

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

JUNE/JULY 2021

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

May just flew by. I can't believe this year is already over. Is it just me, or does it seem like time is really going fast? Where did those years go? I'm closer to 60 than I am to 18.

These are things I've heard-or said-recently. Few would argue that time seems to pass more quickly as we age. And as we age, we tend to long for days past. Yesteryear. The good ol' days. The way it was, back when. Times were simpler; life wasn't so busy.

Children, however, live for tomorrow. Though it feels ages away, they long for school to be finished and the summer to come. They can hardly wait to learn how to drive and get that license and that first ("new") car. Graduation can't come quickly enough.

Maybe that's a generalization, and not all kids are that way. But those who are capture the essence of the Christian faith a little better than we adults, who spend so much of our time looking back. Because the essence of the Christian faith is a looking forward. Saint Peter wrote, "According to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 2:13).

It's hard to wait, especially when you've waited so long. Jesus has said, "Surely I am coming soon" (Revelation 22:20). I don't know about you, but nearly 2,000 years doesn't seem to fit the definition of *soon*. We watch and we wait, and while the years continue to fly by faster and faster all the time, still Jesus seems to be no nearer today than when he first departed. Every year that comes and goes is one year farther away. We are left longing for the past, and wishing that time would just slow down.

Jesus' words are difficult to understand. That's what Peter was acknowledging in his second letter. He gently reassures his readers that "the Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). He points out to us that Jesus' solemn declaration "I am coming soon" is meant for our comfort. It is an invitation to faithfulness and trust. Faithfulness to his call, and trust in his mercy and strength to sustain. We question not his faithfulness nor his motives. We make no attempt to peel away God's mask and peer into things unseen. We simply resign ourselves to his wonderful wisdom, his certain care, and his perfect peace.

The great apologist C. S. Lewis gets it right. In *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* (book 3 of *The Chronicles of Narnia*), as the great lion Aslan is about to depart, the young Lucy Pevensie is distraught, not wanting him to go. She can't bear to be parted from him yet again. So Aslan (the Christ-figure) reassures her, "Do not look sad. We shall meet soon again." 'Please, Aslan,' said Lucy, 'what do you call soon?' 'I call all times soon' said Aslan; and instantly he was vanished away."

Our Lord calls all times *soon*. He is not slow to keep his promises as we count slowness. He is faithful to you and invites you to be faithful to him, to trust in his sure and certain promise. "For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end-it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay" (Habakkuk 2:3).

In the meantime, enjoy your summer, and all the seasons of God's grace, until he comes.



God's peace,
Pastor Harvala

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Don't forget that the service times will be changing starting Memorial Day Weekend, May 30th. Sundays at 8am and 10am. Wednesdays at 7pm



SHORTFALL LOAN DRIVE

Since 2020, regular giving has increased 4% overall and stayed at this increased level throughout the coronavirus pandemic. Thank you for your continued financial support of St Andrew Lutheran Church! We have changed the way we report to make it easier to understand our shortfall loan pay-off progress, and we appreciate your strong monthly support. We have heard the need of this congregation to be more informed of our income and expenses. Please look for more detailed information to come from us. Please contact us to discuss your thoughts or concerns. -Board of Stewardship

GOD BLESS OUR 2021 GRADUATES

We are blessed to have the following High School Graduates from our congregation:

Hunter Beltz

Son of Steven Beltz & Jennifer Larsen

Clare Boldingh

Daughter of Peter & Amy Boldingh

Dalton Bossert

Son of Todd & Kimberly Bossert

Makenzie Charvat

Daughter of Jasmine Job & Jasin Charvat
Graduating from Fargo South High
Will attend NDSCS for Dental Hygiene

Milton Deplazes

Son of Daron & Rebecca Deplazes

Paige Franklin

Daughter of Joe & Paulette Franklin
Graduating from Oak Grove Lutheran High School
Will attend NDSU for Business Administration

