

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

DECEMBER 2019

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV) says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Then is listed several contrasted items. As I write to you, I am contemplating the actions of our Voters Assembly on November 17th. After contemplating, discussing and voting, three things were decided.

First, we are taking a new direction after DCE Emily Leising took a call away from us. We decided that it was better to go with two full-time pastors, rather than calling another DCE or going a different direction. This decision is consistent with the written results of the Self-Study and the round-table discussions after the written results were tabulated. This now sets the direction of how staffing will look in the short term. Also looking at the results of the self-study, there still is the desire to have a DCE in the future.

As I contemplate this decision, I feel relief and renewed excitement. Relief, because the Holy Ministry at St. Andrew is not a one person Ministry or even one full-time and a very part-time position. This is especially true with the number of people who need pastoral care. We have been running more or less like this since 2003 with the assistance of a DCE. Renewed excitement, because we once again can consider moving forward in ministry areas we have been placed on the back burner or never considered doing in our present situation. I could list them here, but the list would be longer than this page and I would rather talk with you about them.

Second, we are asking Pastor Harvala to consider changing his very part-time position to full time. I am also relieved and excited about this decision as well. Relief, because we may not have to go through the calling process, which for some congregations have taken over two years to get a pastor. Also, I am relieved and have renewed excitement because I know who is considering working with me full-time. Both of us have different strengths to be a blessing for our congregation. However, keep Pastor Harvala, his wife Kasey, and his children in your prayers as he considers this change. This expansion to full-time ministry presents changes for all of them.

Third, we passed a budget that is challenging. This is a relief and exciting as well. Relief and excitement, because we have a plan how to spend the offerings we receive. I am also excited to see how the congregation reacts to the blessing of having two pastors. I am excited to see a change in our stewardship habits. We can't keep doing the same thing. The world won't let us keep things the same. In fact, we don't even keep our lives the same, so why should our giving stay the same, even the way we give (envelopes to EFT). It will be great to see the responses to and the results of the Debt Reduction Committee, which we established last April Voters Meeting.

Please commend all of this to the Lord in prayer, especially the Harvalas and live lives that are worthy of the Gospel we profess!

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

ADVENT SERIES COMING IN DEC

"COME, LORD JESUS"

"Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest . . ." so begins the common table prayer. In the spirit of Revelation 22:20, during Advent services we will apply this petition to Advent devotions. Through short and simple daily practices we will learn to pray, "Come Lord Jesus" in a way that gives daily strength and hope. "Daily devotions." That sounds like a huge challenge to many of us. Whether you are a household of one, two, three, or more, having daily devotions can be a struggle. Our Advent series will use God's word to equip disciples for this struggle and provide simple and effective ways to help meet this challenge. With God's help we can learn to daily pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," not only to daily bless our food but our lives, finding strength and hope in Jesus. The hope and strength that Jesus gives comes in his victory over the "unholy trinity": the devil, our sinful nature, and the sinful world. This includes the promise of fully flourishing in the life to come. In this series we will explore how God's word teaches and guides us in following our victorious Lord as we look to him in daily devotion to his word. "Advent" means "coming." During this season of Advent our focus will be on Jesus's "three comings" to save us—past, present, and future. Jesus has come and accomplished his saving work. He continues to come by the power of the Holy Spirit through the word and sacraments. He will come again on the last day for our final deliverance. This series will match Christ's three "comings" with his "overcoming" of the "unholy trinity," the enemies of his saving word.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Call His Name Jesus, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Advent devotions for 2019 are available in the Narthex.

SOUP SUPPERS

Sign up sheets for Advent soup suppers are on a table in the Narthex. The 1st supper is Wed, December 4. Serving starts at 5:15 and runs till 6:30. Come join us for wonderful food and fellowship.

LWML ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Sunday, December 8th LWML will be hosting their annual Bake Sale on Sunday December 8th in the Narthex. PLEASE - drop off your baked goods on Saturday, December 7th from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate and bring items in for the Bake Sale.

10% of funds raised from the bake sale will go towards the LWML MITES and the rest will be go to ongoing projects and mission projects through the LWML.

GIVING TREE

The Board of Human Care has set up the 2019 Giving Tree in the Narthex. If you would like to pick a card from the tree & purchase a gift, please sign the sheet next to the tree. We ask that you wrap the gift & return it with the card attached to the gift. All gifts need to be brought to the church office by Friday, December 13th by 2:30pm. All the names on the tree are members from St. Andrew. God's Blessings to you this Holiday season.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND CHILI DINNER

Mark your calendars! The Board of Christian Outreach invites everyone to our Christmas Caroling and Chili/Salsa event starting at 3:30 pm on Sunday December 8th. We will plan to meet at the church at 3:30 pm and to go visit our church shut-ins, sing Christmas Carols and bring a mixed dozen of baked goodies for them to enjoy. So please bring a dozen baked cookies or bars to the church kitchen by noon on Sunday the 8th.



