

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

MARCH 2020

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Research and anecdotal evidence suggest that youth need at least five influential adults in their lives, besides their parents and other family members. Those five adults serve as mentors, role models, confidants, and cheerleaders. Those of you who have raised or are now raising teenagers may be able to attest to this. Think about your children, and the adults who were (or are) involved in their lives. Who are they? What makes them such important figures in your children's lives? The reasons are manifold, I'm sure, but I suspect that they all boil down to one simple concept: They care, and they demonstrate that care by action.

Many youth will probably cite their parents or other family members, along with teachers, coaches, and possibly pastors or youth group leaders as being the most influential people in their lives. But how many would list a neighbor or church member? I don't know, but I have a feeling the number is much lower. I, for one, would love to see that number be much higher. A couple of years ago we implemented a program here at Saint Andrew to attempt that, congregational prayer partners. Each youth of our congregation was paired with an adult member who was to pray for that youth and ideally, if possible, to meet with that youth occasionally. Those meetings would be opportunities to catch up, find out what's going on in that youth's life, and learn ways the adult could pray for the youth. How are we doing? Have any of us kept it up? I'd be interested to know, and for those of you who have, thank you. God bless you. Because I know it isn't easy.

Youth ministry is commonly thought of as part of Christian education; we don't often think of it as Christian stewardship. And yet stewardship it is. We usually speak about stewardship in terms of "time, talents, and treasures." It's really the first one that's at stake here. It doesn't take any special skills and you don't have to have a lot of money to take an active interest in a kid's life. I applaud all of you who already do this and encourage you to keep it up. I also encourage those of you who may not be so engaged to look for opportunities to be one of those five so desperately needed adults of influence in a child's life. All it really takes is a little bit of time. Go to their games, concerts, and plays. Teach a kid how to fish or hunt. Take them out for ice cream or go grab a donut. These are all small things and might seem like they couldn't possibly have that big of an impact on a child's life. But they do, because they communicate to that young person one critical truth: I care about you, because God cares about you. And that's the first step to opening doors to much deeper and stronger relationships and conversations.

One of the recurring themes from our recent congregational self-study sounds something like this: "We need to keep the youth active and involved in the church." I agree. Wholeheartedly. And we tend to think this means we need to have more youth events, activities, "stuff for them to do." But I submit to you that "keeping the youth active in the church" has more to do with adults than it does with youth, and I don't just mean parents of current youth. We all have a responsibility—as a component of our faithful Christian stewardship of time—to take an active interest in our youth, to show them we genuinely care, that they are dearly loved children of God, and that they matter to us because they matter to Him.

At the same time, we will also continue to hold youth group events and activities. Not to do so would be irresponsible. So please take a look at the youth page(s) in this newsletter for a run-down of what we have coming up in our congregation, local area, district, and even nationwide. And may God bless all of our efforts to "keep our youth active and involved in the church," especially as we adults remain active and involved with them.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

CONTACT INFORMATION

As you know, we will be doing another church directory this year to celebrate 60 years! Please send any updated contact information to the church (phone numbers, addresses, & emails) to make sure that your information is updated! Feel free to contact the church to check that we have the right information if you aren't sure. Many people have gotten rid of landlines and are only using cell phones. It is also helpful to know your cell provider for texting service (This will not be printed in the directory).

If you have adult children, we may still have them listed under your household and it would be beneficial to all to have updated contact information for them as well. Sometimes people move or even switch churches and forget to let us know. Encourage your family to update their information with us!

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Below are members of our congregation that we do not have a form of contact for. If you know any of these members, please inform them so that they can contact us if they would like to maintain membership. No responses will be removed in the April Voters Meeting.

