

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

OCTOBER 2020

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

LCMS Youth Ministry conducted a study and released a report in 2017 entitled "7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry." Using information from Pew Research Center, the Barna Group, and their own research, the Youth Ministry staff identified characteristics of Millennials (those born between approximately 1983 and 1998) and Generation "Z" (those born between approximately 1999 and 2015). They also evaluated the ministry of LCMS congregations among members of these age ranges and compiled their results. This is what they came up with:

Congregations with healthy youth ministry have:

- Engaged Parents
- Supportive Adults
- Warmth, Challenge & Grace
- Opportunities to Serve & Lead

Congregations with healthy youth ministry help young people to:

- Deeply understand their baptismal faith
- Develop a resilient identity in Christ
- Live out their unique vocation

So what does all of that mean? In this newsletter article, I want to introduce each of these concepts, and we'll be considering them in more depth among congregational leadership, youth leadership, and youth members in the coming months. As you read through these descriptions, ask yourself, "How is St. Andrew doing? What are we doing well? What could we do differently?" And also ask yourself, "How can I be a part of this in our congregation?"

Engaged Parents: "Youth Ministry's research found today's active LCMS young adults likely saw a high level of faith practiced by their parents. This includes frequent Bible reading at home, praying as a family, regular worship attendance of both parents together (continuing even today), and at least one parent having a service or leadership role in the congregation. Engaged parents are active in worship, personal spiritual development, and service to others. They model faithful behaviors in their lives."

Supportive Adults: "While parents may be the most critical person in a youth's faith life, other supportive adults can play a significant role in encouraging, challenging, and walking alongside youth throughout their lives. The Holy Spirit can work powerfully through supportive adults to be a Jesus-focused listener, leader, and example of faithful practice. Each teen should have a supportive circle of faithful Christian adults who desire for them to remain in the Christian faith throughout their life."

Warmth, Challenge & Grace: "Warmth is characterized by displaying Christ's love for all people and a personal invitation to be a part of the community of believers. Warmth happens when all baptized members are consistently reminded they are a vital part of the Body of Christ. Challenge is characterized by a willingness to share the truth in love, so all may know and remain in the saving faith of Jesus Christ. Challenge doesn't just let sin and conflict slide. It is willing to engage in tough spiritual conversations, especially with teens who are struggling. Challenge doesn't underestimate young people. Instead it gives them opportunity to live out their various vocations, even when it stretches them. Grace is characterized by echoing God's love and forgiveness to others. Grace creates an environment where questions are not feared, attacked, or ignored. It keeps their answers and identity focused on Christ."

Opportunities to Serve & Lead: "LCMS Youth Ministry research showed congregations with at least one leader under 32 had better rates of retention in the LCMS than those that did not. Healthy youth ministry invests in a variety of ways for youth to make meaningful contributions to their congregation. If the church believes that everyone has a vocation in the Church, their household and community, leadership should reflect the diversity of ages in the congregation."

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Deeply Understand Their Baptismal Faith: "Youth are facing questions and challenges from every corner of their world. They may struggle with sin, guilt, and self-justification over issues old and new. A deep understanding of baptismal faith is critical for youth in today's changing world. Youth will sin and fall short just as every person does. Youth must understand they are forgiven sinners through Jesus' death and resurrection."

Develop a Resilient Identity in Christ: "Healthy youth ministry fosters youth who can face the challenges of the world with humble confidence, staying rooted in Christ. Reminders of God's promises in Baptism can help provide a much-needed anchor when circumstances, thoughts, and feelings fail to bring comfort. Resilient faith encounters each day knowing that God is faithful and present. Resilient youth are lifelong learners who face doubt and challenge by turning to God's living and active Word."

Live Out Their Unique Vocation: "Vocation teaches us God uses the mundane, the grand, and everything in between to serve His purpose and plan. All roles matter and all show the love of God to every neighbor in need. The teaching and living out of vocation can help youth to discover gifts, build confidence, but most importantly to see any contribution they make as an act and gift of God."

