

# Network



## Weekly Newsletter October 23, 2025

### Devotional

***1 John 1:5-10, 2:1-2***

*This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

*My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.*

When we adopted our lab Annie (2 years old at the time), we knew that she had some behavioral issues that we would need to work on with her; her first two years were spent on a farm, so she would need to learn how to be a house dog. In those first three months, one of the hardest things to teach was not to “counter-surf”,

getting up on kitchen counters and tables to get after food. It wasn't always easy to catch her in the act, but it was always easy to tell when it had happened. One Saturday morning while making eggs benedict, I left the bowl of hollandaise sauce on the counter and came back to find it dripping from her mouth, on her head, and all over the floor – with that mess everywhere, she couldn't have denied it if she tried!

I think that is the sense of verse 8 from the reading above, that if any one of us tries to deny that we have ever sinned, then our sins will only be made more obvious: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." (v. 8) The author is not saying that some have worse sins than others and need to be called out especially, nor are they saying that there is any sin that can't be forgiven. Rather, the beginning of faith is repentance – if we're unwilling to even acknowledge that we have done harm or wrong in any way, then how can we receive the good news of grace? Of course, once forgiven, our faith helps us to move forward and do better, but before the mess can be cleaned up, we first have to recognize the mess! Repentance is not always easy, but it is always worth it, because we know that our repentance will always be met with divine forgiveness and restoration: "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (v. 9) Thanks be to God!

*Pr. Jack*

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## **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!

Norah Marie Birchler

Connor Michael Blaubach

Elizabeth Mary Brown

Matthew David Wayne Chellevoid

Adriana Elizabeth DeLeon

Lee Arthur Gatzke

Violet Sophia Hoff

Margaret Elizabeth Kettleson

Creighton Steven Kettleson

Avery Belle Lammert

Lilly Elena Orlovsky

Alexis Grace Pittsley

Cameron James Tipple

Emery Jo Wiesman

This special service will also be livestreamed here: [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#)

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## Thank You to Lexie Meliska and Crew!



*Before*



*After*

As part of earning the rank of Eagle Scout, Lexie Meliska chose to help revitalize the Courtyard area at Saint Andrew, creating a renewed space that includes a space to sit to enjoy conversation or reflection. Work was mostly completed last weekend in conjunction with the Annual Fall Clean-up. While there are a few finishing touches to complete the project, Lexie worked with the Property team to establish a plan, coordinated a group of volunteers, acquired the benches and other materials. The base for the seating area will be filled in and completed in the next few weeks and new plants will be added next spring.

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## Ministry Night Meetings

***Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 pm***

All are welcome to bring their gifts and talents and participate in the ministry of their choice. **Please note:** Due to the holidays, the November and December Ministry Night dates have changed to: ***November 18 and December 16.***

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## Sunday School Has Begun!

***Sundays, 9:10-9:50 am***

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 pick up their children at their classrooms at 9:50 am.



## Modern Worship Fall Music Playlist

Wondering what music will be like at the 10:00 am Modern Worship service? Here's a playlist of the music that will be utilized from now through November - [Youtube](#), [Spotify](#). I pray that as you listen and worship God through song on Sundays or any day, that you are reminded of eternal truths of Jesus, and reminded of your relationship with God.

- Jonathan Smith, Director of Worship and Music

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## Worship, Serve, Love. Together. Through Time and Talent!

Are you interested in opportunities to serve? Perhaps you're wondering what small groups or ministries are available? Or, looking for an opportunity to connect with others with common interests? [Fill out the Time and Talent form linked here](#) or scan the QR code, and you'll have an opportunity to sign up for almost all serving, learning, and fellowship opportunities Saint Andrew has to offer.

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## Thank You!

The Social Advocacy Ministry thanks everyone who donated hygiene and school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Our goal was to collect enough supplies for 50 Hygiene kits and 50 School kits. We did it - almost! We boxed up

**57** hygiene kits and **49** school kits. A shout out and thanks to SALC's quilting group and those who made quilts on their own to send a total of **140** quilts to LWR!

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## 2026 Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one or special event with altar flowers in 2026. Bouquets are ordered weekly unless otherwise requested. A letter will be sent to you the week prior to the Sunday you signed up for flowers outlining the process, confirming what will be printed in the bulletin and will include an envelope for payment. Cost is \$30.00. Your flowers may be taken home to be enjoyed following the second Sunday worship.





Please leave the vase on the Information Desk where a bag to take your flowers home is provided. Sign up on the Flower Chart posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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## Daylight Saving Time Ends

**Sunday, November 2 at 2 am**

Remember to set your clocks *back one hour* on Saturday before you go to bed!

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## "The Winter Rose" Cantata Rehearsals

**Sundays; 9:00-10:00 am**

**Mondays; 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Wednesdays; 7:30-8:30 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](mailto:joelfreiberg@gmail.com) - 715-571-6230.

