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Weekly Newsletter June 18, 2026

Acts 7:54-60, 8:1 - The Stoning of Stephen

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. And Saul approved of their killing him.

One of my favorite parts of the Acts narrative is its use of one-off characters, people who only appear a few times in the text, or even only once, but are pivotal to the story. Some of them are just good examples like Barnabas, that 'son of encouragement,' or like Ananias who meets and baptizes the repentant Saul in Damascus; others are like Philip, who always seems to be at the risky cutting edge of God's grace, baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch and even

preaching to Samaritans (gasp!). For his part, Stephen the first martyr is perhaps the most pivotal character in Acts, behind the Holy Spirit. Over the course of decades, Peter and Paul and the other apostles were leaders that shaped the church, but Stephen is remarkable.

One of those assigned to “wait on tables” and make sure food was distributed fairly within the church, Stephen also became a leader in the Synagogue of Freedmen, preaching to former slaves in the city. He was a servant leader, bold and faithful, in the trenches of service and preaching the gospel clearly for every class of person – if there is an example of Christian living, I think there is no better one than Stephen. And in the final test, Stephen even shows us that we too are capable of dying as Christ did. For Stephen, Christ’s example of unconditional love and gentleness was not only good news of salvation for him, but his model of behavior, whether he would live or die. Because, whether he would live or die, Stephen understood that eternal life was already his, and so it was no burden to follow Jesus in all ways. For a church that too often prioritizes personal comfort over anything else, Stephen offers an example of “Cross-Walking”, picking up the cross that Christ offers us and trusting him through all things, come what may. Thanks be to God, for life lived in Christ, and death conquered through Christ! Amen!

Noisy Offering

Thursday and Sunday, June 18 & 21

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship in support of Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to help keep the food shelves stocked.

Last month we received \$421.92 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. Thank you for your generosity!



Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church located at [930 Edgewood Rd., Wausau](#), now hosts Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry, offering a wide range of perishables and non-perishables, including:

- Eggs
- Meat
- Milk
- Bread
- Butter
- All non-perishable pantry staples

No cost. No requirements. No questions asked. Just care, dignity, and daily bread. Over the last three months, more than 89 households each month have come through our doors.

Perishable pantry days are advertised each month – look on Good Shepherd Facebook page for select days each month. Non-perishable food items are available: Monday through Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

How You Can Help: Monetary donations, sent directly to Good Shepherd, are deeply appreciated, allowing them to restock essential perishables.

Ministry Night Meetings

Tuesday, June 21; 6:30 pm

All are welcome to bring their gifts and talents and attend the ministry meeting of their choice. The evening will begin with a large group meeting before breaking off into individual ministry meetings. Upcoming meeting dates: ***Tuesdays, July 28 and August 11 at 6:30 pm.***



ECSW Synod Assembly 2026

Guided by the question, “Look, we are baptized! What is to prevent us from striving for justice and peace in all the earth?” voting members at last weekend’s Synod Assembly gathered for worship, discernment, and decision-making. The assembly celebrated ministry milestones, adopted resolutions

focused on civic engagement, support for church staff, and ending hunger, re-elected Bishop Anne Edison-Albright, and approved a spending plan to faithfully steward God’s gifts for ministry.

In her opening sermon and the keynotes that followed, Bishop Meghan Johnston Alebouni asked a question rooted in the Eunuch’s response to the Apostle Phillip in Acts 8: “Look, we are baptized! What is to prevent us from striving for justice and peace in all the earth?” Last weekend our Synod Assembly gathered at the Oshkosh Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center and responded to our baptismal call in many ways through...

- **Worship:** that offered healing, welcomed mergers and shared ministries, honored mission completion and mission starts.
- **Resolutions:** focused on appreciation for Bishop Emeritus Jerry Mansholt, on synod-wide learning through the ELCA social statement Faith and Civic Life, on working toward “mindful, ethical and just support” for lay profession staff, and

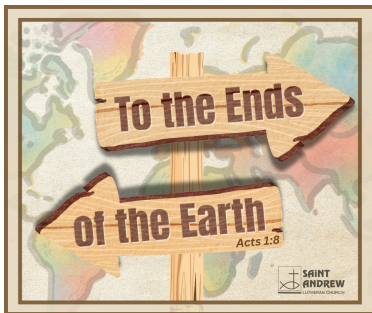
on efforts to end hunger through advocacy for policy change and through direct support of ELCA World Hunger.

