
Network



Weekly Newsletter July 2, 2026

A Devotion by Pr. Jack

Acts 14:8-18

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been lame from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, "People, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all peoples to follow their own ways, yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good, giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons and filling you with food and your hearts with joy." Even with

these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

As we come to the end of this current service series in the book of Acts, we turn to the many stories of Paul preaching to various kinds of people across the Mediterranean. Despite extraordinary success in many of the cities of Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) and Greece, Paul didn't succeed everywhere he went. He and his companions faced hostility from some Jewish leaders and Gentiles who rejected the message of Jesus, and at times even found themselves attacked by mobs or imprisoned by the authorities. Only once, however, did Paul find himself personally worshiped as a god!

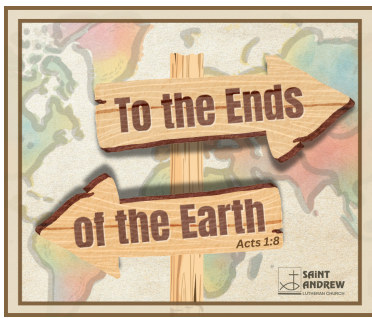
In this short passage from Acts 14, Paul and Barnabas are traveling through a remote mountainous region in the interior of Asia Minor, where the people still largely spoke the local language of Lycaonian, rather than the common language of Greek. It is very possible that these people had never even heard of the God of Israel or knew anything about Jewish people, much less Jesus. So, when Paul heals a man "who could not use his feet and had never walked" (v. 8), of course they would assume that they must be the Greek gods Zeus and Hermes standing among them! Paul and Barnabas manage to stop the sacrifice and worship, but this little comic story is a reminder that everything that we as the church do, whether it is a miraculous healing or caring for our neighbors in need, must be accompanied with the clear message of the gospel. We're not here to glorify ourselves, or to stay silent about who has empowered us to do this work – in every expression of the church, we do it all in the name of and for the sake of Christ and the "living God, who made the heaven and the earth and all that is in them." Amen!

Thank You from Pr. John and Darlene

Dear friends and members of Saint Andrew,

Darlene and I would like to extend our most sincere thanks to you and Pr. Jack for the farewell blessing, many cards, and reception following the service on the 14th of June. We have so much to be thankful for having served Saint Andrew as your pastor. You have blessed us time and time again for being a part of our lives for the past 46-years. May God bless Saint Andrew.

Pr. John and Darlene Roseth



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.”

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.



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday July 16; 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Saint Andrew

Come to give blood, platelets or AB Elite plasma with the Red Cross **July 13-31** and you will receive

a **Fandango Movie Ticket** by email (up to \$15 ticket price and fees). Also, during the month of July, through a partnership with Kwik Trip, if you give a pint, you get a coupon for a pint of Kwik Trip milk. 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)**.

Joy Be Your Journey

Pilgrim and St. Stephen Lutheran Churches officially approved a merger and have joined in ministry together as St. Stephan Lutheran Church. The final, leave-taking service at Pilgrim's building, [709 Weston Ave., Wausau](#), will be on Sunday, July 19 at 10:30 am as they reflect on the rich history of Pilgrim Lutheran Church and their time together.



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

Be a Star In a Child's Story - SHP Bedding & Pillow Drive Through 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 - please only bring what is listed below:

- 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 Giving Corner 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.

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](#).

Praise for a Purpose Worship and Fellowship

Friday, August 7

Praise for a Purpose will be a night of worship and fellowship to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is the leading national non-profit dedicated to building and delivering beds to children in need. Invite your friends and family to this unique event to support this worthwhile cause through worship, fellowship, and service.

6:00 pm - Fellowship will feature an ice cream social, hands-on activities to support SHP, SHP Information and how to volunteer, and donation collection of pillows and pillowcases.

7:00 pm - Worship will feature joyful music, meaningful scripture, stories about SHP's impact, and a monetary offering collection for SHP.

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](#)!

SALC Church Picnic and Worship - Save the Date

Worship Schedule Change for One Sunday Only

Sunday, September 13; 9:00 am - Worship in the Sanctuary

Saint Andrew will join as one and worship, serve, love. Together. Worship will feature both modern music and traditional hymns. Following worship, fellowship, food, and fun activities will take place outdoors on the north side of the building on and around the Celebration Patio.

September 20 and beyond will return to the two-service schedule with 8:00 am traditional worship, and 10:00 am modern worship, and Fellowship after both

services.

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.

#3 - What does “Plant a seed. Create a legacy” mean?

A gift to the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund either through direct gifts or through estate planning is like planting a seed. The endowment fund then takes this seed and lets it grow as an investment. The legacy is that such a gift, whether given during one's lifetime or through one's estate, is a reflection of the giver, in that it will continue to serve the purposes and people of our Lord Jesus Christ as long as His Church shall stand.

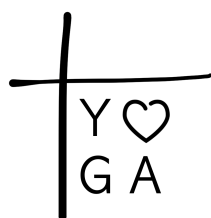
#4 - How is money in the Endowment Fund invested?

Our Endowment Fund is held by the greater ELCA Endowment Trust Pooled Fund (Also called the [“ELCA Ministry Growth Fund”](#).) With the ELCA Fund you can have confidence that your donations are being invested alongside the endowments of not only the ELCA but also more than a thousand ELCA congregations, synods and ministries. These investments all follow the Corporate Social Responsibility guidelines of the ELCA, which ensure that your investments make a difference before they're even distributed.



Christ in Our Home Devotionals

The 2026 third 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



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

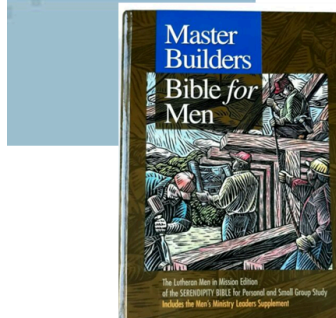
Allan	Janine	Paulette
Allen	Jean	Pyxie
Amy	Jean	Renee
Annie	Jen	Riley
Ashley	Jermaine	Robert
Bev	Jesse	Robert
Bonnie	Jill	Rosemary
Brent	Jim	Sally
Carol	John	Sandy
Cheryl	Josh & Family	Sharon & Sally
Chuck	Julie	Shirley
Dan	Julie	Steve
Darold	June	Steve
Dave	Kathy	Terry
Dennis	Katie	Therese
Diane	Kay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



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

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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