

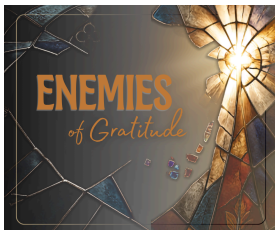
Network



Weekly Newsletter October 1, 2026

Handbell Dedication This Sunday

At the 8:00 am traditional worship service on Sunday, October 4, the Handbell Choir will expand from 4 to 5 octaves of bells. We will dedicate the handbell choir bells to the praise and glory of God.



Next Service Series: The Enemies of Gratitude

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Enemies of Gratitude: Worry

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- **October 1 & 4: Worry**
 - **October 8 & 11: Entitlement**
 - **October 15 & 18: Greed**
 - **October 22 & 25 (Reformation/Confirmation): Disappointment**
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Roofing Repairs Have Begun

We appreciate your patience and cooperation while these necessary repairs are completed.

For your safety:

- Stay clear of marked work areas, equipment, and roofing materials.
- Follow any temporary parking, entry, or walkway restrictions posted on the property. Some entrances will be closed at various times, potentially with short notice.

If you have any questions, contact: Patrick, Facility Coordinator, at 715-842-3333 or patrick@salc-wausau.org.



ELCA Youth Gathering Information Meeting

Sunday, October 4; 5:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling.

Interested youth and a parent are invited to join us to learn more about the 2027 Youth Gathering including theme, cost estimates, program overview, and how to sign up. Youth participants in the ELCA Youth Gathering must be in **8th to 12th grade** at time of registration (fall 2026).



OWLS Oktoberfest— Oom-Pah-Pah!

Wednesday, October 7; 10:30 am

Dust off your dancing shoes—or just bring your toe-tapping ones! Join the OWLS for an Oktoberfest celebration featuring lively recorded polka music, German and Wisconsin trivia, fun heritage games, plenty of laughs, and a delicious potluck lunch.

Bring your appetite, your sense of humor, and a friend. Lederhosen optional!
Come and enjoy the fellowship! Prost!

Art Devotions - Leaf "Magic" Watercolors with Cindy Markowski

Wednesday, October 7; 1:00-3:00 pm - Activity Room

This month we will again be celebrating nature with leaves and enjoying the "magic" that can happen on watercolor paper. Cindy will guide us in a variety of ways to use our foliage and have fun experimenting in watercolors. We will have plenty of pressed leaves for you to trace. No experience is necessary and all supplies will be provided, but do bring any items you would like to use. A \$5 donation is appreciated to help defray the cost of watercolor paper and paint. All are welcome and please feel free to bring a friend. Call Pam Clark with any questions at 715-848-9120.



Margins Women's Retreat At Pine Lake Camp In Waupaca

Friday-Sunday, October 9-11

Maybe you're in the thick of little ones at home. Or keeping up with sports schedules and carpools.

Maybe you're building a career or stepping into a new

leadership role.

Or maybe you're finally entering a slower season, even retirement, and wondering,
Aren't I supposed to have more time now?

We get it.

Because if you don't make room for the margins in your life, they get... absorbed.

So we made Margins: A Women's Retreat to slow down, notice what's been crowded out, reconnect with joy, and rediscover a faith that feels alive.

And honestly? I imagine it a little like this:

- It will look like women sitting around a table, connecting, and then walking together under a canopy of fall colors.
- It will sound like laughter, “You too? I thought it was just me!” Maybe, for once, the sound of your own thoughts again. And the quiet enough to hear from God.
- It will taste like food you didn't plan, prepare, or clean up.
- It will smell like a blend of campfire and the candle aisle at TJ Maxx.
- It will feel like a good night's sleep.

Ah.

Yes, there are a thousand reasons this gathering might feel impossible right now. But maybe that's exactly why you need it.

Come make a little room. Come find your margins.

Margins is a retreat for women 18+ who could use a little space. We'd love to have you with us.

P.S. If cost is what's making this feel impossible, please don't let it keep you home. Scholarships are available. Apply online at CrosswaysCamps.org/scholarship; we'd love to help make Margins possible for you.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#)



Cookie Decorating Class

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-8:00 pm

Join us for a creative culinary class where you will learn professional cookie decorating using royal icing. Our evening will feature hands-on decorating practice. Learn essential cookie techniques including outlining, flooding, piping, and wet-on-wet designs. You will create a beautiful fall-themed set

of cookies to take home and receive a personal take-home starter tool kit along with signature dough and icing recipes. Class size is limited to 30 people, high school age and older.

Sign up in the Narthex by **Sunday, October 4** or text or call Sandi Rusch at 715-581-8876. Cost is \$10.

SALC Food Pantry Current Needs

Please help us stock the food pantry shelves for families in need. The following is a list of items the pantry currently needs to restock.