Michaela Goroski

Daughter of Ron & Shelley Goroski

Chloe Jensen

Daughter of Michelle Jensen

Christopher Matthys

Son of Scott & Melissa Matthys

Kyle Parsley

Son of Rick & Kim Parsley

Joslyn Pierce

Daughter of Jeffrey & Jodi Pierce
Graduating from West Fargo High School
Will attend NDSU for Human Development & Family Science

Housteen Visto

Son of Trudy Ruff & Jaye Visto
Graduating from West Fargo High School
Will attend MSUM for Sports Management

Lloyd "Nate" Willis

Son of Reuben & the late Heidi Willis

PARKING LOT UPDATE

Many have noticed and several have commented regarding the construction trailers parked in the southeast corner of the church parking lot. These trailers are owned by a roofing company from the southern US. They are working in the FM area as subcontractors under several local roofing contractors. The company has more equipment onsite this season as there are quite a few hail claims to satisfy from a late-season 2020 storm. Permission to park in our lot was arranged with the Board of Trustees. The roofing company makes monthly donations to St. Andrew that, over the course of the construction season, will bring in several thousand dollars to our General Fund. Parking for any future construction seasons would be up for negotiation. Hope this answers any questions. Thank you. -Board of Trustees

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

The Women's Care Center is looking for special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills for a part-time counselor position. Degrees in counseling, social work, nursing, or other service-related background is preferred. Degree and non-degree candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train.

They are also seeking a full-time Development Coordinator to engage regional support through various fundraising activities including: donor relations, events, grants, & outreach. Hours are flexible. To learn more about these positions or to submit a resume, please email Angela Wambach at angela@wccnd.com or call 701-237-6530.

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 33,642.81	\$ 135,074.09
Expense	\$ 32,537.76	\$ 150,379.14
Net	\$ 1,105.05	\$ -15,305.05

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,147.39	\$ 23,800.70
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 25,544.00
Net	\$ -1,238.61	\$ -1,743.30

Shortfall Loan: As of 5/23

<u>MAY</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>
\$2,474.65	\$46,271.09	\$25,898.91



YOUTH & EDUCATION

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2022: “IN ALL THINGS”

The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is only a little over a year away. “In All Things” will take place in Houston, Texas July 9-13, 2022. All youth ages 14-19 (entering grade nine through first year of college) at the time of the gathering are eligible to participate. That means all SALC youth in grades 7-12 right now are eligible. Young adult volunteer opportunities are for those age 19-25. Registration for gathering participants opens this fall, and for young adult volunteers the application opens July 1st, 2021.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held Sun, 6/13 to Tues, 6/15 from 5:15-7:30 each night. Join us for supper from 5:15-6:00 followed by a Bible lesson and activities. VBS is open to children age 4 through 5th grade. Older children & youth are encouraged to serve as helpers. To register your children or volunteer, please contact Pastor Harvala or Leanne Muhl.

HIGHER THINGS 2021: “FORGIVEN”

“I forgive you.” The three most powerful words in the universe. They don’t just change the universe for someone. They change someone’s eternity. They change your eternity! Higher Things Conference 2021 is coming next summer to Texas, Michigan, Colorado, and... (wait for it) ...FARGO! Join with other Lutheran youth from around the region for four days of worship, teaching, fellowship, and fun. **NDSU also recently announced that all COVID-19 restrictions are lifted**, so there will be no reduced capacity or mask requirement. As a result, **Higher Things has decided to waive the late fee** for registrations received after May 1st. Registration will remain open to the day of the conference. Learn more at higherthings.org or follow on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @higherthings.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

The congregation is invited to a graduation open house in honor of Houston Visto on Monday, May 31st, from 3-7pm. The open house will be held at 9748 Industrial Dr, just south of Horace on Sheyenne Street/County Road 17 (on the east side of the road, just before 100th Ave S/County Road 14). Please view the graduation announcement on the youth bulletin board, and join in congratulating Houston for his accomplishments.