- **The Re-election** of our Bishop, Anne Edison-Albright
- **Passing a spending plan** to steward what God has given us for ministry.

More details on the assembly will be coming soon. If you would like to receive the Synod newsletter, The Weekly Wave, to stay up to date on synod news and events, [subscribe](#) here.

Road Construction Near Saint Andrew

Summer has certainly arrived in all facets - including road construction! Construction has just begun on a portion of Highway NN, which includes the section right in front of the church. Please know that you are able to get to Saint Andrew from the east at Highway R even though there is a sign limiting "through traffic". We are open!



To the Ends of the Earth: Following the Holy Spirit Through Acts

Acts 1:8: “[Jesus said to the disciples]: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and ***to the ends of the earth.***”

On the day Jesus ascended, forty days after his resurrection, he gave this instruction to his disciples, telling them that with the coming of the Holy Spirit, they would soon bear the good news of salvation, even to “the ends of the earth.” This is how the Acts of the Apostles begin, with divine passion and holy purpose. As the narrative of Acts continues, the Holy Spirit would continue to drive the disciples out from behind locked doors and through every human border and boundary; a part of God’s great plan of redemption. In this seven-week worship series, we are going to let the Holy Spirit lead us again, following it as it leads to every kind of person and through every kind of human-imposed barrier, and even “to the ends of the earth.”

June 21: To the Enemy

June 28: To Every People

July 5: To the Overlooked

July 12: To All God's Children

To the Ends of the Earth: Liturgical Art Display

For the first half of this summer, as we journey with the Holy Spirit through the book of Acts, we will build an art display behind the altar, symbolizing the growth of Christ's church and spreading the Good News to the ends of the earth.

Each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall you are invited to help make a piece of art to be added to the display. Every project is suitable for all ages and while it will be a small craft, it will have a big impact!

Liturgical Arts Ministry Members and Leaders Needed



Liturgical Arts Ministry is a group of people who are interested in bringing visual art into the church worship services through liturgical elements and creative thinking. In addition to supporting liturgical holidays, creative opportunities to bring in visual art at any time of the year connecting with the scripture and themes of the day will uplift and connect the church to the message God is trying to share.

Join as a member of the team [via this link](#) or the QR code. Liturgical Arts is looking for a leader or co-leaders. If you would consider leading or co-leading Liturgical Arts, email jonathan@salc-wausau.org.

Crossways Workday at Waypost camp!

Saturday June 20, 8:00 am

Join us for a day of fellowship, fresh air, and caring for this place we love. We'll gather at 8:00 am and work together throughout the day, accomplishing as much as we can.

Our primary focus will be clearing the remaining downed tree branches around camp and near the house, along with leaf raking and debris removal. For those who would prefer indoor projects, we'll also have opportunities to help clean cabins by vacuuming and other light housekeeping tasks.

Please bring:

- Work gloves
- Plenty of energy
- A leaf blower or weed trimmer (if you have one and are willing to bring it)

Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. If you plan to attend, please email waypost@crosswayscamps.org. Having a headcount will help us prepare

enough food and organize projects so we can make the most of our time together. Thank you for helping care for camp. We hope you'll join us!

Worship Service with Installation for Rev. Phyllis Smoot

Sunday, June 28; 1:30 pm - Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Kronenwetter, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church of Rothschild, and St. John Lutheran Church of Mosinee have recently joined together to create the River of Hope Ministries with Rev. Phyllis Smoot as the pastor.

All are welcome to come and celebrate her installation at this worship service.



Stars, Stripes & Smiles – OWLS Patriotic Celebration

Wednesday, July 1; 10:30 am

Come celebrate the red, white, and blue! Join us for a festive morning of patriotic music, trivia, fellowship and good food as we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. Enjoy a special performance by **Celestia Flutes**, followed by a potluck lunch. All are welcome!



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build at Saint Andrew

Saturday, August 8; 8:15 am-1:00 pm



At SHP, we fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional and mental support that a child needs.

Volunteering with SHP provides the opportunity to meet other wonderful volunteers. The project brings people closer together as we are all focused on the same goal, helping children Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

As a volunteer, you will have a chance to learn how to use woodworking tools such as saws, drills, sanders, and many other pieces of equipment as well as learn how to

stain and apply the SHP brand with an old-fashioned branding iron.

