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Weekly Newsletter October 2, 2025

Precious Enough to Keep, Precious Enough to Hand Down

II Timothy 1:3-7

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

What is the most precious keepsake in your closet? Maybe it's the old photo albums that we pull out on special occasions, or that one piece of jewelry or the watch that our grandparents owned; maybe it's the letters your great-grandparents wrote each other when they were young, or (as in my family) some of the documents kept from when our family immigrated to this country. Whatever those items might be, the reason we've saved them so they can be saved by those after us is usually the same — they are precious reminders of who we are and giving them to the next generation means that that is who they are too.

When Sydney and I were planning the baptism of our daughter Kit, her mother dug out from her closet a baptismal gown that had been made by her grandmother, Sydney's great-grandmother, for her baptism, and had been carefully saved so that her children (Sydney and her sisters) could be baptized in that same gown. It is a special and wonderful thing that Kit was baptized in the same gown in which her grandmother and mother and aunts were baptized, and in some ways, that little gown is a symbol of the faith that was passed down along with it. In II Timothy, Paul praises Timothy's grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice for passing down their faith to him, that they understood that faith was not something that could be forced, but can only be offered as a gift. The faith they shared with Timothy, and the faith that we still share with those who are coming after us, has been saved and is so precious to us because it centers us in who we are, beloved children of a God who has saved and redeemed us. When we give that gift on to those who come next (whether they are our family or not), we are sharing that same identity with them, not as a keepsake to store in the closet, but as a sacred way of living in God's love, the "life that really is life." (I Tim. 6:19)

Pr. Jack

Sunday School Begins This Sunday!

Sundays, 9:10-9:50 am

Sunday school starts Sunday, October 5. All students will meet for the large group opening in the Activity Room at 9:10 am before being dismissed into PreK/K, Grades 1 & 2, and Grades 3-5 Classrooms. Parents can pickup their children at their classrooms at 9:50 am.

[Click here to register online!](#)

Paper copies are also available in the Narthex.



New Members Received

Saint Andrew is blessed to have the following new members join its faith community on Sunday,

September 28: Pastor Jack Busche, Sydney and Kit; Tony and Julie Fondell; Harlan and Elaine Grinde; Matt Hill and

Sarah Garcia-Hill, Sonny, Brooklyn, Juliana and David (through baptism); and Greg and Kathy Palm. Please give them a warm welcome as you see them at worship and participating in the life of Saint Andrew!

Librarian Bookkeeper Needed – Library Guild

Do you have a passion for reading or connecting people with a good book? Detail oriented? Library Guild is in search of a bookkeeper to maintain a digital record of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church's books. The volunteer must be proficient in using Excel. No formulas needed; just clear and detailed record keeping. Contact Susan Paisar at susanpaisar@gmail.com or request to join [Library Guild on Planning Center linked here](#).

Brightening Our Spaces

Work has begun to install new parking lot lighting. These new lights will have more efficient LED lamps that cast a brighter and broader light to better illuminate our parking lots to increase visibility and safety for evening events and services. This change also brings an end to the rental agreement with WPS that has been in place for nearly 27 years, saving Saint Andrew approximately \$3700 per year going forward.

Please pardon the mess as Van Ert electric works on this upgrade. During the process, Property Ministry asks members and guests to be courteous and mindful of the work happening and be aware that at times portions of the parking lot may be blocked off for the safety of the workers and visitors.

Modern Service Volunteer Soundboard Operators Needed



Volunteer Soundboard Operators are needed to help ensure a high-quality modern worship service for congregants and visitors in-person and online. Time commitment is on Sundays from 9:30-11:30 am. Training provided. [Click here](#) to fill out the Time and Talent form, or scan the QR code to be directed to the form.

Wausau Marathon County (WMC) and Good Shepherd Shelters Need You

Does Matthew 25:35 call to you?

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.

Consider joining the Saint Andrew team at the homeless shelters. Currently, only one shelter is open. We are fully staffing it every Friday and provide supper every Friday. Starting November 1, there will be two shelters. We would like to fully staff and provide supper at each shelter every Friday.

To do this, we will need more volunteers! This would typically be a 3-hour shift (6:00-9:00 pm) once or twice a month and/or you could be part of a meal team. We work around your schedule.

To sign up, or to request more information, a sign-up sheet is available on the Information Desk. Ruth Poutanen will then call you.

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



The Winter Rose Cantata Rehearsals Begin in October

Wednesdays beginning October 8; 7:30-8:30 pm -

Please note there will not be a rehearsal on Wednesday October 15.

Sundays beginning October 12 - 9:00-10:00 am

Mondays beginning October 13 - 6:30-8:00 pm

Wednesday rehearsals will be held in the Sanctuary. Sunday and Monday rehearsals will be held in the Chapel. You do not need to attend every rehearsal each week, just what will fit into your schedule.