YOUTHLEAD SUPPORT

Two members from St. Andrew will be attending Synod’s leadership training for high school students, known as YouthLead. Cecilia Lindquist and Joshua Harvala, along with Pastor Harvala as ND District LYF Advisor, will travel to Houston, Texas in July to participate in this valuable training. Please support these youth first of all with your prayers for their growth in faith and safety in travel; second, by encouraging them in their efforts; and finally—if so moved, by giving a gift toward their travel expenses. The total cost of the trip is about \$800 each, with the students responsible for about \$300 each. Your help in defraying these costs is greatly appreciated. To contribute any amount you are able, please speak with Pastor Harvala. Thank you for your support of our youth!

THANK YOU!

Hello,

Thank you for all the love and support you guys have given to me and my faith journey. I am so very grateful for everything you guys have done for supporting me in my trip to Texas in July. I will be attending the Youth Lead Leadership Training to learn skills on the way to teach other Christians about Christ. This trip will allow me to spend time with other Christians who want to continue and grow in their faith.

Your sister in Christ, Cecilia.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am very excited to go to Youthlead this July in Houston, Texas! I thank you for all your support! Because of your help, you have given me a chance to do something I have heard amazing things about and have anticipated for a long time!

This year’s Youthlead training is going to be very different in many aspects, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was delayed from February to July. There is a different gathering in Houston that is preparing for the 2022 National Youth Gathering, so it was decided to have Youthlead run separately in the same facility at the same time!

Still, with these major differences, I am going to The Youthlead training this year in July! This is vastly because of the help I have received from this congregation! I thank God for everyone who helped!

God’s blessings, Joshua Harvala

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dwight Schutt, Greg Spilman, Connie Guler, Kim Kautzman, Gladys Willits, Aryln Kraft, Kasey Harvala, Shelley Goroski, Douglas Schober, Geraldine Wollitz, Shelia Carlson, Ruth Coughlin, Judy Hill, Trevor Olson, Austin Oien, Mike Sell, Steven Beltz, Joshua Harvala, Sandy Klemz, Nolan Bickel, Tanner Schiffner, James Jerger, Laura Kitzan, Steven Lindquist, Samuel Hoff, June Larsen, Harold Williams, Garrett Peterson, Kristina Heil, Bryant Berg, Alissa Jacobson, Amanda Collins, Diamond Lee-Glanzer, Douglas Debing, Ginny Leon, Kelli Fiechtner, Todd Reber, Anna Blilie, Paul Berry, Dylan Jerger, Chad Berg, Kelly Levi, Erik Holm, Shirley Marquardt, Roman Emerson, Kristie Washburn, Dawn Heinen, Philip Moltzan, Douglas Hinz, Kyle Shoman, Diane Johnson, Karter Pfahl, Mitch Heinen, Courtney Walsh, Sharon Bredine, Isabelle Wieseler, Lindsay Buchhop, Diana Weil, Lyle Milligan, Alexandra Spilman, McKenna Norton, Milo Rossow Jr, Kyle Parsley, Dale Lentz, Adam Hjermstad, Matthew Thoenke, Peggy Brager, Tyler Jacobson, Eric Ybarra, Avery Else, Jennifer Osmondson, Glenda Pistoius, Jonathan Beltz, Alana Ratz, Nevaeh Dickerson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Paul Metcalf, Vickie Radke, Dylan Kolrud, Dale Xu, Dawn Doyel, Amaree Williams, Ray Pfahl, Diane Glander, Allen Holm, Tim Ratz, Janalee Brandt, Teresa Hurt, Wanda Blilie, Bret Hoff, Barbara Pelzl, Liz Buethner, Freda Oakland, Ella Thiessen, Travis Tuinstra, Trevor Wilson, Kendall Spilman, Ravona Norton, Steven Buchhop, Summer Olsen, Julie Erickson, John Myhre, Lori Jawaski, Cheryl Asmund, Duane Joyce, Diana Peterson, Eleanor Kraft, Casey Viou, Jackie Roth, Austin Trzpuć, Lydia Lindquist, Andrew Renfrew, Darin Viken, Grace Marcy, Susan Johnson, Grace Dennis, Dan Norton, Caitlin Wohler, David Holaday, Alexander Mapel, Michael Hurt, Joshua Pistorius, Patrick Anderson, David Sommerfeld, Richard Buckley, Autumn Borah, Antionette Behrens, Arianna Odle, Ellen Rossow, Evelyn Helmer, Rick Parsley, Jasmine Job, Payton Paul, Boyd Milligan, Eula Zerull, Nancy Borah, Alexander Borah, Dawn Dathe, Logan Borah, Frederick Fuss, Margaret Livingston, Stephanie Wasness, Patrick Lies, Tanner Lies, Sabrina Leier, Cindy Holaday, David Morse, Theresa Ammon, Sara Moreland, Landyn Anderson, Damian Lang-Shugars, Joseph Franklin, Alan Hall, Donald Collins, Rose Borslien, Allison Cossette, Hudson Roberts, Sarah Cliner, Philip Berg

