



Weekly Newsletter June 12, 2025

CM Singers to Sing at Thursday Worship

Thursday, June 12; 12:15 pm

The CM (Church Mutual) Singers from Merrill, under the direction of Al Freiberg, will share songs of faith, such as the Lord's Prayer, as well as other beloved songs and hymns during this special worship time which will also include holy communion.

Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on *Thursday, June 12 and Sunday, June 15* in support of Blessings In A Backpack which provides weekend meals for local kids in need. Bring your loose change and help fill the noisy cans!

Last month's Noisy Offering received \$213.39 in support of Crossways Camp on Location. Thank you for your generosity!!

Bake Sale to Benefit Community Center of Hope

Sunday, June 15; 10:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy some homemade treats! Faith Formation Ministry is hosting a bake sale to raise funds for The Community Center of Hope. All items will be priced at \$1.

To learn more about Community Center of Hope, you can visit their <u>Facebook</u> <u>Page</u>.



Gathered in Spirit, Moving in Mission: Synod Assembly Recap

The 2025 Synod Assembly convened on Saturday, June 7, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay, drawing 272 registered participants—180 lay people (66% of voting members) and 92 rostered ministers (34%)—under the theme "To Serve All People Following the Example of Jesus."

Keynote speakers Venice Williams and Mary Campbell offered powerful insights on building inclusive ministries and accompanying migrants, setting a tone of compassion and justice for the day. Sherrill Knezel captured the day with her graphic illustrations. Significant business included the adoption of the 2026 Synod Budget and Minimum Compensation Guidelines, as well as the passage of three important resolutions on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools, and Abuse Prevention & Reporting.

The assembly also elected several leaders, including Nancy Schanke as Vice President and Kerry Fehrman as Treasurer, and celebrated the presence and partnership of numerous ministry collaborators.

Worship was a central part of the day, with a sermon from Bishop Anne Edison-Albright proclaiming God's unconditional love. Reflections from Vice President Nancy Schanke and Bishop Anne reaffirmed the synod's commitment to inclusion, justice, and mission rooted in relationship.

An offering was received to support both the Bishop's Resource Fund and AMMPARO. We look forward to gathering again for Synod Assembly 2026, scheduled for June 4–6 in Oshkosh.

Congregational Forum

Sunday, June 22; 10:15 am

Remember those every-other-month congregational forums that we conducted throughout 2024?

Since I have been back in the saddle for two months after my winter away, it is now time to gather again to update you on Saint Andrew's ministry goals progress.

Dick Jarvis, chair of the Call Committee will provide an update on their work. I will provide an update on our fall plans to expand to a two service Sunday schedule. Ministries have been at work on service times, liturgies and promotional strategies to have a successful launch on October 5. We may also have a report on Cottage meetings.

Thank you for your continued, faithful support of the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew. Your passion is contagious. It motivates me in our shared ministry.

Pr. Gary

Crossways Camp on Location-There's Still Time to Register!

June 23-26; 9:00 am- 4:30 pm

Rib Mountain State Park

This summer, Saint Andrew is inviting kids entering grades 1-6 to a day camp program at Rib Mountain State Park hosted by Crossways Camping Ministries. Through fundraising and generous donations, Saint Andrew is excited to partner with Crossways to offer this camp experience for only \$25/child. Use code: **Standrewyouth** during registration to receive your discount!

Visit https://www.crosswayscamps.org/onlocation for more information and a link to register.



VBS 2025 at Saint Andrew

Monday-Thursday, August 4-7; 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Take a walk on the wild side, because we're going on a Prayer
Safari into the Kingdom of the Son!

Saint Andrew's VBS 2025 will be from 9-noon on August 4-7, and we would love for you to join us! Children from 4 years

old to entering 6th grade can join our safari, and adults or older youth are invited to help guide us safely through our adventures. Watch for a list of safari supplies that you can help collect for our adventure! Visit salc-wausau.org/forms to register now!

Our Prayer Safari will include lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories, and delicious snacks.

Please contact Lyn Weis at 715-302-2520 or lynweis26@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

Summer Volunteer support

The Property Ministry is looking for some extra volunteer support over the summer to help keep our grounds and building clean. Projects and tasks range from helping with routine weeding of our landscaped areas around the building, routine cleaning of interior areas, and some deeper summer cleaning on select days for different areas. If you are interested in helping with cleaning or weeding please contact Patrick at the church office or join the Property & Facilities Support team on Church Center.

Summer deep cleaning schedule (includes organizing spaces, wiping down walls & all surfaces and cleaning windows):

Kitchen: June 25-26 Fellowship Hall: July 9-10 Classrooms: July 22-23 Sanctuary: August 26-27

Communion Preparation Help Needed

Altar Guild is the ministry team who prepares communion and bakes the bread that is shared during Communion. It takes a significant crew to prepare Communion, and Altar Guild is looking for more help. Many hands make light work! If you are interested in bread making during the week, or helping prepare wine and juice for Communion on Saturday and Sunday mornings, please sign up for Altar Guild on Church Center linked here.



New: Worship Bags for Kids

For our final Family Faith Event, Faith Formation Ministry created worship bags to help kids better engage and follow along during worship. These bags are different than our regular busy bags because the items inside are intended to connect to specific areas of the worship service. Kids can match ribbons to the liturgical color of the day, follow the pastor with their own set of communion ware, share a sticker during the passing of the peace, and hold a cross to pray along with the congregation. Each bag includes a booklet that explains all the items. We encourage

parents to look at the booklet prior to service to best help their children learn about worship. Bags are great for early elementary students, but with some guidance can be fun for all ages. These bags are black and blue and can be found in the Narthex near the Busy Bags.

