
Network



Weekly Newsletter
December 12, 2024



What Is It About Advent?

(A message from the ECSW-East Central Synod of Wisconsin)

What is it about Advent that has us drawn to the season? Pastor Jenn Pockat reflects in the blog, “Advent isn’t a band-aid for the things that hurt. It’s not “magical” or “magnetic” that it can make things right or pull us back - although it may give us perspective. Advent is a chance to name what it is that we’re all doing in the midst of our finitude. We’re waiting. We wait. We will continue to wait for the day God promises to make everything new.” [Read more](#)



ELCA Advent Devotionals and Advent Calendars Available

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Isaiah 40:5

Explore our biblical past and find the many ways the glory of the Lord is revealed to us. Devotionals and calendars are available in the Narthex.



Sunday Spark

Sundays, 10:30-10:45 am – Mark Classroom

The Sunday Spark program will be held in the **Mark classroom**, in the new education wing behind the kitchen. Parents are welcome to stay or can simply drop children off with the adult volunteers at the door. Check-in starts at 10:20 am.

NOTE: Sunday Spark will not meet on **Sunday, December 29.**

December Ministry Night

Tuesday, December 17; 6:30 pm - Fellowship Hall

Ministry Night meetings will take place one week earlier this month since the normally scheduled meeting would be on Christmas Eve. **A reminder that ministry annual reports as well as the December ministry meeting minutes will be due by the end of next week, December 20.**

Next Ministry Night Meetings: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Farewell to Kerry and SALC Bookkeeper Needed

After three years of dedicated service, our current bookkeeper, Kerry Fehrman, will be resigning in January, 2025. As a result, we are seeking an individual to fill this

important part-time, paid position (10-12 hours per week.) If you have experience in accounting or bookkeeping and are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Kerry at 715-842-3333 or kerry@salc-wausau.org, or Annie Teeters with the Personnel Ministry at cateeters62@gmail.com for more details about the responsibilities and work hours. We look forward to hearing from you!



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, December 12; 12:00-5:00 pm

Give with meaning this December. Warm hearts and spread joy by donating blood. All who come to give December 9-15 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Book an appointment now for the Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday December 12.

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



Noisy Offering

A total of \$214.52 was received from the November Noisy Offering which supported the Saint Andrew Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Thank you to all who gave a monetary or food donation!

December's Noisy Offering, to be received on Thursday and Sunday, December 12 and 15, will be given to ELCA Good Gifts. If you would like to give directly to ELCA Good Gifts, please click on the [link here](#).

Congregation Forum

Sunday, December 15 - 10:15 am; Fellowship Hall

I will bring you up to date on the initiatives that will direct our ministry during 2025:

- 1) Call Process
- 2) Cottage Meetings May Schedule
- 3) Building a Hospitality Ministry
- 4) 2025 Financial Plan

There will be time for questions and answers at the end.

Because of my time away during winter and the ministry schedule planning for April and May, this will probably be our last scheduled forum until June 2025.

Unless, of course, the Call Committee calls you together with good news of a new pastor!

God's will be done!

Pr. Gary

CM Singers to Sing at Thursday Worship

Thursday, December 19; 12:15 pm

The CM (Church Mutual) Singers from Merrill, under the direction of Al Freiberg, will share songs of faith, such as Amazing Grace, as well as some Christmas songs during this special worship time which will also include holy communion.

Christmas Giving Tree

Social Advocacy Ministry is partnering with Catholic Charities to make Christmas a bit merrier for six local families. Look for the Christmas tree in the Narthex with gift tags that identify the family, the family member, the recipient's age and gender, and a description of the item they would like.

- **Please be sure to return the gift tag attached to the item so we can easily identify which family it belongs to.**
- **Do not to wrap the gifts.**
- **Please return the gifts by December 16.**

Thank you!

