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Weekly Newsletter October 8, 2026

A Devotion by Pr. Jack

Matthew 6:1-4

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

A contradiction seems to exist in the Sermon on the Mount. Wait, what?!? (No, really!) When I was recently rereading the Sermon in Matthew, chapters 5-7 (confirmation class prep!), it occurred to me for the first time that Jesus seems to contradict himself in the space of two chapters. In chapter 5, when he is speaking about ‘salt and light,’ and comparing the church to a shining ‘city on a hill,’ he tells the listeners, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (v. 16) Simple enough – do good things and do them out in the open so people can see and give thanks to God.

However, in the very next chapter, Jesus says, “Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.” (Matt. 6:1) So, which is it? Should we shine our light, or beware of practicing righteousness before others?

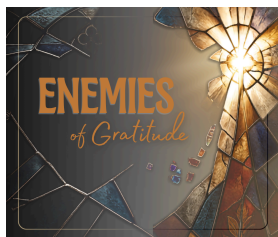
I think the answer to this minor conundrum is in our intent. Jesus did want his followers to do the goodness he taught, and to live openly so others may see, but he did not want them to become convinced that others seeing was the main point. From his first example of giving alms (i.e. giving to support the needy), it becomes clear: if our generosity towards others is tied up with our desire to be seen as generous, then our hearts are in the wrong place, even if our actions are in the right place. If we really are in it just for the attention, then Jesus wants us to know that attention is all that our generosity is going to get us. God is not interested in prideful philanthropy, and our neighbors are not here just to make us feel good about ourselves. Instead, Jesus reminds us that no good act is lost on God – so long as we remember that God has loved us first, unconditionally, we are freed to love others without conditions or exceptions. Thanks to be God, who sees not just what we do, but our hearts, to ever greater love. Amen!



New Members Received

Saint Andrew is blessed to have the following new members join its faith community this **Sunday, October 11**: Tim, Jen, Avila and Anthony Cucchiareli; Diann Dircz; Kurt, Meranda, Lucy, Eden and Scarlet Eggebrecht; David and

Nancy Fencl; Jerry and Linda Frale; Charles and Chris Freiberg; Peter, Jessica, Penelope, Caroline and Henry Gaffaney; Jean Habeck; Ron and Deanna Kelly; and Judy Nelsen. Please give them a warm welcome as you see them at worship and participating in the life of Saint Andrew!



Service Series: The Enemies of Gratitude

Most followers of Christ likely try to practice an “attitude of gratitude.” However, there are many patterns and trappings that prevent us from living each day with gratitude. This series offers an opportunity to witness stumbling blocks

God’s people ran into in the Old and New Testaments, call out the habits and thoughts that are enemies of gratitude, and train our hearts and actions towards grateful and faithful living.

- **October 8 & 11: Entitlement**
- **October 15 & 18: Greed**

Fearless Gratitude - 2027 Stewardship Campaign

In Matthew 6:25–34, Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow. He points to the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, assuring us that if God cares for them, He cares for us much more. Fearless gratitude is trusting God so completely that we are willing to give more of ourselves. It means recognizing that all we have is a gift from God – and that these gifts are meant to be shared with others. It means we should always be asking, *“God, how can I use what You have given me to bless others and strengthen our community?”*

As we begin our stewardship campaign, please take time to reflect on how you are sharing the blessings God has entrusted to you. Consider how you might increase your impact through both your financial gift and your time. When we give, we not only help others, but we also help ourselves. Study after study shows that people who give of their time, talents and financial support often experience less stress and anxiety, greater overall happiness and joy, and have a clearer sense of daily purpose.

We may not know what tomorrow will bring, but we know who holds tomorrow. Let fear lose its grip, let gratitude fill our hearts, and let generosity become an expression of our faith. With open hands and willing hearts, we can give more, serve more and trust God more--confident that He will faithfully provide for all our needs.

Sometimes What We Need Is YOU

Wausau is not exempt from the nation-wide increase in homelessness. Starting in November, there will be two shelters in Wausau and Saint Andrew will help staff both of them on Friday evenings which means more volunteers are needed every Friday.