If you don't wish to go caroling, please come join us for chili and salsa. We will return to the church to sing more Christmas Carols, and dinner will begin around 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite chili or salsa dish or bring both. The chili and salsa will be entered in a cook off and all in attendance will be able to vote. The winners will have bragging rights for a year.

Come enjoy an evening of singing, fellowship and good food. This is an event for the whole family, and we hope to see everyone there.

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY



December 10th at 6:30pm LWML annual Christmas party will be Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30pm with a potluck supper. All ladies, moms, grandmothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, nieces and friends are invited to attend. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Please bring your red stockings filled with your loose change and dollars to help support our families in need program at St. Andrew. If you have any questions, regarding the Red Stockings, reach out to your LWML President Sandie Eaton.

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

ST ANDREW MISSION SOCIETY

The St. Andrew Mission Society will be meeting December 15 at 2:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize dates for the mission trip, and also to discuss possible locations and opportunities. Currently the tentative dates for the mission trip that have been recommended are March 7-15, 2020. There will also be discussion on purchasing of a different bus or repainting the current bus we have. If you have any questions, please contact Kirk Rosin at 701-347-5279 or email krosin@juno.com.

NEWLY ARRIVED! THE GOOD NEWS

Check out the magazine display on the north wall of the narthex/hallway today. The **"Good News"** periodicals have been restocked, and new issues have arrived. There are now 46 issues, with each issue concentrating on a specific Christian topic including the following: *Trials and Afflictions, Prophecy, The Names of Jesus, The Old and New Man, the Apostle's Creed, Encouragement, The Power of Sin, The Devil, Christ in You, Forgiveness, the Holy Spirit, Justification, Creation, Prayer, Faith, Baptism, God's Healing Medicine*, and many more. Copies are available for a suggested donation of \$2 each. An offering slot is available in the center of the display.

LIFE TOUCH DIRECTORY

Life Touch Directory will be taking pictures for our new 2020 Church Pictorial Directory to celebrate 60 years here at St. Andrew. Dates are for Dec 10, 11, 12, 13, (2-9pm) & 14 (10am-5pm). Pictures will be in by Christmas. Please sign up on Sundays in the Narthex or on the Life Touch Website, <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/b2lht0q/> If you have a loved one that is a shut in and you would like them in the directory, please let us know.



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

TV PROGRAM

DECEMBER UPDATE

CHRISTMAS will soon be here! THANK YOU IMMANUEL, "God with us", for coming to earth to redeem your creation! May this wonderful message be heard and seen by all who will be watching the MSL Advent and Christmas worship services and the special Christmas season Lutheran Hour Ministries Animated Series Programs this month.

We also invite you to consider a special end-of-the-year Christmas gift for our MAIN STREET LIVING MEDIA MINISTRY, if you are able. 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 web site.

PS: Correction from last month's article: The name of the person who has been helping with our MSLN recording set-up and running the Teleprompter is Courtney Solberg. It had been incorrectly listed as Johnson. My apologies.

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 at any time at www.mainstreetliving.com (then click on the link under the picture identified as "North (Fargo)". God's blessing in Christ!

"Main Street Living North" Programs for December 2019:

Dec 1: Rev. Kirk Peters, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hazen, ND, presents the message: "The King is Coming" based on Matthew 21:1-11. The Christmas season LHM Animated Series Program is: "The City that Forgot About Christmas" (Benji thinks the hustle and bustle of Christmas only makes people more Grouchy, but Grandfather has a different view.)

Dec 8: Rev. Dan Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: "You Brood of Vipers - - Repent!" based on St. Matthew 3:1-12. The Christmas season LHM Animated Series Program is: "The Stableboy's Christmas" (A family experiences the excitement of the holidays, while trying to keep the true meaning of Christmas at the center of their preparations.)

Dec 15: Rev. Bruce Blocker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, MN, presents the message: "The 3 C's of Christmas" based on Matthew 11:2-11. The Christmas season LHM Animated Series Program is: "Red Boots for Christmas" (One shop in the small town of Friedensdorf doesn't have any Christmas decorations, and has no Christmas spirit inside the store.)

Dec 22: Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the LCMS presents this year's Christmas message. The Christmas season LHM Animated Series Program is: "Christmas Is" (A journey back in time to the first Christmas with Benji and Waldo to rediscover the feeling and message of this significant day.)

Dec 29: Rev. Roger Paavloa, President of the LCMS Mid-South District, presents the message: "Satan Fails; Prophecy is Fulfilled" based on Matthew 2: 13-23. The Christmas season LHM Animated Series Program is: "The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery" (It's Christmas, and some mysterious events have occurred which require some special investigative talents.)

SEPTEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

Affirmation of Faith:

- Morgan Lee Taylor, communicant member, from Kierkebo ELCA, Perley MN

Transfer Out

- David & Karen Beck, communicant members, to Grace LCMS Fargo ND
- Bryan & Stephanie Hall, communicant members, Carolyn & Lydia, baptized members, to St. John LCMS Hillsboro ND
- Janielle (Dillard) Smith, communicant member, to Grace LCMS Fargo ND
- Megan Totenhagen, communicant member, to St. Paul LCMS Blue Earth MN

Death

- Heidi Willis, communicant member, passed 10/21
- Lavaun "Bonnie" Swanson, communicant member, passed 11/6

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 28,699.26	\$ 298,214.45
Expense	\$ 27,870.14	\$ 335,651.24
Net	\$ 829.12	\$ -37,436.79

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,288.40	\$ 54,644.63
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 63,860.00
Net	\$-1,097.60	\$ -9,215.37

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!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1: Robert Eidbo, Annelise Hammer
- 12/3: Gladys Hopkins
- 12/4: Amanda Reber
- 12/5: Cubahiro Irutingabo Binagana, Brianna Olson, Gladys VerValin
- 12/6: Cooper Haugen
- 12/7: Vanessa Gunning, Kathryn Osmondson, Gavin Rosenfeldt
- 12/8: Elizabeth Geist
- 12/9: Charles Weible
- 12/10: Kim Hinz, Rya Laugisch, Cindy Vollmer-Hansen
- 12/11: Myrna Church
- 12/12: Kyle Bredine, Austin Dillard, Kristy Dillard
- 12/13: Kristi Hopkins
- 12/14: Jacob Renfrew, Shantel Volk
- 12/15: Gavin Hruza, Rachel Kitzman, Jacob Marcy, Shonteau Wasness
- 12/16: Sara Hoefs, Stephen Pfahl
- 12/17: Sue Jahnke, Kaylee Neumiller, Ryan Teigen, Sharon Wilson
- 12/18: Isaac Berg, Tim Hertel, Isabelle Jacobson
- 12/19: Jessica Schatz
- 12/20: Paulette Franklin, Jennifer Larson, Tatum Riebe
- 12/21: Addie Rossow, Andrew Samsten, Shawn Schweitzer
- 12/22: Linda Weisser
- 12/24: Barbara Hall, Keri Olson, Kim Parsley
- 12/27: Cybil Johnson
- 12/29: Amy Deng, Tom Moltzan
- 12/30: Vi Abraham, Margaret Burkhardtsmeier, Gregory Else, TessAnna Rossow
- 12/31: Caleb Rossow



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/15: Mike & Diana Peterson
- 12/22: Andrew & Alyssa Hovland
- 12/28: Gary & Kristy Dillard, Ernie & Donna Feland
- 12/30: Arthur & Cari Weidener



YOUTH UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

- Sunday School & LYF Bible Class at 9:30-10:35am
(Sunday mornings through May 19th)
- 12/11 Meeting for youth & parents in Grades 6-12,
7:30pm
- 12/14 Christmas Program practice, 9:30-10:30
- 12/15 Christmas Program at 1:15pm with lunch be-
fore
- 12/23 LYF Christmas Party, 5-8pm
- 1/20 Tentative Family Ski Day

WE WANT YOUR INPUT & OPINIONS!

Join us for a meeting for youth and parents in Grades 6-12 will be held on Wednesday Dec 11th at 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Topics that will be discussed at the meeting include youth group and LYF events, district events, zone events, National Youth Gathering, leadership opportunities, fundraising and more. Please plan to attend. Do you have questions before the meeting? If so, contact Addie Rossow or Leanne Muhl.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

There will be a practice for the children's Christmas program on Saturday, Dec 14th, from 9:30 to 10:30am.

BEHOLD THE CHILD, CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Sunday School Children invite you to join us December 15th as they share the Christmas message. A lunch will be served after our second service. The Christmas Program will follow, scheduled to begin at 1:15 pm.

Come celebrate our King's birth. Invite your friends and family. Enjoy the message our Sunday School Children want to share with you. Enjoy good food, fellowship and the loving season before us.



LYF CHRISTMAS PARTY

There will be a LYF Christmas Party, Monday December 23rd from 5-8pm. There will be games and desserts. Please contact Addie Rossow if you have any questions.

FAMILY SKI DAY

LYF Family Ski Day is tentatively scheduled for January 20th, 2020. More details in the coming months.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MUSIC LEADER NEEDED

Sunday School Music Leader Needed: We are looking for someone to lead the Sunday School music on Sunday mornings. What does this entail? The curriculum we use has music included or you can choose your own music. Sunday School music is immediately after GROW opening. Can't commit to every Sunday? That's ok, you can still help. Don't know how to play piano, that's ok too. Are you interested? Contact Leanne Muhl at 701-850-7703.



BARNES & NOBLE FUNDRAISER

Support Grace Lutheran School at Barnes & Noble on 42nd St on Sunday, December 8th from 10am to 9pm. All purchases with a voucher will support the GLS library & the PTL. There will also be story and craft time for children from 3-4pm.



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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.*

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