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March 26, 2017

4th Sunday in Lent-A

WELCOME and hear that the Lord makes us see again by His very Word, where He reveals that He is our Savior. If you are desiring to commune this week prepare by reviewing the Christian Questions with their Answers on page 329 in the hymnal. If you are a guest, kindly speak to the pastor before the service concerning your intentions to commune.

WORSHIP PRAYER Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 42:14-21 *I will turn darkness into light.*

EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:8-14 *Live as children of the Light.*

GOSPEL: John 9:13-17, 29-39 *The blind will see and those who see will become blind.*

CATECHETICAL LESSON *Asking a Blessing:* The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. *Say the Lord's Prayer* Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES THRU CHURCH ACTIVITIES (Mar 26-April 2)

Sun/March 26 4th Sunday in Lent

Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am

Donut Fellowship, 9-9:30am

SS/Bible Study, 9:30am

Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am

Mon/Mar 27 Staff Meeting, 11:30am

Faith Foundations, 7pm

Tues/Mar 28 Council Meeting, 7:30pm

Wed/Mar 29 Book/Bible Study @ Deaner's Diner, 6:30am

Lent Soup & Sandwich, 5:15-7pm

Parent/Student Session: Mexico Presentation, 6:30pm

Jubilate Choir, 6:30pm

Lent Worship, 7:30

Thu/Mar 30

Fri/Mar 31

Sat/April 1

Sun/April 2

5th Sunday in Lent

Worship w/Holy Communion, 8am

Donut Fellowship, 9-9:30am

SS/Bible Study, 9:30am

Worship w/Holy Communion, 10:45am

HELP YOUR ELDERS IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Your elders decided to help communication with in the congregation and clarify our membership. A group of mailings will be going out over the next several months asking you to reaffirm or update your information and all other family information, such as phone numbers and email addresses and changes in membership. It will be as simple as filling out a form either by paper or online. You can help the elders and the church office by going online at www.standrewlcms.org and click on update membership And fill out the information. Please include an email address and phone number that is used as a contact the whole family as well as personal email address that will be used to contact individuals.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent - A

Entrance Hymn #972

Confession and Absolution p.151

Introit *see insert*

Kyrie (*Omit Hymn of Praise*) p.152

Salutation-Collect p.156

Old Testament *see back*

Gradual *see insert*

Epistle *see back*

"Return to the Lord..." p. 157

Gospel *see back*

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn #545

Sermon: John 6 & 9

The Work of God

Nicene Creed p. 159

Prayers & Offering & Preface p.160

"Holy, Holy, Holy" p. 161

The Lord's Prayer (*right side*) p. 162

Words of Institution p. 162

"Lamb of God..." p. 163

Distribution & Hymns
#426, #435, #744

Nunc Dimittis p. 165

Prayer & Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn #849

**-OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIS PEOPLE AND HIS WORLD-
USED OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP OUR LORD:**

Attendance for last week: 119 + 102 + 105 (Wed) = 326

	<u>LAST YEAR</u>	<u>LAST SUNDAY</u>
General Fund Income Received:	\$ 6,038.61	\$7,856.19
Mortgage Fund Income Received:	\$ 405.00	\$634.15

<u>THROUGH FEBRUARY</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>YTD</u>
General Fund Income:	\$ 26,502.71	\$ 54,527.77
General Fund Expenses:	\$ 43,197.16	\$ 71,278.87
Net	\$ -16,694.45	\$ -16,751.10
Mortgage Fund Income	\$ 5,489.39	\$ 9,689.09
Mortgage Fund Loan Payments	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 12,772.00
Net	\$ -896.61	\$ -3,082.91

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (M 29 & A 2)

- ELDERS:** Wednesday: Bill Kitzman
Sunday 8am: Dan Klug
Sunday 10:45am: Gary Dillard
- AV:** Wednesday: Robert Eidbo
Sunday 8am: Todd Berg
Sunday 10:45am: Robert Eidbo
- USHERS:** Wednesday: Del Ruff*, Kirk Rosin
Sunday 8am: Dave* & Glenda Pistorius
Joe Pistorius, Bryant Berg
Sunday 10:45am: Milo* & Anna Rossow
Lori & Patrick Anderson
- GREETERS:** Sunday 8am: Larry & Diana Weil
Sunday 10:45am: Steve Vogel & Jackie Roth
- ACOLYTES:** Wednesday: Grace Skalicky
Sunday 8am: Matthew Heupel
Sunday 10:45am: Tanner Lies
- MUSICIANS:** Wednesday: Jodi Pierce
Sunday 8am & 10:45am: Jodi Pierce
- ALTAR:** Rose Rios & Corrine Reber/Gary & Gayle Wohl

**COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:
OUR WEB SITE: www.standrewlcms.org**

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30 minute worship service by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute children's program called "Kid's Crossing". Broadcast each Sunday at 10 AM Central time on KVRR Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1 and cable/satellite systems carrying these stations, and archived on www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am. Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board. www.lutheranhour.org

"CHRIST THE WAY" a radio program featuring ND District LCMS Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION: www.kfuo.org

DAILY DEVOTIONS by Pastor Klaus at www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

MEN NETWORK: www.lhmmen.com

ISSUES, ETC: Current events from a Lutheran view. www.issuesetc.org

SHINGLES A shingle information meeting is set for this Sunday, March 26th after the first and second services. This will be a brief discussion on where the Trustees are at with the project. Please remember to stop by the display in the Narthex and vote on shingle color. Hope to see you all there!

MEXICO PRESENTATION The St. Andrew Mission Society (SAMS) group will be sharing photos and stories from their recent Mexico Mission Trips with our confirmation students and parents on Wednesday, March 29th at 6:30pm. The entire congregation is welcome to attend!

SHORTFALL LOAN 2017 In August last year we were fortunate to have an anonymous donor offer to provide a matching gift to help us reduce the need for a shortfall loan this year. At that time we asked everyone to prayerfully consider any increased giving they could do to help us eliminate the need for a shortfall loan this year. Thank you to all who helped us utilize this generous gift! I am happy to report that we were able to apply \$15,300 to reduce this need!

In 2016, giving to the General Fund income was enough to cover expenses. The Mortgage Fund income remains low against expenses, however. We went a long way with the additional giving towards the shortfall reduction match, helping to reduce the shortfall loan amount. This year we only had to take out a Shortfall Loan for \$2,000.00 to cover the difference for the Mortgage Fund. As we enter March in 2017, we are asking all to consider again any additional giving they can contribute to eliminate the shortfall loan. In order to address this specific need, pink envelopes labeled Shortfall Loan can be found in the gathering area on the front table. Envelopes can be dropped in the Sunday offering plate or delivered to Mary at the office.

SUMMER CAMPS! Now is the time to select a summer camp for your son or daughter (or for the entire family)! There are dozens to choose from at either our ND District Camp at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads in the Turtle Mountains, or at Lutheran Island Camp on East Battle Lake, MN. Our St. Andrew congregation is again helping provide financial assistance/scholarships for our youth who attend. This is on a first come basis until the budgeted funds are used up – so the sooner you register the better! Pick up a camp brochure and scholarship form by the youth bulletin board. Questions? Contact DCE Emily.

TAKE OUR SURVEY The Board of Education is asking Women and Young Adults to complete a quick survey about upcoming Bible study options. Please complete with your thoughts and contact info even if you do not plan to commit. Surveys are located on the small table out in the hallway. Thank you!

THE SEEKERS ARE SEEKING YOU We are a friendly group meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 1pm in the Fellowship hall. We discuss current topics of interest from a Biblical standpoint and books of the Bible, followed by desserts and social time. Questions? Call Jim Larsen 239-218-9455.

FAITH FOUNDATION CLASS Faith Foundation Class is a way for you to brush up on the basics of the Christian Faith and to have in depth discussions with one of the pastors or DCE. This class can also be used for instruction in preparing for communicant membership in our congregation for those who are sophomores in High School and older. We are meeting Mondays at 7pm. Classes are about an 1 ½ hours for ten weeks.

CAMP GRACE Camp Grace will once again open at the end of May. I am looking for young adults (college age students) to help with our Camp. We need approximately 5 new leaders to add to our staff. We will need leaders for centers and activities, not to mention recreation helpers. Mrs. Betty Hagge, Mrs. Cindy Noenning, and Kari Lugo will be heading up this year Camp Grace. Please call me if you are interested in being a leader for Camp Grace at 615-479-1438 Come and fill out an application Now! Thank you - John Hagge - Principal

GRACE LUTHERAN-SCHOOL ITEMS & SERVICES Grace Lutheran School is always accepting in-kind donations of items or services that will assist us in keeping our school facilities clean, safe, repaired and up to date. If you own a company or work for a company that you feel could offer us assistance, please contact the school. 701.232.7747

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