

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

JANUARY 2021

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Check out last April's Trumpeter. Yes, now it has been over 9 months ago, beyond the normal length of a pregnancy, and so in the life of Jesus, we are just after His birth. Everybody likes to see a baby, so it was no different for the Shepherds on that first Christmas, and on January 6th we'll celebrate the Magi who traveled so far to come and see Him.

Maybe you have been inconvenienced this holiday season. Maybe you didn't get to celebrate getting to see the baby as you have in the past with everyone else. Did you feel left out? Was it by your choice or did others simply not contact you? It really doesn't make any difference which way it was. The point is, there's this hole or at least this part of us (which is now our history) which doesn't fit and has some jagged edges which hurt. The December 14th Issue of Time Magazine had a red X over 2020, labeled "The Worst Year Ever." Some people just want to forget it and yet we can't.

In fact, we shouldn't forget because, it was another year of God's grace. For Susan and I, two grandchildren were born into our family. We got to participate in both of their baptisms. They were born into God's family. Baptism is God's grace. Easter Communion services this year were anything but normal, but Holy Communion was offered and many came at scheduled times to receive God's grace. There Jesus is in, with and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins. That's God's grace. We've had 10 months of online services. It wasn't the gathering of God's people which we hoped for, but there we heard proclaimed God's grace. Not only this but 2020 also ushered in 2021 another year of God's grace.

Life on this side of eternity has a lot of jagged edges and will until Christ returns. Sin and its effects should never be considered "normal." If the concept of "the young earth," is correct, then since our first parents sinned, life has not been "normal" for over 6,000 years. However, it has been over 6,000 years of God's grace.

As Christians, the problems we face, even death are all temporary, but in Jesus God's grace is eternal.

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

VOTERS OF ST. ANDREW

A possible special voters meeting is being scheduled if the church council deems it necessary on Sunday 1/31 at Noon in Fellowship Hall to consider the proposed resolution for delaying the Synodical Convention:

“Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019-2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023? [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod Conventions held in 2026, 2029, etc.).]

Vote: Yes or No.”

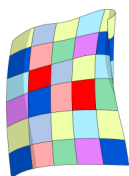
Please check lcms.org/delay-vote-faqs and lcms.org/delay-vote-minutes for additional information from Synod and please share your desires and concerns with Council Members by Saturday, January 2 in preparation for their decision for a special voters meeting. Please check future bulletins for updates on this important issue.

31st ANNUAL ND DISTRICT MEN’S RETREAT

Flowing from the Cross: Six Facets of God’s Forgiveness is Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 9am-Noon via live virtual meeting. Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Professor & Chair of Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin will speak on three pairs of contrasting pictures of forgiveness: Clean and Covered, Fixed and Far, Many and One. Free will donation to Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads is encouraged. RSVP to Corey Isaak at 701-281-0240 or corey.isaak@gracefargo.org

QUILTS

The St. Andrew Quilters send 10 quilts to Heavenly Host Lutheran Church in Cooksville, Tennessee to help tornado victims. Emily Lesing is the DCE there. Thrivent provided to the effect with Action Team funds of \$250. This money was used for postage and supplies. Emily wrote that they were given to the tornado relief team to distribute and they were very much appreciated & needed. Thank you Quilters for your work & generosity.



STEWARDSHIP DRIVE

Your ongoing support is needed to make our voter approved budget. Thank you for your financial support in 2020. As we close out this year, prayerfully consider a special year end contribution. We value your regular electronic giving. Electronic giving offsets monthly ups and downs of ad hoc giving. Is now the time to increase your regular giving? Your financial gifts are appreciated. Thank you!

- Board of Stewardship

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Are you looking for a way to further support the sanctity of human life? If so, please consider occasionally taking an hour or two whenever you are able and wish to provide an additional "sidewalk presence" near the abortion facility in downtown Fargo on Wednesday forenoons. Life-saving options include: praying, offering brochures, holding signs, and/or extending a verbal offer to help choose life. Free help, including ultrasounds for those with an unexpected pregnancy, are available at the "Women's Care Center" (formerly "First Choice Clinic") now re-located only 7 blocks away! For more information feel free to contact Ken Koehler @ 701-429-3092. Thank you.

USHERING!!!

We are in great need of ushers. This is an area we were low in prior to COVID-19, but now we are especially hit hard because many of the normal ushers are not able to attend our actual worship services. You can designate early or late service and sign up for dates of your choosing. The tasks are easy to do and currently modified during this COVID period. If you have questions, please ask one of the ushers after service or contact Mary in the office. If you wish to become an usher, let Mary in the office know with your preferred service and dates. Thank you!

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

Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes, especially if you have not picked up your 2021 giving envelopes. Those of you with confirmed children should check the top of the mailboxes for envelopes.



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.

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.

