

Network



Weekly Newsletter July 16, 2026

Wausau Area Outdoor Vigil

Sunday, July 19; 7:30 pm - St. Anne Parish, [700 W. Bridge St., Wausau](#)

The Alliance for Safe & Prosperous Communities is organizing an outdoor vigil in response to the rise of ICE arrests and the recent killing of two people in Texas and Maine. Community members are invited to an Outdoor Vigil of Solidarity and Call for Justice at St. Anne Parish Sunday evening.



A Devotion by Pr. Jack

Matthew 13:31-33

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs

and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Little guys can do big things, too! That is the message of the VeggieTales episode about David and Goliath, naturally titled, “Dave and the Giant Pickle.” As that story goes, the little guy David has the courage that the big guys don’t, and he is able to defeat the huge Goliath/Giant Pickle, with guts and God’s help. It’s a nice inspirational story, and it is easy enough to read the above parables of Jesus as metaphors for the same message: little things can become big things, with patience, hope and courage.

However, that surface level understanding of these parables misses the provocative current that runs under Jesus’ use of these metaphors. Mustard is a small seed, yes, but it is also a weed that farmers would not have welcomed into their fields, and in the Hebrew tradition, yeast was often a symbol of corruption (it just takes a little to spoil the batch!). Yet Jesus portrays the kingdom of heaven as these invasive, irrepressible fonts of life, mixing into the world and growing in the face of even hostile conditions. If we are part of the greater kingdom of heaven, we too are mixed in with the world, overlooked, unseen – yet in us and through us the kingdom grows, in spite of every obstacle. The hope we have is not founded in outward success or the respect of the world, but in the hidden working of God, quietly and persistently redeeming our hearts, so that we may be ready for the redemption of our bodies in the resurrection to come. Thanks be to God – Amen!



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive

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

There is currently an emergency blood and plasma shortage! 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)**.

Noisy Offering

Thursday and Sunday, July 16 & 19

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship in support of Sleep In Heavenly Peace to further support their mission of providing beds for children.

Last month we received \$429.13 in support of Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!



New Service Series: Cultivating God's Kin-dom

In Matthew's Gospel, we find that the kingdom of God grows wherever Christ the Sower scatters seeds of mercy and grace, and we are invited into this work. The Holy Spirit is with us, tending our hearts, and encouraging us to build on Christ. In this

series we'll learn while we are invited into this work, God gives the growth of the harvest. The work of the kingdom is really a "kin-dom." Christ our King and Judge entered the world as our brother, and that in him we are made brothers and sisters, "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:17)

- July 19: Cultivating God's Kin-dom
- July 26: Bearing Fruit
- August 2: Sharing the Harvest
- August 9: Listening For God's Guidance
- August 16: Sowing Mercy
- August 23: Building On The Rock
- August 30: God Gives the Growth

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.

Ministry Night Meetings

Tuesday, July 29; 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 date: ***Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 pm.***



OWLS

Wednesday, August 5; 10:30 am

Join us as Pastor Jack and several of our youth share stories and photos from their recent mission trip to Milwaukee. Hear how God worked through their service and the impact this experience had

on their faith. There will be plenty of time to ask questions. Pot luck lunch follows. Everyone is welcome!



**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. 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.

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:

- Twin Mattress Protectors/Covers (Especially needed!)
- Twin Sheet Sets: solid colors preferred; fitted and flat sheet with pillow case
- Standard Pillows

Donations may be placed in the Giving Corner at Saint Andrew throughout the campaign.

Come Build a Bed Build at Saint Andrew!

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

At Sleep In Heavenly Peace (SHP), we fully believe that a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional and mental support that a child needs.



As a volunteer, you will be guided in using 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. There is a job for everyone of any age or ability! Kids/youth are welcome to volunteer with a supervising adult.

Your time is valued and needed! Please sign up for a time slot using the QR code above or this [link](#). You are welcome to sign up for more than one. Help us fill all three time slots!

If you have any questions or need assistance in signing up, 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 at Saint Andrew. 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/family)

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!

VBS is only one month away! Sign up your child(ren) [here!](#)
Sign up deadline is ***Sunday, July 26.***

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.

#5 – Who manages the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund?

The Saint Andrew Endowment Fund Committee is responsible for educating and encouraging gifts to the fund, receiving applications and making recommendations regarding the use of the Fund. The committee consists of six appointed members of the congregation who serve a maximum of two three-year terms. The final authority of the fund rests with the Congregation Council as the governing body of Saint Andrew. The current members of the committee are Nathan Birchler, Mitchell Gurski, Richard Jarvis, Sarah Verber, Lyn Weis and Bob Wiederhoeft.

#6 - How are the Endowment funds distributed?

The Saint Andrew Endowment Fund Committee meets quarterly to review received grant applications. Leaders, from the organizations requesting grants, are interviewed and then the committee determines the level of funds that will be provided. The Committee has constitutional by-laws and guidelines which they follow. The grants are consistent with the mission, vision, and values of Saint Andrew. These grants are

given to organizations in our community that provide assistance to or serve people in need of support, compassion and love. Only up to 10 percent of the fund is disbursed in any year.

Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

Looking back at May:

	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Plan
Our Weekly Offerings	\$56,757	\$321,995	\$660,000
Costs to do Our Ministry	\$66,574	\$266,336	\$691,000
Extra or (Shortage)	(\$9,817)	\$55,659	(\$31,000)

Average weekly attendance: 255 In Person; 76 Online

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



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...

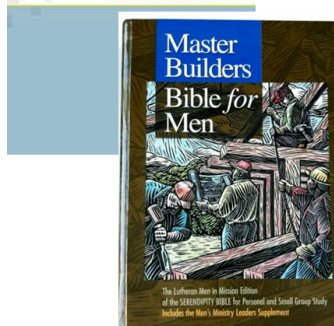
Thank you, Lord, for always answering prayer, but not indulging my every petty, private request. Thank you for winnowing and refining, vetoing and delaying, refusing and revising. Thank you for being God and never less, for freeing me for wide horizons, for protecting me from my limited vision and wayward 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
Allen
Amy
Annie
Ashley
Bev
Bonnie
Brent
Carol
Cheryl
Chuck
Dan
Darold
Dave
Dennis
Diane
Doris
Doug
Ed
Frank
Gary
Heidi

Janine
Jean
Jean
Jen
Jermaine
Jesse
Jill
Jim
John
Josh & Family
Julie
Julie
June
Kathy
Kay
Kaye
Linda
Marnie
Mary
Monica
Nikki
Paulette

Paulette G.
Pyxie
Renee
Riley
Robert
Robert
Rosemary
Sally
Sandy
Sharon & Sally
Shirley
Steve
Steve
Terry
Therese
Thomas
Tim
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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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