A volunteer typically works once or twice a month on a flexible basis. A variety of level of activity is available: sitting down, being active with minimal lifting, and being active with heavier lifting. We also provide the meal on Fridays. While you could provide the full meal for 30-60 people, it's more common to be part of a team and provide a meal such as two pans of hot dish, or a crockpot of chili.

A sign-up sheet is available on the Information Desk in the Narthex. Ruth will then call you to answer questions and/or schedule you to work.

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.](#)

Habitat for Humanity Home 78 Ready for Final Cleaning

Habitat for Humanity is excited to share that they are getting close to the dedication of Home 78 and need a few volunteers to help them cross the finish line and prepare the house for its future homeowner and dedication celebration. The greatest need is assistance with final home cleaning-wipe out cabinets, sweep floors, wash the windows and wipe down fixtures. [Click here to sign up](#) for an upcoming cleaning opportunity on **Wednesday, October 14**.

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Grall, Operations Manager at kgrall@habitatwausau.org

Noisy Offering

Thursday and Sunday, October 15 & 18

A Noisy Offering will be received in worship to support St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Menasha with the costs involved in repairing the steeple damaged by hail this summer. The congregation faces a \$98,360 deductible - an unexpected expense that was not a part of their 2026 Spending Plan.

Last month we received \$346.39 to help offset shipping costs of LWR (Lutheran World Relief) quilts, school bags and personal care kits. Thank you for your generosity!

Fall Youth Event at Wilke's Corn Maze

Sunday, October 18; 1:00 pm

Wilke's Corn Maze

239403 Cty. Rd W N, Wausau, WI 54403

6th-12th graders are invited to meet at Wilke's to tackle the giant corn maze! Cost is \$10/person. Let us know you're coming: [sign up by October 14!](#)



ELCA Youth Gathering Sign-Up

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.

Registration for the ELCA Youth Gathering opens soon!

Students currently in 8th-12th grade that are interested in attending the Gathering will need to fill out a Registration Worksheet and submit a \$175 deposit to secure their spot. Registration is done at the congregational level, so all information **must be submitted by Sunday, October 18 to Saint Andrew**. Please contact jenna@salc-wausau.org for more details and to receive your registration worksheet.

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.

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.



Fall Clean-up

Saturday, October 24; 8:30 am

Rain Date: November 7, 8:30 am

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the landscaping around the building as we get ready for the winter months. Outdoor tasks will include pruning, weeding, raking and picking up debris. Dress for the weather and bring yard tools (rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers, etc). Please sign-up by contacting Patrick at 715-842-3333 or by email patrick@salc-wausau.org.



Trunk or Treating at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Saturday, October 31, 4:00-7:00 pm

Have fun trunk or treating and enjoy a free "open house", family friendly meal served inside. The event will be held rain or shine at Good Shepherd, located at [930 Edgewood Rd.](#),

[Wausau.](#)

Volunteer Opportunity with Sleep in Heavenly Peace!

As the WI-Wausau chapter celebrates its one year anniversary, we are expanding our service area to include Weston and Rothschild. With this growth, we anticipate needing additional volunteers for our delivery teams.

Who Can Volunteer

No experience is required. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and no longer enrolled in high school. Before joining a delivery, all volunteers must attend a training session to become familiar with the process.

What You'll Learn

- Steps completed before delivery day
- Protocols for entering a family's home
- How to assemble beds and bunk beds
- How to make the bed and clean up afterward

Delivery Schedule

Deliveries are generally scheduled for the second Saturday of each month, from 9:00 am to noon. Occasionally, special circumstances require additional deliveries and we do our best to accommodate each family's needs.

Upcoming Training Sessions

- **November 8 at 11:30 am**
- **December 6 at 11:30 am**

Space is limited!

To sign up, please click here: [Delivery Training](#). Please contact Patrick with any questions at Patrick.Kieper@SHPBeds.org.



“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.

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	Gloria	Pyxie
Allen	Heath & Missy	Renee
Amy	Heidi	Riley
Annie	Janine	Robert
Bev	Jean	Robert
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



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

10:00 am 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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