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# Network



**Weekly Newsletter**  
**February 26, 2026**

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## **A Devotion by Pr. Jack**

### ***James 3:13-4:6 - Two Kinds of Wisdom***

*Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you suppose that the scripture speaks to no purpose? Does the spirit that God caused to dwell in us*

*desire envy? But God gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

Watching the Super Bowl this year, aside from the culture war drama over the half-time show, and what turned out to be a mostly uneventful football game, the main conclusions one could glean from four and a half hours of television was that artificial intelligence will be involved in almost everything (oof), that pop culture stopped in the 90s (thanks Backstreet Boys and Jurassic Park cast), and sports betting is for everyone (a great lesson for the whole family). Otherwise, as a cultural touchpoint (maybe the last common cultural touchpoint we have left) the Super Bowl, as always, showcased the values of high American culture – earn, purchase and consume, or be left behind by your peers and the world. This is always the message, especially for a cultural event that tries to make a big deal out of commercials, and underlying all of it is the cultural wisdom that envy, the desire to emulate and surpass one's neighbors, is one of the chief and highest goods. Even further, envy is the underlying logic to most mainstream culture, from the marketplace to our government. Commonplace as this is, it is not harmless. The words of James ring out incisively: "You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts." (4:2)

The wisdom of envy and accumulation, endlessly striving for what one does not have with the willingness to harm others for it, is for James wisdom that is "earthly, unspiritual, devilish." (3:15) The wisdom of the world is not the "wisdom from above" which is, "pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy." (3:17) At times, James is accused of never mentioning Jesus or the gospel – but in pointing to 'wisdom from above' that contrasts with the wisdom of the world, he is laying out the teaching and life of Jesus clearly. Jesus is the 'wisdom from above,' wisdom which puts others first, does not play favorites, and desires no harm on anyone. As we enter the season of Lent, we turn to this wisdom of Jesus, which takes up the cross willingly, trusting that in the upside-down kingdom of God, the last will be made first, the meek and merciful shall inherit the earth, and that the dead will be raised to new and everlasting life.



## **Easter Altar Flowers**

Daffodils, Hyacinths and Tulips can be ordered for \$13 each and Easter Lilies for \$14 each to adorn the altar for Easter worship services. Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex or can be ordered online [here](#). **Order deadline is Sunday, March 1.**

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**March OWLS and Anyone Interested in Attending:  
Peace of Mind Advance Funeral Planning Seminar**

## **Wednesday, March 4; 10:30 am - Activity Room**

A representative from Helke Funeral Home will discuss the steps involved in planning a funeral, how that plan will affect your loved ones and answering your questions on funeral services. Pastor Jack will share information about planning funeral services at Saint Andrew. Everyone is invited!

There will not be a potluck lunch this month. Lenten worship service will be at 12:15 pm followed by a soup meal for all who wish to participate.

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## **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

**Friday, March 6; 12:00-5:00 pm at Saint Andrew**

Come to give blood with the Red Cross in March and get a \$15 Amazon Gift Card by email. Plus, successful March donations get A1C testing (diabetes screen, 1 result/calendar year). Help save lives and empower your health this Red Cross Month!

[Click here to make an appointment](#) or call **1 800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**.

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## **Broken and Beloved**

### **Stories of God's Steadfast Love**

**Midweek Lenten Service Theme**

**Wednesdays through March 25; 12:15 and 6:15 pm**

"The Lord is near to the broken-hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit."

*Psalms 34:18*

Throughout our lives, we often face the reality that two opposite things can be true at the same time. Martin Luther said that we are simultaneously saint and sinner. Two different things, opposites, are both true at the same time.

This Lent, you are invited to reflect upon on the theme "Broken and Beloved – Stories of God's Steadfast Love." You will consider biblical characters who embody various experiences of brokenness and beloved-ness. You will wonder about how these characters speak to your own experiences. You will be invited to consider how brokenness and beloved-ness are a part of your own life experiences, and you will be reminded that amid all the different things that can be true at the same time, one thing is a constant – the steadfast love of God.

**March 4:**      Elijah – Broken by Fear

- March 11:** The Syrophenician Woman – Broken by Desperation  
**March 18:** Mary Magdalene – Broken by Demons  
**March 25:** Peter – Broken by Failure

**Wednesday online services can be found here:**

[Click here for YouTube-Traditional](#)

[Click here for Facebook-Traditional](#)

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## Lent Devotions Available

*Love Outpoured* focuses on portions of the apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. In words that continue to speak to us today, Paul lays out foundational beliefs for a life of faith in Christian community.

