
Network



Weekly Newsletter August 27, 2026

A Devotion by Pr. Jack

Romans 12:14-21

*Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." **Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.***

A central question I have wrestled with in my faith (one with which I am still wrestling) is the role of violence, and whether the faithful person can or should ever resort to the use of violence, even in self-defense or as a soldier or police officer. I am not standing in judgment of those who have served their community or country in those capacities, nor could I ever condemn anyone who has acted in defense of themselves or other innocents. All the same, it has always bothered me that, whether we are talking about our modern culture

or the historic Lutheran church, that we have always managed to excuse ourselves from this very important teaching of Jesus. More than once, Jesus told his followers how they should approach their enemies: “But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:44-45a) Even when he was being arrested and Peter had drawn his sword to defend his Lord and Master, Jesus reprimanded him: “Put your sword back into its place, for all who take the sword will die by the sword.” (Matthew 26:52) And yet, so often as Christians we pretend as if Jesus “didn’t really mean it” when he said these things, or we protest that that might have worked for Jesus, but it couldn’t possibly work for us. Doesn’t Jesus know we need to protect ourselves? Doesn’t Jesus care about justice, safety, and order?

Of course Jesus cares about justice, safety and order! However, rather than assuming that some sin from us is needed to counter the sins of others, Jesus starts from the assumption that justice, safety and order start from us who act justly, and who create conditions of safety and order through our commitment to loving others. As Paul writes in the above section of Romans, “If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (Rom. 12:18) We are reminded repeatedly that we have a choice, and that the peacefulness of Jesus is something we can choose to emulate – we cannot pretend that our hands are tied, and that we must fight evil with evil. Instead, we leave vengeance to God, who has freed us to love without fear, overcoming the world’s evil with our good. Thanks be to God for Christ’s fearless example of love and gentleness, even on a cross – Amen!

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.

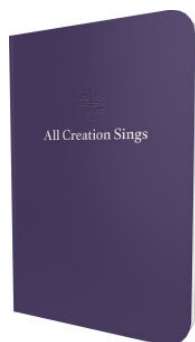


VBS Thank You!!

Last week we welcomed 30 kids to VBS: Illumination Station! Through music, crafts, bible stories, and service, kids found ways to let the love of Jesus SHINE SO BRIGHT! Throughout the week, they also learned how to be a light for others. During their Missions rotation, kids tie-dyed

pillowcases to donate to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, put together Birthday Cake boxes for Community Center of Hope food pantry, and raised \$135 for ELCA Good Gifts!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our VBS a success this year! Whether you volunteered for an hour, a day, or all week—your help is appreciated, and VBS could not have happened without you. I hope that you all continue to share the Light of the World with those around you.



Saint Andrew Is Getting A New Supplemental Hymnal

Hand in hand with the ELW (our current hymnal), the new supplemental hymnal, ***All Creation Sings*** invites us to expand our prayer and song, joining our voices with the praise of the whole creation God so marvelously made.

All Creation Sings includes:

- 200 hymns and songs
- Two liturgies of Holy Communion with new musical settings
- A Service of Word and Prayer designed especially for contemplative worship
- More than 75 new prayers and liturgical forms for diverse occasions and circumstances

New hymns will be introduced gradually in worship over many years. To help support the purchase of 350 ACS hymnals, you are invited to purchase/dedicate a hymnal for \$20. Order/dedication forms are available in the Narthex.

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.

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, 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	

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.



OWLS Are Rockin!

Wednesday, September 2; 10:30 am

The presentation will be **"The Rocks Cry Out"** (Luke 19:40): Discovering God's Handiwork in Wisconsin's Geology. Retired earth science teacher Paul Nelson will be the presenter. All are welcome to attend and a potluck lunch will follow the presentation.

Upcoming Service Series: No Fair! The Unfairness of God

Thursday and Sundays, September 3-20

Why are the ways of God unfair? In this series, we will encounter multiple scripture passages that will help us understand and reckon with the unfairness of God. "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." – *Matthew 20:16*

- **September 3 & 6: How to Fight Like A Christian**
 - **September 10 & 13: The Math of Forgiveness**
 - **September 17 & 20: A Fair Wage**
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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.



