

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

FEBRUARY 2021

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Counting down. There was an episode of *How I Met Your Mother* that employed a countdown in a rather unique way. As I watched "Bad News," I couldn't help but notice that numbers kept popping up on the screen. I didn't think much of them at first, but it kept on happening throughout the episode until I finally thought to myself, "There must be something behind these numbers." So I went back to the beginning, and sure enough. It was a countdown. Every number from 50 all the way down to 1. Some of them you had to look really closely, or you'd miss them. Others you simply could not miss. Once I figured out what was going on, I wondered what they were counting down to. And in the closing moments of the episode, as the number 1 appears on the screen, one of the characters receives the piece of bad news for which the episode was named.

I thought that was an interesting and surprising way to use a countdown. It was very effective, the way they drew you into the action, kept you watching and waiting for that next number, looking forward to whatever was coming, and then completely shattered those expectations. Definitely not the way we normally use a countdown. We normally countdown to good things. There's a period of waiting, a time of relative unpleasantness to get through, before something better comes along. We open the windows on an Advent calendar to pass the time until Christmas arrives. We draw an X through each box in the month until our birthday comes along. We can hardly wait for summer vacation, so we cross out each week of the school year until we're free, or until graduation. Brides keep sophisticated planners itemizing every last detail right up to the processional. Many counted down to the end of 2020, in hopes that 2021 would be a better year.

We count down in the church too. Lent especially is one of those counting down season. We demarcate forty days (excluding Sundays) in which to consider our sinfulness and our need for God's mercy and grace. It is a somber time, a stressful time. We approach Lent with a view toward better and joyous days ahead, namely the Resurrection of the Lord and the new life that comes to us by Baptism. But to get to the mountain peak, you must first pass through the valley. To come to the Promised Land, Israel must first pass through the wilderness. To achieve the resurrection from the dead, one must first die. And so we come to Lent.

Perhaps it's not as exciting a countdown as the days and months leading up to a wedding. People don't snatch up Lent calendars with quite the same enthusiasm as Advent calendars. But the church's Lenten discipline is important. God will use this time to prepare us in heart, mind, and spirit to hear again the Good News of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection for our salvation. May it be so for you and your families.

O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past

Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven's praise. (LW #92)

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many who contributed to the congregational Christmas gift and given to us on Sunday, January 3rd, as well as your many uplifting cards, gifts and treats shared with us this Christmas.

Pastor Jahnke, Pastor Harvala, Mary Pierce-Church Administrator

DESIGNATE THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS NOW

Now is the time to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars if you have not already done so. The Choice Dollars are used to support a variety of St. Andrew programs and activities. Examples are Dishwasher, audio & visual equipment, Portals of Prayer, baptism and confirmation items, refinishing of missile stand and Cross, and Youth events. Funds can be requested by organizations, committees, or individuals. The primary guideline for expenditures is that it must benefit St. Andrew and its programs. Request forms are available. If you require information or assistance please contact Dave Pistorius, Committee Chairman.

REVELATION

Everyone is welcome to a summary DVD presentation & Bible study of the N.T. book of Revelation led by Pastor Adam Harvala on Thursday, February 4th at 1pm. This is part of the regular SEEKERS Bible Study & Fellowship group that meets at 1pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions call Ken Koehler @ 701-429-3092.

FAITH FOUNDATION CLASS

Faith Foundation class begins Sunday, February 7th at 7pm. If you and/or a friend wants to enrich your faith, join us for the Faith Foundation Class. We will be using new material based on the catechism and meet for about 90 minutes for each session. This may be used for preparing for communicant membership for those who are 16 years or older. Please register with the church office at 701-282-4195 so that we have the need material for you.



FEBRUARY LWML

Ice Cream Social: Due to COVID our usual plans to have a Valentine's ice cream social at a nursing home have been canceled for this year. So we are going to have our own ice cream social on our usual meeting night, February 9, 7:00 p.m. at the church. There will be a short Bible study or devotion followed by making Valentines for our shut ins and, of course, ice cream. Come join the fun.



Prayer Service: Grace LWML is hosting the 2021 Prayer Service for Area Churches on Saturday, Feb 20th starting at 9am with a fellowship house and the prayer service at 10am at Grace Lutheran Church.

LENT DEVOTIONS

The Marks of Love, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Lent devotions for 2021 will be available in the Narthex starting February 14th.

LENT MEAL & WORSHIP

On Wednesdays during Lent starting on Feb. 17th, there will be a catered meal starting at 5:15pm. It will be followed by Lent Worship at 6:30pm and then Confirmation student/parent session at 7:30pm. Please come join us!



MISSION FESTIVAL SUNDAY

Please join us for our Mission Festival on Sunday, February 21st. Rick Jones will be preaching at both services. Rick is the Chaplain and Vice-President of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, and also oversees Chile Mission. We will have a catered lunch in the fellowship hall at noon followed by presentations on Chile Mission, Project 24-Kenya and Ruff International-Nicaragua. Come and celebrate how these missions are making a difference both locally and throughout the world.

