

Network



Weekly Newsletter May 7, 2026

A Devotion by Pr. Jack

John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

This selection is from nearly the very end of the gospel of John, the very last scene between Jesus and Peter. Although we read this gospel selection in

worship only once every three years, for me it has become very important – I chose it for my ordination service at Grace Lutheran in Gwinn, and I chose it again for my installation service here at Saint Andrew last fall. If I should receive another call in my career, and need to be installed again, I will probably choose this text again! What spoke to me about this exchange between Jesus and Peter, and what still speaks to me, is the triple repetition of “Simon son of John, do you love me?” It is a direct parallel to Peter’s triple denial of Jesus on the night he was arrested, something that must have still been in Peter’s mind after Jesus’ resurrection, and something which needed to be addressed before Jesus ascended. It was this open wound of betrayal between Jesus and Peter, difficult or even impossible for Peter to bring up himself – but Jesus, instead of demanding a difficult penitence from Peter to make up for his betrayal, instead offers him tacit forgiveness, and his most important task.

Jesus accepts Peter’s love, but he needs Peter to understand that his love for Christ must translate into love for the lambs and the sheep. Having been forgiven, Peter must now focus on the needs of the beloved – having been loved by Christ, he must learn what it means to love as Christ does, as a shepherd, through self-sacrifice. This is what a resurrected life looks like – this is what Easter news does to us! It transforms our sinful and selfish lives into lives lived for the sake of others – having been given everything, following after Christ we are now ready to give ourselves away for the sake of the world, knowing that every loss is our gain forever. Thanks be to God!



In the Hope and Promise of the Resurrection

It is with much sadness and deepest sympathy that we share Marvin Kroening passed away. A memorial service will be held at Brainard Funeral Home in Wausau on **Thursday, May 7 at 3:00 pm.**

Visitation will be at 1:30 pm until the time of service. His obituary can be found [here](#).

And it is also with much sadness that we share that Judy Paszek has passed away. Her funeral will be on **Monday, May 11 at 11:00 am** at Saint Andrew. Visitation will be at 10:00 am until the time of service.

We also share with deepest sympathy that Will Allmandinger passed away on Friday, May 1. If you would like to send a card to Will's family, please contact the office at 715-842-3333. A prayer service to honor Will, will be held on **Sunday, May 17** following the 8:00 am worship service at Saint Andrew in the Sanctuary.

First Communion This Sunday

Congratulations to the following students who completed their First Communion instruction and will join with their church community at the Lord's table this Sunday, May 10! We continue to pray for and support these students and their families during this blessed milestone.

David Karl Garcia
Audry Mae Geiger
Hazel Lynn Geiger
Neil Gerald Heinrich
Kide David Michael Hoff
Eila Jane Johnson
Amaya Hana Suginaka
Ravenna Ann Suginaka



Adopt-A-Highway and Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, May 9; 8:30 am

All are invited to come and help keep our stretch of Highway NN looking good and healthy for the environment. Kids/youth 11 years of age and up are welcome to help with supervising adult(s). Safety vests and garbage bags will be provided.

Please dress for the weather, bring gloves, wear closed-toe shoes, and bring trash grabbers if you have them.

Cleaning up the grounds of Saint Andrew to get ready for summer will also be on the agenda. We will be doing some landscaping clean-up and improvements for anyone who is willing and able to stick around after the Highway Clean-up.

Scan the QR code or use this link to join the group on the Church Center app:
[Join Adopt a Highway Clean-up](#)



High School Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 17

Saint Andrew would like to recognize the high school seniors in the congregation and celebrate their plans for the future. On Sunday, May 17, during worship we will pray for seniors and send them off with a small gift.

To recognize your senior, please fill out this short [Google form](#) or email jenna@salc-wausau.org with your senior's name, high school, school they plan to attend in the fall (if applicable) and a recent photo.

Please submit by Tuesday, May 12.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, May 14; 10:00 am-3:00 pm
at Saint Andrew**

Come give blood with the Red Cross May 1-17 and get a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email thanks to Amazon! Help save lives and empower your health this Red Cross Month!. [Click here to make an appointment](#) or call 1 800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Noisy Offering

Thursday and Sunday, May 14 & 17

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship in support of the Neighbor's Place current project to update the safety gate and to update the Babies' Place Store providing better service to the community.



Put the Metal to the Petal In Memory of Karen Gleisner

Wednesday, May 20; 1:00-3:00 pm

In memory of Karen Gleisner, join us as we honor her with flowers! We will use fresh flowers and pound their pigments into watercolor paper. Bring an old cutting board and a regular hammer. All other supplies will be provided; a \$5 donation per person is suggested to

help cover the cost of watercolor paper and flowers. Cosmos, marigold, wild geranium, pansy, violets, and lobelia are some of the flowers that work well for pounding. Feel free to bring your own plants; just make sure they are dry.