1. Berg, Bryant
2. Berg, Philip
3. Eli, Kaiden (son of Steven Eli & Carrie Stange)
4. Glanzer, Samantha
5. Gustafson, Brian
6. Hertel, Jared
7. Mason, Beau
8. Moore, Tim
9. Raatz, Sande
10. Renfrew, Andrew
11. Renfrew, Matthew
12. Schroeder, Christopher & Harmony, Seibel, Destiny (children of Andrew Schroeder & Breanna Seibel)
13. Walette, Linda (daughter of Felix Walette)

SHORTFALL LOAN MATCHING

As of February, our 2019 budget shortfall loan balance is \$22,700. I am happy to announce that we have anonymous commitment of matching dollars to our shortfall loan. This means *ANY* amount you give to our shortfall loan will be matched dollar for dollar. You give \$50 and it's like giving \$100. In short, this commitment cuts our shortfall loan in HALF! In the coming weeks and months, please help us take advantage of this generosity by giving a financial gift to our shortfall loan. You can write a check with 'shortfall loan', use the shortfall loan envelope, or make an electronic donation, and it will be matched. God's blessings to all of you. - Board of Stewardship

STAFFING ARRANGEMENT UPDATE

In a regular meeting of our congregational Voters' Assembly in November, 2019, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church elected to expand Pastor Harvala's part-time position as Assistant Pastor to full-time. On December 1, 2019 Pastor Harvala announced in both worship services his acceptance of that offer! His full-time service to our congregation officially began January 1, and a reception was held between the services on Sunday, January 12 to mark this joyful occasion and the change to his status and also to welcome him back into full-time ministry in the church.

Now that we are once again served by two full-time called pastors, Pastor Jahnke and Pastor Harvala will be splitting the preaching and liturgy duties on Sunday mornings, as well as confirmation and Bible class teaching, counseling, and visitation. In addition to these specifically pastoral acts, and in the absence of a called Director of Christian Education, Pastor Harvala will also have oversight of the youth, young adult, and share oversight of education programs of the congregation, working alongside the Board of Education. He will also serve as the staff advisor to the Board of Christian Outreach and the Board of Trustees.

While Pastor Harvala was serving us on only a part-time basis, he was also serving as the vacancy pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Moorhead. This vacancy continues, but they are currently in the process of sending out another call. Pastor Harvala will continue to serve in that role as their vacancy pastor, at least through Easter, pending the outcome of the current call. Should the vacancy continue beyond that point, the arrangement of the ministry between our two congregations will be reevaluated in consultation between the pastors, congregational leadership, and our respective District presidents.

For now, we rejoice that God has provided workers in His kingdom and give thanks to Him for the work He is doing in our lives through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Please continue to pray for our own pastors and for all church workers, and for our congregation, as well as for Our Redeemer, that God would provide for them as He has for us. May His grace and peace be with us all, in Jesus' name.

The Board of Elders of Saint Andrew Lutheran Church

WE NEED YOU!!!

We would love to have more friendly faces serving as ushers, greeters, nursery workers, and on our altar guild for our worship services. If you are interested please talk with Mary in the office for more information! Keep in mind you can serve in more than one area if you wish!

ST. ANDREW MISSION SOCIETY MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

The St. Andrew Mission Society will be leaving for Cercado, Mexico on March 6. They will be returning on March 15. The plan is to do the normal work of sharing the Gospel with the people in Mexico through fellowship, Vacation Bible School, carnival, etc. We will also be working on enclosing the church there, which we started work on about 8 years ago. We do all these things to the glory of God. We ask for your prayers, that the Lord would guard and protect us on this trip, and provide opportunities for us to share the Gospel and strengthen our fellow brothers and sisters.

ST ANDREW VOLUNTEER EVENT

St Andrew is partnering with Orphan Grain Train Mercy Meals of North Dakota. We are planning a Mercy Meal event on May 2, 2020 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. We are looking for anyone who is interested in volunteering for an hour block at a time, or the whole entire event. We are also looking for volunteers to help with set up. It's all up to you to choose.



What is a Mercy Meal event and how does it work? The supplies and equipment are brought to us and are designed as packing stations. At which time, we prep and pack Mercy Meals for delivery to those in need. This event is open to anyone 8 years of age and older.

A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex and we invite everyone to come out and lend a helping hand to complete as many Mercy Meals as we can. Treats and snacks will be provided during the event. We look forward to our church family coming together and helping this event being a successful effort.

Through Christ's Love,

-The Board of Christian Outreach

SUPPORT OUR LENTEN MIDWEEK SUPPERS



Please sign up to support our Lenten midweek suppers. The sign up sheets to provide food are on the table in the narthex.



