

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

JANUARY 2019

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

The Office of the Holy Ministry and the relationship between the clergy and the laity has long been a source of discussion, confusion, and even conflict within the church. In our Advent midweek worship series this past month, Pastor Jahnke laid out beautifully for us the nature and purpose of the Office of the Holy Ministry. The Office of the Holy Ministry is, in a nutshell, the public exercise of the Office of the Keys. But what does that mean? And what does it have to do with the church?

In our Chrismon Service on December 16th, the "Chi Rho" (Christ) monogram was introduced using the great confession of Peter in Matthew, chapter 16: "You (Jesus) are the Christ (Messiah), the Son of the living God." And in response to this, Jesus declares to Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." This passage, along with others, is the basis for the doctrine of the Office of the Keys, "that special authority which Christ has given to his church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners [and] to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant" (The Small Catechism). Our English language does us a bit of a disservice here. We use the word, you, whether we are speaking to or about only one person, or to refer to two or more people. It is both singular and plural. In Greek, Jesus' words to Peter, "I will give you the keys," are actually in the plural. He is not addressing Peter alone, but all of his disciples with these words.

This means that the Office of the Keys belongs to the church-both pastors and people. It's an acknowledgment that the means of grace belong to all believers and that we all alike use those means in our lives of faith. Now, of course, we also want to honor the Office of the Holy Ministry and reserve the public preaching and administration of the Sacraments to Christ's called ministers, for what belongs properly to the whole church is not to be grasped by any one member except by the election of all. So where does that leave the laity of the church when it comes to the use of the means of grace?

There certainly are opportunities for God's people to serve, and we will have a fun one coming up in the next few months. The theme of our Lent midweek worship services will be "Conversations on the Way to the Cross." Our meditations will be built around real conversations between actual people struggling with life's deepest questions, confronting life's greatest fears, and battling life's strongest demons. These conversations will lead us into a deeper understanding of God's Word and his presence during our Lenten journey, and you-the people of God-get to play the parts. We need people to voice the questions, concerns, confidence, and curiosity of these characters. There are parts for men and women, young and old-if you have a voice, you can be a participant in God's ministry to his people through drama. These "Conversations on the Way to the Cross" will begin, as they always do, on Ash Wednesday-March 6th, and continue right up to Holy Week and our arrival at Calvary, where we will also hear God's answer. If you are interested in participating, please speak to me, and we will find a place for you.

May God continue to bless and strengthen his people through his means of grace in all of our conversations on the way to the cross and beyond, in Jesus' name.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

FAITH FOUNDATION CLASS

So what is that we believe and how does it impact our lives? Some of us have been members for a long time, but it has been a long time since we've been in confirmation. Others are curious about who are these Lutherans and what do they have that I don't. Still others like learning about different faiths. Wherever you are at, join us each Monday night at 7pm, starting January 7. Please contact the church office to let us know if you are coming so we have enough handbooks on hand.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"Everyone His Witness" at Grace Lutheran Church each Sunday in February, 2-4pm
Please register by calling (701) 232-1516 or email gracelutheranfargo@gmail.com

MISSION SOCIETY MEETING

The St. Andrew Mission Society will be meeting on Sunday, January 13, at 2 PM at St. Andrew. Anyone interested is invited to attend. We will be discussing our mission trip to Saltillo, Mexico, set for March 9-17. We will be working with the Lutheran Church in Saltillo, Mexico. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kirk Rosin at 701-347-5279, or e-mail krosin@juno.com.

SERVICE VOLUNTEER SCHEDULING

Just a reminder that there is a sign-up calendar on the front table in the Narthex so that you can sign up to for the date and service of your choosing. You can also make a note on the calendar's blank space if there are certain dates that will not work for you. The sign-up calendars are always out a month ahead of time and pulled off the week before the newsletter comes out..

MORE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would love to have more friendly faces serving as ushers, greeters, nursery workers, and on our altar guild for our worship services. If you are interested please talk with Mary in the office for more information! Keep in mind you can serve in more than one area if you wish!

COFFEE & TREATS

Want to sign up to help serve coffee and treats in the kitchen during fellowship hour? And/or- would you like to bake and bring treats for a Sunday? See DCE Emily, or simply add your name to the signup sheet.



CAROLING, CHILI & SALSA

On Sunday, December 9, the Board of Christian Outreach organized a Christmas caroling event for our church family shut-ins. It was a very nice day for caroling.