From the SALC Library

The Berenstain Bears books are on display and waiting to be checked out. They would be so happy if all their books would get checked out and the librarian would have to find more books to put on display! Can you help?





Adult Book Display

A Prayer: Guide the people of this land and of all nations in the way of justice and peace that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Amen.

Find books on the display that address family, immigrants and refugees, culture of care, Christian perspective on Holy Land, prayer, forgiveness, death, Jesus' radical love, etc.

Modern Test Service

June 29; 9:00 am

Saint Andrew will share a modern test service on *Sunday, June 29 at 9:00 am*. This will be a service that will continue to gather and discern feedback. This service and upcoming survey will focus on spiritual impact and logistics.

Feedback received from the previous service (over 75 surveys were collected) was discerned and implemented by the Discernment Team. 80% of respondents previously surveyed would attend a service again and would be willing to invite others to the service. Through the feedback received, Pastor Gary, the Modern Service Discernment Team, and Worship Ministry, a modern worship service is planned to begin weekly on *Sunday, October 5, 2025* in addition to our typical service.

One of the comments received multiple times in the survey was the desire to be more familiar with the songs before the service. Over the next couple of weeks, during prelude and postlude, recordings of songs will be shared of the worship service on June 29 and other upcoming modern worship services, and a music playlist on social media and in the Network. Due to copyright, these recordings will not be a part of the livestream. In the future, when the services are shared weekly, expect prelude and postlude music to match the feel of each service.

Please attend the service on June 29 and fill out the survey. If you prefer a more traditional service, you are welcome to attend worship on Thursday, June 26 at 12:15 pm. Starting October 5, there will be Thursday 12:15 pm worship, Sunday morning traditional, and Sunday morning modern worship services, expanding our capacity to worship, serve, love, together.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals

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

Compassionate Prayer Givers

Are you one who is comfortable with providing spontaneous prayers? Would you like to learn how to become more comfortable as a spontaneous pray-er?

In our 2025 Campaign for the Community, we will be promoting Saint Andrew as a congregation who provides compassionate care for those who feel troubled in spirit or soul.

It is one thing to hear a sermon, sing a hymn or share in conversation when feeling spiritual dis-ease. It is another to have one share in a prayer that lifts one's specific concerns to the very throne of God.

During the next several weeks, I would like to develop a cadre of Compassionate Prayer Givers who can be stationed in the chapel after each service and be available for prayer to those who are feeling that need. I don't envision any person to be present in the chapel for more than 15 minutes after each Sunday service. It would be nice to have 2-3 people present each Sunday. I hope that we can recruit enough pray-ers so that no one needs to serve more than once each month.

Let me know if this might be a ministry that interests you. We will provide training. I would like to get started by mid-summer.

God bless you in the ministry you provide as a part of the Saint Andrew community!

Pr. Gary



Saint Andrew Endowment Fund

Each week, a question about the Saint Andrew Endowment fund will be answered. Over the coming weeks, we hope that you become more aware of how you can use the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund to "plant a seed and create a legacy." For more information about the fund, please

contact the Church office and they will direct you to a member of the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund Committee.

#11 – Why is a gift to the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund important?

A gift to the Endowment Fund is an act of estate stewardship, reflecting the life of a faithful steward. Such a gift, whether given during one's lifetime or through one's estate, is especially satisfying to the giver, a reflection of them in that it will continue to serve the purposes and people of our Lord Jesus Christ as long as His Church shall stand.



Walking Group

For more walk details and for the most up to date information on each week's walks, <u>Click Here</u> to join this Saint Andrew interest group on Church Center or scan the QR code.

All are welcome to join these casual walks with members and friends of Saint Andrew. Walk at your own pace and as far as you are comfortable. Walks are scheduled on Mondays at 5:00 pm and Thursdays at 1:00 pm.

Walks coming up are:

June 12: Cedar Creek Trail from Corner of Azalea & Carnation June 16 & 19: Monk Gardens - 1901 N. 4th Ave., Wausau

June 23 & 26: Eau Claire River Trail - 6904 River Trail Dr., Weston



One in Spirit Devotional Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

Yoga, at its very heart, is simply practice; steady effort in the direction you want to go.

All are welcome, bring a friend! If you are pondering giving yoga a try, just come! Welcoming, friendly folks, without judgement. We have extra mats and props to support your practice. There is *no* being "good" or "bad" at yoga. It's *all* practice.

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

Practices are drop in, free-will donation. Meet in the Chapel at Saint Andrew Donations during April, May & June will benefit the <u>Community Center of Hope</u> in Mosinee which serves those in need of food and personal hygiene items.

Saint Andrew Prayer List

Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? (*Please ask first*). Call the church office at 842-3333 to have names added to the list at the Prayer Center. You can also visit the Prayer Center in the back of the Sanctuary, light a candle and write your prayer request in the prayer book. Names will be updated on a regular basis. The first names of those needing prayer will be recognized in worship weekly. As you review the day to day list of events that take place at Saint Andrew, please also give consideration to those who have requested prayers.

For these we pray...

Thank you, Lord, for always answering prayer, but not indulging my every petty, private request. Thank you for winnowing and refining, vetoing and delaying, refusing and revising. Thank you for being God and never less, for freeing me for wide horizons, for protecting me from my limited vision and wayward will. Thank you for foiling my every effort to unseat you and make myself king. Thank you for keeping it safe for me to pray.

-Gerhard E. Frost

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Amy	Jean	Robin
Amy	Jen	Sandy

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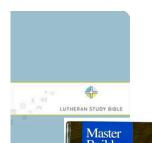
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Doris Louis Frank
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Gary Pyxie Pat

Heidi Renee Riley



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, September-May - Parish Room (Sign up here) Upcoming Summer Bible Studies: July 9

and August 13



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

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

SALC Calendar

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