

Network



Weekly Newsletter April 9, 2026

A Devotional by Pr. Jack

John Chrysostom was an archbishop of Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul) in the AD 300s, and is remembered as an important “church father” and one of the best preachers of his age. In fact, the name “Chrysostom” means “golden-mouthed,” referring to his beautiful eloquence. Below is a famous Easter sermon of his, preserved through the ages – please enjoy, and may the peace of our Risen Lord Jesus be with you this Easter season!

The Easter Sermon of John Chrysostom[1]

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God?

Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Is there anyone who is a grateful servant?

Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting?

Let them now receive their wages!

If any have toiled from the first hour,

let them receive their due reward;

If any have come after the third hour,

let him with gratitude join in the Feast!

And he that arrived after the sixth hour,

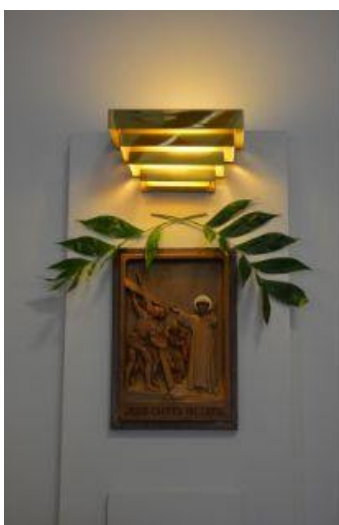
let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss.
And if any delayed until the ninth hour,
let him not hesitate; but let him come too.
And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour,
let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.
For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first.
He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour,
as well as to him that toiled from the first.
To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows.
He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor.
The deed He honors and the intention He commends.
Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!
First and last alike receive your reward;
rich and poor, rejoice together!
Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!
You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,
rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!
Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.
Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith.
Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!
Let no one grieve at his poverty,
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.
Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again;
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.
Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free.
He has destroyed it by enduring it.
He destroyed Hades when He descended into it.
He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.
Isaiah foretold this when he said,
"You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."
Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with.
It was in an uproar because it is mocked.
It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.
It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.
It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.
Hell took a body, and discovered God.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.
O death, where is thy sting?
O Hades, where is thy victory?
Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!

Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!
Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!

[1] [Internet History Sourcebooks: Medieval Sourcebook](#)

Easter Messages from the Wider Church

Please also enjoy these Easter messages by [Bishop Yehiel Curry](#), Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Church of America (ELCA) and [Bishop Anne Edison-Albright](#), Bishop of the East Central Synod of Wisconsin (ECSW).



Thank You!

Peace and blessings to you this Easter season! Thank you to all who joined us for Holy Week and Easter services at Saint Andrew. We are deeply grateful for the dedicated volunteers who helped make worship so welcoming and meaningful, and for each person who came to join in worship as we remembered Jesus' journey to the cross and celebrated his resurrection. Alleluia! Christ is risen!



Welcome New Staff Members

Although Tom Morel began his position as custodian at Saint Andrew in September 2025, he has been a member of this congregation with his wife Deb and their two sons since 1998. In fact, he even helped lead Troop 453 here when his sons were Scouts and was proud to see them confirmed here as well. Previously, Tom worked in retail management, and at Kolbe & Kolbe until October 2022. For Tom, Wausau and Saint Andrew have felt like his family's home for years, and he and Deb still enjoy the

community they find here. Thank you Tom, for being part of our Saint Andrew family and for your excellent work!



Suzanne Martindale began her position as Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant in March 2026. She has previous bookkeeping experience with a family business, and is also currently finishing her Associate's Degree in Accounting at Northcentral Technical College and is set to graduate in May! She also previously worked as a custodian at St. Paul's United Church of Christ here in Wausau for four years. Suzanne

has four children and five grandchildren; two of her children will be starting high school next year. She is very proud of all her kids' accomplishments and talents and is proud to be finishing her degree soon as an example to them. We are grateful to Deb Yellow Thunder, our previous bookkeeper, and to our Treasurer Terri Fronek, for helping to onboard Suzanne. Welcome to the Saint Andrew staff, Suzanne!



Jonathan to Attend Seminary Remotely

Jonathan, Worship and Music Director for Saint Andrew, will remotely attend Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary part-time to pursue a Master of Arts in Spirituality and Social Change degree on a full-tuition scholarship while remaining employed at Saint Andrew. He is in the third phase of discernment related to

Candidacy to potentially become a Deacon, which is a minister of Word and Service. Deacons differ from Pastors as they do not administer the Holy Sacraments of Communion and Baptism.