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## OWLS Veterans Day Celebration

**Honoring Service, Sacrifice, and Freedom**

**Wednesday, November 12; 10:30 am - Fellowship Hall**

Join the **Older Wiser Lutherans (OWLS)** as we gather to honor the men and women who have served our nation. We'll share patriotic music, reflections, and a special time of gratitude for our veterans. Please bring in photos of yourself or loved ones, past and present, who have

served and memorabilia to display and share stories. Veterans are our honored guests — please invite a friend or family member who has served!

Following the program, enjoy a **potluck lunch** featuring the delicious foods you bring and good conversation.

### **Program Highlights:**

- Music provided by “Brass Patina”
- Recognition of veterans in attendance
- “To the Colors” bugle tribute
- Special reflections and fellowship

Let’s come together to remember, reflect, and give thanks for those who have protected our freedom.

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## **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

Saint Andrew Social Advocacy Ministry is offering Thanksgiving food baskets for those in need this holiday season. Please make requests through the SALC office at 715-842-3333 or [joy@salc-wausau.org](mailto:joy@salc-wausau.org) by **Monday, November 17**. Distribution will be on **Monday, November 24, 4:00-6:00 pm** at the north entrance of the church. If you would like to donate food for these baskets, items will be received until **Thursday, November 20**. Non-perishable items can be placed in the baskets provided at the church entrances. Perishable items can be placed in the refrigerator or freezer on the shelf marked "Holiday Food Baskets." Thank you for your generosity and support as we help others!

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

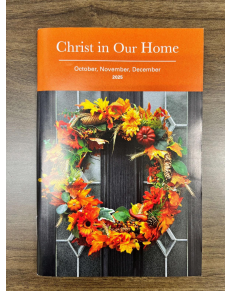
**Wednesday, November 26; 6:30 pm at Saint Andrew Lutheran Church**

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 The Neighbor's Place.

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## **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.

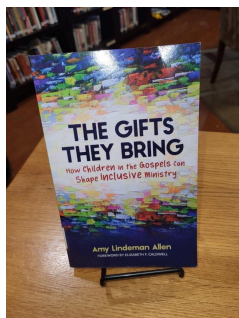


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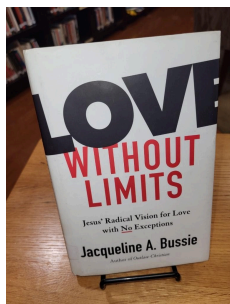
## New in the SALC Library

*The Gifts They Bring: how children in the Gospels can shape inclusive ministry*

*By Amy Lindeman Allen*



Shepherds as children? Children as full participants in worship? Kids as central followers of Jesus? This book will radically transform how you read Scripture, revealing children where you've never noticed them, and not as bystanders but as powerful actors. And once you begin to see children – suggests biblical expert, wise pastor and caring parent Amy Lindeman Allen – you cannot help but envision Christian community as far more inclusive than you've ever imagined before. (Pg. 171 tells how the “Pray-Ground” started)



*Love Without Limits: Jesus radical vision for love with NO exceptions*

*By Jacqueline A. Bussie*

How can we overthrow hate and heal hurt in today's divided world? According to Jacqueline Bussie, by learning to love as God does – without limits or exceptions. In *Love Without Limits*, Bussie imparts practical solutions for people who yearn to love across difference. Through poignant memoir, engaging theological reflection, inspiring stories of friendship, creative readings of scripture, and shout-outs to some of love's unsung heroes Bussie challenges readers to answer God's call to practice a love so vast that it excludes no one.

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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. 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

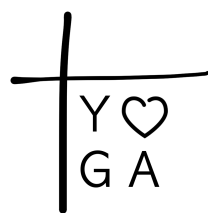
the day to day list of events that take place at Saint Andrew, please also give consideration to those who have requested prayers.

### 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



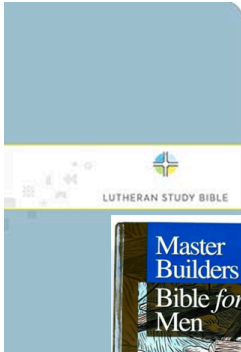
week series of “Yoga for Beginnings” with the conclusion on the eleventh week (November 11/12) featuring a relaxing restorative yoga practice!

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

**Chair-based Practices:** Wednesdays, 8:30 am

Donations 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!

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## Adult Studies

### Adult Bible Study

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

### Men's Discussion Group

Thursdays, 7:00 am - Garden Room

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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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## 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](#)

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### 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

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## Office Hours

**Monday-Thursday**

**8:30 am-4:30 pm**

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## Network and Bulletin Weekly Deadline

Send submissions electronically 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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