

## 2026 Council Nominees

### Juli Antonson



I have been on the Church Council for three years now and found out that it brings me joy so I would like to continue serving on it. Being on the council has brought me awareness of what a church needs to do to continue to grow, to be a part of the community, and to bring people to worship, serve, love. Together. There is a lot of things that go on to keep a church going and I enjoy being a part of that.

I have been a member of Saint Andrew for 26 years. I'm a member of the handbell choir, chancel choir, and cantatas. I'm also on the Worship Ministry and serve as the liaison to the church council. Being involved fills my heart.

### Kim Hoff



Hello! I am appreciative of the opportunity to continue serving as a council member at Saint Andrew. Over the past three years, I have served on the church council as a member and as Vice President. I have spent time as a liaison and member of the Faith Formation and Fellowship Ministries, and I have had the opportunity to volunteer with the SALC group at the Wausau shelters, supporting our call to serve others. Professionally, I am a middle school educator with 15 years of experience, and at home I am a proud wife and mom of three. I am passionate about worshipping, serving, and loving together as we follow Jesus.

### Ruth Ross



I grew up in the Marathon area, and my family was a fixture at our nondenominational church. After a variety of personal struggles in early adulthood, compounded by the way the church we were attending handled them, my husband, Andrew and I took some time away from attending a church, though I always kept my faith personally. When we moved back to Wausau after having our first child, I knew I wanted Esther to have that same kind of warm community and love of Jesus I remembered from my childhood, but with a more positive and welcoming theology behind it. Since Andrew's grandparents were ELCA and I was interested in a more liturgical worship style, we decided to try out Saint Andrew.

From the first Sunday we attended, I felt the love of Jesus and appreciated the focus on being the church in our community here on earth, rather than focusing on knowing all the right things and getting into heaven someday. I especially love the involvement of young people as full members of the body, and the ways Saint Andrew is showing up in our community to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

I work as an estate planning attorney here in Wausau and have two daughters, Esther and Miriam. I would like to see continued growth in the programs for kids and youth so that the love and friendship our kids develop will be a good foundation for their lives. I also want to learn more and contribute to the involvement Saint Andrew has in helping our neighbors, such as through the supporting the shelter, supply drives, and relief programs.