YOUTH & FAMILY SKI DAY

The annual Eastern Zone LYF Youth & Family Ski Day will be held Saturday, February 27th at Andes Tower Hills ski area near Alexandria, Minnesota. Ski rental and lift ticket packages are \$35 and snow board rental and lift ticket packages are \$45. That's \$35 off the regular rate! Helmet rentals and lessons are also available for an additional charge. View the information sheet and obtain registration forms at the youth bulletin board in the hallway. **We must provide Andes Tower Hills with a list of group members at least 48 hours in advance, so early registration is a must!** Please register and submit payment to Pastor Harvala no later than Sunday, February 21st. Please note, this is an all ages event and that COVID-19 precautions (including face covering requirements) are in place. For more information, speak with Pastor Harvala and refer to the Andes Tower Hills website.



COFFEE & TREATS

Would you like to help serve coffee and treats in the kitchen during fellowship? Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall or on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!



BOARD OF HUMAN CARE

Food Donations Thank you for all the food donations that have been given to the Human Care. You can't imagine the gratitude the people who have benefitted from them has been. You have well supplied us with boxed meals. We are still in need of canned pasta meals and we are also in need of personal items such as shampoo, body wash, and toothpaste. Also paper and cleaning items such as toilet paper, laundry detergent and dish soap. Donations can be dropped off in the office or put in the basket near the coat rack.

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.


1-1-1 MISSION GIVING

The people of Israel brought a voluntary offering to the Lord. Every man and woman whose heart was willing contributed to all the work which the Lord had commanded Moses to do. - Exodus 35:29

That's 1-1-1 Mission Giving! It's simple. Not burdensome and it includes every baptized member from the newest baptized baby to our oldest congregational member. Letting your children put their dollar in the giving box teaches them to be involved in supporting missions and spreading the Gospel. All it takes is \$1, 1 Member, every week to support missions in the North Dakota District. Each one of us is the body of Christ, and 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 and strength, in many giving a little. Thank you.

LWR STAMPOREE

The goal of the Lutheran World Relief Stamporee is to support LWR's Project Comfort, which provides funding for the shipping of quilts, kits, & clothing to those in need around the world. Anyone can contribute by collecting used postage stamps to help with their efforts and bringing them to the church.

Here are a few pointers about saving stamps: Buy and use commemorative stamps, since they are worth more than common stamps. Save all cancelled stamps. Place stamps on envelope in the upper right hand corner, allowing 1/4 inch from each edge. Stamps need not be trimmed or removed from envelopes. IF trimming from envelopes, leave at least 1/4 inch around stamp.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

FEBRUARY UPDATE

THE CHRISTIAN SEASON OF LENT begins this month – and with it comes a special time for Christians to prepare for the two most important days of the Church year, as we consider our fallen sinful condition and need for a Savior! May God's Holy Spirit open the doors of our hearts ever wider that we may more deeply understand and receive the redeeming work of our Lord!

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", 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ! -Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

"Main Street Living North" Programs for February 2021"

Feb 7: Rev. Daniel Suelze, Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message "The Everlasting God," based on Isaiah 40:21-31. "This is the Life" episode: "The Point of No Return". This color presentation discusses God's limitless Grace.

Feb 14: Rev. Jeffrey Lee, MN North District of the LCMS, Brainerd, MN, presents the message: "Boldly Proclaiming Jesus," based on 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6. "This is the Life" episode: "Mr. Big".

Feb 21: Rev. David Suelzle, Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "It Just Doesn't Make Any Sense," based on Genesis 22:1-3. "This is the Life" episode: Social Responsibility and Christian witness are the topics in "The Day We Lost Ella Mae".

Feb. 28: Rev. Don Fondow, President, MN North District - LCMS, presents the message: "A Life Worth Living ... A Savior Worth Believing," based on Mark 8:27-38. "This is the Life" episode: "Out of Bondage" examines the Christian approach to alcoholism.



DECEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

Transfer In:

- Amber Rahn, communicant member from St. Paul's LCMS, Melrose MN

FEBURARY BIRTHDAYS

Dan Klug, Yvette Nyamugisha, Diondrey Viken, Sharon Hurt, Diane Keating, Drew Somsen, Landon Brinkman, Connie Klug, Jayda Steen, GraceAnna Skalicky, Laurence Phillips, Christine Vigil, Evie Paul, Mason Emerson, Ember Myhre, Arnold Sommerfeld, Brenda Viou, Pastor Jahnke, David Pistorius, Xu Zong, Brady Graveline, Jeff Pierce, Whitney Pistorius, Emilie Harvala, Penny Maurer, Jase Olson, Torill Wasness, Gladys Kautzman, Wade Trzpuć, Patricia Harbott, Kurt Gunning, Shirley Platfers, Dexter Kirby, Ava Mutchler, Linda Glass, Trudy Ruff, Arden Glanzer, Makenzie Charvat, Lilah Shoman, Sawyer Meyer



FEBURARY ANNIVERSARIES

Gordan & Sandra Ostrom, John & Gladys Kautzman, Kurt & Vanessa Gunning, Carolyn & Randall Schatz, Vi & Gary Abraham, Randy & Carolyn Fiechtner, Ray & Torill Wasness



ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 44,910.42	\$ 391,452.37
Expense	\$ 39,760.26	\$ 463,622.47
Net	\$ 5,150.16	\$ -72,170.10

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,186.44	\$ 70,854.90
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 61,531.96
Net	\$ -1,199.56	\$ 9,322.94

MAILBOXES



Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes, especially if you have not picked up your giving envelopes. Those of you with confirmed children should check the top of the mailboxes for envelopes.

