

Network



Weekly Newsletter March 12, 2026

A Devotion by Pr. Jack

James 4:13-17

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it commits sin.

"The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!"

- Robert Burns, "To a Mouse" (1785) [1]

This is the original stanza from the poem, "To a Mouse," by the Scottish poet Robert Burns. Written in his native Scots, this stanza in modern English reads:

The best laid schemes of mice and men

Go often askew,
And leave us nothing but grief and pain,
For promised joy!

The poet who also included a subtitle that helps explain the subject of planning being ruined: “On Turning her up in her Nest, with the Plough, November 1785.” In other words, Burns was inspired after seeing a little mouse escaping from their nest in a field, after a plow had turned it over – despite the little Mouse’s planning and careful building of their winter home, a terrible unexpected disaster had fallen, even on this “best laid scheme.” Burns connects this mouse’s disaster to our own human disasters – despite our best planning, despite our good intentions, very often we still get grief and pain. Even worse, in the final stanza Burns indicates that the mouse is better off than we are, because it is only concerned with its present moment, but as human beings, we also have a sense of time, with painful memories of the past, and fear for our future.

So what do we do, knowing we must plan for a future that is constantly changing, which threatens disaster around every turn? Burns does not give us any answer, but in the above selection from the New Testament letter of James, the writer indicates that the best way forward is to hand that future over to God – yes, we may make our plans for one kind of future, but ultimately, when every breath in our lungs is God-given, who are we to guarantee anything? Instead, James points to a radically different way of living: “Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.’” (4:15) This is not just a pious thing to say, but it is a completely different way of living, the radical choice to live as completely in the present as possible, come what may. Anything beyond that, any promises we make to ourselves or others, are all built on shifting sand. The events of our lives are already largely beyond our control, but wisdom and peace can be found in our willingness to accept this, and to accept each day that God gives us. Thus, when the good happens, we can celebrate – when the bad happens, we pray for better times and do what we can – whatever happens, we give thanks to a God who is for us and with us through all things.

[1] <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43816/to-a-mouse-56d222ab36e33>

In the Hope and Promise of the Resurrection

It is with much sadness and deepest sympathy that we share Charmaine Burnett passed away on Tuesday, February 17. A private memorial service was held. We pray for God's peace and comfort for her family and loved ones. Her obituary can be found [here](#).



Would you like to serve your church?

We can help!

A member of the Leadership Development Ministry is available during Lent soup meals to help you connect to the life of Saint Andrew through ministries in both short-term or long-term opportunities. Your gifts are welcome!

Saint Andrew Ministries

Communications

Faith Formation

Fellowship

Finance/Stewardship

Leadership Development

Memorial Gift

Personnel & Development

Property

Social Advocacy

Worship



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.”

Psalm 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 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](#)

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

March 15 & 18: Sacraments: Baptism and Holy Communion - Augsburg Confession, Articles 9-13

March 22 & 25: Free Will and Good Works - Augsburg Confession, Articles 18-20

March 29 & April 1: Correcting Church Abuses - Augsburg Confession, Articles 21-28

Noisy Offering

Thursday and Sunday, March 12 & 15

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship in support of the Wausau Women's Community in honor of International Women's Day. Bring your loose change and help fill the noisy cans!

Last month we received \$563.48 in support of **Sleep In Heavenly Peace**. Thank you for your generosity!



Art Devotions - Whimsical Watercolor Doodles

Wednesday, March 18 - 1:00-3:00 pm and 4:00-5:00 pm

Pam Clark will be teaching a fun and easy technique that she calls Whimsical Watercolor Doodles. Watercolor paint will be used to create simple shapes on watercolor paper. After drying, doodles can be made with a very fine marker over the top of these shapes. All supplies are provided and no experience is necessary. Feel free to bring a friend.

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.

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
Cleaning Supplies
Dental Care
Deodorant

Laundry Detergent
Trash Bags
Diapers/Baby Care
Paper Towels

Face/Bath Soap
Razors
Feminine Care
Hair Care

Thrivent Action Team Grants Available

Are you a member of Thrivent? Did you know that Thrivent offers action grants of \$250 twice a year to buy supplies for charitable activities? In the past 6 months Thrivent grants have been used by Saint Andrew members to buy soup ingredients and to-go containers for soup meals, order scrub pants for the Wausau-Marathon County Shelter, and donate food to Community Center of Hope in Mosinee. Applying for a grant is easy and it comes with free Thrivent t-shirts. If you are interested in applying for a grant or need more information, contact Cheryl Allen via text or phone at 715-297-7303 or email at cheryl.allen@charter.net.

