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Weekly Newsletter
September 10, 2026

A Devotion by Pr. Jack**Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we

did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Although there are many kinds of stories told in the book of Genesis, including the accounts of Creation, the flood and Noah's ark, and the stories of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the final third of the entire book of Genesis centers around one main character: Joseph the dreamer, who wore the coat of many colors. This makes sense narratively, because Joseph's story helps to explain why the descendants of Israel migrated to Egypt in the first place (first to survive the famine, and then because Joseph ensured they would be allowed to settle there). All the same, it seems as if the extremely wide scope at the beginning of Genesis narrows to a fine point, following only Joseph and his suffering and triumph, from slave to administrator of all Egypt.

This makes sense, however, if we read Genesis as a story about brothers, and about learning to forgive them. Although it is a lesson for all human siblings, Genesis uses stories about brothers to highlight the divisions within the human family, and to show that reconciliation is possible. This theme starts with the very first pair of brothers, when Cain kills his brother Abel in a jealous rage. It continues with the rivalries between Noah's sons, and between the sons of

Abraham, Isaac and Ishmael, who are set against one another from the beginning of their lives. Jacob and Esau, the sons of Isaac, continue this trend of brotherly rivalry and hatred, and by the time we reach the twelve sons of Jacob, anger and jealousy seem to be the only way Genesis knows to describe brotherhood.

And yet. . . the old way is not the only way, the past can be forgiven, and new beginnings are possible. After much internal pain, Joseph chooses to forgive his brothers who had sold him into slavery, and not only forgive, but rescue them and their families from starvation. With tears in his eyes, Joseph chose to set aside the past and embraced his brothers as his own. Because he did, the descendants of Abraham survived – like Joseph, when we choose forgiveness and reconciliation, we are choosing life over death, and the future over the past. For all our human siblings, and for our shared lives together, thanks be to God!



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.



Annual Saint Andrew Church Picnic This Sunday

***Sunday, September 13; Following 9:00 am
Worship***

The countdown is on! We're just 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!

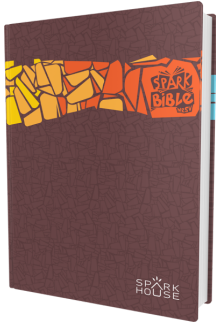
Whether you volunteer, bring a donation, or simply come ready to enjoy the day, we're looking forward to a wonderful time of fellowship, laughter, and fun with you and your family!

Sunday School Open House

Sunday, September 13; 10:30-11:00 am in the Activity Room

During the church picnic, stop by the Activity Room to meet some of our Sunday school team, fill out a registration form, and decorate your name tag. If you are new to Sunday school, you can visit classrooms and ask any questions you may have.

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

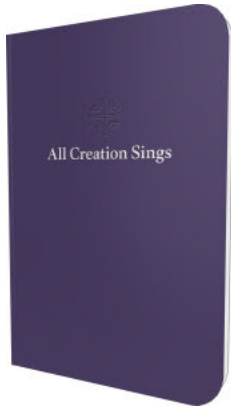
Saint Andrew offers Sunday school for students in preschool (ages 2-3) through 5th grade. Each Sunday students meet in the Activity Room at 9:10 am for a large group opening before being dismissed to classrooms until pick up at 9:50 am. Registration can be found on our [website](#) or printed forms can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



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.

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 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.

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.

September Noisy Offering

Thursday & Sunday, September 17 & 20

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship to help offset shipping costs of LWR (Lutheran World Relief) quilts, school bags and personal care kits.

Last month we received \$602.68 to help pay down the Wausau School District current lunch program debt. Thank you for your generosity in supporting local kids and families experiencing food insecurity!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

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



**American
Red Cross**

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

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

 [Learn more](#)

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!