We had about 30 members, both young and old singing carols. The shut-ins enjoyed the caroling especially seeing the little children. The kids rang their bells while they were singing and had lots of fun. Each shut-in received a bag of goodies. When caroling was finished, everyone met back at the church for some hot chocolate, chili and salsa.



This year's chili winner was Sue Jahnke and the salsa winner was Rose Borslien.



Everyone had a wonderful time visiting while sampling the chili and salsa. Each chili and salsa had special ingredients that made them taste unique in their own way.



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

TV PROGRAM

JANUARY UPDATE

We are now entering YEAR THREE of our MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH MEDIA MINISTRY! We lift of thankful hearts to our Lord and Savior for blessing this ministry addition to the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS! We also give special thanks to our production crew members Jay Schaefer and DCE Ryan Avery for their MANY hours of dedicated work! Sadly, we bid Ryan farewell as he has accepted a call to serve in the Michigan District. We'll miss you Ryan!

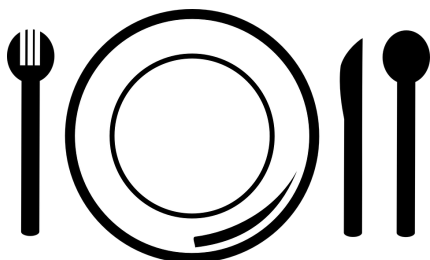
And we thank all of the congregations and individual members who have faithfully supported MSLN financially over our first two years! Our primary expenses are of course the weekly broadcasting costs. With the recent expansion to the western half of North Dakota, we also thank the Main Street Living NETWORK for providing matching funds of up to \$16,000 for any new donations made! To add 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. Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

ABORTION IN YOUR PAST?

You are not alone. Forgiven and Set Free is a Bible Study conducted in a safe, confidential setting for women who have experienced abortion. This study has been life-changing for hundreds of women. We will begin on January 8th 6-8pm at Bethel Evangelical Free Church, Fargo. Preregistration is required. For more information and to register, please contact Jody at jodyclem@hotmail.com or 701-367-7362 or Erin at ernhill77@gmail.com or 701-730-5662.

MEALS THAT MATTER

Every time you eat at Village Inn, ask them to stamp your receipt, and turn it into the box at St. Andrew in the gathering area. Board of Human Care will turn them in at the end of the month and Village Inn will give us a check for 3% of the total amount. The more you dine with them, the more money we'll get back!



ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 31,721.19	\$ 337,808.16
Expense	\$ 33,152.40	\$ 375,719.41
Net	\$ -1,431.21	\$ -37,911.25

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,271.54	\$ 59,384.89
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 70,246.00
Net	\$ -1,114.46	\$ -10,861.11

DECEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

Release

- Carl Miller, communicant member

Death

- Tiffanie Schroeder. Passed 12/16/18



ADDRESS UNKNOWN

Below are members of our congregation for which we do not have contact information. 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.

Address Unknown (C=Communicant member, B=Baptized member):

1. Dallas Payne B, son of Danielle Burke
2. Juanita Dahl C and son, Jordan B
3. Alicia (Waters) Eubanks B and son, Braxton Waters B
4. Lileffa Gaylah B and Joshua-Sunnyboy Gaylah B, children of Lawrence and Deonte Gaylah
5. Daniel Gowah B Alphonso Gowah B and Prince Gowah B, sons of Victoria Gowah
6. Nicole Hansen C and children, Jaarel Heller B, Katie Hansen B, Rhianna Hansen B
7. Trenton Kosel C
8. Mindy Nicklaus B and children, Chance Nicklaus B, Ciera Charboneau B, Mariah Charbonneau B
9. Breanna Odle C and children, Jaylin B, Arianna B, Tarryn B
10. Stephanie Petersen C and daughter, Elisabeth B
11. Aaron Ranzenberger C
12. Andrew Renfrew C
13. Matthew Renfrew C
14. Shana Seil C and children, Taylor Kujawa B, Zachary Kujawa B, Ashlyn Kujawa B

YOUTH

Sunday School and Bible Class, Sundays at 9:30-10:35am

THANK YOU

Thank you to our students for sharing the message of CHRISTmas through “The ABCs of Christmas”, our Sunday School Christmas Program on December 16. What a wonderful program! Thank you to everyone that was involved with preparations for the program! A special thank you to Carolyn Fiechthner (director), Dan & Anneliese Hammer (music), Cassie Skalicky (accompanist), to our Sunday School staff, and parents of students.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & EDUCATION CLASSES

Sunday Education classes and Sunday School will resume on January 6th. Wednesday night confirmation classes will return to our regular schedule on January 2nd.