SALC Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, September 13; Following 9:00 am Worship

All are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall and on the Celebration Patio for the annual church

picnic. Burgers, brats, hot dogs, and potluck dishes will be served. Enjoy fellowship, games, Noah's Ark bounce house with a slide and basketball hoop, bingo for everyone, yard games, tattoos and face painting! If you would like to bring a dish to pass or cupcakes/small cakes for bingo, please check out the display in the Narthex with pull-tags for needed items and to volunteer.

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.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday September 17; 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Saint Andrew

The American Red Cross and Hello Kitty® are releasing exclusive NEW merch! Those who come to give blood, platelets, or AB Elite plasma **September 1-20**, will receive a **Red Cross x Hello Kitty bag**, while supplies last. Inside the bag is a one-of-a-kind Red Cross x Hello Kitty plush mascot clip and three mystery stickers. [Click here to make an appointment](#) or call **1 800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)**.



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.

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

The East Central Synod of Wisconsin and the Northern Great Lakes Synod are partnering together for a Civil Rights Tour, scheduled for **June 9–15, 2027** and co-hosted by Bishop Anne Edison-Albright and Bishop Katherine Finegan, taking us to the heart of the Civil Rights Movement.

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.**

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](#)

Please watch for additional information in The Weekly Wave. If you are not subscribed, you may [SUBSCRIBE HERE](#).

Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

Looking back at July:

Saint Andrew 2026 Spending Plan				
	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Plan	
Our Weekly Offerings	\$54,193	\$422,158	\$660,000	
Costs to do Our Ministry	\$59,215	\$386,401	\$691,000	
Extra or (Shortage)	(\$5,022)	\$35,757	(\$31,000)	

Average weekly attendance: 209 In Person; 65 Online

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

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.

#9 – Who can make a grant request?

Anyone can request a grant as support for an extended ministry opportunity at any time. The Endowment Committee makes recommendations to the Church Council for consideration. Constitutional by-laws and guidelines are used by the committee to guide the distribution of the Fund. Applications are available through the Saint Andrew church office.

#10 - What groups have been supported by fund grants?

Over the past ten years, our grants have been given to some of the following organizations and groups:

- Bridge Street Mission
- C2K Ministries
- ECSW Lay School of Ministry
- Crossways Camping Ministries
- Fill-A-Backpack
- Gathering Place
- Gospel TLC
- Granite House
- Hagar House
- KATS, Inc.
- Neighbor’s Place
- Angel of Hope Community Foundation
- Lutheran Campus Ministries-Oshkosh
- Lutheran School of Theology
- Middle Grounds
- Monk Botanical Gardens Student Scholarships
- New Beginnings for Refugees
- Open Door of Marathon County
- Soundworks Systems, Inc (Sanctuary Hearing Loop)
- United Lutheran Seminary
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Wausau Chapter



“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.

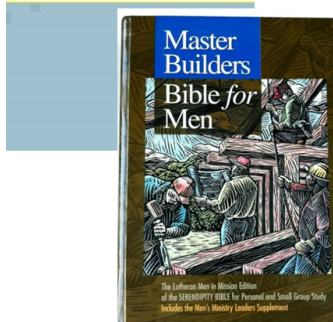
—Gerhard E. Frost

Allan	Gary	Paulette G.
Allen	Heath & Missy	Pyxie
Amy	Heidi	Renee
Annie	Janine	Riley
Ashley	Jean	Robert
Bev	Jean	Robert
Bonnie	Jen	Rosemary
Brent	Jermaine	Sandy
Carol	Jill	Sharon & Sally
Cheryl	John	Shirley
Chuck	Josh & Family	Steve
Dan	Julie	Steve
Darold	Julie	Terry

Dave
Delores
Dennis
Diane
Doris
Doug
Ed
Frank

Kathy
Kay
Kaye
Kenadie
Linda
Monica
Nikki
Paulette

Therese
Thomas
Tim
Tim
Tom
Tom
Troy
Virjean



Adult Studies

Adult Bible Study

Sundays, 9:15 am - Garden Room (Sign up [here](#))
Begins September 20

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](#)

[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

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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