

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

MAY 2020

## Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

If only April showers would bring May flowers...

What do April snowstorms bring? That's right, cancellations. Let's just brainstorm a list of everything that's been canceled, shall we? Ready? Here we go.

- Schools
- Sports
- Concerts
- Proms
- Graduations
- Confirmations
- Vacations
- Weddings
- Funerals
- Worship services
- Call Day
- Cross Walk
- Easter Breakfast
- Mercy Meals
- Family gatherings

Well now, that's a pretty depressing and disappointing list, isn't it? There can be no doubt that SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 have completely disrupted our lives and the whole world. Regardless of your personal or political opinions, whether right or wrong, good or bad, it has completely disrupted our lives in every imaginable way. I suspect that your calendars and day planners look an awful lot like mine—more or less empty. Is there anything we've forgotten? Could there possibly be anything missing from this list of cancellations? I'm sure there is.

In fact, I know there is. Sin. We haven't included sin in our list. And yet sin has been very much cancelled! St. Paul writes in his letter to the Colossians, "And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with [Christ], having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him" (2:13-15 ESV) Did you catch it? God has canceled the record of debt that stood against us. He has canceled our sin. We no longer stand condemned because our sin has been nailed to Christ's cross, our debts have all been paid, and the "rulers and authorities" that accuse us have been put to shame. Christ has defeated them. Christ has overcome them. His glorious resurrection from the dead has proven it, and you and I now stand before God cleansed, pure, forgiven, and free forever. There is absolutely nothing in this world that can steal our Easter hope or joy. They have not been canceled.

So why don't we go ahead and brainstorm a list of things that haven't been canceled. Many of you have probably seen graphics like this floating around social media. We could surely add to this list, starting with the hope and joy that I just mentioned, and here are a few more:

- Kindness & compassion
- Helping others
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- Personal & family devotions & prayer
- Telling your friends & neighbors about Jesus

Sure, there are many things that have been cancelled in our lives right now, and that causes us sorrow, frustration, and perhaps even anger. But don't forget the most important of all the things that have been canceled: your sin and its consequences. Because of what Christ has done for us, we can live each and every day in the hope and joy of Easter, which no one and nothing can take away from us. And we can rejoice in and gladly do these many things that aren't and never will be canceled.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

BREAKING:

GETTING OUTDOORS **NOT CANCELLED**

MUSIC **NOT CANCELLED**

FAMILY **NOT CANCELLED**

READING **NOT CANCELLED**

SINGING **NOT CANCELLED**

LAUGHING **NOT CANCELLED**

HOPE **NOT CANCELLED**

LET'S EMBRACE WHAT WE **HAVE**.

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## WORSHIP SERVICES AND BIBLE STUDY

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

Please spread the word to others that worship services are available on our St. Andrew Facebook page, via Facebook Live and that Sunday Morning Bible Study is through WebEx.com. We don't have everybody's email and not everybody uses email. However, email, phone, mail are the only ways we can reach people with this information. Please pass on the information, especially the Bible Study phone number and meeting number found in the email to those who only have landlines and flip phones.

The worship services will be live at the designated times and available after that time. You can access both of them through our website at [www.standrewlcms.org](http://www.standrewlcms.org). Scroll down to the bottom of home page and click on "Follow us on Facebook." Also, the sermons are available on podcasts. Again go to the website, but click on "Sermons" and click on what you want to listen to.

Offering may be mailed in, or other great options include signing up for EFT or use Vanco's "GivePlus" app on your phone.

You can access the Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30am by clicking "Join Meeting" in the email. Please give the phone number and the meeting number to those with landlines and flip phones, and they can join the meeting as well.

## SHORTFALL LOAN MATCHING FUNDS UPDATE

As of January, our 2019 budget shortfall loan balance is \$22,700. Please remember we have an anonymous commitment of matching dollars to our shortfall loan. This means \*ANY\* amount you give to our shortfall loan will be matched dollar for dollar.

As of 4/12/2020, we have collected **\$5,042 which, with matching, doubles to \$10,084**, cutting our shortfall debt down to \$12,616! THANK YOU for retiring 44% of our shortfall loan! Please help us continue taking advantage of this matching generosity with your gift to our shortfall loan. You can write a check with 'shortfall loan', using the shortfall loan envelope, or make an electronic donation.

