

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

SEPTEMBER 2020

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Christianity on trial! Who won or will win? For many, the Jury is still out. For others the Trial continues. Still, for others, conscious of it or not, it has been decided.

We are going onto our seventh month since we started online services due to COVID-19. Will people come back to worship in church?

Here's Exhibit #1: From the middle of March to the middle of May we didn't have face-to-face services. Early on, we had over 500 people reached by Facebook Live. Easter had over 900 people reached. That number was fantastic until you find out that the average view was under 4 minutes & under 7 minutes, respectively. The sermons are longer than that. Now we are down to 154, but on a positive note, the average time watched is more like Easter.

Here's Exhibit #2: On May 17th, we had our first face-to-face worship services with many restrictions. Since then, the number of people returning has been totaling 59-115 between the three worship services. People spaced themselves out well, though most gravitated to the early Sunday service. Social Distancing is still practiced & some wear masks.

Some may wonder will the church survive as COVID continues to rage in the news & school starts in some way or another. During the pastors' continuing education, the professor commented on the people's perception of the church's influence in the lives of people. He fears that after COVID-19 has passed, most will see the church as irrelevant. Yet, we don't have to wonder if the church will survive. Our Lord has promised, "...I will build my church, & the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18, ESV). When we pray the Lord's prayer, the Small Catechism reminds us, "The kingdom of God comes by itself without our prayer..." So we can have confidence of the survival of the church.

But the explanation goes on in the catechism, "...but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also." This is when it gets personal. This is when the Trial of Christianity gets personal. Examine your heart, your prayer life, your participation in worship whether online or not. Ask the Lord for help & then act according to your prayer so that He doesn't have to mourn over us as He did Jerusalem, "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, & you were not willing!" (Matthew 23:37, ESV).

It is important for the church to gather as a community. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (ESV). There are many things & thoughts that hinder us gathering together. Some are noble & others not so noble. Use your sanctified reason. Sort through the options. Do what is best without judging others. Encourage one another in Christ mercifully & graciously to be in the Word in a variety of ways until we are all able to meet together.

COVID-19 will not be the only thing that keeps us from gathering together in the church building, but it is important to continue to cultivate this desire to come together around Word & Sacrament. Don't let Satan, the World & our own Sinful Nature decide what's best in the courtroom of your heart. For Jesus has already won the eternal victory over any temporary hindrance we experience.

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

WORSHIP SERVICES

We continue work towards offering God's Word in various ways so that you may be fed & look forward to the time when you will gather with the rest of the body of Christ in this place regularly.

Worship services are at 8am & 10:45 am starting 9/13. They are still available on our St. Andrew Facebook page, via Facebook Live. Also, the sermons are available on podcasts through our website at www.standrewlcms.org. Again go to the website, but click on "Sermons" & click on what you want to listen to.

Offering may be dropped off, mailed in, or simply sign up for EFT. If you are in a bind use Vanco's "GivePlus" app on your phone.

BOARD OF HUMAN CARE

Food Donations The Board of Human Care is in need of nonperishable food items such as Hamburger Helper & canned or boxed pasta meals. Donations can be dropped off in the office or put in the basket near the coat rack area.

Meals The Board is also looking for more volunteers who would be willing to make a meal for someone recovering from surgery or illness or someone who has experienced a death in the family. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

School Supplies During the months of Aug & Sept there will be school supplies set out in the narthex for anyone in need. Please help yourselves.

LWML NEWS

Dear LWML ladies of St. Andrew. With so much uncertainty at this time, it is hard to know what we can plan for in the future, but we need to plan. September 8 is the regular night for LWML. At this gathering we will plan for the year. We will also elect a new secretary. Rose has been a super secretary, but she has resigned her position. Please consider being secretary. The job is not hard. (We only meet 6-8 times a year.) Also that night we will consider whether to sell the blue books again. Your input on this is valuable in making the right decision. There will also be a short Bible Study or Devotion. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m. as usual & distancing is not a problem.

New Mite projects & officers were elected for the District this summer. Please pray for the new mite grants & all District officers.

October 17 has been chosen by Grace Lutheran for the Fall Rally. As like us they realize there is a lot of uncertainty, but still need to plan. The Lord willing, we will be able to execute are plans.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandie Eaton, LWML President



GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Greetings from Grace Lutheran School! School starts on August 26th & we are BUSY getting ready for nearly 80 students to fill our desks!

In these unique times, we ask that you pray for our students' health & safety as they enter the classroom, for our new & returning teachers to guide our children in God's love, for our board, staff & principal as they make the decisions that are best for our school, & for all students & staff as they witness to the new families in our school.

Please note that all visitors & parents will be required to wear masks at our school until further notice.

God's People, God's Purpose

This year's theme verse is 1 Peter 2:9.

encourageMENT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The FM area LCMS men's ministry group will gather for their annual breakfast at 9am on Saturday, October 10 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo. Special guest speaker is Paul Finstad of Unseen. He will be speaking about the evils of human trafficking and how we can help to fight it. For more info, see the poster in the narthex or contact Corey Isaak at 701-281-0240 or

WE NEED YOU!!!

