
Network



Weekly Newsletter
August 13, 2026

Special Congregational Meeting to Approve Roof Expense

Sunday, August 16
9:15 am
Fellowship Hall

A Congregational Meeting will be held following 8:00 am worship to vote on the approval of roof repair expenses exceeding the 2026 Spending Plan. The proposed project is necessary to protect and preserve our building for future ministry.

Details regarding the scope of the work, financing, and recommendations will be presented prior to the vote and members will have an opportunity to ask questions. All participating church members are encouraged to attend and participate as we prayerfully make this important decision together.

Eligible voters are: participating members who have been confirmed, have made a financial contribution of record and have communed at Saint Andrew this past calendar year.

A Devotion by Pr. Jack

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

In this short selection from the apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, the great missionary of the apostles speaks to the issue of whether the Jewish people were still God's chosen people, even if many of them had not accepted the Jesus of Nazareth as Messiah and Savior. In fact, the entirety of chapters 9 through 12 wrestles with this question; it mattered a great deal to Paul, who was himself "an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin." (11:1) Paul could not believe that God was trading in one chosen people, the Jewish descendants of Abraham, for the adopted chosen people of the Gentiles in Christ. Instead, "the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." (v. 29) Although the church has not always acknowledged this (and many times in history the church has actively participated in the persecution of Jewish people), it is still a point of faith that God's promises never to end, including God's promise of faithfulness to the Jewish people for all time. Although our faith is in Jesus as the Messiah of Israel, the special calling of the Jewish people has not been revoked, even if they have not accepted Jesus as we have.

This still matters, at a time when antisemitism and bigotry are on the rise again in the world and our culture, that we as Christians can stand firm in our faith while still affirming and not denigrating the faith of our Jewish neighbors. Even further, because of the calling we have in Christ, we cannot declare that any group of people is beyond God's concern or mercy – since all have been disobedient, God's mercy is indeed for all people, and we cannot say where that mercy begins or ends. This is good news, that the kingdom of heaven will be greater and wider than any of us could have expected or accounted for – thanks be to our gracious and ever-faithful God!

Noisy Offering

Thursday and Sunday, August 13 & 16

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship to help pay down the Wausau School District current lunch program debt. Let's help support local kids and families experiencing food insecurity!

Last month we received \$839.81 in support of Sleep In Heavenly Peace to further support their mission of providing beds for children. Thank you for your generosity!

Lights, Camera... Ministry!

Saint Andrew is looking for creative volunteers to join our Communications Ministry. If you enjoy making videos, designing graphics, taking photos, writing for social media, or simply want to learn something new, we'd love to have you on the team.

No Hollywood experience required—just a willingness to share your talents and help tell the story of God's work through our church. Volunteers of **all ages** are welcome.

Interested? Contact Bob at bwiederh@gmail.com to learn more.

After the Storm: Sharing Your Love and Support with the Menasha Area

In the wake of the EF-3 tornado that impacted Appleton, Neenah, and Menasha, the tagline for our synod has come to life in real time. Indeed we are curious, courageous, and Christ together in these early moments of recovery for our neighbors who have been impacted the most. The trauma of a scary weather event and the stages of grief brought about by complex loss meet the stirring so many of us feel to “do something” or to “help” in some way; and in that milieu of experiences and emotions - we have been given the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Below are ways to help that have been communicated to us:

1. Financial generosity is best. While many feel the pull to personally contribute something. Financial gifts allow people to be helped with dignity and in a way that is best to them. Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to stay in touch with us if there is work being done on the ground that can benefit from support. People can give online through the ECSW (East Central Synod of WI) through this [link](#) and select “Local Disaster Relief” from the menu. These funds will be shared where they can do the most good in lending support.
2. We are a part of something larger than ourselves. Volunteer Fox Valley is creating a [volunteer standby list](#) and you can find that link here to lend a hand. United Way Fox Cities is a place where people can [report damage, volunteer, or donate](#). You can call them at 211 or access their website here. [Resources for mental health](#) are available through NEW Network of Care.

Thanks be to God for friends and neighbors near and far who are ready to be the hands and feet of Christ.

LWR School Kits and Personal Care Kits

It's that time of year when we collect donations for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) **School Kits** and **Personal Care Kits**. Donations will be received from Wednesday, August 12 through Sunday, September 20 and can be placed in the Giving Corner. Lists of needed items will also be available in the Giving Corner for you to take with you when you shop.

The goal is to make 50 School Kits and 60 Personal Care Kits this year. Each School Kit contains four 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks of wide or college ruled paper which comes to 200 notebooks as an example of what is needed to assemble these kits. Thank you for your generosity and support!

School Kits	Personal Care Kits
Spiral Notebooks 70-80 sheets	Bath-size towel between 20-27" x 40-52"
Ruler with 30 cm or a ruler with 30 cm on one side and inches on the other	2-3 bath-size bars of soap totaling 8-9 oz.
Pencil Sharpener	Adult-size toothbrush
Pair of blunt scissors	Comb
Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers	Metal nail clippers
Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)	
Crayons 16 or 24 count	
Eraser 2.5 inches	



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)

- August 16: Sowing Mercy
- August 23: Building On The Rock

- August 30: God Gives the Growth
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Pet Blessing Sunday Outdoor Worship

Sunday, August 30; 8:00 am - Traditional and 10:00 am - Modern

Bring a pet, bring a chair, and enjoy worship in God's great outdoors! Worship will be on the Celebration Patio on the north side of the building. Any animals that can safely travel and be around strangers are invited to this worship service to receive a blessing.

NOTE: If it rains, both services will be held in the Sanctuary without the pet blessing.

Confirmation 2026-2027

Confirmation at Saint Andrew is a 3-year program open to students in 6th grade and up. Letters were sent to new 6th grade students and returning confirmation students at the beginning of July. If your family has a student who will be attending confirmation this fall but did not receive a letter with registration information, please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org.