God's blessings to all of you. - Board of Stewardship

## 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 and click 'safe secure: donate online'  
- Board of Stewardship

## THANK YOU!

Dear members of St. Andrew: Thank you for your many expressions of caring during my recent prostate cancer surgery and on-going recovery! Your offers to take me into your home, for rides, meals, groceries delivered, and the many offers to help in any way needed have been greatly appreciated. Thanks also for the many cards, notes, emails and phone calls, and especially for your prayers! As I write this on April 8<sup>th</sup>, I can report that I am undergoing additional treatment as unfortunately the surgery did not get all of the cancer, and so continued prayers will be much appreciated. Pray also that God will redeem and make use of this experience according to His good and gracious will (Romans 8:28). -Ken Koehler

## 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.

## 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.



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## ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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

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

## APRIL PASTORAL ACTS

### **Transfer In**

- Lisabeth Mutchler and children Ava, Brayden & Caylee from St. John's LCMS-Height of Land, Frazee, MN

### **Transfer Out**

- Joshua Borth to Immanuel LCMS-Grand Forks, ND

### **Removals**

- Cody Nirschl

### **Death**

- Marilyn Ruud (passed 4/16, private service held 4/23)

## "MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH" TV PROGRAM MAY UPDATE

"Coronavirus" and "COVID-19" are likely the two most often heard words during the past month or two! My hope is that you and your loved ones have been and will continue to be spared from this pandemic. Perhaps these times have already or will provide special opportunities to minister to others in the name of Christ!

Also during this time of social distancing, we hope that in addition to your own congregation's live-streaming and podcasts of worship services, that you're included the TV and internet ministry of MAIN STREET LIVING TV to hear God's faith-strengthening word! 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 all archived programs anytime at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) - then click on the link under the picture identified as "North (Fargo)". God's blessings in Christ!



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!

### **"Main Street Living North" May 2020 Programs:**

**May 3: Rev. Chris Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND,** presents the message: "Our Suffering Shepherd" based on 1 Peter 2:18-25. This Is The Life program is "The Big Little Lie". Curiosity and a little "white lie" results in very serious unintended developments for the Fisher family.

**May 10: Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Perham, MN,** presents the message: "A Life of Worship" based on 1 Peter 2:2-10. This is the Life program is: "To the End of Time". A physicist working on nuclear weapon development is confronted with the reality of the weapon, the utility of radiation and the blessing of Christian hope.

**May 17: Rev. Matt Tooman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, ND,** presents the message: "You Need the Holy Spirit," based on John 14:15-21. This Is The Life program is: "A Face from the Past". A man struggles to come to terms with the memory and feelings of guilt with his estranged father.

**May 24: Rev. Jim Meyer (CRM), St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN,** presents the message: "Are You In?" based on John 17:1-11. This Is The Life program is: "Love is Not Enough". A young couple struggles mightily with the decision to marry, exploring is what truly is important.

**May 31: Rev. Allen Kramp, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope, ND, and St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, ND,** presents the message: "Rejoice in the Spirit of God's outpouring in Jesus!" based on Acts 2:1-21. This Is The Life program is: "A Different Way". In this Fisher Family episode, Cousin Stanley visits and creates a difficult situation with a neighbor.

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## ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

### **General Fund:**

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 32,491.53	\$103,358.44
Expense	\$ 37,714.58	\$133,880.56
Net	\$ -5,223.05	\$ -30,522.12

### **Mortgage Fund:**

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,807.26	\$ 18,949.85
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 19,158.00
Net	\$ -578.74	\$ -208.15

### **Shortfall Loan:**

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD BAL</u>
Income	\$ 4,442.20	\$18,257.80