2019 LCMS YOUTH & FAMILY DAY AT ANDES TOWER HILLS

Annual Circuit Event! Entire Congregations & All Ages Invited!

Saturday, January 12th at Andes Tower Hills (near Alexandria, MN)

Ski, Snowboard, or tube! See the registration form and the information sheet insert for rates & details. This is a multi-congregational event, all ages are welcome to participate (youth, families, and adults)! 5th grade students and younger must be accompanied by an adult.

- Meet at Beautiful Savior Lutheran (Fargo) at 7:30am.
- We will arrive at Andes at 9:45am to take our group photo & check-in by 10am.
- Leave Andes by 4pm, and plan to stop in Fergus Falls at Pizza Ranch for supper.
- Return to Fargo between 8-8:30pm.

Registration Deadline:

Return completed registration form & payment to DCE Emily by Friday, *January 4th*.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Check out one or more of our Bible study opportunities! Want to get involved in a Bible study, but don't see a time that works for you? Let DCE Emily know!

Bible Class with Pastor Jahnke, Sundays at 9:45am

Parent Class with Cybil Johnson & Jen Rossow, Sundays at 9:45am

High School Bible Class (LYF) with DCE Emily, Sundays at 9:45am

Deaner's Diner with Joe Franklin & Ken Koehler, Wednesdays at 6:30am

Deaner's Diner women's group study on 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8am

The Seekers with Ken Koehler & James Larsen, 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 1pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Evenings at 7-8pm: Thurs- Jan 10, Mon- Feb 4th, Mon- Mar 4th, Mon- April 1st, and Mon- May 6th. Once a month Bible study for Sunday School staff with DCE Emily will be starting Thursday, **Jan 10th at 7-8pm**. This is an (optional) Bible study opportunity for Sunday School teachers and staff, but parents or other adults are welcome to participate as well if they would like! Each month we'll be walking through and discussing the next several upcoming lessons that will be covered in Sunday School, along with other topics. Focus will be application to your life (not on teaching SS). Feel free to join us! No preparation necessary, just bring your Bible.



OUR THEME FOR 2018!

This year's theme is from Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the Light of the World".... Jesus tells us that we are shining our light (Jesus in us) to everyone around.

WELCOME WEDNESDAY!

Each week we open "our house" for prospective families & students on Wednesdays. Please share this information with everyone so that they can see what it is like at Grace Lutheran School. Hours to visit GLS are 9 - 3 Monday - Friday. If you are stopping in - give us a call - and we will meet you at that time. (701) 232-7747

ANNUAL GRACE AUCTION VOLUNTEERS!

The Grace Auction committee is already at work and you can help us out greatly by procuring donations, helping with decorations, setting up the ballroom, working on special class projects, and finding those special items that will highlight our evening and promote our school with all of your friends.

To help, contact Dinah Sommerfeld at 701-212-0072 or call the school office for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED

Would you like to volunteer in our school? We continue to need helpers all through the week. Volunteer duties include assisting students in completing their work, helping teachers with tasks and breaks, supervising morning care and recesses. We could also use help in the kitchen when our regular cook is sick or taking time off. Year-round there are always little projects to do around the school. Feel free to contact us for a service project. Please contact John Hagge, Principal at (701) 232-7747 or email jhagge@gracels.com for further information.

SUPPORTING GLS

Support of Grace Lutheran School can be done in many ways. As a "not for profit" organization we will always need the financial backing of our association churches and generous donations from our alumni. We sponsor many fundraisers to strengthen our budget (Spaghetti dinner, Giving Hearts and the Auction) and through the year it becomes a way for us to minister to children and families. You can also support our ministry through your Thrivent Choice Dollars by contacting Thrivent and tell them you want your Choice Dollars to go to Grace Lutheran School. Also year-end gifts can also be a great way to minister to families and give you a tax break. You are also able to support the school by investing in an LCEF account, which strengthens your church and also communicates to LCEF, that they can invest in the future of Grace Lutheran School knowing that the association churches are supporting the schools ministry.

We are excited and honored to teach 67 children this Fall and look for many ways to reach out to more children and to share the love of God with all. Please invite families with school age children to visit. Your congregation is a vital part of the future of Grace Lutheran School. As we look to the future our goal is to develop our curriculum and technology equipment, work on deferred building maintenance projects, strengthen our teachers and staff salaries as well as looking into the possibility of adding early childhood classes. (3 yr olds)

Give us a call and set up a Care Visit or help us with our goals - today!



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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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West Fargo, North Dakota 58078

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.

January 2019

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