So, what do you think? Do these brief descriptions¹ reflect accurately our ministry to young people at St. Andrew? Why or why not? As noted above, this is only the beginning of what should be an ongoing conversation and process. My prayer is that we will see youth ministry as not just about activities and events, youth service as more than menial tasks we can assign for the youth to do, and that we all have a role to play in developing our young people into committed lifelong believers, for their good, and to God's glory. Please join me in that prayer.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

[1] All quotations taken from "7 Practices of Healthy Youth Ministry" © 2019 The Office of National Mission, Youth Ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If interested in reading the entire document, visit <http://www.youthsource.com/7-practices/>.

LWML NEWS

There are several events that are going on in the LWML this October. October 4 is LWML Sunday. We will be serving fellowship treats and coffee between services.

We will have our general meeting and Bible study October 13. Come join us at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

Saturday, October 17 is the Fall Rally at Grace Lutheran Church at 9am.

We also still have Blue Coupon Books available. Proceeds from the sales go toward paying for many of the projects the LWML sponsors over the year and 10% of our profits from sales goes to Mites.

Your Sister in Christ, Sandie Eaton

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.

MEAL DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS

Board of Human Care is looking for volunteers who would be willing to make & deliver a meal to families in need, such as when someone is recovering from an illness or has experienced a death in the family. A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

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 corey.isaak@gracefargo.org.

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

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.

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.

SANCITY 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.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

OCTOBER UPDATE

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?! Night after night there are riots in the streets of America. There has been looting & burning for over 100 consecutive nights in at least one of our cities. Americans blaming & hating other Americans! WHAT IS THE ANSWER?! While there are obviously differing views on the causes & remedies for this, we know that there is only One ultimate answer that can change hearts & that answer is found in the person & message of Jesus! This is also the message of Main Street Living.

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

Oct. 4: Rev. Mike Suelzle, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, & St. Peter Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND, presents the message: "Made His Own," based on Philippians 3:12. This Is The Life program: "The Missing Ingredient" - Bob (Jack Nicholson) & his fiancée Lynn (Susan Crane) are planning their wedding when she overhears her parents planning to separate after the wedding. Now, Lynn has some reservations.

Oct. 11: Rev. Bruce Blocker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, MN, presents the message: "Rejoice in the Lord Always," based on Philippians 4:4. This is The Life program: "The Visitation" - Pastor Andrew Burdick (Dick Sargent) is having problems keeping his congregation together. Bishop Smith (Parley Baer) visits him to identify some troubling leadership spots & to renew faith in his ability to get things done.

Oct. 18: Rev. Bernhard Seter, Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, ND, presents the message: "Celebrating Luke," based on Luke 1:1-4. This Is The Life program: "Happiness is Dirty Hands" - School teacher Kent (Daniel Travanti) lives & teaches High School in a troubled metro area. The decision for him & his wife (Ann Whitfield), to live in a poverty area, is troubling their marriage. Kent's friend Art (Mike Farrell) offers some help.

Oct. 25: Rev. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, presents the message: "No Boasting, Just Belonging," based on Romans 3:19-28. This Is The Life program: (to be determined)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/1: Liz Clark
10/2: Tony Borslien, Clara Fuss, Mike Hendrickson, Henley Meyer, Anna Rossow
10/3: Alexis Hruza, Nevaeh Laugisch, Augustus Myhre, Andrew Roberts
10/4: Caylee Mutchler, Emmett Wilson
10/6: Carolyn Schatz
10/7: Adam Ratz
10/8: Easton Shoman
10/9: Wendy Ramberg
10/11: Lisa Vosberg
10/13: Bridget Hins, Bethanie Jamgochian
10/14: Joe Cajobe, David Cook
10/15: Joshua Kitzman, Harmony Kramlich, Del Ruff
10/16: Falan Miller
10/19: Tami Hertel
10/20: Gail Olson, Madison Wohler
10/22: Naomi Hall, Georgia Trzpuć, Sandi Wohler
10/23: Blake Haugen, Pam Johnson
10/25: Andrew Hovland, Jocelyn Osmondson
10/26: MiKayla Heupel, Brian Olson, Owen Oltman
10/27: Betty Bohn
10/28: John Kautzman, Kaija Kirby
10/30: Maggie Armbrust, Ward Kizman