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

The graphic is a light-colored rectangular box with a background of stylized mountains. At the top, the text 'Holy Week at Saint Andrew' is written in a large, elegant serif font. Below this, four icons are arranged horizontally: a green palm frond, a chalice with a host, a crown of thorns, and a yellow sun rising behind a cross. Under each icon, the date, day name, and service times are listed. The dates are March 29, April 2, April 3, and April 5. The days are Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The service times are: Palm Sunday (8:00 am - Traditional, 10:00 am - Modern), Maundy Thursday (12:15 pm, 6:15 pm), Good Friday (12:15 pm, 6:15 pm), and Easter Sunday (6:00 am at Rib Mtn Amphitheater, 8:00 am and 9:30 am at Saint Andrew - Traditional, 11:00 am at Saint Andrew - Modern).

Date	Day	Service Times
March 29	Palm Sunday	8:00 am - Traditional 10:00 am - Modern
April 2	Maundy Thursday	12:15 pm 6:15 pm
April 3	Good Friday	12:15 pm 6:15 pm
April 5	Easter Sunday	6:00 am Rib Mtn Amphitheater 8:00 am and 9:30 am Saint Andrew - Traditional 11:00 am Saint Andrew - Modern

Easter Sunrise Service Volunteers Needed!

Help us bring the dawn to **Rib Mountain** on **Sunday, April 5**. It takes a village to move a mountain (or at least the equipment on it!), and we need your hands to make it happen.

Pre-Easter Prep

- **Snow Shovelers:** Help clear the amphitheater; tentatively starting Sunday, March 22

Easter Morning - Sunday, April 5

- **The Heavy Lifters - 4:45 am:** 2 drivers with trucks & 4 set-up volunteers to prep the worship space. Load vehicles on Friday, April 3 or Saturday afternoon, April 4.
- **The Welcome Team - 5:00 am:** 3 greeters at the gate & 4 ushers for seating and offering.
- **The Clean-up Crew - 7:00 am:** 4 Clean-up volunteers to pack up after the service.

Ready to serve? contact Patrick at 715-842-3333 or patrick@salc-wausau.org

Easter Food Baskets

If you or someone you know is in need of a food basket this Easter, please contact the office at 715-842-3333 by **Thursday, March 26**. Food baskets will be available to be picked up at the Saint Andrew north entrance on **Wednesday, April 1 between 4:00 and 5:00 pm**.

If you would like to contribute food items for the Easter food baskets, please bring them to Saint Andrew by **Sunday, March 29**. Non-perishable items can be placed in the baskets by the entrances of the church. Perishable items should be labeled for Easter food baskets and placed in the refrigerator or freezer in the designated areas. All donations are very much appreciated! Items needed are:

- ***Half Ham**
 - ***Stuffing mix**
 - ***Pie filling**
 - ***Refrigerated Pie Crusts**
 - ***Potatoes**
 - ***Dinner Rolls**
 - ***Canned Cranberries**
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Easter Breakfast Donations Needed

Eggs, ham, potatoes, fresh fruit and pastries will be served Easter morning. Pull-tags are available in the Narthex for needed breakfast items which can be brought to church by **Friday, April 3**.

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.

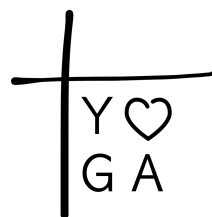
"Never forget the difference you make!"

Featured Items of the Week

March 15: Medium and lighter weight jackets

March 22: Blue jeans, hoodies and sweatshirts

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



"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!

Saint Andrew Prayer List

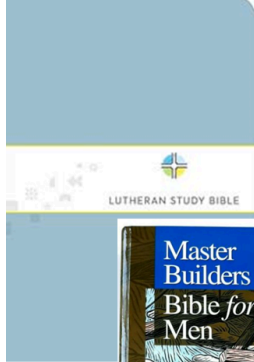
Do you know of someone who is in need of prayer? *(Please ask first)*. Call the church office at 842-3333 to have names added to the list at the Prayer Center. You can also visit the Prayer Center in the back of the Sanctuary, light a candle and write your prayer request in the prayer book. The list 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	Jean	Pyxie
Annie	Jen	Renee
Ashley	Jenny	Riley
Bonnie	Jermaine	Robert
Brent	Jesse	Robin
Bruce	Jill	Ron
Carol	Jim	Rosemary
Cindy	Joan	Sandy
Dan	Josh & Family	Shirley
Darcy	Judy	Steve
Darnell	June	Steve & Janice
Darold	Katie	Therese
Dave	Kathy	Tim
Dennis	Kay	Tom
Diane	Kaye	Virjean
Don	Kim	Zak & Kathy
Doris	Linda	Frank
Doug	Melinda	Sherry
Ed	Monica	Danielle
Gary	Nikki	Greg
Heidi	Paulette	



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



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](#)

10:00 am Modern

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

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

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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