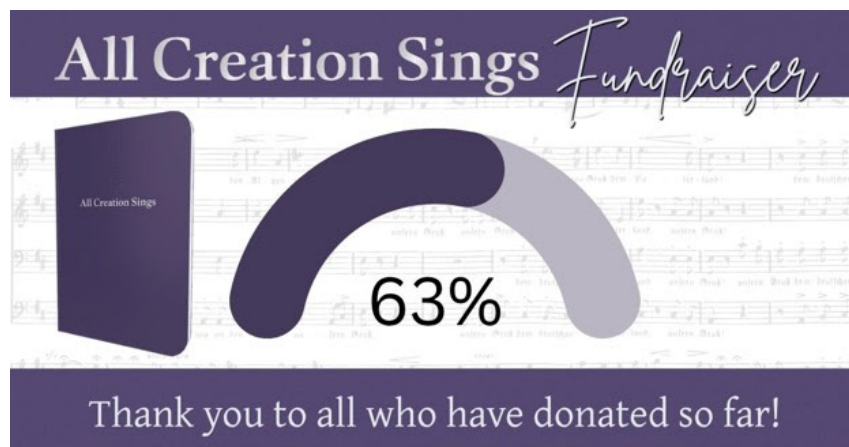
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix
- Maple Syrup
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Macaroni & Cheese

Donated items can be placed at the entrances of the church in the marked Food Pantry baskets. Thank you for supporting the Saint Andrew food pantry!



Let's Support Our Neighbors!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Wausau is now serving **over 150 families** per month through Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry. Food insecurity is a reality many families in our community are facing. Good Shepherd provides free food for anyone in need with no judgement. They open Maggie's Pop-Up one advertised day each month. Their goal is to not turn anyone away, but they are struggling to keep up with the demand. Saint Andrew is here to support God's work in our community! We are inviting you to participate in donating non-perishable food and monetary gifts throughout the month of October to support Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry and families in our community. Watch for more information.



All Creation Sings Hymnal Update

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far to the All Creation Sings hymnal fundraiser! We have made significant progress, with 235 hymnals of the 350-hymnal goal being dedicated or purchased anonymously.



There is still time to donate. Dedicate a new supplemental hymnal, All Creation Sings (ACS) for \$20. Pay via cash, check, or online using the QR code (please designate ACS Hymnals in the online donation description). A drop box and paper dedication forms are available near the Giving Corner. Help us reach the goal of 350 hymnals!

Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

Looking back at August:

	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Plan
Our Weekly Offerings	\$49,142	\$471,300	\$660,000
Costs to do Our Ministry	\$57,060	\$443,461	\$691,000
Extra or (Shortage)	(\$7,918)	\$27,839	(\$31,000)

Average weekly attendance: 233 In Person; 62 Online

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



Christ in Our Home Devotionals

The 2026 fourth quarter of “Christ In Our Home” devotionals are available in the Narthex. All are welcome to pick up a copy for your family.

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.

#13 – How are my gifts acknowledged?

Gifts to the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund are acknowledged in a couple of ways. A letter will be sent to the donor acknowledging their gift. This is a letter that can be used for tax purposes. Also, if you permit us, we will commemorate for what purpose the gift was given (e.g. “In memory of...”) on our “Created A Legacy” plaque which will be hung at Saint Andrew.

#14 - How can I “Plant a seed and create a legacy”?

There are many ways in which you, your family, friends or employer can give to the Saint Andrew Endowment Fund:

- **Cash Gifts:** Memorializing or honoring a family member or friend on a special occasion
- **Gifts By Will:** Bequests recognize the opportunity to make a lasting contribution to support the programs of the Fund.
- **IRAs, Profits Sharing & 401(K)s:** Because these assets can be subject to both income & estate tax at death, designating the church as a beneficiary can help reduce taxes to be paid.
- **Insurance:** You may wish to designate the Fund as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
- **Charitable Trusts:** Trusts are a very useful tool for estate planning, and they can be tailored to serve your special needs and support your legacy.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity:** If you are over 65 and want to leave a gift to support the endowment, but need to create a current income source, a charitable gift annuity may be the answer.
- **Donor Advised Funds (DAFs):** May be used to make a charitable contribution to the fund, receive an immediate tax deduction, and then recommend grants to your favorite charities, including the endowment fund, over time, allowing flexibility in giving.
- **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD):** You can use your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to support the endowment through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This can help you reduce your taxable income and while creating a legacy.



“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
Allen
Amy
Annie
Bev

Gloria
Heath & Missy
Heidi
Janine
Jean

Pyxie
Renee
Riley
Robert
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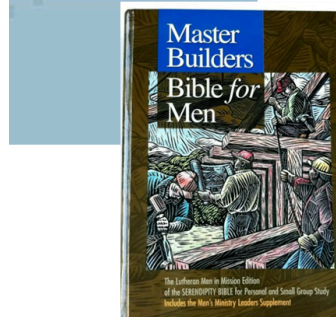
Bonnie	Jean	Rosemary
Brent	Jen	Sandy
Carol	Jermaine	Sharon & Sally
Cheryl	Jill	Shirley
Chuck	John	Steve
Dan	Josh & Family	Steve
Darold	Julie	Terry
Dave	Julie	Therese
Dave	Kathy	Thomas
Delores	Kay	Tim
Dennis	Kaye	Tim
Diane	Kenadie	Tom
Doris	Linda	Tom
Doug	Monica	Troy
Ed	Nikki	Virjean
Frank	Paulette	Family of Tiffany Wilson
Gary	Paulette G.	



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

9:00 am Blended Worship

[Click here for YouTube](#)

[Click here for Facebook](#)

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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