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/1: Robert & Ann Sherrill, Charles & Joyce Weible
10/4: Ron & Ginny Leon
10/5: Leonard & Shirley Marquardt
10/7: Richard & Kristi Buckley, Stephan & Stacy Kolb
10/14: Walter & Verdell Gagelin
10/16: Mike & Judy Hill
10/19: Daniel & Diana Matzke
10/20: Eric & Tiffani Hase
10/21: Dean & Shirley Schiller
10/23: Douglas & Kim Hinz
10/24: Patrick & Darcy Emerson
10/25: Jim & Vickie Willprecht
10/28: Kenneth & Dawn Dathe



ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 34,453.63	\$258,876.15
Expense	\$ 35,574.26	\$312,788.52
Net	\$ -1,120.63	\$ -53,912.37

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 48,571.92
Expense	\$ 6,085.06	\$ 35,987.96
Net	\$ 300.94	\$ 12,583.96

AUGUST PASTORAL ACTS

Release:

- Drew, Lisa, & Kaylee Neumiller, communicant members, and Caden, baptized member



Dear Church Family,

The students, faculty, and staff would like to extend an enormous thank you to our member churches for your continuing support. This year, we are blessed to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with 80 (!!!!) students from 60 families. Your support of the ministry of Grace Lutheran School is a great blessing to our growing school.

CELEBRATION OF GRACE

The rescheduled Celebration of Grace is Friday, November 20, 2020 beginning at 5:30 at Sanctuary Events Center. Tickets go on sale on November 1st. This year's program will highlight all the things YOU have done for our school.

Are you a crafter or an artist? Do you do woodwork or metalwork? Do you own a business that would like to sponsor a portion of the event? The Celebration of Grace committee is looking for donations for the silent and live auctions.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Grace is searching for substitute teachers. Please contact Susan at 701-232-7747 if you are interested in being added to our sub list.

ARTISTS AND CREATIVE PEOPLE NEEDED

Grace is looking for a couple of people with artistic talent to help with class projects during the months of October and November. Class projects are a big part of our Celebration of Grace. Please contact Mrs. Weidner if you are willing to volunteer at cweidner@gracels.com or 701-232-7747.

SAVE THE DATE

Pasta With a Purpose, the spaghetti dinner, is Saturday, April 24. Put it on your calendar today!

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.

YOUTH GROUP FUND RAISING

2021 God's Creation wall calendars are now available for purchase. Brighten a wall of your home with uplifting Scriptures coupled with beautiful photography. They also make great gifts! A sample is available to view in the narthex; speak to a youth member to purchase. Butter Braids pastries will also be on sale from October 1-15. These delicious treats are available exclusively through fund raising efforts, so if you won't want to miss this chance to stock your freezer. Would you also consider donating a Butter Braid back to the youth group? We'll keep and serve them for the Easter Breakfast next spring, so if you'd like to support the youth group in that way, please let Pastor Harvala know. An online ordering option will also be available. These efforts help our youth pay for youth gatherings, conferences, camps, and other opportunities for service and growth. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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!

EDUCATIONL 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.

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.



St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Learning, Living and Sharing Christ Through God's Word.



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OCTOBER 30, 2020

In September of 1959, a group of ladies from Grace, Fargo and Immanuel, Fargo met in a West Fargo home and decided to continue monthly meetings. They were called the "West Fargo Mission Circle". This group helped to encourage the establishing of a mission congregation. Meanwhile, people living in the West Fargo area along with the Mission Board of the North Dakota District of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, including area pastors, Rev. Frank Werth of Grace, Fargo, and Rev. A. E. Thiem of Immanuel, Fargo, held meetings with the intent of starting a new mission in West Fargo.



In June 1960, property was purchased at the present site, Tenth Avenue and First Street. At the time, this land was out in the farmland area, though within the city limits. That summer the Mission Board issued a call to Rev. Clemens Hartfield of Kongsberg, North Dakota, to serve as a missionary to West Fargo. The family arrived in July of 1960 and were housed by the District in a rented house on 7th Avenue in West Fargo.

