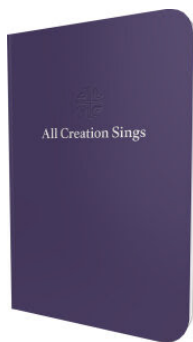

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Weekly Newsletter September 3, 2026



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.



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.

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.

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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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.



One Service Time on September 13 to Include Blessing of Backpacks

Sunday, September 13; 9:00 am

NOTE: Worship schedule change is for one Sunday only
Saint Andrew will join as one and worship, serve, love. Together.

Students, bring your backpacks to worship to have them blessed and receive a small token to celebrate the school year ahead! 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.



10 Days Until the Annual Saint Andrew Church Picnic

Sunday, September 13; Following 9:00 am Worship

The countdown is on! We're just 10 days away from our annual Saint Andrew Church Picnic, and we'd love for you to be part of the fun!

If you haven't found a way to get involved yet, stop by the Picnic Information Board in the Narthex. You'll find opportunities to volunteer on picnic day, or you can pull a tag to donate a food item or a cake for bingo.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Set-up and take-down
- Organizing lawn games
- Supervising the bounce house
- Helping with food and activities
- And more!

Whether you volunteer, bring a donation, or simply come ready to enjoy the day, we're looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and fun with you and your family!

We can't wait to see you at the picnic!

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.



Art Devotions

Wednesday, September 16; 1:00-3:00 pm

We will be using your favorite leaves to create a leaf print on canvas. Start collecting your favorite leaves from trees, bushes, etc, put them in a book and bring the book to class. You can also collect fresh leaves the day of the class and put in a book (they need to be flat and not curled up). The veining and outline of the leaves on canvas will then be our base to embellish with pencils, paint, doodles with a fine marker or to leave as is. A variety of canvas sizes are available and \$5 is the suggested donation. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Cathy Kirk will lead us in this project. Call Pam Clark with any questions at 715-848-9120.



Sunday School Starts September 20

Sundays 9:10-9:50 am; Activity Room

Saint Andrew offers Sunday school for students in preschool (ages 2-3) through 5th grade. Each Sunday students meet in the Activity Room at 9:10 am for a large group opening before being dismissed to classrooms until pick up at 9:50 am. Registration can be found on our [website](#) or printed forms can be filled out at church on your child's first day.

Also on September 20, Spark Bibles will be presented in worship to children starting 3rd grade. Parents will be invited forward to share in fulfilling the baptismal promise, "place in their hands the holy scripture".

Join our Sunday School Team!

We are always looking to add to our teaching team. If you feel called to serve as a lead teacher or an assistant, please reach out to Jenna at jenna@salc-wausau.org. We are looking for 2 adults in each classroom: Preschool, Pre-k/Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3-5. You do not need to be available every week. Teach as often as you can. We will be holding a Sunday school teacher meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 5:30 pm where you can meet fellow teachers, learn about our curriculum and participate in our Safe Place Policy training. *All volunteers working directly with children will be required to complete a background check.*

Dartball Begins

Monday, September 21

A practice night will be held **Tuesday September 15 at 6:30 pm** for anyone interested in joining us. We are open to having new members as two of our backup players are not with us this year. All skill levels are welcome - we throw darts for fun! Last year the teams had players ranging in age from 8 to 96. Schedules and game locations will be handed out that night. If you have any questions please contact Duane Zietlow at 715-573-8817 or just stop by on September 15!



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](#)

LWR School Kits and Personal Care Kits

Thanks to everyone who has donated supplies for the school kits and personal hygiene kits!

Please look at the lists below for what is still needed and consider making a purchase and bring them to church no later than **Sunday September 20**. There is a display in the Giving Corner with more information and a place to receive donations. We have gratefully received enough pencils, erasers and combs to complete the kits!

School Kits	# to Make 50 Kits	# Still Needed
Spiral Notebooks	200	70
Ruler	50	25
Pencil Sharpener	50	33
Black or Blue Ballpoints Pens	250	137
Crayons: 16-24 Count	50	12
Scissors	50	16

Personal Care Kits	# to Make 60 Kits	# Still Needed
Bath Towels	60	20
2-3 Bath Size Soap -8-9 oz Total	60	60-4 oz 90-3 oz
Adult Toothbrush	60	12
Metal Nail Clippers	60	37

High School Gatherings

Begin Wednesday, September 30; 5:30 – 7:30 pm

As Sunday School and Confirmation begin again, new gatherings for high school age students will be held at Saint Andrew one Wednesday a month. Month to month, we will be organizing different activities to do together, from games in the Youth Room to seasonal outings, as well as opportunities to express our faith and serve our neighbors. We especially want to encourage all those who are interested in attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in June 2027 to participate in these gatherings so we can get to know each other before we go to the Gathering in Minneapolis.

Dinner will be provided at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with confirmation students; high school youth group time will be 6:00–7:30 pm in the Youth Room.

Upcoming Fall Dates: *September 30; October 28; November 18*

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	Heath & Missy	Pyxie
Allen	Heidi	Renee
Amy	Janine	Riley
Annie	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	Kathy	Therese
Delores	Kay	Thomas
Dennis	Kaye	Tim
Diane	Kenadie	Tim
Doris	Linda	Tom
Doug	Monica	Tom
Ed	Nikki	Troy
Frank	Paulette	Virjean
Gary	Paulette G.	Family of Tiffany Wilson

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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