Full choir and orchestra rehearsal will be held **December 20** in the afternoon, time to be determined. The cantata will be presented on **Sunday, December 21 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm** at Saint Andrew.

Contact Joel Freiberg with questions or for more information at:

joelfreiberg@gmail.com - 715-571-6230.



October Noisy Offering

Thursday & Sunday, October 16 & 19

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship in support of Feed My Starving Children, a Christian nonprofit organization called to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit. FMSC hosts MobilePack events around the country to package food to further their mission to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. To learn more, visit their website at www.fmsc.org.

Hospitality Hosts and Baked Goods/Refreshments Needed

Saturday, October 18; 8:00-12:00 pm

Saint Andrew is hosting the ECSW - Wisconsin River Valley Conference Annual meeting on October 18 so we are looking for 2-3 volunteers to help provide light hospitality to include making coffee, serving refreshments and cleaning up afterwards.

Volunteers are also needed to provide baked goods and light refreshments for the morning.

To volunteer or for more information; please contact Patrick@salc-wausau.org or call the church office during regular office hours.

Fall Clean-up

Saturday, October 18; 9:00 am

Rain Date: Saturday, October 25; 9:00 am

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the landscaping around the building as we get ready for the winter months. Outdoor tasks will include pruning, weeding, raking, and picking up debris. Dress for the weather and bring yard tools (rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers, etc).

Lexi Meliska will also be working on her Eagle project of revitalizing the Courtyard area to create an outdoor space with seating for visiting, prayer and reflection. Additional volunteers will be appreciated as they will be removing most of the current plants and landscaping. Many hands make light work!

Please contact Patrick by calling the church office at 715-842-3333 or by email patrick@salc-wausau.org if you have any questions.

Confirmation Worship

Sunday, October 26; 12:00 pm

By the grace of God, after three years of faithful preparation, 15 confirmands will affirm their baptism in worship on Reformation Sunday. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Experiencing the 2025 Churchwide Assembly

Reflections by Bob Wiederhoeft



The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, held in Phoenix, AZ, from July 28 to August 2, 2025, met under the theme, “For the Life of the World.” I was honored to be elected during the 2024 local synod assembly (the East Central Synod of Wisconsin) to attend this year’s churchwide assembly. After returning home from the

assembly, I’ve had a chance to reflect on the entire assembly experience. Exhausting, inspiring, uplifting, educational and challenging are some of the words that express my feelings about the event.

The assembly meetings would consist of debate and voting on memorials (resolutions), constitutional changes, en bloc motions, etc. This would be intermingled with reports from governing groups, honored guests, and associated businesses of the church. A day would also include worship, singing and prayer.

In addition to tending to business, the assembly elected the Rev. Yehiel Curry, Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, as the next Presiding Bishop of the ELCA and the Rev. CeCee Mills as Secretary of the ELCA. Both Rev. Curry and Rev. Mills embody a vision of leadership not bound by traditional academic pathways but formed in and with their communities. Their elections signal a transformation in how the ELCA is understanding leadership. Not as credentialism, but as formation in community.

Also, the resolutions presented, debated and passed during the assembly weren’t just statements on paper. They are signs of a denomination aligning its public witness with the grassroots realities of its congregations. For example, a resolution was passed to encourage congregations and ministries to recognize the legacy of Indian boarding schools. There were 21 synods who submitted this resolution, our synod was included. In an earlier time, Wittenberg, WI was the site of an Indian boarding school.

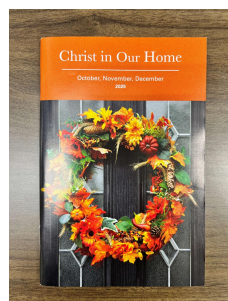
The entire experience has indeed reaffirmed my belief, faith and hope that, as retiring presiding Bishop Eaton would say: “We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.”

If you are interested in learning what my typical assembly day was like and learn more about the significant events of the assembly, please visit my extended write up at www.salc-wausu.org/CWA. You can also visit this ELCA link to learn more: [Summary of Actions of the 2025 Churchwide Assembly](#)

Save the Date: Thanksgiving Eve Shared Ministry Worship Service and Pie Social

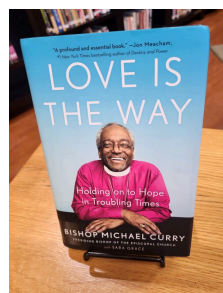
Wednesday, November 26; 6:30 pm at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

First English, Good Shepherd, and Saint Andrew Lutheran Churches and the wider community will come together for the fourth year for worship and fellowship. As the congregations gather at Saint Andrew this year, a food drive and special offering will be collected for local charities. More information will come soon.



Christ in Our Home Devotionals

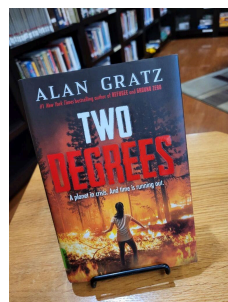
The 2025 fourth quarter of "Christ In Our Home" devotionals are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy for your family.