The mission's first service was held August 21, 1960. Services were initially held at the vacated Community Presbyterian Church building on the corner of Third Street and First Avenue. October 30, 1960 was Charter Sunday for St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Sunday School and regular meetings were held in the church basement. The congregation numbered 98 baptized souls and 54 communicant members. A Ground Breaking Ceremony for a new parsonage on the tract of land occurred October 8, 1961. The parsonage was dedicated, and an open house was held on October 4, 1962.

Meanwhile, the first building used for worship was sold, and from May to September 1962, the congregation worshiped in the auditorium of the Armour Building. When that was no longer available, worship services were held at the South Elementary School. Only able to use the multi-purpose room at the school, Sunday School and regular meetings were held in the parsonage basement. Mrs. Hartfield commented, "As the congregation was growing and the Sunday School as well, I think 1/3 of the 50 or so students were 3-year olds!"

Plans proceeded for the congregation's own house of worship. The groundbreaking for the church's first unit occurred May 5, 1963. By February 9, 1964, the new house of worship was dedicated. The membership at that time numbered 117 communicants and 236 souls. The parish now had a youth organization as well as a women's organization known as the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League). Rev. Hartfield served the fledgling congregation faithfully until accepting a call to Immanuel, Grand Forks, in November 1967. After a seven-month vacancy the second pastor, Rev. Paul Peterson, was installed on July 14, 1968. Since October 1965, the St. Andrew congregation was aligned with Trinity, Amenia, to form a two-congregation parish. This parish alignment ended in December 1971.

As West Fargo grew, St. Andrew congregation grew and flourished as well. The need was seen for a larger worship area, resulting in a groundbreaking on June 28, 1970, for a new church addition including the present sanctuary. While the church was being built, Rev. Peterson felt constrained to accept a challenging call to Our Savior, St. Paul, Minnesota. The Lord continued to look after St. Andrew's needs, granting the congregation a new pastor after a two month vacancy. On July 11, 1971, Rev. Edwin Krueger was installed. Two months later, on September 26, 1971, the new church was dedicated. St. Andrew now numbered 299 communicants and 531 baptized souls. The large indebtedness brought on by two building programs within a relatively short period of time kept St. Andrew subsidized by the Mission Board. Once again, the blessings of the Lord upon St. Andrew were obvious, and the congregation continued to increase in size.



Koehler installed as director at St. Andrew



Kenneth W. Koehler has been installed as director of Christian Education and Youth at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo. He graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. in 1974. A native of Hankinson, N.D., he represented International Brotherhood of Bookbinders at the 1974 National Convention in West Fargo.

In October of 1974 Pastor Krueger accepted a call to Pomona, California. St. Andrew, for the third time, was served by Rev. A. E. Thiem during the vacancy. On June 8, 1975, Rev. Gerhard Asmus of Pevely, Missouri, was installed as the congregation's fourth pastor. Two weeks later, June 22, 1975, Mr. Ken Koehler, of Hankinson, North Dakota, was installed as the congregation's Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. With an expanded work force, more attention could be given to our growing number of youth and children. In the fall of 1975, we were further blessed with the services of DCE Intern Ben Harris, who was followed two years later (1977) by Kathy Remund, and a year later (1978) by Dave Espeland. These interns served from September through November, adding their assistance while learning the skills of their vocation.

While souls were being added to the church, the physical surroundings were changing also. In 1976 the parking lot was black-topped, and in 1977 the parsonage garage was expanded for equipment storage and to house two cars. West Fargo kept growing and so did St. Andrew. Two sessions of Sunday School were held for a while, but this was not the most satisfactory. In 1978, the first church unit was divided into two floors, thus creating ten classrooms where previously there was one large room. The restroom facilities likewise were expanded to accommodate more people. The LWML redecorated the hallways. The Sunday School Expansion Unit was dedicated on November 5, 1978.

Through numerous church activities such as family nights, Couples Club, camping outings, rallies, seminars, etc., more and more new families were assimilated into our church family. The true strength of the church, however, continued to center in the Word that was preached and taught to all ages, and in the Sacraments that were administered with regularity. An outstanding outreach activity of the congregation has been the Dialog Evangelism Program that has resulted in hundreds of calls being made at homes of prospects and members to share the good news of Jesus Christ, our one and only hope for heaven.