Confirmation Orientation for 1st-3rd year students will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Lay School of Ministry Registration Now Open

Are you looking to deepen your faith, grow in your understanding of Scripture, and discover new ways to serve in your congregation and community? The East Central Synod of Wisconsin's Lay School of Ministry invites you to register for the 2026–2027 school year. Lay School equips and encourages adults for lives of discipleship through engaging courses in theology, the Bible, Lutheran identity, worship, church history, spirituality, and practical ministry. Students may enroll in the Core Program or choose from several continuing education electives. Courses are designed for lay leaders and anyone seeking to grow in faith—no previous theological education is required.

Registration is due Friday, September 4, 2026, and class sizes are limited. Learn more and register at layschool.ecsw.org.

GriefShare

Monday, September 14-December 7; 6:30 pm; St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Wausau

GriefShare is a 13-week video, national program to help individuals to journey with the death of a loved one or someone very close to you. The sessions begin with discussion, viewing a 30-minute video, and followed with more discussion. You can register by contacting Shirley Ostrem by email sjostrem2113@outlook.com or go to the GriefShare.org website.



Save the Date: A Fond Farewell to Waypost

For generations, Waypost Camp has been a place where faith has grown, friendships have been formed, and lives have been changed. As we prepare to close this chapter of Waypost's ministry, we hope you'll join us for a meaningful weekend of celebration, gratitude, and remembering.

Friday, September 18: Staff Alumni Gathering

- If you served on staff at Waypost, whether one summer or many, we'd love to gather with you.
- Families are welcome, too. Maybe you've always wanted to show your family the place that shaped so much of your life. Or maybe Waypost has become meaningful to them in their own way. Either way, the more the merrier! Come reconnect with old friends, swap stories, and enjoy an evening together.

Saturday, September 19: Holy Closure Celebration & Day at Camp

- Join us for a day of camp and remembrance.
- We'll spend time enjoying favorite camp activities, sharing a meal together, and celebrating the generations of ministry that have happened at Waypost. The day will include a Holy Closure worship service as we give thanks for all God has done through this place and entrust its future to God's continued work.
- Following the day's events, Saturday night lodging will be available for anyone who would like to stay, reconnect, or simply make travel a little easier.

More details, including schedule, lodging rates, and registration, will be shared soon. For now, we want to get on your calendar and get a sense of who is interested in joining us.

 [Learn more](#)

An Invitation To Join the 2027 Civil Rights Tour

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are excited to invite members of your congregations to join us for a transformative journey as the East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the Northern Great Lakes Synod partner together for a Civil Rights Tour, scheduled for June 9–15, 2027.

This pilgrimage, co-hosted by Bishop Anne Edison-Albright and Bishop Katherine Finegan, will take us to the heart of the Civil Rights Movement to engage with the history and stories that shape our shared commitment to justice, reconciliation, and faith today.

Tour Overview

The trip includes visits to significant historical sites in Georgia and Alabama, including:

- **Atlanta, GA: The home of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the National Center for Civil and Human Rights.**
- **Birmingham, AL: A visit to the 16th Street Baptist Church and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute.**
- **Selma & Montgomery, AL: Walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge, traveling the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, and visiting the Legacy Sites, including the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice.**
- **Tuskegee, AL: Exploring the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Site and the Tuskegee University Legacy Museum.**

This experience is designed to be a time of deep learning, reflection, and community. We believe this will be a profound opportunity for church councils, committees, and anyone passionate about history and justice to grow in faith together.

Registration and Details

Registration is now open. You can view the full itinerary, pricing, and secure your spot at the link below:

[Civil Rights Tour with Bishop Anne Edison-Albright & Bishop Katherine... · EO Tours](#)

We hope you will consider joining us for this significant time of study and fellowship. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Please watch for additional information to share with your congregation in The Weekly Wave. If you are not subscribed, please [SUBSCRIBE HERE](#).

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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.

#7 - How old is the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund?

This is the twelfth anniversary of the fund. Over these past 12 years, over \$57,750 of grants have been provided to support the organizations in our community! The wise investments made by the greater ELCA Endowment Trust Pooled Fund are very successful in continuing to make the fund grow. That makes it possible to have up to 10% of the fund made available for disbursement each year.

#8 - How much money is in the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund?

At the end of 2025, there was \$89,473 in the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund. With the ELCA Endowment Trust Pooled Fund we have confidence that our account fund is being wisely invested alongside the endowments of not only the ELCA but also more than a thousand ELCA congregations, synods and ministries.



“One in Spirit” Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

NAMI Northwoods received a donation of \$1876 from our yoga group.

We donated in memory of Bernice Gladys "Bernie" Corsten, who was Lenette Hoover's skip for curling. Bernie volunteered time at NAMI, and we were honored to donate in her name. NAMI Northwoods provides advocacy, education, support and public awareness throughout Marathon, Lincoln, and Langlade counties so that all individuals and families affected by mental illness can build better lives.

*****There will be NO yoga practices held at Saint Andrew August 11 - September 9.**

Looking forward to seeing you on your mats in the fall!

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

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](#))

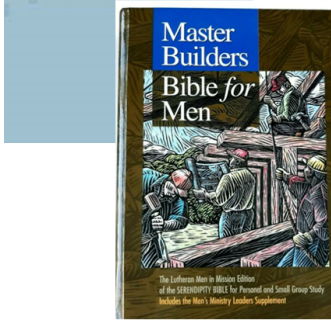
2nd-5th Wednesdays, 7:15 am - [Zoom](#)

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](#).

Read **ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry's** message to the church on the cusp of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence [here](#).

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](#)

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

NOTE: The office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7

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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