It is his intention to attend Seminary and possibly become a Deacon to grow spiritually, as a leader, and as a listener to God and neighbor to better serve Saint Andrew and the wider community. He is passionate about climate justice, inclusive and liberative theologies, and working with others to bring about social change in the church and wider world that better reflects God's love for us, our neighbor, and God's creation.

Many of the ways you see and interact with Jonathan will not change. He hopes to grow in his abilities to equip church leaders for service, adaptive leadership, and composing music. Additionally, Diaconal responsibilities such as preaching and pastoral visitation may be added to his position.

Sawmill Jump Night



Sign up [here](#) by Sunday, April 12!



Building Blocks of Faith Series Modern Service Series

As the joy of Christ's resurrection fills our hearts, you may be wondering, "Jesus is great, but how do I actually follow Jesus?" During the Easter series, Building Blocks of Faith, we will learn about faith, resurrection, Christian community, asking questions, sharing faith with others, and community discernment.

April 12: Becoming a Believer

April 19: Recognizing Jesus

April 26: Living in Community

May 3: Asking Questions

May 10: Sharing Our Faith

May 17: Seeking Guidance Together

Noisy Offering

Thursday and Sunday, April 16 & 19

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship in support of Fuel For Their Future campaign which will help pay down outstanding lunch debt in the Wausau School District as well as support Blessings in a Backpack.

Last month we received \$329.81 in support of **Wausau Women's Community**. Thank you for your generosity!

Christ in Our Home Devotionals

The 2026 second quarter of “Christ In Our Home” devotionals are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy for your family.

Homeless Shelters In Need of Volunteers to Prepare Meals

Volunteers are needed to prepare meals for various days and times for the local homeless shelters. All costs are covered by an anonymous donor! Please contact Bob or Janet Grady at 414-628-0291 for more details. [Read more here.](#)

First Communion Instruction

Sundays, April 26 and May 3 at 9:15

Celebration of First Communion

Sunday, May 10; 8:00 and 10:00 am Worship Services

First Communion is another step along the lifelong faith formation journey. Children of all ages are welcome! Recognizing that parents come to the table with different expectations around communion for their children, we seek to honor those expectations as well as open our Lord's table to all who seek to receive the gifts of Jesus offered there.

First Communion instruction is designed to encourage active participation of both students and parents, with the hope that you will find the class to be both informative and a memorable experience as your family learns about the overwhelming welcome of the Lord's Table.

We use the book, “A Place For You” to read the stories of Jesus sharing meals with others; we will explore the altar space and learn how we experience communion in our own worship services at Saint Andrew; and as a group we

will bake our own communion bread that will then be shared with the congregation on **Sunday, May 10.**

Please fill out [this form](#) by **Sunday, April 19** to join us for First Communion Instruction.

Saint Andrew Mountaineer Dartball Team Finishes Their Season

The Saint Andrew dartball team just finished their season and had a very successful return to the Wausau Dartball League. They tied for second place in their division just missing being in the playoffs. A great time was had by the team members with good fellowship with the other teams. We are looking forward to better things next season! If anyone is interested in joining the team, contact Duane Zietlow at 715-573-8817 or e-mail dulazietlow@gmail.com.

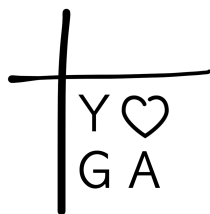
Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

Looking back at February:

Saint Andrew 2026 Spending Plan				
	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Plan	
Our Weekly Offerings	\$62,706	\$140,319	\$660,000	
Costs to do Our Ministry	\$53,527	\$109,687	\$691,000	
Extra or (Shortage)	\$9,179	\$30,632	(\$31,000)	

Average weekly attendance: 273 In Person; 76 Online

For more information, please see the Finance and Stewardship bulletin board just outside the office.



“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
Annie

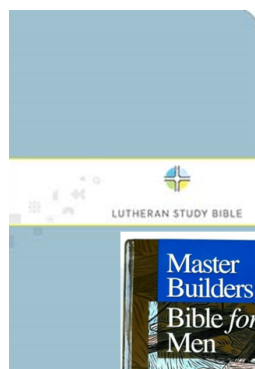
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Don
Doris
Doug
Ed
Gary
Heidi

Jenny
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Jill
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Judy
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Katie
Kathy
Kay
Kaye
Kim
Linda
Melinda
Monica
Nikki
Paulette

Riley
Robert
Robin
Ron
Rosemary
Sandy
Sharon & Sally
Shirley
Steve
Steve & Janice
Therese
Tim
Tom
Virjean
Zak & Kathy
Frank
Danielle
Greg



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

Connect With the Wider Church



ELCA

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](#)

[Click here for Facebook-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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