Christmas Food Baskets

If you or someone you know is in need of a Christmas food basket, please call the office at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org no later than **Monday, December 16**. Distribution will be from 3:00-4:00 pm on **Thursday, December 19** on the north side of the church. If you would like to donate items for the baskets, the following is a list of what is needed:

- Ham or turkey
- Potatoes
- Canned cranberries
- Canned vegetables
- Canned pie filling

- Pie crusts
- Rolls
- Stuffing mix

Pull tags are available in the Narthex as well as a box for monetary donations. Please return any donations by ***Tuesday, December 17.***

The Welcome Table Final Service

During staff meeting this past week, it was discerned that The Welcome Table will host its final service on December 22, 2024. In the past 9 months at The Welcome Table, many have been fed, learned about God in community with one another, and experienced joyful welcome and inclusion. In recent weeks, there has been a significant decline in attendance. Thank you to all who contributed to this service through volunteering and participation. Saint Andrew, Worship Ministry, and volunteers who have served at The Welcome Table will discern and discuss the best way forward to live into our mission to worship, serve, love together in 2025.



WELCA Offers Virtual Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, December 21; 7:00 pm

Women of the ELCA's Blue Christmas Service offers a safe place to bring your grief, fear, and loss. Brief readings. Quiet and reflective music. Prayers. All are welcome. Spanish translation

provided. [Register here.](#)



Christmas Eve Worship

Christmas Eve Worship Times

Tuesday, December 24

3:00 pm - Candlelight, Family Christmas Story Worship

6:00 pm - Candlelight Worship with

Chancel and Handbell Choirs

9:00 pm - Candlelight, Contemplative Worship

Christmas Day Worship Services Offered

Pilgrim Lutheran Church will hold Christmas Day worship at 9:00 am and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will gather at 10:00 am.

End of Year Contributions

Any 2024 contributions or 2025 prepaid contributions you wish to be recorded on your 2024 Annual Contributions Statement must be received at Saint Andrew before Sunday, December 29, 2024 or postmarked on or before Tuesday, December 31, 2024.



Epiphany Pageant

Sunday, January 5; 9:00 am Worship

Celebrate Epiphany through songs and storytelling, presented by our youngest members!

Epiphany Pageant Sign-Up

There are parts for readers and non-readers, and all participants will learn 2 Christmas carols. Scenes will be sent via email the week of December 29. We will hold a full rehearsal on Saturday, January 4 at 10:00 am and present our pageant on January 5 during worship at 9:00am.

If your kids are interested in participating, please fill out [this form](#) by **December 22**.

Winter Clothing Drive

Good Shepherd Shelter and Open Door could use our help this winter by providing clothing for the unsheltered within our community: gloves, thermal underwear and hooded sweatshirts. New (preferred) or gently used items are acceptable. A display is located in the Narthex with pull tabs for needed items. Please return donations in the basket provided near the display throughout the entire winter season. Thank you for support as we **Worship, Serve, Love. Together**.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals

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



One in Spirit Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

December will include themes of Hope, Peace and Compassion. Come early or stay after for 'Make & Take' projects during the first weeks of December, and enjoy a Candlelight practice the third week.

Both mat-based and chair-based practices are offered during the week (click the calendar link below.) Adaptations, props (blocks, chairs, straps, blankets, bolsters, and extra mats are available!), and making the practice fit your needs are all welcomed and encouraged! Come and enjoy the benefits that yoga can have on your spiritual, emotional, and physical well being.

[Calendar for December](#)

Classes are drop-in and free-will donation.

All are welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Lyn Weis at lynweis26@gmail.com or 715-302-2520.

Request to join the Yoga group and stay connected [here](#)!

Adult Bible Studies

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Sundays, 10:15 am - Activity Room (Sign up [here](#))

Sundays, 4:00 pm - Nazareth Room (Sign up [here](#))

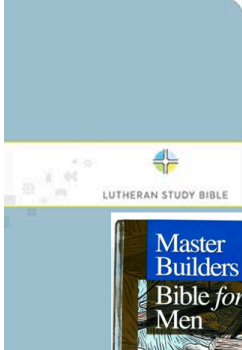
Men's Bible Study

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](#))



Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 am

In person, on Facebook,
and now on Youtube.



Saint Andrew Sunday Worship Livestream-9:00 am

[Click here for Youtube](#)

[Click here for Facebook](#)

Worship

Sunday

9:00 am - Sanctuary

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

6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

(Dinner at 5:30 pm)

Thursday

12:15 - 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 channel 980 through Spectrum 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

NOTE:

The office will be closed Wednesday-Friday, December 25-27
and on Wednesday, January 1.

The Network will not be published on Thursday, December 26.

Network and Bulletin Weekly Deadline

Send electronic submissions for the Network and/or bulletin to

joy@salc-wausau.org by
Monday at 3:00 pm

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