Camp on Location

Monday-Thursday, June 22-25; 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Rib Mountain State Park

Students entering 1st-6th grades this fall are invited to Camp on Location, a program of Crossways Camping Ministries. This day camp opportunity is hosted right here in Wausau at Rib Mountain State Park. Campers will enjoy authentic, faith-filled experiences alongside a variety of outdoor activities including active games, curious nature exploration, and creative arts and crafts. Integrated into all our activities are opportunities for campers to practice leading and listening, learning about others, and building meaningful relationships.

Saint Andrew is excited for families to experience camp so close to home! Use code **STANDYOUTH26** at registration for a \$100 discount.

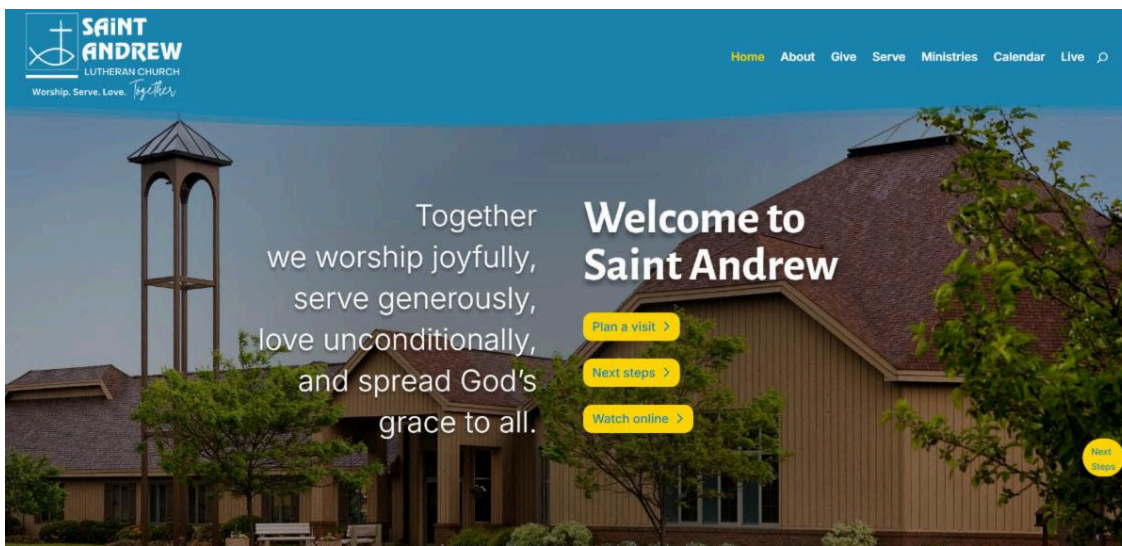
Handbell Choir is Growing: You're Invited to Participate

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
**Praise him with clanging cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

(Psalm 150:3-6)

It is with gratitude and joy to share that the Saint Andrew Handbell Choir will be expanding the amount of bells we have, from 4 octaves to 5 octaves. A generous couple from the congregation made this possible. Worship Ministry has also discerned to refurbish the existing bells thanks to gifts made to the Music Fund.

If you desire to praise God through music, consider joining the Handbell Choir this fall. Contact Director of Worship and Music, Jonathan Smith at jonathan@salc-wausau.org or 715-842-3333 for more information.



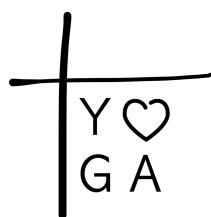
Something New for www.SALC-Wausau.org

Our website will take on a new look starting on Friday, May 8, 2026. Lennon Rich, a fellow member and web designer, along with our staff and the Communications Ministry have been working together to update our church's website. The new design provides a more welcoming access to visitors while retaining and refreshing much of the previous content. Give it a look-see!



Brew Joy, Build Community, Be A Coffee Host

Join the fun while getting to know others—being a coffee host is an easy, relaxed way to connect with fellow members and share in community. Serve approximately 1 hour, every 3 months, after the late service. Please contact Sandi at 715-581-8876 or ruschsandi@gmail.com.



"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
Ashley
Bonnie
Brent
Bruce
Carol
Cindy

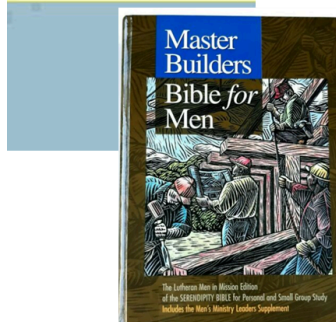
Jean
Jen
Jenny
Jermaine
Jesse
Jill
Jim
Joan

Pyxie
Renee
Riley
Robert
Robin
Ron
Rosemary
Sally

Dan
Darcy
Darnell
Darold
Dave
Dennis
Diane
Don
Doris
Doug
Ed
Gary
Heidi

Josh & Family
Judy
June
Katie
Kathy
Kay
Kaye
Kim
Linda
Melinda
Monica
Nikki
Paulette

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](#))

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](#)
[Click here for Facebook-Traditional](#)

10:00 am Modern

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

~Please note the office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25~

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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