1985 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary year of St. Andrew, and it was also the first year the congregation went off subsidy from the North Dakota District. It meant we were now self-supporting. A special Anniversary Service was held August 25, 1985, with the founding pastor, the Rev. Clemens Hartfield, Council Bluffs, IA, as the speaker. Plans were made that same year to erect a bell tower to house a bell that several member families had purchased years earlier with the intent it be used as a call to worship. The tower was completed and dedicated on Easter Sunday, 1986. The cross, formerly on a pylon by the west entrance, was placed on top of the tower. Lighting was added to accent the cross at night. The bell in the tower, now rung to mark the beginning of our services, is 32 inches in diameter, and was cast by the McShane Bell Co., Troy, New York. Speakers were hooked up in the hopes that a carillon might later be installed to broadcast suitable Christian music.

As the workload of our growing congregation increased it was decided to become involved in the vicarage program so that a seminary student could receive pastoral training while offering assistance in the congregation. The first vicar, Paul Holtorf, served from September 1, 1989, through August 31, 1990. We enjoyed having this Nebraska couple, Paul and Diane, in our midst for the year. The following year, September 1990, through August 1991, Gerald Reinke came as vicar. Jerry and Karen had farmed for a number of years in Idaho before feeling called by the Lord to go into church work.

Following the completion of Jerry Reinke's vicarage, the congregation hired retired Pastor Ed Rutter, Wahpeton, to assist with preaching once per month as well as making pastoral visits another day of the month. This continued until May 1992. At the December 1991, Voters Meeting the decision was made to call an associate pastor. A Call Committee was named and was headed by Floyd Schober, and on May 17, 1992, Rev. Clark Jahnke was installed as Associate Pastor. Rev. Jahnke, his wife Susan, and son Philip came from Our Savior, Minot, where Pastor Jahnke had served as pastor of that mission congregation. Pastor Jahnke's expertise is being utilized to enhance the Music Ministry of St. Andrew and to serve as advisor in the area of Evangelism. Pastor Asmus advises the Boards of Social Ministry and Stewardship, and DCE Ken Koehler continues to direct the Parish Education program and Youth Ministry.

In January of 1990 St. Andrew began its involvement in the Life Light program, an in-depth Bible Study that has involved many adults the years since. We had as many as six small group Bible studies going on during the week as participants enroll for nine weeks of Bible Study at a time. A new concept in Junior Confirmation instruction was initiated in the fall of 1991, which includes more parental involvement through their serving as discussion leaders and catechists. The instruction time was changed from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades to 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, with Confirmation occurring on Reformation Sunday in the fall of the pupils' 10th grade year.

The year 1990 brought on experimentation with offering variety in worship. Thanks to volunteers who formed a Worship Committee, St. Andrew began to offer an alternate worship experience once a month featuring guitars, piano, flute, and other instruments. The alternate worship experience offers additional opportunities for lay involvement through skits and readings as well as music. Our pastors carefully screen all the component elements of the worship so that they continue to be doctrinally sound.

As an outgrowth of a January Workshop in 1994 a Vision Statement was developed with corresponding goals to be implemented for the enhancement of St. Andrew's future. The Vision Statement reads "The vision of St. Andrew Lutheran Church is to provide a Christian environment of knowledge and understanding of Word and Sacrament, which God has given us, enabling us to reflect our joy of God's love through Christian fellowship, caring, and sharing for our congregation, community, and world." Committees were formed to follow through on the nine goals adopted. One of these goals was that "the congregation of St. Andrew develop a task force for the continuing study of the needs of the congregation as the Lord blesses our growth." During 1995 the Church Council initiated the establishment of such a "Long Term Planning Committee" comprised of members and called workers. When this committee held its first meeting December 9, 1995, St. Andrew's membership stood at 1088 baptized souls and 769 communicants. The formation of this committee was spurred by the large number of new homes being built in West Fargo, some in the vicinity of the church.

