

# Network



## Weekly Newsletter July 17, 2025

### Special Congregational Meeting to Call a Lead Pastor

**Sunday, July 27  
10:15 am**

The Congregation Council has called a special congregational meeting for ***Sunday, July 27 at 10:15 am*** for the purpose of calling a new pastor and will be the only business conducted at this meeting.

The Call Committee has identified a candidate for Lead Pastor at Saint Andrew and is looking forward to presenting the candidate to the congregation for call.

Under synodical guidelines, the Call Committee may not identify the candidate until the meeting on July 27. Any identifying information will not be disclosed before that time.

Per our constitution, authority to call a pastor shall be in this congregation by at least a two-thirds vote of voting members present and voting at a meeting legally called for that purpose. Voting proxy or absentee ballots will not be permitted.

**Eligible voters are:** participating members who have been confirmed, have made a financial contribution of record and have communed at Saint Andrew this past calendar year.

Please plan to attend this important meeting!

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## Marketing Campaign Update

I am already putting your marketing contributions to work — with the support and blessing of the pastor we are considering for call.

As of this moment, I have received enough funds to commit to 12 weeks of billboards in various locations around the community to begin on August 4.

I have been able to commit to 10 ads in Wausau Pilot and Review in their email addition that is sent to ~ 30,000 area households. They will be identical to the billboards. That will begin in mid-August.

Soon I will commit to a mailing to every home in zip codes 54401 and 54403 which will be set for mid- to late- September.

I always tell leaders that we will do as much as people provide funds for us to do.

I would like to send a second mailing but that is expensive. I would like to do something on social media. I would have done more with billboards but the physical sights I wanted were mostly already taken.

In my last conversation with our prospective pastor, I asked if he wanted me to slow things down and wait for him to make decisions. He said no. He asked that everything continue apace as planned.

So, that is how I will proceed. As we put things in motion to prepare for a second Sunday morning worship service, we do so also in preparation for the arrival of a new pastor. It is an exciting time to be part of the Saint Andrew community!

God bless you all!

*Pastor Gary*

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## In the Hope and Promise of the Resurrection

It is with much sadness and deepest sympathy that we share Terry Zrutski passed away on March 4, 2025. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Marathon Park Junction Building on ***Friday, July 18, 1:00-5:00 pm.***

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## July Noisy Offering

A Noisy Offering will be received on ***Thursday, July 17 and Sunday, July 20*** in support of the Marathon County Humane Society. Last month's Noisy Offering received \$151.46 in support of Blessings in a Backpack. Thank you for your generosity!!

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**Give a Pint, Get a Pint.**



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

***Thursday, July 24; 12:00-5:00 PM***

July can be busy with vacations and summer fun, but the need for blood doesn't pause! Give a Pint, Get a Pint. The ARC and Kwik Trip are teaming up to help save lives one pint at a time. As a thank you for giving blood between in July you will receive one pint of Kwik Trip's Nature's Touch Ice Cream! In addition, all who give July 15-31, 2025,

will receive a Fandango Movie Ticket by email (up to \$15 ticket price and fees). [Click here to make an appointment](#) or call **1 800 RED CROSS (1 800 733-2767)**.

Two volunteers are needed to help with registration, refreshments, or other support.

Please contact Jan Nelson at [jannelson.79@gmail.com](mailto:jannelson.79@gmail.com) or 715-470-0038 if you have questions or want to volunteer.

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## 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 9:00 am-12:00 pm 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. Register online now at [salc-wausau.org/forms](http://salc-wausau.org/forms) or Registration Forms are available on the display in the Narthex along with a pull-tag board for needed snack and craft items!

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](mailto:lynweis26@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer.

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## High School Job Opportunity to Assist with Sunday Morning Worship

Saint Andrew is looking to hire an additional Sexton. Sextons assist with the functions of the church services to carry out the mission and ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Sextons work for and in conjunction with the pastor, staff, and volunteers to help orchestrate worship service activities. For a complete position description and position responsibilities, please email [personnel@salc-wausau.org](mailto:personnel@salc-wausau.org).

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## Part Time Custodian Needed

SALC is looking for a part-time custodian to assist Patrick. This is a paid position and will be 10 hours per week. For more details, please contact Patrick at [patrick@salc-wausau.org](mailto:patrick@salc-wausau.org) or call the church office at 715-842-3333

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## 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):

**Classrooms:** July 22-23

**Sanctuary:** August 26-27

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Dear church,

Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to “pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property.” Merciful God, hear our prayer.