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 notebooks, rulers, pencils, erasers, scissors, toothbrushes, nail clippers and combs to complete the kits! Below is a list of what is still needed:

Pencil Sharpeners: 10
Black or Blue Ballpoint Pens: 20
Crayons: 5

Bath Towels: 2
Soap: 40-4 oz bars or 60 3 oz bars

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*

New Member Dinner and Orientation

***New Member Connections Dinner - Thursday, October 1; 5:00-7:00 pm**

***New Member Orientation - Sunday, October 4; 9:15 am**

***New Members Received in Worship - Sunday, October 11**

A letter has gone out to those who have expressed an interest in joining Saint Andrew with details about orientation in October. If you did not receive a letter and are interested in joining, please contact Joy by Monday, September 21 at 715-842-3333.

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 details, a full itinerary, pricing and registration can be found at:

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

Please watch for additional information in the synod's weekly newsletter, The Weekly Wave. If you are not subscribed, you may [Subscribe Here](#).

Endowment Fund Questions and Answers

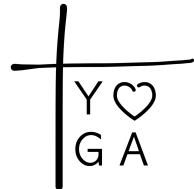
In the upcoming weeks, a variety of questions about the Saint Andrew Endowment fund will be answered. We hope that you become more aware of how you can use the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund to *“plant a seed and create a legacy.”* For more information about the fund, please contact the church office and they will direct you to a member of the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund Committee.

#11 – Why is a gift to the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund important?

A gift to the Endowment Fund is an act of estate stewardship, reflecting the life of a faithful steward. Such a gift, whether given during one's lifetime or through one's estate, is especially satisfying to the giver, a reflection of them in that it will continue to serve the purposes and people of our Lord Jesus Christ as long as His Church shall stand.

#12 – Is there a practical reason to give to the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund?

As a practical matter, because federal law encourages charitable giving, including the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund in estate planning, makes it possible to contribute gifts to the fund that would otherwise be spent in taxes. Your financial advisor or estate planner can give you more information about the practical implications of a gift.



“One in Spirit” Yoga

Transforming the mind, body, and spirit

Yoga for Beginnings

Fall is a fabulous time to consider beginnings! From the change of weather to changes in routines to changes in mindset, **fall is the perfect time to begin!**

Whether you have never practiced yoga or have practiced thousands of times, a beginner’s mind is always the start. You are invited to join us as we begin a series of “Yoga for Beginnings” with the conclusion on the week of November 10 & 11, featuring a relaxing restorative yoga practice!

Mat-based Practices: Tuesdays at 8:30 am & 4:30 pm

Chair-based Practices: Wednesdays at 8:30 am

Donations during this series will support food insecurities in the Wausau community through Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, whose demands have increased significantly in recent months.

Donations from May-August of \$875 are supporting the important work of

The Hagar House of Wausau. A donation of \$115 was also given to Saint Andrew towards lights, heat, etc.

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

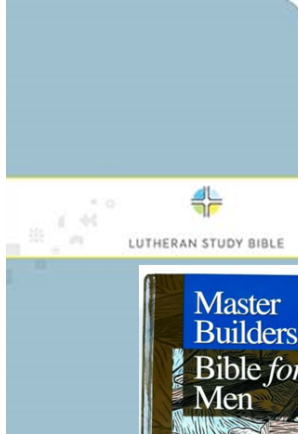
Allan	Heath & Missy	Pyxie
Allen	Heidi	Renee
Amy	Janine	Riley
Annie	Jean	Robert
Bev	Jean	Robert
Bonnie	Jen	Rosemary
Brent	Jermaine	Sandy
Carol	Jill	Sharon & Sally
Cheryl	John	Shirley
Chuck	Josh & Family	Steve
Dan	Julie	Steve
Darold	Julie	Terry
Dave	Kathy	Therese
Delores	Kay	Thomas
Dennis	Kaye	Tim
Diane	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](#).

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

Saint Andrew Sunday Worship Livestream

9:00 am Blended Worship

[Click here for YouTube](#)

[Click here for Facebook](#)

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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