

# Network



## Weekly Newsletter March 13, 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.

Please see the invitation below to potential pastoral candidates. In addition to your ongoing prayers, we would ask that you consider helping us to get the word out by visiting the [Saint Andrew Facebook](#) page for a shareable post seeking pastoral candidates.

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.

### **Invitation to Potential Pastoral Candidates**

Saint Andrew Lutheran Church is a large, growing Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) congregation in Wausau, WI. We are seeking a full-time SENIOR PASTOR, rostered in the ELCA or a full communion partner, who through transparency and collaboration will unleash the congregation's talent and resources, and shepherd us as we pursue our revitalized vision and mission. The successful candidate will be a strong, dynamic, spirited leader who will help continue to energize the vision of the church council, ignite our younger generation and maintain the spirit of our older generation. Wausau is in the heart of Wisconsin - a perfect balance between city and country, arts and recreation for all-seasons. Our church property (mortgage-free) is located within a mile of Granite Peak, the fourth tallest ski hill in the Midwest. Wausau's Grand Theater ranks in the top 150 of Pollstar's Top Theater Venues. We are only a few hours away from Green Bay, Chicago, and Minneapolis. Our web-site is [SALC-Wausau.org](http://SALC-Wausau.org). For more information, contact Richard Jarvis, Saint Andrew Call Committee Chair @ (715) 571-1834 or [rjar51@gmail.com](mailto:rjar51@gmail.com) and Reverend Asher O'Callaghan, Associate to the Bishop, Director for Transitions, East Central Synod of Wisconsin. Phone 920.903.9677. Email [asher.ocallaghan@ecsw.org](mailto:asher.ocallaghan@ecsw.org)

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## **Lent Midweek Worship Services**

### **Lenten Theme: Christ Within Our Community**

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. The 6:15 pm service will be livestreamed.

• **March 19: Christ's Joy**

[Youtube](#)

[Facebook](#)

• **March 26: Christ's Peace**

[Youtube](#)

[Facebook](#)

• **April 2: Christ's Patience**

[Youtube](#)

[Facebook](#)

• **April 9: Christ's Gentleness**

[Youtube](#)

[Facebook.com](#)

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## Lenten Soup Supper

***Wednesdays Through April 9; 1:00-6:00 pm.***

It is time once again to share in fellowship and soup supper. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help prep veggies on Sundays after worship through April 6, in the Activity Room.

### Lenten Soup Menu

**A gluten-free/vegetarian soup will also be served each week.**

#### **March 19**

Robust Mushroom

Taco

Corned Beef and Cabbage

#### **April 2**

Cheeseburger

Chili

Split Pea and Ham

#### **March 26**

Chicken Dumpling

French Onion

Cheesy California Blend

#### **April 9**

Chicken Dumpling

Chicken Wild Rice

Navy Bean and Ham

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## Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on ***Thursday, March 13 and Sunday, March 16*** in support of Wausau Women's Community in honor of International Women's Day. Bring your loose change and help fill the noisy cans!

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## 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.

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## New Member Orientation - Mark Your Calendar

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

A letter has gone out to those who have expressed an interest in joining Saint Andrew. If you haven't received 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***.

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### Easter Altar Flowers

Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips can be ordered for \$13 each and Easter Lilies for \$12 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex. ***Order deadline is Sunday, March 30.***

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## Sunday Worship To Feature Contemporary Music and Format

***Sunday, March 30; 9:00 am***

On Sunday, March 30 the worship service will feel and sound different. During this service, Worship Ministry and a Contemporary Discernment Team will share a contemporary worship service format to begin a season of listening to how God is calling Saint Andrew to serve the congregation and the wider community.

How to get involved:

- Attend worship on Sunday, March 30 at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.
- Invite friends and family (especially young families: grandparents, please invite your children and their children).
- After worship, fill out a survey reflecting on your experience.

What to know:

- The current weekly Sunday worship service serves many well, and will continue.
  - A contemporary service, if received well by a significant portion of Saint Andrew and the wider community, could be an addition to the Sunday morning worship schedule in fall 2025.
  - This service is intended as a test. There may be other ways the Holy Spirit is calling us to worship, serve, love together instead of a contemporary worship service.
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## **Easter Sunrise Service Volunteers Needed!**

### **Holy Week Prep:**

- \***Sunday April 13: 12:00-2:00 pm** - Amphitheater prep, snow removal if needed
- \***Thursday April 17:** 1-2 Volunteers to place signs at bottom of State Park Rd.
- \***Friday April 18:** 1-2 Driver(s) with truck(s) or other vehicle with large cargo space. Load supplies and equipment Friday and transport to the amphitheater on Easter Sunday at 4:30 am and stay until clean-up around 8:00 am.
- \***Saturday April 19: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm** - Amphitheater prep, clear snow if needed

### **Easter Morning – April 20:**

- \***4:45 am** - 4 Volunteers to help transport and set-up equipment at amphitheater, shovel snow if needed
- \***5:15 am** – 2 Greeters to welcome people and distribute bulletins and communion  
4 Ushers to assist people to seats and collect offering during service
- \***7:00 am** – 4 Volunteers to help clean up and load equipment into vehicle(s)

If you are interested and able to volunteer, please contact Patrick at the church office, 715-842-3333, or [Patrick@salc-wausau.org](mailto:Patrick@salc-wausau.org) or sign-up in the Narthex.

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## **First Communion Instruction and Celebration**

### **First Communion Instruction**

***Sundays, March 30 and April 6; 10:15-11:00 am***

## **Celebration of First Communion**

### ***Palm Sunday, April 13; 9:00 am***

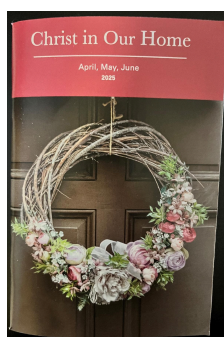
First Communion is another step along the lifelong faith formation journey. First Communion instruction is designed to encourage active participation of both students and parents, with the hope that you will find the class to be both informative and a memorable experience to share as a family.

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.

First Communion instruction is a 2-part class where families are encouraged to learn together about the overwhelming welcome of the Lord's Table. We use the book "A Place For You" to read the stories of Jesus sharing meals with others; we will explore the altar space and learn how we experience communion in our own worship services at Saint Andrew; and as a group we will bake our own communion bread that will then be shared with the congregation on Palm Sunday.

To join us for First Communion Instruction, please fill out [this form](#) by **March 15**.

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## **Christ in Our Home Devotionals**

The 2025 second quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy for your family.

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## **OWLS Head to the Greenhouse**

***Wednesday, April 2; 10:30 am***

OWLS welcome spring with a trip to Rib Mountain Greenhouse located just west of Wausau at [149521 County Rd N](#). We will meet at the greenhouse at 10:30 am and learn how they raise such beautiful plants and flowers. At approximately 11:30 am we will head back to church for the Midweek Lenten Service at 12:15 pm then enjoy a meal of soup together and fellowship. Come for a day of magic Mother Nature, worship and lunch. Bring a friend!





## 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



## Adult Bible Studies

### Adult Bible Study

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

*Sunday Morning Worship*

**9:00 am**

In person, on Facebook,  
and now on Youtube.



## **Saint Andrew Sunday Worship Livestream-9:00 am**

[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)***

**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

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### **Office Hours**

**Monday-Thursday**

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

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### **Network and Bulletin Weekly Deadline**

Send electronic submissions for the Network and/or bulletin to

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

**Monday at 3:00 pm**

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