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1: Hunter Beltz, Chamma Irutingabo Binagana  
5/2: James Ruud, Sierra Shoman  
5/3: Glenda Clark  
5/4: Adam Harvala  
5/5: Sandie Eaton, Bernice Hovland  
5/6: Jolene Flath  
5/7: Lynette Vollmer  
5/8: Brandon Mallea  
5/10: Lyla Fiechtner, Walter Gagelin,  
Beau Mason, Eileen Sweeten  
5/11: Shelly Joyce, Betty Trapp  
5/12: Lois Hehr  
5/13: Aubrey Else  
5/14: Milton Deplazes, Jared Hertel, Nicole Marcy,  
Brady Millar  
5/15: Bill Kitzman  
5/16: Carolyn Fiechtner  
5/17: Janet Baker, Bill Thoenke, Patty Walth  
5/19: Jodi Pierce, Destiny Seibel  
5/20: Victor Gruber  
5/21: Vicki Roberts  
5/22: Robert Cataldi II  
5/24: Lincoln Haugen, Jordan Sommerfeld  
5/25: Nicholas Cajobe, Christopher Erickson, Arlene  
Klug, Dinah Sommerfeld  
5/26: Kaiden Schweitzer  
5/27: Rebecca Deplazes, Mia Severson, Jessica Somsen  
5/28: James Doyel, Shari Else, Stan Guler  
5/29: Corrine Reber  
5/31: Scott Johnson, Sarina Olson



## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/6: Tim & Alana Ratz, Todd & Crystal Reber  
5/12: Tim & Tami Hertel  
5/13: Bruce & Liz Clark  
5/31: Tom & Celeste Moltzan



## CREATION (and Evolution) DVDs & BOOKS ADDED

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 and other Christian Apologetics resources on loan from the personal libraries of our former DCE, Ken Koehler, as well as from several pastors and 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), and 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 and 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](http://www.standrewlcms.org) and click on "Resources" and then click on "Creation Resources" and follow the directions. New DVDs and 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.

## 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.



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## YOUTH & 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 and crayons, books, and an animal. Also, periodically clean the bags and animals.

**Sunday School Music Leader** Have fun praising the Lord with grades Preschool-8th with 2 to 4 songs per week. Ability to play an instrument would be great, but is not required.

**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 and beyond.

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

Contact Leanne Muhl or put a note in the education office to volunteer or to get more information on any of these positions.

## WATERMARKED 2020: A HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCE

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



## 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!

## CUSTODIAN POSITION

We are looking for a new custodian. Starting pay will be \$13.00/hr with a max of 20 hours per week. Contact Tom Moltzan, Al Hall, Lloyd Ruud, James Jerger or the church office if you are interested or

## SPRING CLEAN UP

The Board of Trustees have cancelled the spring clean up previously scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd until further notice. The trustees will handle the outdoor activities such as the hedges, landscaping and equipment change over from snow blower to lawn mower. Hopefully we will be able to schedule the other areas in the near future. Thank you.

## ST ANDREW VOLUNTEER EVENT

The Orphan Grain Train Mercy Meals of North Dakota event scheduled for May 2nd from 1-5pm has been cancelled. -The Board of Christian Outreach

## BOARD OF HUMAN CARE FOOD PANTRY

During this time of crisis, the food pantry is available if any families are in need. Please contact the Church office and a time will be scheduled when you can meet someone to pick up supplies and food needed. Also, if you are willing to donate to the food pantry, we are in need of a variety of boxed meals, pork-n-beans or baked beans. Items can be placed by the Pantry Closet in the main entrance. Thank you!

## LWML UPDATES

At this time, I'm not sure of what activities and events will happen in May. Here is a update for pending events:

- **May Potluck**—possibility to postpone this event and reschedule in June in place of our Ladies Night Out. We might be ready for a potluck, but not a night out in a public place.
- **Convention**—currently I do not have any updated information for the convention this summer. I know we need another voting delegate. Voting will happen with or without the convention for election of officers and new Mite grant projects.
- **Orphan Grain Train**—I'm not sure if this is going to be one of our convention projects. They are in need of gently used clothing such as: Children's and Women's shirts, pants, shorts, coats/jackets, shoes (any size) and accessories such as belts, scarves, gloves, hats. Household items such as new full size bath towels and washcloths for hygiene kits, cloth diapers, diaper pins, receiving blankets, infant sleepers and small onesies for layettes. Please bring any items to the church by Wednesday, May 13th if possible and place them in the old fellowship hall. The zone is working on a pick up date.

Thank you—Sandie Eaton

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church**  
*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*  
**1005 First Street East**  
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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Come and Worship!**

**May 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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