[As ever and with your support, the ELCA, through Lutheran Disaster Response, stands ready to walk with our neighbors in the Texas hill country](#) as the floodwaters recede and communities begin to navigate life on the other side of this horrific flood. May we be bearers of the hope found in Christ alone and help shoulder the burden for those who grieve unimaginable loss. Thank you to those who have already joined us through your prayers and support for this work.

**Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that our neighbors are not alone on the long road to recovery after disasters like the floods in Texas.**

Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwestern Texas Synod and will work with other partners as well to respond to urgent needs, provide emotional and spiritual care, and support cleanup and long-term recovery.

**Can our neighbors recovering from disasters count on your support?**

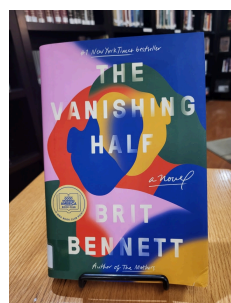
Through these disasters and others in the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities throughout the recovery process, walking with them for as long as it takes. Together, as a church, we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need.

In prayer together,

The Rev. John Eggen

Senior Director, Annual Giving

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



## **From the SALC Library**

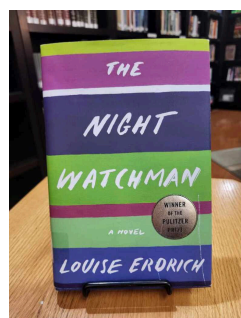
### ***"The Vanishing Half" - by Brit Bennett***

The Virginia sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything, including their racial

identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black

daughter in the same town she once tried to escape. Across the country, the other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past.

Weaving together multiple strands and generations, The **"Vanishing Half"** is at once a riveting, emotional family story and a brilliant exploration of race, gender, and identity, and the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's desires and expectations.



### ***"The Night Watchman" - by Louise Erdrich***

Based on the extraordinary life of the author's grandfather, Patrick Gourneau, who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C. this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity, and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a literary master.

Thomas Wazhashk is a Chippewa council member who is trying to understand the consequences of a new "emancipation" bill on its way to the floor of the United States Congress. He and the other council members know the bill isn't about freedom: congress is fed up with Indians. The bill is a "termination" that threatens the rights of Native Americans to their land and their very identity. How can the government abandon treaties made in good faith with Native Americans "for as long as the grasses will grow and the rivers run?"

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## 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.

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## One in Spirit Devotional Yoga

*Transforming the mind, body, and spirit*

*"The body is your temple.*

*Keep it pure and clean for the soul to reside in."*

*- B.K.S. Iyengar*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**YOGA WILL BE CANCELED July 8 through July 23**

**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 through August will benefit the Community Center of Hope in Mosinee

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## Saint Andrew Prayer List

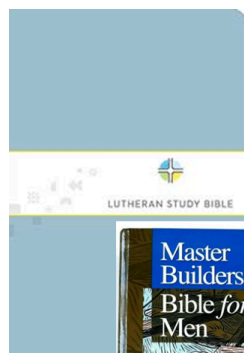
Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? (*Please ask first*). Call the church office at 842-3333 to have names added to the list at the Prayer Center. You can also visit the Prayer Center in the back of the Sanctuary, light a candle and write your prayer request in the prayer book. Names will 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

Allan	Hilmar & Rosemary	Robert
Amy	Jean	Robin
Amy	Jen	Sandy
Tom	Jermaine	Shirley
Ashley	Jesse	Siri
Bella	Jill	Steve
Brent	Jim	Steve & Janice
Carol	Joan	Terry
Cindy	Kathy	Therese
Dan	Kay	Thomas
Darcy	Kim	Tim
Dave	Leann	Tom
De Ann	Lenore	Virjean
Dennis	Linda	Zak & Kathy
Diane	Louis	Frank
Doris	Monica	Cullen
Doug	Nikki	Nora & Nolan
Ed	Pyxie	Pat
Gary	Renee	Tom
Heidi	Riley	



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

and August 13





## Texas Roadhouse

Continue Sunday fellowship on Sundays after worship at Texas Roadhouse. Present the Sunday bulletin to the server and 10% of your food sales will be donated back to Saint Andrew!

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## 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](#).

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## 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](mailto:joy@salc-wausau.org) to let us know.

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*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

**\*NOTE: The office will be closed on July 3, 12:30-4:30 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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SALC Calendar

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