In March 1996, the Long Term Planning Committee called for a meeting of the congregation to join in a two-day retreat led by a trained facilitator, Pastor Jim Baneck of Mandan, ND. More than sixty-five people participated from Friday evening to Saturday. A mission statement was formulated which was formally adopted at the April 1996 Voters Meeting. It states: "The Mission of St. Andrew is learning, living, and sharing Christ through God's Word." Goal statements were developed for seven key impact points that St. Andrew considered vital for its future: stewardship, staff, facility, youth, education, worship, and outreach. During the summer of 1996 boards or committees were asked to work through goal planning sheets so that we as a congregation could work toward accomplishing these goals beginning in the fall of 1996. Since Pastor Asmus had announced his planned retirement on his sixty-fifth birthday on December 31, 1996, the Board of Elders appointed a Call Committee from its membership, headed by Kirk Rosin, to work through a pre-call self-study and to get everything in order for the calling of a new pastor. A timetable was established for a Call Meeting in the fall of 1996 with the hopes that a replacement would be here prior to Pastor Asmus' date of retirement to bring about a smooth transition. Meanwhile, upon the recommendation of the Call Committee, Board of Elders, and Church Council, the April 1996 Voters Meeting made it official that Pastor Jahnke is to serve as Senior Associate Pastor upon Pastor Asmus' retirement, namely, January 1, 1997.

On January 13, 1997, Rev. Kevin C. Zellers was called as Associate Pastor. He, along with his wife, Kathy and their three children, Kristin, Kevin Jr. and Korey moved from Beach, ND where Pastor Zellers was serving the Beach and Belfield congregations. He was installed March 3 by President N. C. Sincebaugh.

On April 26, 1998, the voters approved contracting YHR Partners, a Moorhead architectural firm to lead us through a visioning process. A condition assessment was done. Input from the congregation was sought through a series of meetings concerning worship, education, fellowship, and administration. On January 17, 1999, the members developed their own floor plans. The floor plans and various issues and options were discussed in open group meetings from which the architects derived a model with multiple phases.

On July 25, 1999, the voters decided to engage Enrichment Ministries to help the congregation to facilitate greater spiritual growth in the area of stewardship. Special Bible studies, sermons, home visits, prayer times are being organized. On Sunday, January 9, 2000 the Stewardship Campaign started after a weekend retreat of the leaders and consultant Rev. Bob Mayer of Enrichment Ministries. The congregation now numbers 1107 baptized members of which 778 are also communicant members.

In 2000, five members from St. Andrew, Pastor Zellers, Sara Moreland, Kathy Schmidt, Kirk Rosin and Judy Rosin formed St. Andrew Mission Society known as SAMS. The reason for the Mission Society at that time was to pull together mission-minded people for the purpose of reaching others outside of our church through mission trips. Their first trip was an “instate” servant event trip to Shepherd’s Hill in Bottineau to help with the building project there. They have reached even further with trips to Mexico and helping facilitate others with their mission trips.

With the internet becoming a powerful tool, St. Andrew entered in with its first website in July 2001. Our website continues to be enhanced and now is housed on our own server.

Grace Lutheran School has been a blessing within the community. Starting with the 2003-2004 school year, it was restructured, and control went to the Red River Lutheran School Association of which St. Andrew is a member. We continue to help members with tuition and direct support of the school.

Pastor Zellers was called to St. John Lutheran Church of North Branch, Minnesota. Their farewell service was held December 21, 2003 with them departing on December 31, 2003.

With interest rates being low and building costs starting to soar, voters decided to go ahead with Phase I and Phase II of the building project. In August of 2003 a building committee was formed. They worked with the original builders, Curtis Construction, to create the office – fellowship and Sunday school addition. Ground-breaking was held May 1, 2005. We changed over to geothermal for heating and cooling, which has its wells under the parking lot. The addition was finished with many volunteer hours of wiring, painting, staining and carpet laying. The dedication service for the addition was held September 17, 2006.



The decision was also made to move from part-time secretaries to having a full-time church administrator. Preference Personnel was selected to help with the process and using their services. Barb Bemis was selected and started May of 2005 and became a full-time employee of our congregation in August of 2005 as Church Administrator.

