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# Network



## Weekly Newsletter July 24, 2025

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### 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. We look forward to meeting the candidate at Sunday's meeting through a video introduction.

***When you arrive for worship on Sunday***, you will be asked to sign in for the meeting prior to worship if you intend to stay and attend the meeting. Please remain in the

Sanctuary following worship to wait for the meeting to start. This will help assure that attendees are signed in and for the meeting to begin on 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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### **Pop Up Choir with Pastor Gary**

***Sunday, July 27***

***Rehearsal: 8:15 am for 9:00 am Worship***

Join in singing “The Lord’s Prayer” with guest choir member Pastor Gary Froseth. The pop-up choir is open to all ages and abilities: it is only required to do your best and have fun! [A sample recording is linked here.](#)

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### **Intro to Handbell Choir**

***Sunday, August 3; 10:30-11:30 am***

Try out ringing handbells with no commitment. Come and learn from handbell choir members and Director Jonathan Smith. There are opportunities to join Handbell Choir as a regular member if interested.

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## **2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly**

### **July 28-August 2**

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held at the Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz. I was elected as a delegate to the CWA at the 2024 Synod Assembly along with 12 other members from the East Central Synod of Wisconsin. I am honored and blessed to participate in this churchwide event. The CWA convenes every three years.

The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the primary decision-making body of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is a process of communal spiritual discernment. When the assembly convenes, its voting members meet with

confidence in God's grace around word and water, wine and bread, to carry on their work on behalf of the entire church. Over the course of the assembly, voting members:

- Hear reports and review the work of churchwide officers, leaders and units.
- Receive and consider proposals from synod assemblies.
- Elect officers, board members and other leaders as specified by the constitution or bylaws. This year it includes electing a new presiding Bishop.
- Establish ELCA churchwide policy.
- Worship together.
- Adopt a budget.
- Conduct other business related to the ELCA churchwide organization.

After I return (and recover from the heat) I will provide a summary of the assembly and a few thoughts about the process and the event. Keep me and the other delegates in your thoughts and prayers as we do God's work through our hands.

Peace,  
Bob Wiederhoeft

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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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**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).

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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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## OWLS - Wood Turning Demonstration

***Wednesday, August 13; 10:30 am (note that this is a week later than usual)***

Get a close-up look at how wood is shaped into cool, handcrafted items like bowls or ornaments. Paul Nelson will show the basics of using a lathe and turning raw wood into something useful and artistic. Great for anyone curious about hands-on craftsmanship! Potluck lunch to follow.

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## Confirmation 2025-2026

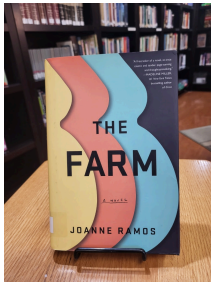
Confirmation at Saint Andrew is a 3-year program open to students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Letters were sent to new 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and returning confirmation students at the end of June. If your family has a student who would like to attend confirmation but did not receive a letter and class schedule, please contact [office@salc-wausau.org](mailto:office@salc-wausau.org) for information.

Registration for both new and returning students can be found [here](#).

**Please register by September 1.**

Registration fee of \$25 can be brought to orientation or mailed to:  
Saint Andrew



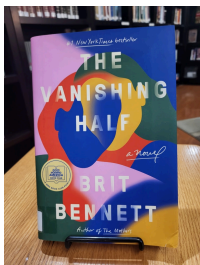


## From the SALC Library

### ***"The Farm" - by Joanne Ramos***

Life is a lucrative business, as long as you play by the rules. Nestled in New York's Hudson Valley is a luxury retreat boasting every amenity: organic meals, personal fitness trainers, daily massages—and all of it for free. In fact, you're paid big money to stay here—more than you've ever dreamed of. The catch? For nine months you cannot leave the grounds, your movements are monitored, and you are cut off from your former life while you dedicate yourself to the task of producing the perfect baby. For someone else.

Gripping, provocative, heartbreaking, "The Farm" pushes to the extremes: overthinking on motherhood, money, merit and raises crucial questions about the trade-offs women will make to fortify their futures and the futures of those they love.



### ***"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.

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



## Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

Looking back at June:

Your gifts returned to God	\$ 47,789
Ministry costs for Saint Andrew	<u>46,592</u>
Gifts greater (less) than costs	\$ 1,197

Average weekly attendance: 204 In Person; 63 Online

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

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## 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 Study: August 13

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## 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](#)

### **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**

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

### **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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