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



Dear Friends of Grace,

We have officially entered a very busy time at the school as we get ready for Giving Hearts Day and begin enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year and our summer childcare program, Camp Grace. God continues to bless the work at GLS, and we are thankful for your prayers for our health, safety, and growth.

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is open. Grace serves children from Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade. All Pre-K children must be 4 by July 31. All kindergarten students must be 5 by July 31. Many of our Association churches offer a generous tuition subsidy available to Grace students K-8, and Pre-Kindergarten is an affordable \$142/week. Grace Lutheran School belongs to all members of the Association, and we are eager to welcome your children into the Grace Family.

Enrollment in Grace's Summer program, Camp Grace, is open to all starting February 12. Camp Grace is a full-day or half-day summer childcare program that runs from Tuesday, June 1 to Friday, August 20. Tuition includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, ALL ACTIVITIES, sunscreen and bug spray. Call 701-232-7747 or email secretary@gracels.com for more information.

Giving Hearts Day is on Thursday, February 11. Grace Lutheran School has a goal to raise \$70,000. We have a very generous \$25,000 match. We are so thankful for the generous friends of Grace and their contributions to our wonderful school. Please consider donating to GLS this year so we can continue the ministry to children in our community. Donations can be scheduled right now at givingheartstoday.org, or can be made online on February 11. Check donations can be mailed or dropped off at the school either dated February 11 or with a note on the check stating it is for Giving Hearts Day.

The students at Grace celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week January 25-29 with a variety of activities, including all-school student-led devotions, card-making for the association churches' homebound members, fun dress up days, and so much more.

Please pray for our teachers that they may rely on God to help them daily meet the needs of our children.

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

VALENTINE'S DINNER



The youth of St. Andrew invite you to a Valentine's Dinner on Sunday, February 14th. Want to take your special someone out, but don't want to deal with crowded restaurants, long wait times, or expensive entrees? We will serve you dinner, dessert, and drinks; watch and feed your kids for you; and maybe even provide a bit of dinner entertainment. The menu will include salad, lasagna, and bread sticks for the adults and chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, and veggies for the kids. Want to do something special for your sweetheart but don't feel like going out? Take-out will also be available! And because no one should feel left out on such a special day, singles are welcome too! The cost will be \$25 per couple or \$12.00 per individual. Take-out meals (sorry; no beverage) will be \$10 per plate. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the information center. Please register by Sunday, January 31st so we can have an accurate count for our preparations. We look forward to hosting you!

LYF WINTER RETREAT

The North Dakota District LYF Winter Retreat will be held March 5-6, 2021 in Carrington. DYC Members Cullen Flieth (Concordia, Jamestown), Jessica Schuh (Bethel, Bismarck) & Leah Tykwinski (Beautiful Savior, Fargo) will present the topic, "Promises Delivered." Students in grades 8-12 are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Registration information will be made available as soon as we receive it.

HIGHER THINGS RETREAT

The Higher Things retreat "What is Church?" will be held March 26-27, 2021 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton. This is the retreat that was postponed from last spring. Pastors Matthew Tooman, Chris Brademeyer & Aaron Filipek will present on church and worship. Open to all students in grades 6-12. St. Andrew confirmation students can receive Worship & Sermon Summary credit for attending. Please speak to Pastor Harvala for more information.

HIGHER THINGS 2021: "FORGIVEN"

"I forgive you." The three most powerful words in the universe. They don't just change the universe for someone. They change someone's eternity. They change your eternity! Higher Things Conference 2021 is coming next summer to Texas, Michigan, Colorado, and... (wait for it) ...**FARGO!** Join with other Lutheran youth from around the region for four days of worship, teaching, fellowship, and fun. Registration opens November 1. Learn more at higherthings.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @higherthings.



ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Did you know that our youth group participates in MinnKota Recycling's donation program? By bringing your aluminum cans in for recycling, you can help to support the work of our youth ministry here at St. Andrew. Simply bag up your aluminum cans and leave them in the enclosure between the two sheds at the church, and when we bring them in for recycling, MinnKota donates the proceeds to our youth! (There is also a receptacle for aluminum cans in the youth room.) You can also bring your cans to MinnKota yourself and then donate them to Saint Andrew Lutheran Church Youth. It's a great way to do good for God's creation and for his church, and we appreciate your support!

EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS **NEEDED!**

The Board of Education is looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways:

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.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

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.

February 2021

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