Of the 3 time slots available, please choose one to volunteer:

8:15-10:00 am

9:45-11:30 am

11:15-1:00 pm

Sign up using the QR code above or use this [link](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Karen Wegge](#) or [Patrick Kieper](#).

Be a Star In a Child's Story - SHP Bedding & Pillow Drive

June 28-August 8

Your gift helps create a place where children can rest, dream, grow, and thrive.

This summer, you can help provide the finishing touches that turn a bed into a place of comfort, security, and sweet dreams.

Bedding drive goal: 40 sets of sheets, mattress protectors and pillows

Items we are collecting - must be new:

- Standard size pillow
- Twin Sheet Sets: solid colors preferred; fitted and flat sheet with pillow case
- Twin Mattress Protectors/Covers
- Donations may be placed in the designated collection area at Saint Andrew throughout the campaign.

Every pillow, sheet set, and mattress cover helps ensure that when a child receives a bed from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, they also receive a complete sleeping environment filled with comfort and care.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Let your light shine by being a VBS volunteer! Prior to VBS, volunteers are needed to help decorate and prepare supplies. During the week of August 10-13, we are looking for volunteers (adults and youth) to lead crafts, participate in skits, lead games, make and serve snacks, teach music, and lead small groups. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org. If you are ready to help, you can register [here](#).

All adult volunteers will be required to complete a background check and safe place policy training prior to VBS.

Saint Andrew VBS 2026



Illumination Station

Monday-Thursday, August 10-13; 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

\$10/child (\$20 max for families)

Children ages 4-11 (pre-K-6th grade) are invited to ***Illumination Station VBS*** for the brightest week of the year! While many people in the world claim to know about Jesus, many are in the dark about who He really

is. During VBS (Vacation Bible School), kids will explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, and reveals the world around them through music, stories, games, crafts and more!

Register [here!](#)

Endowment Fund Questions and Answers

In the upcoming weeks, a variety of questions about the Saint Andrew Endowment fund will be answered. We hope that you become more aware of how you can use the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund to “*plant a seed and create a legacy.*” For more information about the fund, please contact the church office and they will direct you to a member of the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund Committee.

#1 - What is the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund is an investment savings account where special gifts of members, friends of the congregation, organizations, corporations, etc., can be received and then distributed to extend the programs and ministries of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church. The Fund is a separate fund from the weekly contributions which support the regular budgetary needs of the church. The Fund is not intended to interfere with or supplement the regular stewardship, benevolence, or other programs of the church.

#2 - What is the Purpose of the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund?

The purpose of the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund is to enhance the mission, vision and values of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church apart from the general operations of the congregation. The Fund generates an ongoing source of income, enabling the congregation to expand stewardship and support. It allows the congregation to respond to important needs and new ministry opportunities as well as the needs of the people within our community.

Christ in Our Home Devotionals



The 2026 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

“Where there is peace, God is.”

- George Herbert.

Nourishing and Blossoming the Divine Within

June 9 - August 5, 2026



***** No Yoga Practices on Tuesday or Wednesday, June 2 or 3*****

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

Chair-based Practices: Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Non-profit donations will benefit The Hagar House of Wausau as they continue important work with single mothers and families, focusing on spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.

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

Allan	Jean	Paulette
Allen	Jean	Pyxie
Amy	Jen	Renee
Annie	Jermaine	Riley
Ashley	Jesse	Robert
Bonnie	Jill	Robert
Brent	Jim	Rosemary
Carol	John	Sally
Cheryl	Josh & Family	Sandy
Chuck	Julie	Sharon & Sally
Dan	Julie	Shirley
Darold	June	Steve
Dave	Kathy	Steve
Dennis	Katie	Terry
Diane	Kay	Therese
Doris	Kaye	Thomas
Doug	Kim	Tim
Ed	Linda	Tim
Frank	Mary	Tom
Gary	Monica	Tom
Heidi	Nikki	Virjean
Janine		

Adult Studies

Adult Bible Study

Sundays, 9:15 am - Garden Room (Sign up [here](#))

September-May



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 Facebook-Modern](#)

Weekly Worship
Sunday

Recorded Worship
on Spectrum

8:00 am - Traditional Worship
10:00 am - Modern Worship
*(The Sanctuary is
T-Coil Hearing Loop Enabled)*

Thursday
12:15 pm - Chapel



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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