Copies of devotionals can be found in the Narthex.

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## Lenten Soup Meal Volunteers Needed

***Sundays and Wednesdays through March 25***

It is time once again to share in fellowship and soup meals. Soup will be served Wednesdays, February 25 through March 25; 11:00 am - 6:00 pm.

To volunteer, use the QR code here or sign up in the Narthex.



### **Sunday Veggie Prep - Sundays; 9:20 am - Activity Room**

- Volunteers of all ages are invited to help prep vegetables.
- No experience necessary or sign-up required—just come!

### **Wednesday Helpers**

- **Kitchen helpers** - morning and lunchtime: Assist with food preparation and serving. Contact Sandra at 715-680-1566.
  - **Dinner helpers** - support the kitchen and Fellowship Hall teams by serving soup, replenishing supplies, and helping with cleanup.
  - **Donate a dessert** - drop off dessert at church.
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## Lenten Soup Menu

***Wednesdays, February 25-March 25; 11:00 am - 6:00 pm***

Below are the weekly soup selections to include a gluten-free vegetarian soup as well as bread and desserts. *Free will donations will be received in support of Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Wausau. All are welcome!*

- **March 4:** Cheeseburger, Navy Bean with Ham, Robust Mushroom, and \*Lentil
- **March 11:** Chicken with Wild Rice, Taco, Chicken Dumpling, and \*Winter

- **March 18:** Tomato Basil, Cheesy Medley, Hamburger and Veggies and \*Split Pea
- **March 25:** French Onion, Chicken Dumpling, Cabbage & Polish Sausage, and \*Tomato Bean

*\*Gluten-free, vegetarian option*

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## **Lenten Learning – Lutheran 101**

***Sundays through March 29; 9:10 am***

***Wednesdays through April 1; 5:15 pm***

Throughout the season of Lent, Pastor Jack will lead “Lutheran 101,” on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. These are two opportunities each week for the same class.

This class is intended to be a ‘back to basics’ of Lutheranism for everyone, whether you have been a life-long Lutheran, or if you are brand new to Lutheranism or Christianity altogether. Lutheranism is not a religion unto itself, but rather a tradition within the larger picture of Christianity, emerging from the Protestant Reformation with a theology centered around “salvation by grace, through faith alone.” Over the course of six weeks, we will be covering the essentials of Lutheran theology, by way of the Augsburg Confession, the first cohesive and distinctively Lutheran summary of faith that was adopted by Protestant clergy and political leaders in 1530. Although not comprehensive as a statement of belief, the Augsburg Confession is the essential starting point for all who have found meaning in a Lutheran identity as part of their identity as a child of God in Christ.

At the end of these six weeks of classes, all adults who participate who have not been baptized or would like to receive an affirmation of their baptism, are invited to participate in a baptismal Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday. If you are interested in being baptized or having your baptism affirmed, and are not able to participate in this class, please contact the church office.

**Week 1: History of Lutheran Confessions** – From 1517 to 2026

**Week 2: Justification by Faith** - Augsburg Confession, Articles 1-4

**Week 3: Church in Society** - Augsburg Confession, Articles 5-8, 14-17

**Week 4: Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion** - Augsburg Confession, Articles 9-13

**Week 5: Free Will and Good Works** - Augsburg Confession, Articles 18-20

**Week 6: Correcting Church Abuses** - Augsburg Confession, Articles 21-28

**April 4: Easter Vigil Service**

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**SALC Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Needed**

Saint Andrew is hiring a part-time Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant which is a paid staff position. This role involves working closely with the lead pastor, staff, and lay leadership to ensure the accurate and efficient management of the church's financial and administrative records. The Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant is responsible for maintaining up-to-date financial data, processing transactions, and assisting in budget preparation, all while ensuring compliance with financial policies and procedures. This role plays a key part in supporting the church's mission by providing transparent and reliable financial information and administrative support for decision-making and stewardship efforts. General ledger and nonprofit accounting knowledge/experience is desired. If interested, please submit a resume to [office@salc-wausau.org](mailto:office@salc-wausau.org).

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## Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive

Saint Andrew will be participating with Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive and collecting donations to help ease strain on three local homeless and crisis programs in the Wausau area and those they serve. Donations remain in the community where collected and will support: Community Center of Hope, The Neighbors Place, and Open Door of Marathon County. Donations can be placed in the collection box in the Narthex through Sunday March 15.

