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# Network



## Weekly Newsletter January 2, 2025

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### **A Note from Pr. Gary**

By the time you read this I will be making my way through New Mexico. But I wanted to pause for a moment amidst the busyness to say thank you!

This has been one of the best years of my ministry. I thrive on the energy that you provide me. There is probably some medical or psychiatric term for what is happening here. It's like an energy field goes back and forth between pastor and people. As you respond to ministry initiatives, I find even more ways to enhance our ministry together.

Thank you!

Transitions are often times of decline. Saint Andrew is exploding! I am told that participation has increased by more than 20%. Our financial position is very positive. Of course, we can improve. But we are meeting and exceeding the benchmarks for sustained growth.

Thank you!

I worry about maintaining the momentum. I know that you don't quite understand our planned cottage meetings for May, 2025. In essence, they are designed to expand upon the energy and excitement of this past year. We are planning to add a second Sunday service this fall. Your commitment to Saint Andrew will make it easier for me to make new ministries possible. As we talk with each other during the cottage meetings, we will come to share a vision of the direction of this ministry.

I will cherish the respite of my winter away. But soon the trees will bud and I will reverse my route through New Mexico in anticipation of continuing our work of making disciples, just as Jesus has commanded.

Stay well. I will see you in the spring!

Pr. Gary

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## Epiphany Pageant

***Sunday, January 5; 9:00 am Worship***

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

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## Christmas UN-decorating

***Sunday, January 5; 11:00 am***

Come and help un-decorate the church this Sunday! Christmas tree ornaments and decorations from around the church will all need to be taken down followed by the Christmas trees. All help is appreciated!

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## Poinsettias

Thank you everyone who purchased a poinsettia beautifying the altar for Christmas. You are welcome to take them home. After today, the remaining plants will be available to anyone to take if they would like. Any remaining at the end of the week will be disposed of.

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## 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, January 5*.

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## 2025 Spending Plan

In case you missed the December 8 Spending Plan Review meeting, a summary of the 2025 Spending Plan is posted on the Finance bulletin board for you to read.

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## Winter Camp at Pine Lake Camp

*January 31-February 2, 2025*

Youth in grades 3-8 can sign up for a weekend of exciting winter fun! We'll balance our time between outdoor activities and time to warm up inside. Come experience all that camp has to offer during a completely different season than Summer Camp!

[Register here.](#)

Pine Lake Camp is located at: W5631 Akron Ave., Waupaca, WI 54981  
Cost: \$180 Youth, \$50 Adults

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## One in Spirit Devotional Yoga

*Transforming the mind, body, and spirit*

Why not give yoga a try in 2025? Yoga Practices will resume **Tuesday, January 7**.

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

Thursdays at 6 pm

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

Drop in, free-will donation. Meet in the Chapel.

Yoga Outreach Donations from 2024 totaled \$2,420! Impacts were near and far, including The Hagar House (Wausau), Layla's Beauty Shop (Wausau), Wisconsin Missing Persons Advocacy, New Beginnings for Refugees of Wausau, The Christine Center (Willard, WI), ELCA US Hurricane Disaster Response, The Starfish Foundation (Milwaukee), and ELCA Good Gifts (86 countries World-wide.)

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## 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.**

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## 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.

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## Adult Bible Studies

### Adult Bible Study

Sundays, 10:15 am - Activity 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](#))

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## Network Newsletter

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-9:00 am

[Click here for Youtube](#)

[Click here for Facebook](#)

*Sunday Morning Worship*

**9:00 am**

In person, on Facebook,  
and now on Youtube.



## **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**

## **Network and Bulletin Weekly Deadline**

Send electronic submissions 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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