COFFEE & TREATS

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



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

JANUARY UPDATE

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 We are often asked what "New Year's resolutions" we are making. While this may be helpful for some people; as Christians we realize that each new day brings "new mercies" from the Lord, and each act of repentance and forgiveness brings a fresh start! May today and every day be lived in the assurance of such great mercy and fresh starts-all because of Jesus!

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 January

Jan 3: Rev. Kevin Zellers, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND, presents the message based on Luke 2:52. This is the Life: "A Friend in Deed" explores the Christian's duty to forgive those who have done us wrong.

Jan 10: Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Set Free In Christ" based on Mark 1:4-11. This is the Life: "The God of Love" illustrates that we, as Christians, all have responsibilities. It is a cross we bear. This award-winning program is in black and white.

Jan 17: Rev. Bernie Worrall, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "I Am Known" based on Psalm 139. This is the Life: This episode, "Adrift", discusses the effectiveness of children who witness for Christ.

Jan 24: Dr. Michael Saleminck, Executive Director for National Lutherans for Life, presents the message: "From Invisible to Indispensable" based on I Corinthians 12:22. This is the Life: The Hand of God" - This black and white presentation deals with making opportunities from problems.

Jan 31: Rev. Ed Borchardt, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Frazee, MN, presents the message: "God comes into our space and shakes us up" based on Mark 1. 21-28. This Is The Life: "The Point of No Return". This color presentation discusses God's limitless Grace.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Skalicky, Alyssa Hovland, May-sie Aarestad, Janel Beauchamp, Sabrina Brinkman, Randy Weisser, Jeff Wollitz, Sue Boer, Matthew Holm, Verdell Gagelin, Morgan Mallea, Patrick Emerson, Jonathan Martin, Lindsey Erickson, Jean Thoemke, Gary Church, Cecilia Lindquist, Leslie Schilling, Audrey Berry, Arlene Buckley, Gary Molstad, James Joyce, Dominic Kolubah, Rachel Myhre, Sarah Olson, Joslyn Pierce, Jason Skalicky, Peter Boldingh, Betty Roquette, Tannis Anderson, Todd Berg, Leanne Muhl, Tom Doyel, Miriam Harvala, Jim Larsen



CELEBRATION OF GRACE

Drum roll, please! Thank you to all who joined us for A Celebration of Grace in November 2020. We are so humbled by the consistent generosity of our family, friends, and congregations. We raised an incredible \$38,761. Each year, an essential need is identified, and a portion of the money raised is dedicated to fulfilling that need. This year, the need was lunch tables. We installed six safe, sturdy, fold-up tables in the gym in October. They will be enjoyed by many, many children in the years to come.

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Gary & Gayle Wohl, Jeremy & Jennifer Rossow, Walter & Judy Erdmann, Gary & Bonnie Muhl, Landon & Sabrina Brinkman

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 33,693.19	\$346,541.95
Expense	\$ 34,088.08	\$432,862.21
Net	\$ -394.89	\$ -77,320.26

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 6,782.78	\$ 65,668.46
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 55,145.96
Net	\$ 396.78	\$ 10,522.50

THIS YEAR AT GRACE

Did you know? This year, in addition to providing in-person learning to a large group of children who benefitted from the structure of being in school five days a week, we also distributed over \$100,000 in scholarships. Cost should never be a barrier to a Christian education. All children have a place in the Grace Family. We are grateful for the continued support from our congregations, family, and friends that make this possible for all who desire a Grace education.

NOW ENROLLING

Grace Lutheran School is enrolling for all grades for the 2021-2022 school year, but did you know we have a wonderful Pre-Kindergarten program? In addition to being affordable licensed early childhood program, Grace's Pre-Kindergarten provides an additional layer of kindergarten readiness by being in a school setting with mentors in upper grades and dedicated music and gym classes. Year-round childcare is available through Camp Grace in the summer. Grace also has free morning childcare and affordable on-site after school childcare until 6:15 pm. Children entering Pre-Kindergarten must be 4 years old by July 31.

All of us at Grace Lutheran School hope you had a wonderful, Christ-filled holiday season. As we enter the Epiphany, the season of light, we are guided by the word of the prophet Isaiah: Arise, shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Isaiah 60:1

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in dire need of substitute teachers and other people who can monitor classrooms on short notice. If you are available to help, please call Susan at 701-232-7747.



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

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.

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!

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.



LCMS Youth Gathering 2022: **"IN ALL THINGS"**



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 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube @lcmsgathering.

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.

YOUTH CHOIR

Grades 4th and up, come join us for youth choir! We meet in the youth room right after second service and go until 1:30. An insider note, we do more than just sing! Come for games, devotion, singing, and get to know other youth of our church. This is your time to witness to others, through song worship. Hope to see you there! Parents, if you have any questions please visit with Carolyn Fiechtner.

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

January 2021

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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M-F 9am-4pm

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