### Most Needed Items

Bathroom Tissue	Laundry Detergent	Face/Bath Soap
Cleaning Supplies	Trash Bags	Razors
Dental Care	Diapers/Baby Care	Feminine Care
Deodorant	Paper Towels	Hair Care

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## Help Us Power Our Future: Join the Saint Andrew Green Team!

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. — Psalm 24:1*

Dear Saint Andrew Family,  
As stewards of God's creation, we have a unique opportunity to lead by example. 3-4 volunteers are needed to help form a brand new **Green Team** dedicated to exploring how our congregation can embrace **clean, renewable energy while also reducing our energy costs**. We hope to work with 'Faith in Place', an organization that helps houses of worship navigate energy options and possible funding opportunities. Our goal is simple: to care for our environment while ensuring our church remains a sustainable home for generations to come.

## Why join?

- **Explore Solar & Renewables:** Help research the feasibility of solar panels or other energy-efficient upgrades for our building.
- **Reduce Our Footprint:** Identify ways to lower our carbon output and utility costs.
- **Faith in Action:** Turn our commitment to creation care into tangible results.

## No expertise required!

Whether you're an engineer, a student, or simply someone who cares about the planet, your voice is needed. We are looking for diverse perspectives to help us research, plan, and pray over these next steps. Let's work together to make Saint Andrew a beacon of light—literally and figuratively!

Interested in learning more? Questions? Reach out to Patrick at [patrick@salc-wausau.org](mailto:patrick@salc-wausau.org)

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## One Winter Clothing Drive

As we are transitioning into spring, the needs for the remainder of the drive are changing slightly as we take into consideration milder temperatures and the fact that retail is always a season ahead. Your abilities to find a swimming suit probably are stronger than that of winter coats. However, many of the items listed below will still be needed for both adults and children. These items can be donated every week, and you do NOT need to wait for them to be the featured item(s) of the week.

***"Never forget the difference you make!"***

### ***Featured Items of the Week***

**March 1:** Hats, gloves and heavy socks

**March 8:** Waterproof or water-resistant footwear for men and women

**March 15:** Medium and lighter weight jackets

**March 22:** Blue jeans, hoodies and sweatshirts

**March 29:** Heavy socks, men's boxer underwear and gloves

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## ***"One in Spirit" Yoga***

***Transforming the mind, body, and spirit***

***"Where there is peace, God is."***

***- George Herbert.***



*“Sow and Nurture the Seeds of Peace”*

*March - May 2026*

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

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

Non-profit donations will benefit NAMI Northwoods in support of their work of free mental health support, education, and advocacy available across Marathon, Lincoln, and Langlade counties.

Practices are drop in, free-will donation. Meet in the Chapel at Saint Andrew.

Props and mats available to support your practice.

**All are welcome!**

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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

Amy  
Annie

Jen  
Jenny

Renee  
Riley

Ashley  
Bonnie  
Brent  
Bruce  
Carol  
Cindy  
Dan  
Darcy  
Darnell  
Darold  
Dave  
Dennis  
Diane  
Don  
Doris  
Doug  
Ed  
Gary  
Heidi  
Jean

Jermaine  
Jesse  
Jill  
Jim  
Joan  
Josh & Family  
Judy  
June  
Katie  
Kathy  
Kay  
Kaye  
Kim  
Linda  
Melinda  
Monica  
Nikki  
Paulette  
Pyxie

Robert  
Robin  
Rosemary  
Sandy  
Shirley  
Steve  
Steve & Janice  
Therese  
Tim  
Tom  
Virjean  
Zak & Kathy  
Frank  
Sherry  
Danielle  
Greg  
Savannah & Kye

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## Adult Studies

### Adult Bible Study

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

***Please note this study will be joining the John Bible Study in the Parish Room - January 18 & 25 and February 1 & 15***

### 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](#)

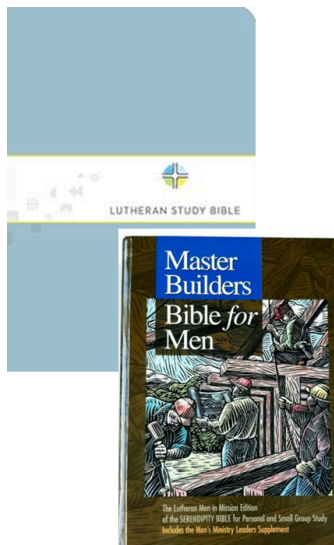
### Wonder? Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 9:30 am - Parish Room (Sign up [here](#))

### Men's Discussion Group

Thursdays, 7:00 am - Garden Room

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## 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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### Weekly 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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