

Network



Weekly Newsletter July 31, 2025



Come to VBS!

Kingdom of the Son *A Prayer Safari*

August 4-7

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

***It's not too late to register to attend Vacation Bible School (VBS)
at Saint Andrew!***

Register [online here](#) or Registration Forms are available in the Narthex.

Take a walk on the wild side, because we're going on a Prayer Safari into the Kingdom of the Son! The Prayer Safari will include lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories, and delicious snacks!

All children from 4 years old to entering 6th grade can join the safari adventures.

Want to donate snack or craft items? The following items are still needed and can be brought to church through Thursday or on Sunday morning:

*Safari Stickers

*1 Roll of String

*2 Bags of Plain Rice Cakes

Questions? Contact Lyn Weis at 715-302-2520 or lynweis26@gmail.com.

Pr. Jack Busche Called As Lead Pastor

Last week we came together as a church and listened to our Call Committee make their recommendation for a new pastor at Saint Andrew. We, as a congregation, thoughtfully considered the recommendation and overwhelmingly gave our vote to accept the Call Committee's recommendation. We are thrilled to announce that God has answered our prayers and Pastor Jack Busche has officially accepted the call to serve as our next pastor!

To quote our Call Committee, "Pastor Jack brings energy, focus, spiritual depth and a heart for the future of Saint Andrew." With hearts full of excitement and hope, we look forward to the ministry and love Pastor Jack and his family will bring to our community.

We give thanks for the Holy Spirit's guidance, for your prayers throughout this process, and for what God has in store for us as we step into this new season of ministry together.

Please join us in giving a joyful and heartfelt welcome to Pastor Jack, his wife Sidney, and their 8-month-old baby, Kit as they join our church family. It's early in the process, but we believe Pastor Jack's first day preaching will be Sunday, September 7.

With a new chapter opening in our church lives, we must also close an exciting chapter that many of us have enjoyed. Pastor Gary Froseth, who has been serving as our Interim Pastor since November of 2023 will be stepping away from his leadership role at Saint Andrew. Per Synod policy, he will need to end his involvement here to allow for Pastor Jack to establish his leadership with us.

Pastor Gary has provided us with great insight and helped to develop a path forward at Saint Andrew in a time that could easily have been listless and non-

productive. His leadership has ensured that the Council and the church are focused on things that are important to us and given us the mental clarity to push through hurdles of our own creation. We look forward to seeing his smile at Saint Andrew in the future.

Pastor Gary has paved the way for Pastor Jack to lead us into a great future. Like all paths there will be challenges and hardships, but joy and celebration as well. We encourage you to come to services to meet Pastor Jack and welcome him to our congregation.

Pr. Gary Concludes His Call

It is a joyful day for the people of Saint Andrew.

My work here is finished.

In accord with the terms of my ministry covenant with Saint Andrew, this is to announce my resignation as Interim Pastor effective on August 15.

To avoid separating the Thursday and Sunday services, I have moved a couple of vacation days to the end of that week. My last day at Saint Andrew will be on Wednesday, August 13.

I have arranged for the continuation of pastoral services through the month of August (and including Thursday, September 4) with Pastor Rich Block and Pastor Dan Sire.

It has been a joy to serve with the people of Saint Andrew during these months of pastoral transition. I am very optimistic about the future of this ministry.

God bless you all. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Pr. Gary

The Rev. Gary Froseth
Interim Pastor

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.



Help Saint Andrew Expand Our Capacity to Worship, Serve, Love. Together.

Sunday, August 17; 10:15 am - Activity Room

Hey! Did you hear the news? We're adding a second Sunday morning service! These are exciting times at Saint Andrew! Have you thought about what a second service means for all of us? Your input and gifts of time are valued and needed to help us to expand our volunteer capacity to worship, serve, love. Together. We especially encourage young members and confirmation students to join us. Come to the Activity Room after worship on August 17 and be part of the planning of the expansion of volunteers. The Leadership Development Ministry will have special treats!

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

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.



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.

Confirmation 2025-2026

Confirmation at Saint Andrew is a 3-year program open to students in 6th grade and up. Letters were sent to new 6th 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 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 Lutheran Church

[150202 County Rd NN](#)

[Wausau WI 54401](#)

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WINTER ROSE
Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin
With Narrative by Pamela Martin



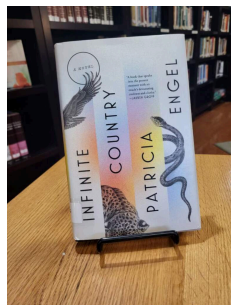
"The Winter Rose" Cantata

We are excited to announce that the Saint Andrew Chancel Choir, in collaboration with members of the community, will present the beautiful Christmas cantata, "The Winter Rose" by Joseph Martin on Sunday, December 21 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm.

Under the direction of Joel Freiberg, a 70-voice choir and orchestra will bring this powerful piece to life. "The Winter Rose" is based on the hymn, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" and includes both traditional carols and original anthems. The cantata beautifully depicts the birth and life of Christ, from prophecy to passion.

Rehearsals will begin in October with multiple practice sessions each week. More details will be shared in September.

Members of the community who enjoy singing are invited to join us for this memorable event. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Joel Freiberg at joelfreiberg@gmail.com, 715-571-6230 or [sign up here](#).



From the SALC Library

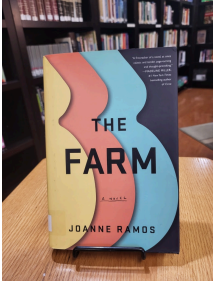
"Infinite Country" - by Patricia Engel

Talia is being held at a correctional facility for adolescent girls in the forested mountains of Columbia after committing an impulsive act of violence that may or may not have been warranted. She urgently needs to get out and get back home to Bogota where her father and a plane ticket to the United States are waiting for her.

Rich with Bogota urban life, steeped in Andean myth, and tense with the daily reality of the undocumented in the United States, "Infinite Country" is the story of two countries and one mixed-status family - for whom every triumph is stitched with regret, and every dream pursued bears the weight of a dream deferred.

"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.



One in Spirit Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

“The rhythm of the body, the melody of the mind, and the harmony of the soul create the symphony of life.”

- B.K.S. Iyengar

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

Chair-based Practices: Wednesdays at 8:30 am

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

8:30 am Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5 and 6 morning yoga
will be offered at 7:00 am

due to my role in facilitating Vacation Bible School that week.
Please text 715-302-2520 if you plan to attend the 7:00 am practice.
The Tuesday 4:30 practice will meet at the usual time.
Thank you for your understanding for the calendar adjustments.

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

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	



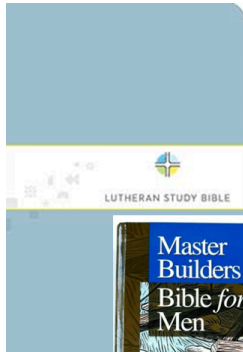
Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

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.



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 Study: 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!



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.

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 by

Monday at 3:00 pm

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