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH" TV PROGRAM

MARCH UPDATE

As I write this article on February 10th, the Coronavirus epidemic continues to capture the headlines, the recent wide fires in Australia are still somewhat fresh in our minds, and the nightly news is a constant reminder that we are indeed living in a fallen, broken world. In the last two weeks I've attended the funerals of two younger friends who have been struggling with health problems for years. And on March 5th, I too will be undergoing surgery for prostate cancer, for which your prayers will be greatly appreciated. Indeed, as we read in Romans 8:22: "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time." "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:57 (-Ken Koehler, Volunteer Coordinator for Main Street Living North)

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry. Thank you for your much needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living NORTH", 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate on the web site.

"Main Street Living North" Programs for March 2020:

Mar 1: Rev. Adam Harvala, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Sweet Merciful Relief," based on Psalm 32:1-7. "This Is The Life" program is: "Man Adrift", a Fisher Family episode that discusses the relationship of faith and works.

Mar 8: Rev. Jacob Wagner, St. John's Lutheran Church, Vergas, MN, presents the message: "Change !?!?!," based on Gen. 12:1-9, Rom. 4:1-8, 13-17, John 3:1-17. "This Is The Life" program: "Time Out for Bill." What is proper when Christians face adversity?

Mar 15: Rev. Robin Fish Sr., Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township, MN, presents the message: "True Blessedness," based on Luke 11:14-28. "This Is The Life" program is: "A Gift for Grandpa." Freddie goes to great lengths to get a gift for Grandpa Fisher and learns valuable lessons along the way.

Mar 22: Rev. Steve Schulz, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Blinded by the Light," based on John 9:1-14. "This Is The Life" program: "Boy on the Fence." Young Tom is faced with a dilemma as he chooses new friends when his family moves to the city.

Mar 29: Rev. Kevin Mann, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Henning, MN, presents the message: "Life from Death," based on John 11:1-53. "This Is The Life" program: "The Sin of Roy Baxter" deals with a man who is overcome with guilt, after making a decision that goes terribly bad.

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 39,293.53	\$ 39,293.53
Expense	\$ 45,024.94	\$ 45,024.94
Net	\$ -5,731.41	\$ -5,731.41

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 7,967.09	\$ 7,967.00
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 6,386.00
Net	\$ 1,581.09	\$ 1,581.09

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1: Jennifer Rossow
3/2: Lanae Cajobe, Barb Olson, Jeremy Rossow
3/4: Ivory Hovland, Housten Visto
3/5: Cari Weidner
3/6: Kirk Rosin
3/7: Jay Boer, Douglas Bredine, Wayne Oakland, Steve Vogel
3/8: Gary Wohl
3/9: Darlene Gruber, Ellen Hample, Ruth Joyce
3/10: Devin Schatz
3/11: MaTia Martin, Merralee Morse
3/13: Jacob Hurt
3/14: Christopher Paul
3/15: Lindsay Johnson, Hannah Rossow, Parker Terry
3/16: Randy Olson, Paris Volk, Gloria Ybarra
3/18: Ashley Erickson
3/20: Samantha Glanzer, Ross Haugeberg
3/21: Bryan Hins, Oliver Kitzman, Denise Lies, Gayle Wohl
3/22: Maxine Nordeen, Arthur Weidner
3/24: Alicia Severson
3/25: Michaela Goroski
3/26: Leo Brinkman, Ernie Feland, Jordan Pierce
3/27: Fred Brager
3/28: Ruth Greenmyer
3/29: Natasha Volk
3/30: Karen Dwyer, Ashley Johnson
3/31: Brendan Klug, Reinhold Schmidt



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

3/25 Mike & Sara Sell
3/30 Leslie & Bonnie Schilling



UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to let the church office know if you have a new address, changed your phone number or email. Thank you

BACH CHOIR CONCERT

At Immanuel, April 4 at 7pm

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was a Lutheran church musician whose sacred compositions artfully communicate God's Word and other sacred texts that express the Christian faith. Bach himself was a man of deep faith, and this is evident in the texts he chose and the way that he sensitively expressed them through music. One author describes Bach's music as "so complex that it leaves us completely mystified, then at other moments so irresistibly rhythmic that we want to get up and dance to it, and then at others still so full of poignant emotion that we are moved to the very core of our being" (Bach: Music in the Castle of Heaven, Gardiner).

