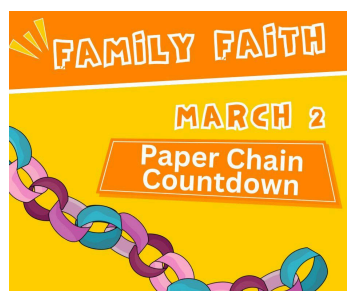
From that time in mid-August, we have been presented with four potential candidates. We chose not to proceed with two of those candidates; had a first interview with one and chose not to pursue further; and are currently awaiting a response from the fourth candidate to establish a first interview.

We feel that our recommendation and the congregation's approval of our next pastor is a very important decision and also that Saint Andrew is a very attractive call for the right pastor and therefore must be chosen very prudently.

The steps that we have taken and are in process of continuing include seeking potential candidates through our several retired pastors in our church and candidate recommendations from other retired pastors in our area. We will now begin using social media and our own print media to assist in our search. The tools we are also implementing include reaching out through LinkedIn and we have placed an ad in Christian Century, both online and in print for the April issue.

You will soon see an invitation to potential pastoral candidates in the Network, in our bulletins and on Facebook. In addition to your ongoing prayers, we would ask that you consider helping us to get the word out by personal conversations and by "sharing" on Facebook.

We, as the Call Committee, are very excited by the future of Saint Andrew and are confident in our church to be able to call a very qualified pastor who will help us continue the mission of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church.



Family Faith Event: Lent Paper Chain Countdown

Sunday, March 2; 10:15 am - Fellowship Hall

Lent is a time of reflection and a season to refocus our faith. Households are invited to create a paper chain that counts down to Easter with each link offering a spiritual practice to engage with as a family. Through conversation, prayer, scripture, and service, kids and adults can actively make time for their faith each day. All materials will be provided. ***Sunday Spark will not meet on this day.***



Invitation to Lent and Midweek Worship Services

Lenten Theme: Christ Within Our Community

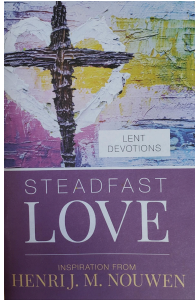
Ash Wednesday, March 5; 12:15 and 6:15 pm

Join us each Wednesday in Lent as we hear from people who have been impacted by the ministries, groups, and relationships formed here and as we receive all that Christ has provided us.

- **March 12: Christ's Love**
- **March 19: Christ's Joy**
- **March 26: Christ's Peace**

- **April 2: Christ's Patience**
- **April 9: Christ's Gentleness**

Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday when we will mark the beginning of the 40 days of Lent together. Pr. Rich Block will preside over these services at 12:15 and 6:15 pm with the Handbell Choir playing at 6:15 pm.



Lent Devotions available in the Narthex

Steadfast Love: Lent Devotions

Enhance your relationship with our Lord through contemplation of his personal and infinite devotion to you. Engage in daily reflection and scripture to come to know more deeply the richness of the bond with our Savior that is never-changing.

Lenten Soup Supper Volunteers Needed

Sundays and Wednesdays, March 9-April 9

It is time once again to share in fellowship and soup supper. Soup will be served Wednesdays, March 12-April 9; 1:00-6:00 pm. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help prep veggies on Sundays after worship (March 9-April 6) in the Activity Room, and serve, clean-up and provide desserts on Wednesdays. A sign-up board is available in the Narthex. No experience is necessary and families are welcome! If you have any questions, contact Sandra at 715-680-1566.



OWLS Meet On Tuesday In March

Tuesday, March 4; 10:30 am

Join the OWLS group on Tuesday, March 4 (rather than Wednesday) for Mardi Gras fun and games and a potluck.

Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

Help support area homeless residents through local agencies and 88.5 The Family radio station by donating hygiene items. A display and collection box is available in the Narthex **through March 16**. All donations will remain in the community and shared with: Community Center of Hope, Granite House, The Neighbors' Place and The Open Door. For more details or questions, contact Amy Bergstrom at info@cchope.net or 715-574-4175. Thank you for your support! Most urgent needs include:

- Soaps: laundry, dish, soft, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo
- Trash bags (shelters especially need these for bedrooms)
- Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups)
- Deodorant (including unscented)
- Wet wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Disposable razors
- Facial tissues
- Tampons and maxi pads

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 9

Don't forget to spring forward one hour Saturday night so you're not late for worship on Sunday!



Art Devotions

Wednesdays, March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23; 1:00-3:00 pm - Activity Room

Each art devotion begins with the daily reading from Sara Young's book, *Jesus Calling*, which sets the intention for the afternoon as we partake in the craft or art we would like to work with. Our focus this year is making cards for the people on our prayer list. Bring your own supplies or use the many supplies provided. All are welcome!



BE OUR GUEST

Join any course.
Virtually or In-person.
In the months of March or April.

Contact us at layschool@ecsw.org with questions
or to participate as a guest.