Good Friday, 2005 St Andrew youth started a new tradition, a cross walk. Youth carried a large wooded cross down 13th Ave back to the church in silence, then joined in a fellowship lunch at the church.

Through the years, many refugees have come to our community; we have helped by sponsoring families, teaching English as a Second Language and sharing Gods Word. We have members from Mainland China, Liberia and Sierra Leon, to name a few.

Rally Sunday, September 12, 2010, brought a new Sunday School format to St. Andrew. GROW: Generations Reaching Out in the Word, which has the congregation meeting in the fellowship hall for the 1st 15 minutes of Sunday School, sharing music and the Bible story with a weekly Bible verse. This program stresses family time though out the week, sharing your highs and lows, reading and marking the weekly or daily Bible verse, discussing how the Bible verse relates to you highs and lows, praying for each other’s highs and lows and blessing each other.

Our 50th Anniversary celebration was held October 30, 2010, which was also our charter Sunday to the date. This included, a worship service at 1pm with Rev. Ed Krueger from CA preaching, a program at 2:30pm with Rev. James Judson from Our Saviour, Bottineau, as the master of ceremonies and a meal served at 3:30 by CrossPointe members. The celebration continued on Sunday, October 31. We were blessed with guest pastors, 8am worship service by Rev. Kevin Zellers, 9:30am Bible study by Rev. Ed Krueger and 10:45am worship service by Rev. Gary Asmus.

August of 2012 it was decided to take part in the DCE intern program. We were added to the list at Concordia University St. Paul, but all positions were filled. We then sent to 3 other universities. We were then on the list for 2013. We were selected, and Emily Leising from Concordia University, Seward NE became our intern. Emily was welcomed with a service January 12, 2014.



April 27, 2014 the voter's assembly called Rev. Adam Harvala as Assistant Pastor to be paid as services rendered. On May 5, 2017, he accepted the call and was installed June 8, 2014 with a service at 1:30pm and reception followed.

The parsonage, the first building on the property, received a facelift over the next couple of years. In the fall of 2014 volunteers re-shingled, then removed carpeting. The wood floors were refinished, and a bathroom was added in the basement.

The landscaping committee has been busy the past few years, they added plantings and curbing around the perimeter of the church. In 2014 they placed a seating area on the west side of the church, this includes a broken concrete path and two benches to sit and reflect among the flowers.



November 2014, DCE Ken Koehler read his 'Future Consideration Letter of Planned Retirement' to the Voters' Assembly. In it he stated he planned to retire June 2015 and motioned that we extend Emily Leising a call to be the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry upon her acceptance of the designation. This motion was overwhelming passed. Upon Emily's graduation, January 8, 2015, she accepted the call, and was installed as Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry. Ken and Emily worked through the transition of duties over the next 6 months. Ken retired June 30, 2015 and a celebration of his 40 Years of Service was held July 18. A short program was followed by a luncheon.



Keeping up with technology, the Elders approved the purchase of two 70" monitors and miscellaneous equipment for the sanctuary in October 2015, and a third smaller one on the balcony. These have the liturgy and hymns for the service and can be read easily by most. An additional monitor was placed in the narthex in December 2018 to display announcements.

With hail damage and many years on the shingles of the sanctuary, it was time for replacement. This was a tough decision for the voters. It took multiple voters' assemblies with many discussions and paper ballots. In June 2017, it was passed with barely a 2/3 majority to follow the recommendation of the shingle committee to have 50-year steel shingles installed plus 2" insulation. This required a \$70,000 loan for the project. Shingles were installed late August though early September.



May 17, 2017, marked Pastor Jahnke's 25th year here at St. Andrew. A celebration was held during Pastor Recognition Month on October 8. This celebration included potluck and a program.



