

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

DECEMBER 2018

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Advent means "coming." The season of Advent focuses on the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ at the end of time. However, until the time of His arrival, He has placed under-shepherds to shepherd his flock, in various places throughout the world. Some have proposed that the under-shepherds are more like sheepdogs, following the commands of the Good Shepherd and making sure that the flock is fed, as Peter was reminded in John 21:15-17. Whatever image is used, the under-shepherds are to keep, teach and protect His flock until He returns.

Paul reminds young pastor Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:10-16 (ESV), "For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things....Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers."

I am reminded of Acts 2:28, preached on at my Ordination 30 years ago next July, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." Therefore, our Advent Midweek theme is "Shepherd the Flock of God..." from 1 Peter 2:5:2. Each mid-week service will focus on three different areas of the Pastoral Office and its application to you, His Flock and how each relates to Advent: 1. God's Forgiveness Man on Location, 2. Stewards of the Mysteries of God, 3. Proclaimers of the Whole Council of God. These three midweek Advent themes will culminate in the birth and life of Christ, preparing us for His final return. Mid-week services will be at 6:30pm and Parent-Student Sessions and Choir will follow our services.

Hymn LSB #333, reminds us...

Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.

Soon will come that hour When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.

Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

AN ADVENT DEVOTION by Chad Berg
Psalm 130-ESV

1. *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!*
2. *O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive To the voice of my pleas for mercy!*
3. *If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?*
4. *But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*
5. *I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;*
6. *my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.*
7. *O Israel, hope in the Lord!*
For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
8. *And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.*

Waiting. Waiting. Waiting, but for what? Do I wait for glory, knowledge, or peace? Or like the Psalmist, do I wait for the Lord? The question we should be asking is why am I waiting. The Psalm opens with the Psalmists crying out to God to hear his pleas. These pleas can be anything, from sorrow to guilt. But, the plea in the Psalm is for mercy. Mercy is not something we use in our everyday vocabulary. When I hear mercy, the only thing that comes to mind is knights, kings and castles, where the villager is asking for mercy either for his life or the life of others. Surely this is not the case or is it?

As Christians we have acknowledged our sin. We are sinful beings in need of a Savior. We come and pray to God asking for forgiveness and after an hour of worship we move on with our lives. And we come back next Sunday and repeat. Life can take a turn for the worst. Do we give in? Who can help? The Psalm directs us to cry out to the Lord. The Law reminds us of what we can and cannot do. It reminds us of our sin, telling us we cannot do this on our own! What do I do, but turn to the Scriptures. Verse 5, tells us that the Word of God gives us hope. It tells us of the undeserving grace God has shown to his people. It also tells of a promise, that promise being Christ Jesus.

In Christ, the promise has been fulfilled. We as Christians know this to be true. But, look at what God has done for his people. He promised them a Savior, a Redeemer will come. That the Redeemer will free them from their sin, their guilt, their doubt. The Psalmist eagerly awaits this promise to come, so much so, that in v.6 it says "my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning." God's people waited so long for the Messiah to come, and it was that hope of redemption that brought them through. As heirs of the promise fulfilled, let us reflect this Ad-

hope of redemption that brought them through. As heirs of the promise fulfilled, let us reflect this Advent season of how God so graciously and mercifully answered the pleas of his people by sending the Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

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Chad Berg, the grandson of Karen and Kenny Berg, is currently at Concordia University NE (CUNE). This Concordia is located in Seward, NE and is one of 11 Colleges, Universities and Seminaries owned and operated by our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Their goal is to provide church-workers for our church-body as well as prepare lay people for their Christian Education vocations. Chad is currently a Pre-Seminary student being prepared to work in the Biblical languages of Greek and Hebrew. As a Pre-Seminary student, he has been asked to prepare an Advent Devotion that will be published by CUNE, and has shared this devotion with us. Please express your support of him by contacting him at chad.berg@cune.org or writing him at:

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THANKS FOR ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP & REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jonathan Jahnke conducted the liturgy of the Word on November 25th. He is currently a Vicar at Resurrection LCMS in Sunset Hills, MO. A vicar is like an intern, who works and studies under a pastor to learn the Ministry first-hand. This is usually the third year of a Seminary Education. Jon will be returning to Concordia Seminary-St. Louis next fall to complete his education. His wife, Danielle is currently an art teacher at Luther South. His email is jonjahnke@live.com. They live at... 9155A Paul Revere Drive St. Louis, MO 63123. Also Chad Berg read the Old Testament Readings on Nov 18 & 25.

SOUP & SANDWICH SIGN UP

There are sign up sheets for our Soup & Sandwich which are Wednesday nights at 5:15 starting Dec 5th. Please sign up to bring something.

LWML ANNUAL BAKE SALE

LWML will be hosting their annual Bake Sale on Sunday December 2nd in the Narthex. 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. PLEASE - drop off your baked goods on Saturday, December 1st from 3:00 pm -5:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate and bring items in for the Bake Sale.