I'm excited to share with you that as a part of Immanuel's music ministry, I have started a new ensemble called the Fargo-Moorhead Bach Choir. This choir is made up of two smaller community choirs: the Bach Chamber Choir, a 16-member auditioned ensemble, and the Bach Festival Choir, comprised of Immanuel's choir and community members (no auditions). The goal of the F-M Bach Choir is to bring Bach's music and the message it artfully communicates to the community. In addition, we will present high-quality classical music in a concert setting with the hope of reaching community members who may not already know Jesus as their Savior.

The first concert of the F-M Bach Choir is Saturday, April 4, 7:00pm, at Immanuel and will include a professional string ensemble accompanying the choirs. The theme that runs through the pieces is the joy that is found in God's love, and in particular, the love that Jesus showed the world through offering Himself as a sacrifice on the cross and the subsequent joy of receiving salvation through that sacrifice.

I would like to extend an invitation to you to join me in this endeavor. You can support this ministry in a number of ways:

- Your prayer support is always greatly appreciated! Please pray that God's Word proclaimed through the music would touch the hearts of the performers and audience and bring people to Jesus.
- Join the Bach Festival Choir. Rehearsals are Mondays, March 16, 23, 30, Thurs., April 2, and Fri., April 3, 7:00-8:30pm. Please RSVP at the sign-up center or contact Katie Rolf.
- Financial support can be given at the Lent dinner on April 1 or in the offering plate with the designation "Bach Choir." Proceeds will go toward hiring instrumentalists for the Bach Choir Concert.
- Attend the concert and invite family, friends, and neighbors!

In Christ,

Dr. Katie Rolf

YOUTH

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

- Sunday School & LYF Bible Class at 9:30-10:35am (Sunday mornings through May 19th)
- 3/6 Eastern Zone Grades 6-12 Nerf Night at Immanuel
- 3/6-7 "Motivated by Love" LYF Retreat in Carrington
- 3/27-28 Higher Things retreats in Wahpeton and Minot
- 4/10 Good Friday Cross Walk
- 4/12 Easter Breakfast

NERF NIGHT MARCH 6

The Fargo-Moorhead area LCMS congregations will be having a Nerf Night on Friday, March 6, from 7pm until midnight at Immanuel Lutheran Church in north Fargo. The event is open to grades 6-12 and will include games, music, Bible study, pizza, and—of course—the ever-popular Nerf battle. There is a \$5 registration fee, and friends are welcome. Sign up on the youth bulletin board.

ND DISTRICT LYF RETREAT

**MOTIVATED
BY LOVE**

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to attend the LYF retreat March 6-7 at the Chieftain Conference Center in Carrington. ND District

Youth Council President Jacob Nistler (Zion, Bismarck) will present the topic "Motivated By Love," a training aimed at helping teens to Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, and Encourage their peers. Other activities include a service project, free time, junk food buffet, and Friday evening Bible study led by our very own Pastor Harvala. Registration forms are available on the youth bulletin board, or see Pastor Harvala for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC LEADER NEEDED

We need someone to lead the Sunday School music. What does this entail? The curriculum we use has music included or you can choose your own music. Sunday School music is immediately after GROW opening. Can't commit to every Sunday? That's ok, you can still help. Don't know how to play piano, that's ok too. Are you interested? Contact Leanne Muhl at 701-850-7703.

HIGHER THINGS RETREATS

The Higher Things retreat "What is Church?" will be presented at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Minot on March 27-28. Cost is \$50 and includes all programming, activities, lodging, and meals. Transportation may also be available if we have a large enough group attending. For more information or to register, visit www.higherthings.org/retreats.
<http://www.higherthings.org>.

WATERMARKED 2020: A HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE

The 2020 Higher Things conference will focus on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, its meaning, benefits, and lasting significance in the lives of believers. Conferences will be held four times this summer, in four different locations: Colorado (6/29-7/2), Missouri (7/7-10), Tennessee (7/14-17), and Michigan (7/21-24). Groups from North Dakota are already planning trips to the Colorado and Michigan conferences. Scholarships are also available. Registration forms are on the youth bulletin board. You can also talk to Pastor Harvala or visit <https://higherthings.org/conferences> for more information.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

March 2020

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45am
Coffee & Fellowship at 9:00am
Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:30am
Holy Communion celebrated at all
Sunday worship services.
Midweek Lent services at 6:30pm

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