We would love to have more friendly faces serving as ushers, greeters, & on our altar guild for our worship services especially during this time when some are not able to make it to church due to health concerns with Covid-19. 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!

is \$1, 1 Member, every week to support missions in the North Dakota District. Each one of us is the body of Christ, & each one of us can accomplish so much with just a dollar a week. Help us spread the Gospel. There is a giving box set up in the Narthex for your weekly contribution of \$1. There is power & strength, in many giving a little.

CREATION (& Evolution) DVDs & BOOKS

to our St. Andrew Library!

OVER 150 DVDs & BOOKS have been added to our St. Andrew library at no cost to St. Andrew. These include Creation & other Christian Apologetics resources on loan from the personal libraries of our former DCE, Ken Koehler, as well as from several pastors & other members of our LCMS congregations in the Fargo area. They are all available for free check-out.

The importance of teaching biblical creation, along with the scientific evidences that support it, can hardly be over-stated! Creation is the foundation to the entire Bible, with Genesis chapters 1 to 11 containing the teaching of the creation of a REAL Adam (not one evolved from apes), & a REAL fall into sin, requiring the need for a REAL Savior! There are over 100 references to Genesis in the New Testament, including many made by Jesus Himself. They all treat Genesis & a miraculous creation by a REAL God as actual historical events!

To see a complete list of these new resources, you can go to our St. Andrew website at www.standrewlcms.org & click on "Resources" & then click on "Creation Resources" & follow the directions. New DVDs & books will be added from time to time - so continue to check the list for updates. Also, if you have a request for a particular resource, or have questions about the Creation Library, please visit with Ken about it.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH" **TV PROGRAM**

SEPTEMBER UPDATE

WHAT AN IMPORTANT THING it is that we may sometimes take for granted! I am referring to the study, & prayer, & effort, & time that our pastors put in week after week (& several times a week during certain times of the church year) to craft a sermon message for us! As I prepare these monthly newsletter articles, I see the various sermon titles listed by the pastors. This causes me to anticipate what the message will be; but should also cause us all to remember to continually lift our pastors up in prayer, with thanksgiving!

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com - then click on the link under the picture identified as "North (Fargo)".

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to "Main Street Living NORTH"

"Main Street Living North" Programs for September 2020

Sept. 6: Rev. Dan Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, presents the message: "You Think of Sin But Lightly?", based on Matthew 18:1-20. This Is The Life program: "The Sin of Sue Bradley" -Misguided meddling leads to jealousy, threatening a loving relationship.

Sept. 13: Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, & Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message: "Matthew 18:21-35" based on Matthew 18:21-35. This is The Life program: "Old Smiley" -For over 40 plus years, Charlie Grebs was certain that his "Happiness God" from the Orient brought him good luck. In less than one day, he fully realizes that things are not always what they seem to be.

Sept. 20: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: "Shocking Good News!", based on Matthew 20:1-16. This Is The Life program: "To Take a Life" -A devoted son's loving father is terminally ill, suffering severely & pleading to die.

Sept. 27: Rev. Chris Rosebrough, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message: "By Whose Authority?", based on Matthew 21:23-27. This Is The Life program: "Sharing the Gospel" -Sharing the Gospel is neither swift nor easy, but truly rewarding in the end.



AUGUST PASTORAL ACTS

Transfer In:

- Lisa Vosberg, communicant member from Peace LCMS, Barney ND



ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 25,653.70	\$224,422.52
Expense	\$ 40,504.07	\$277,214.26
Net	\$ -14,850.37	\$ -52,791.74

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,689.99	\$ 42,185.92
Expense	\$ 1,440.66	\$ 29,902.90
Net	\$ 4,249.33	\$ 12,283.02

EFT GIVING THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous response in moving to electronic giving. We have seen a noticeable uptick in electronic giving sign ups since mid March, most being recurring giving. Not signed up yet? Visit scroll down & click 'safe secure: donate online'

- Board of Stewardship

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!

MAILBOXES

Many people have very full mailboxes due to the recent extended absence from the Lord's house. Please check your mailboxes routinely. Those of you with confirmed children & multiple boxes of envelopes should also check the top of the mailboxes.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/2: Joan Dietchman, Bonnie Muhl
9/3: Desiree Draeger, Skylar Hopkins
9/4: Bev Sommerfeld
9/6: Paige Franklin, Sheila Meyer
9/7: Jason Renfrew, Cody Shoman
9/8: Jeff Boer, Matthew Jahnke
9/9: AJ Bredine, Dominic Rosales, Cassie Skalicky
9/10: Wyatt Boggs, Ethan Collins, Sidney Leier
9/11: Karen McLeod-Cataldi, Aubri Renfrew, Jennifer Renfrew, Jacob Sell, Arthur Weidner (Sr)
9/13: Axel Lindquist
9/14: Logan Goroski, Xander Hopkins
9/15: June Beck, Marshall Severson
9/16: Jim Meyer, Carter Riebe, Judy Rosin, Ray Wasness
9/17: Matthew Heupel, Rose Rios
9/19: Kenneth Dathe, Cheyenne Deplazes
9/23: Larry Johnson, Ron Leon
9/24: Amy Boldingh
9/25: Dallas Kramlich, Ella Livingston
9/26: Nolan Clark, Randy Riechtner, Carter Hins, Gary Muhl, Lloyd Ruud
9/27: Delores Fischer, Joan Prochnow
9/28: Joseph Pistorius
9/29: Rodney Olson



