Network

SAINT ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Worship, Serve, Love. Together.

Weekly Newsletter
October 22, 2026

Using Our Talents for God's Mission- 2027 Stewardship Campaign

In Jesus' Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-18), a master entrusts his servants with gifts and resources while he is away. Some use those gifts faithfully and productively, while one hides his talent in the ground. Jesus reminds us that God has entrusted each of us with blessings, abilities, time, and resources, not to be hidden away, but to be used for His purposes.

At Saint Andrew, we believe stewardship is about much more than finances. It is about recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God and responding with gratitude. We share Christ's love by using our time, talents, and resources to support the ministry of Saint Andrew.

Every act of generosity helps make ministry possible. Whether serving on a committee, singing in the choir, helping with outreach, welcoming visitors, sharing professional skills, or supporting the church through regular giving, each gift contributes to the life and mission of Saint Andrew. God uses these

gifts to create opportunities for worship, learning, service, fellowship, and care for our community.

Please prayerfully consider your giving intentions for 2027 and return your pledge card by mail or through your regular offering during worship by **October 25**. In addition, with that pledge we ask that you consider the Time and Talent booklet and return the card indicating how you might be interested in serving at Saint Andrew using your own time and talents in the coming year. A box is also available in the Narthex near the Giving Corner to receive these cards.

How might God be calling you to share your talents, your time, and your financial resources in the coming year? Together, we can continue to grow the ministry of Saint Andrew and faithfully use all that God has given us for His glory.



All Creation Sings Supplementary Hymnals Are On The Way

We have reached our goal! 350 hymnals have been ordered. Thanks to everyone who contributed. The hymnals will need to be shipped, and the dedications will need to be added. We will begin to utilize them likely during Advent, but especially in early 2027.



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 22 & 25 (Reformation/Confirmation): Disappointment**

Upcoming Service Series: The Good News About Death

October 29-November 22

Death is a subject most often to be avoided in contemporary culture. Yet, death and life beyond death are key elements of Christian faith. In November, beginning with All Saints' and through Christ the King Sunday, this service series will find words of life in the face of death, will equip the congregation to speak openly about death and live into the Christian hope and faith found in earthly death and resurrection.

October 29 & November 1: All Saints (Blessed Are the Dying)
November 5 & 8: Grieving with Hope
November 12 & 15: Faith Through Our Fear
November 19 & 22: Mercy Reigns

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.

Confirmation Worship

Sunday, October 25; 10:00 am

By the grace of God, after three years of faithful preparation, 6 confirmands will affirm their baptism in worship on Reformation Sunday. Join us in giving thanks to God for the witness of these young people!

Abby Lynn Brown
Kason Christopher Bargender
Evan Michael Drolshagen
Anna Lee Schmidt
Aaron Lucas Towne
Jamison Lee Walker

This special service will also be livestreamed here: **YouTube** or **Facebook**



Pop-Up Collection to Support Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry!

***You* are invited to participate** in donating non-perishable food and monetary gifts throughout the next several weeks to support Maggie's Pop-Up Pantry and families in our community. Collection bins and a monetary donation box is located in the Giving Corner in the Narthex. 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 Pantry 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!



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.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 am
Remember to set your clocks *back one hour* on Saturday before you go to bed!

OWLS – Faithful Hearts, Lasting Memories

Wednesday, November 4; 10:30 am

Everyone has had a special "saint" in their life—someone who inspired us, encouraged us, taught us a lesson or two, or simply made us smile! Join OWLS for an All Saints' Day celebration filled with memories, laughter, gratitude and fellowship. Bring a photo or special keepsake that reminds you of someone who made a difference in your life and come ready to share a story or two. We'll enjoy some fun activities and, of course, a delicious potluck lunch. Everyone is welcome!

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.**

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Saint Andrew Social Advocacy Ministry is offering Thanksgiving food baskets for those in need this holiday season. Please make requests through the SALC office at 715-842-3333 or joy@salc-wausau.org by ***Monday, November 16***. Distribution will be on ***Monday, November 23, 5:00-6:00 pm*** at the north entrance of the church. Donations of: whole chickens, turkey breasts, canned cranberry sauce, pie crusts, and pie filling will be received until ***Monday, November 16***. Please no whole turkeys. Non-perishable items can be placed in the baskets provided in the Giving Corner. Perishable items can be placed in the refrigerator or freezer on the shelf marked "Thanksgiving Food Baskets." Thank you for your generosity and support as we help others!

Saint Andrew Spending Plan Monthly Update

Looking back at September:

Saint Andrew 2026 Spending Plan

	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Annual Plan
Our Weekly Offerings	$47,811	$519,111	$660,000
Costs to do Our Ministry	$64,011	$507,472	$691,000
Extra or (Shortage)	**($16,200)**	**$11,639**	($31,000)

Average weekly attendance: 242 In Person; 69 Online

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

"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.

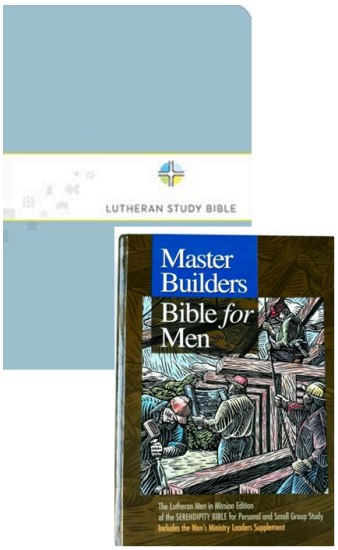
For these we pray...

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
Bonnie
Brent
Carol
Heath & Missy
Heidi
Janine
Jean
Jean
Jen
Jermaine
Jill
Pyxie
Renee
Riley
Robert
Robert
Rosemary
Sandy
Sharon & Sally

Cheryl	John	Shirley
Chuck	Josh & Family	Steve
Darold	Julie	Steve
Dave	Julie	Terry
Delores	Kathy	Therese
Dennis	Kay	Thomas
Diane	Kaye	Tim
Doris	Kenadie	Tim
Doug	Linda	Tom
Ed	Monica	Tom
Frank	Nikki	Troy
Gary	Paulette	Virjean
Gloria	Paulette G.	Family of Tiffany Wilson



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

8:00 am Traditional 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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