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL

St. Andrew is hosting their annual Family Advent Festival on 12/2/18 at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. It will be a time to learn about and prepare for advent with snacks, crafts, and time together. Pastor Jahnke will lead a devotion.

Stephanie J. Hall -Chairperson, Board of Education

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND CHILI DINNER

Everyone is invited to go Christmas Caroling from 3:30pm - 6 pm on Dec 9th. We will meet at the church at 3:30pm. We will go caroling to the shut-ins from our church. We will also bring a mix dozen of baked goodies to the shut-in too. So PLEASE bring a dozen baked cookies or bars to the church on Sunday DEC 9th by noon and drop off in the kitchen.



We will return back to the church to sing a few more carols. Dinner will start around 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite chili and salsa recipe dish or both. Those that don't wish to go caroling, please come join us for dinner at 6:00 pm. The chili and salsa will be in a cook off and all in attendance will be able to vote. The winners will have bragging rights for a year. So bring your singing voice's, bells (for caroling), and chili and or salsa to share. Let's enjoy an evening of singing, fellowship and good food!!! This is an event for the whole family and we hope to see everyone there. Sponsored by the Board of Christian Outreach.

SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & MEAL

Please join us on **Sunday, December 16th** for a noon meal following the second worship service (11:45/noon), served by the LWML. The Sunday School Christmas Program (preschool-8th grade) will be begin at **1:15pm** in the sanctuary.

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 Thursday night at 7pm, starting January 3. 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

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 26,150.05	\$ 306,086.97
Expense	\$ 31,324.90	\$ 342,567.01
Net	\$ -5,174.85	\$ -36,480.04

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,461.66	\$ 54,113.35
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 63,860.00
Net	\$ -924.34	\$ -9,746.65

SEPTEMBER PASTORAL ACTS

Burial

- Marlys Olson.

Voters Assembly Releases

- Samantha & Oliver Armbrust
- Elijah Henderson
- Brandon Millar
- Carly & Winnie Raftevoid
- Breeon Rosendahl
- Maria Warm
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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 Deconte 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
15. Ryan Somsen C

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

TV PROGRAM

DECEMBER UPDATE

The first recording of pastors from the Western Region of the ND District LCMS took place at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mandan on November 3rd. These worship services will be broadcast during January and February! A reminder that MSLN is now additionally being broadcast at 10:00AM Central (9:00 Mountain) on the following "XTRA" channels: KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 Bismarck/Dickinson and KMCY Xtra Channel 14.3 Minot/Williston, WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead and WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3 Grand Forks. (Note: Some cable channel numbers may be different in your area). All programming will also continue on the FOX stations at 9:00 AM Central in the eastern half of ND and western Minnesota.

Please continue to help spread the word to your extended family and friends. In addition to viewing the TV programs on Sunday mornings, please also let them know that they can watch all of the archived programs at any time on line! A reminder that by the time you are reading this, to reach the website for archived programs you will first need to go to the MSL Network site at www.mainstreetliving.com and then click on "North" to reach our North Dakota and Minnesota North broadcast area website.

To help with the cost of expanding to the western half of North Dakota, the Main Street Living NETWORK has also announced that they will provide matching funds 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!

YOUTH

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

In preparation for the Christmas Program, the Sunday School schedule for **preschool-8th grade** will be as follows:

Nov 25, Dec 2, and Dec 9th:

9:30-9:45am GROW Opening
9:45-10:20am Music & Christmas Program Practice
10:20-10:35am Classroom for lesson

Dec 16th:

9:30-10:35am Final Christmas Program Practice
(No GROW Opening this day, program practice entire SS hour)
11:45/noon Congregational Meal (served by LWML)
1:15pm Program in the Sanctuary

Dec 23rd and 30th:

No Sunday School

TENTH AVENUE NORTH CONCERT

Want to go see the Tenth Avenue North Christmas Concert at First Assembly in Fargo on Thurs, Dec 6TH? Doors open at 6pm, the concert starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$30 (general admission is \$25, plus a \$5 ticket fee). They are not offering any group discounts at this time.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

A fun night at church with Bible time, games, and a snack for students in grades 3-5. Bring \$3 for pizza, a signed permission slip, and your Bible! Friday, December 7TH @ 6-8pm. Permission slips and the sign-up sheet are by the youth bulletin board (2 adults also needed for this event).

LIGHT THE TREES

Youth will be putting lights on the two large Christmas trees in the sanctuary. *The Chrismon decorations will added during the worship service on December 16th.*

YOUTH & FAMILY SKI DAY

To be announced! Typically the first or second weekend in February.



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 PLANS UNDERWAY!

The Grace Auction Committee is beginning its work for the upcoming auction in 2019. Are you interested in helping us by procuring donations, decorations, working on special class projects, or finding those special items that will highlight our evening and promote our school? The Auction Committee would love to hear your ideas. Please contact Dinah Sommerfeld at 701-212-0072 or call the school office for more information. The committee will be meeting on Monday, November 5th at 6:00 pm. Please plan on attending!



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!

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.

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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.*

December 2018

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