Learn more at
ECSWLaySchool.org

ECSW Lay School of Ministry Open House

Friday, March 14; 6:00 pm

Saturday, March 15; 8:30 am

Friday, April 11; 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 12; 8:30 am

The lay school exists to equip and challenge adults for their lives as disciples of Christ, empowering them for service and ministry in their churches and communities.

If you've ever wondered about Lay School you have the opportunity to experience classes as a guest. Choose any course. Participate in-person at Saint Andrew or

virtually. Lay School brochures can be found on the table in the Narthex or go to ecswlaysiachool.org for more information.

What is “Worship?”

Sunday, March 16; 10:15 am - Fellowship Hall

This question has been reflected upon for centuries. Let's take a few minutes (or maybe one hour) to participate in a presentation facilitated by Pastor Rich Block. Worship has meant so many different things to people in the past. What is similar and what is different now? What are the core elements of worship? Is God pleased with our worship? Small groups of two or three will be formed for conversation and discussion.

New Member Orientation - Mark Your Calendar

Sundays, March 30 & April 6; 10:30 am

A letter will go out soon to those who have expressed an interest in joining Saint Andrew. If you don't receive a letter and are interested in joining, please contact Joy by ***Monday, March 17*** at 715-842-3333. New members will then be received during worship on ***Sunday, April 13***.

Save the Date - First Communion

First Communion Instruction

Sundays, March 30 and April 6 at 10:15 am

Celebration of First Communion

Palm Sunday, April 13 at 9:00 am

First Communion is another step along the lifelong faith formation journey. First Communion instruction is designed to encourage active participation of both students and parents. With the hope that you will find the class to be both informative and a memorable experience to share as a family.

Children of all ages are welcome! Recognizing that parents come to the table with different expectations around communion for their children, we seek to honor those expectations as well as open our Lord's table to all who seek to receive the gifts of Jesus offered there.

More details regarding instruction and sign up will be coming soon!

Dartball Anyone?

There is no age restrictions - youth and all ages are welcome to play. The game is similar to baseball only with wooden darts thrown underhand. Games are played on Monday nights at 7:00 pm, September through March and last about two hours. If you are interested in playing and being on a Saint Andrew team, contact Duane Zietlow at 715-573-8817.

Pulpit Supply Schedule

While Pastor Gary is away, pulpit supply has been scheduled until he returns in April. Pulpit supply for February and March is:

February 27 & March 2: Pr. Sharon Fox Bogen or Pr. Phil Bogen

March 5-Ash Wednesday: Pr. Rich Block

March 6 & 9: Pr. Sharon Fox Bogen or Pr. Phil Bogen

March 13 & 16: Pr. Rich Block

March 20, 23, 27 & 30: Pr. Dan Sire

Time to Sew

Winter is the perfect time to sew a quilt top or a school bag in a kit for LWR (Lutheran World Relief)! Ready-to-be-sewn kits for both are currently available in the Fellowship Hall under the Fair Trade coffee/tea/chocolate bars display. Completed items can be placed in the marked basket located in the same place.



One in Spirit Devotional Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

What keeps us from living as who we truly are: “pure love”, “children of God”? Join us as we explore what impedes our best intentions to be love in the world.

Mat-based Practices: Tuesdays at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm

Thursdays at 6:00 pm

Chair-based Practices: Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Drop in, free-will donation. Meet in the Chapel

Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

Looking back at January:

Your gifts returned to God	\$ 62,581
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>49,074</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 13,507

Average weekly attendance:

183 In Person

76 Online

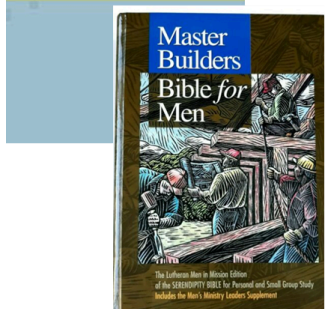
For more information, please see the Finance and Stewardship bulletin board just outside the office.



Adult Bible Studies

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Sundays, 10:15 am - Activity Room (Sign up [here](#))



Men's Bible Study

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 am - Fellowship Hall for breakfast and bible study (Sign up [here](#))

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

Wonder? Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30 am - Parish Room (Sign up [here](#))



Connect With the Wider Church

Saint Andrew is a part of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin or ECSW. The ECSW is one of 12 synods that make up Region 5 of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) in the United States. Visit the [ECSW website](#) and read their weekly newsletter, The Wave. To stay up to date on synod news and for resources, visit the [ECSW website](#) and to stay connected to the ELCA churchwide, visit the [ELCA website](#).

Network Newsletter

Printed copies of the weekly Network newsletter are available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please call the church office at 715-842-3333 or email joy@salc-wausau.org to let us know.

Saint Andrew Sunday Worship Livestream-9:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 am

In person, on Facebook,
and now on Youtube.



[Click here for Youtube](#)
[Click here for Facebook](#)

Worship

Sunday

9:00 am - Sanctuary

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

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 Spectrum channel 980 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

Send electronic submissions for the Network and/or bulletin to

joy@salc-wausau.org by

Monday at 3:00 pm

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