New in the SALC Library

Love Is the Way by Bishop Michael Curry

In this beautiful and moving book, Bishop Michael Curry reflects on the nature of God's love and the reflection of that love in human lives. Drawing on his own life and experiences, he shows us that, time and again,, when love is threatened by circumstances - be it poverty, racism, violence, injustice, or the abuse of power - that same love has the power to shine through.



Two Degrees by Alan Gratz (Young Adult Section)

Best selling author Alan Gratz is at the top of his game, shining a light on our increasingly urgent climate crisis while spinning an action-packed story that will keep readers hooked - and inspire them to take action.

(A note from Sue Paisar: "You will be biting your nails through the whole book!")

Upcoming Important Dates and Events

Sunday, October 5: New Weekly Worship Schedule Begins

8:00 am: Traditional Worship

9:00 am: Fellowship/Sunday School/Bible Studies

10:00 am: Modern Worship

Wednesdays beginning October 8; 7:30-8:30 pm: Cantata Rehearsals

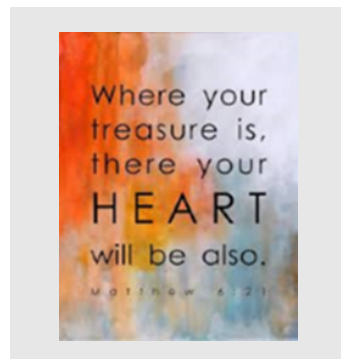
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Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

Looking back at August:



	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Our Weekly Offerings	\$49,580	\$433,004
Costs to do Our Ministry	\$54,845	\$388,083
Extra or (Shortage)	(\$5,265)	\$44,921

Average weekly attendance: 192 In Person; 56 Online

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

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. The list 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	Gary	Pyxie
Amy	Heidi	Renee
Ashley	Hilmar & Rosemary	Riley
Bella	Jean	Robert
Bonnie	Jen	Robin
Brent	Jermaine	Sandy
Bruce	Jesse	Shirley
Carol	Jill	Steve
Cindy	Jim	Steve & Janice
Dan	Joan	Therese
Darcy	Judy	Thomas
Dave	Karen	Tim
De Ann	Kathy	Tom
Dennis	Kay	Virjean
Diane	Kim	Zak & Kathy
Don & Joan	Linda	Frank
Doris	Monica	Pat
Doug	Neal	Sherry
Ed	Nikki	



“One in Spirit” Yoga
Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

Yoga for Beginnings

Fall is a fabulous time to consider beginnings! From the change of weather to changes in routines to changes in mindset, fall is the perfect time to begin!

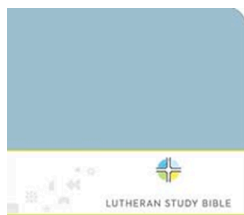
Whether you have never practiced yoga or have practiced thousands of times, a beginner’s mind is always the start. You are invited to join us as we begin an eleven week series of “Yoga for Beginnings” with the conclusion on the eleventh week (November 11/12) featuring a relaxing restorative yoga practice!

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

Chair-based Practices: Wednesdays, 8:30 am

Donations from April-August of \$1000 will support the Community Center of Hope in Mosinee. Amy Bergstrom of Saint Andrew says “We just celebrated 20 years of service to our community. Most of our clientele are from smaller and/or rural communities so they have fewer options on how to earn or where to spend their money. We certainly have a lot of hurting people so I appreciate you thinking of us!”
A donation of \$121 was also given to Saint Andrew towards lights, heat, etc.

Donations during this “Yoga for Beginnings” series will support the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. For every \$500 we donate, a veteran will be fully funded to go on his/her trip of a lifetime!



Adult Studies

Adult Bible Study

Sundays, 9:15 am - Garden Room (Sign up [here](#))

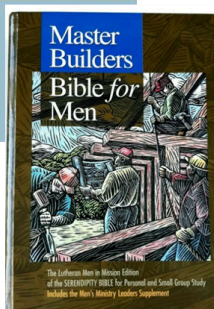
Men's Discussion Group

Thursdays, 7:00 am - Garden Room

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](#))



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.

Saint Andrew Sunday Worship Livestream

8:00 am Traditional

[Click here for Youtube-Traditional](#)
[Click here for Facebook-Traditional](#)

10:00 am Modern

[Click here for Youtube-Modern](#)
[Click here for Facebook-Modern](#)

Worship

Sunday

8:00 am - Traditional Worship

10:00 am - Modern Worship

*(The Sanctuary is
T-Coil Hearing Loop Enabled)*

Thursday

12:15 pm - 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 submissions electronically for the Network and/or bulletin to

joy@salc-wausau.org by

Monday at 3:00 pm

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