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/1: Wayne & Sandra Heiden
9/5: Doug & Mary Millar
9/9: David & Dinah Sommerfeld
9/12: Mike & Darlene Hendrickson
9/13: Scott & Cybil Johnson
9/18: Lenny & Brenda Heupel
9/21: Sharon & Jerald Hurt, Lance & Laura Kitzan, Jason & Jennifer Renfrew
9/24: Steve & MaryJo Lindquist
9/27: Gregory & Shari Else
9/28: Kaija & Jason Kirby
9/29: Christopher & Julie Erickson



YOUTH & EDUCATION **UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES &** **EVENTS:**

Open Youth Room: For grades 9-12 every Wed from 6-8pm for homework & fellowship

LYF Bible Class: Meets in the Youth Room Sun mornings from 9:45-10:30, Sept through May

Eastern Zone LYF Hayride & Bonfire: Sun, Oct 4 from 7-9pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sabin. See youth bulletin board for info & registration forms. Please register by Sept. 27.

ND District Middle School Gathering: Oct 22-24 at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck for students in grades 6-8. Senior high students (grades 9-12) are encouraged to serve as teen counselors. More info will be available soon. Check back for details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASSES **BEGINNING**

Mark your calendar: **Sunday, September 13th:**

- 8:00 Worship
- 9:00 Coffee & fellowship
- 9:30 Education hour (1st day of Sunday School, Youth & Adult Bible Classes)
- 10:45 Worship

A strong foundation for a lifetime of spiritual growth begins at HOME. We encourage parents to attend adult classes, & to bring their child(ren) & youth to Sunday School & Bible class! Participating in Christian Education opportunities is a fantastic way to continue learning & growing in faith.

Our Sunday education program begins in the fellowship hall with a 15-minute all ages opening called "GROW", which includes a Bible lesson overview (puppets &/or skits), a Bible verse, & a prayer. This opening time gives our church family the opportunity to experience an introduction to the Bible lesson together. Children & youth go to classes for age-specific study, while youth, parents & other adults have Bible study classes.

A registration form is included in this newsletter, & families will also receive a registration form & letter in August. Please return forms to St. Andrew as soon as possible to give the Education staff adequate time to prepare. Extra forms are available at the church office, & online registration is also available. Visit st&rewlcms.org/child for registration information, & feel free to contact a member of the Board of Christian Education or Pastor Harvala with any questions.

We pray that our church family GROWS together in faith this year! May God richly bless our combined efforts of home & church as together we help train up our sons & daughters in the grace & knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EDUCATIONL VOLUNTEERS **NEEDED!**

Preparations are underway for our fall educational programs. Four areas of particular need for volunteer help are:

- Sunday School Superintendent
- Sunday School Classroom Teachers
- Confirmation Coordinator.
- Sunday School Music Leader

If you feel called to use your gifts in service to Christ & his church in any of these capacities & would like more information, please speak to Pastor Harvala or a member of the Board of Christian Education (Leanne Muhl, Bridget Hins, or Carolyn Fiechtner). We give thanks to God for the gifts he gives to his people!

Volunteers are also needed for:

Busy Bag Maintenance Make sure our activity bags are stocked with coloring sheets & crayons, books, & an animal. Also, periodically clean the bags & animals.

Board of Education Member Meet once per month to discuss our education programs. Interest in making sure we share God's Word with ALL members or our congregation & beyond.

Librarian Keep shelves neat. Display seasonal or topical materials. Reshelve returned items. Record & label new materials.

FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITIES

With the next national youth gathering less than 24 months away, and with other events and opportunities always available, it's already well past time to start hitting the fund-raising hard! This fall we'll be engaged in two fund raisers: God's Creation wall calendars and Butter Braids. All youth group families (anyone with children in grades 6-12) are encouraged to participate. Proceeds will be divided on a 60-30-10 basis, with 60% going to the individual youth, 30% to the LYF general fund, and 10% to the North Dakota District LYF mission project for the year (Mercy Meals of North Dakota). See your email from Pastor Harvala for more details.

"IN ALL THINGS": NYG 2022

The next LCMS National Youth Gathering theme has been revealed. "In All Things" will meet in Houston, Texas in July of 2022. Youth in grades 7-12 this year will be eligible to attend. Learn more at lcmsgathering.com, and follow NYG on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube [@lcmsgathering](https://www.youtube.com/@lcmsgathering).

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

September 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.

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