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With our organ failing and an opportunity to use a \$20,000 grant, the purchase a new Rogers organ was proposed to the congregation. Demonstrations were given. With enough pledges to cover most of the cost, the organ was purchased in August 2017 with delivery scheduled November 26. Trustees and volunteers worked to hang large speakers in the front and back of the sanctuary. On December 10, 2017, the organ was dedicated. Then on April 21 and 22, workshops were held for those interested in what the new organ could do. The time concluded with a concert by Dan Miller, a representative from the Rogers Company. He amazed us with his talent and with the multitude of sounds from our new Rogers organ.

We have used multiple websites over the years, currently we use Church 360 unite. We have been able to add more content, including Weekly Sermons as podcasts and most recently an easy, safe, secure link to donate online. The Board of Stewardship has also made these podcasts available via an app either through the Apple App Store or Google Play.

June 9, 2019, DCE Emily Leising received a call to Heavenly Host Lutheran Church in Cookeville, TN, which she accepted. We had a farewell potluck with a short appreciation program August 18th. Emily was installed August 25th. With this loss of a called worker, a Congregational Self-study was done to decide where we felt help was needed. A committee was formed, a survey was sent out and evaluated. The committee resolved that we proceed to have 2 fulltime pastors; one would oversee youth and young adult programs of our congregation but would also serve in the capacity of a congregational pastor. This resolution was brought to the November 17th Voters Meeting. The motion passed to expand Rev. Adam Harvala's call to full-time ministry. He accepted December 1. This new position was effective January 1, 2020. At the June 3, 2020 voters meeting, the pastor's designations were changed, Rev. Adam Harvala to Associate Pastor and Rev. Clark Jahnke to Senior Pastor.

In 2019, a part of the estate of Elizabeth Freeberg started funding the Endowment. Mrs. Freeberg was a charter member of the congregation. This Endowment was established by the congregation years before as the dream and work of Floyd Schober before he died. As stated in our Bylaws, "The growth portion is available for a determined special need under the following conditions:

1. The withdrawal of the growth portion must be approved by the Voters Assembly.
2. The withdrawal of the growth portion. It is not to be used in the operational budget of the congregation.
3. Ten percent (10%) of the annual growth of the Fund is to be given to an agency outside of the congregation (example: Concordia Seminary). The agency selected is done annually by the Voters Assembly.

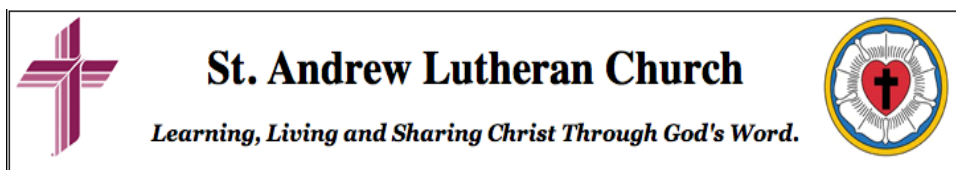
A portion of the principal may be used for a very special need under the following conditions:

1. Any of the principal is not to be used in the operational budget of the congregation.
2. By action of the Voters Assembly, ten percent (10%) of each gift received into the Fund may be used as the Voters Assembly directs. If the entire ten Percent (10%) of a gift is not used at one time, the balance of the ten percent (10%) may be used later as directed by the Voters Assembly.

In March of 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic extended to North Dakota. It was decided to suspend in person worship along with Bible Class and Sunday School. Our services were live streamed on Facebook and our website, each week improving with better equipment and a lot of quick learning. Adult bible class continued with a Webex link. The Rossow family continued to do the GROW puppet ministry, which they recorded from home. A link was emailed to the members and posted on Facebook. Boards and council met via virtual platforms. Hopes were to be able to have in person services by Easter, but that was not possible. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunrise service were streamed live. A limited number of members shared special music for these services. Communion was served Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday by appointment, in groups less than 10. Live-stream continued as the only option until mid-May. Pews were taped off for social distancing, hymnals and bibles were removed from pews. Communion was changed to keep social distancing. September 10 was Rally Sunday with programs starting up for those ready to attend in person.

As of September 30, 2020, one month before the 60th Anniversary, St. Andrew numbers 638 communicants and 853 baptized souls.

We are our mission statement... "LIVING, LEARNING AND SHARING CHRIST THROUGH GOD'S WORD."



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