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Janice & Gary Hanson, Jeff & Geraldine Wollitz, Stan & Connie Guler, James & Sheila Meyer, Peggy & Wayne Brager, Milo Jr & Anna Rossow, Bridget & Bryan Hins, Sierra & Zachary Young, Darren & Amy Cossette, Cindy & Darin Viken, Diana & Larry Weil, Dale & Barbara Lentz, Lisabeth & Philip Mutchler, Patrick & Lori Anderson, Victor & Darlene Gruber, Rev Clark & Susan Jahnke, James & Ruth Joyce, David & Deborah Cook, Wayne & Freda Oakland, Carl & Diane Glander, Douglas & Jane Debing, Patrick & Denise Lies, Jerry & Jodie Ranzenger, Kevin & Jennifer Osmondson, Raymond & Lori Monson, Tim & Diane Keating, James & Kim Jerger, Lyle & Rose Milligan, John & Rachel Myhre

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Adam & Kasey Harvala, Kristie & Brian Washburn, Bill & Rachel Kitzman, David & Patty Walth, Jason & Cassie Skalicky, Ross & Jan Haugeberg, Dan & Ravona Norton, Austin & Kaitlyn Dillard, Randall & Lisa Olson, Delan & Kathy Schmidt, Rodney & Gail Olson, Gary & Myrna Church, Erin & Alan Moody, Jeff & Jodi Pierce, Alan & Naomi Hall, David & Cindy Holaday, Susan & Brian Boer, James & June Larsen, Robert & Audrey Berry

MAY PASTORAL ACTS

Confirmed:

- Samuel Frazer
- Joseph Kostecke
- Bai Payne
- Huimin "Jasmine" Schielke

Transfer Out:

- Linda Tholkes, communicant member to Zion LCMS in Detroit Lakes MN

Removal:

- Yvette Nyamugisha, communicant member, and children as baptized members, Zimry, Chamma, Cubahiro





Dear Friends of Grace,

God has answered our prayers in His good timing, & it is with great excitement that we announce Mrs. Susan Jahnke has accepted the call as Principal of GLS. We are so thankful for Mrs. Jahnke's leadership & her dedication to serving our school.

On Tuesday, May 25th, graduation ceremonies were held for five 8th graders & 20 kindergarten students. The outgoing 8th graders are Anna Kempel, Andrew Grothman, Annalise Steege, William Hankel, & Troy Freitag. All five have been Grace students since Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten. Please pray for these young men & women as they move to new high schools this fall that they might be strong in their faith & a light to others.

Grace's summer childcare program, Camp Grace, begins on 6/1! We are excited to invite over 40 kids into our care for crafts, field trips, devotions, & plenty of time to play. Camp Grace is directed by Ms. Briana Kowalke this summer.

GLS's summer landscaping project is well underway. A volunteer work crew has prepared the yard for a new sign, new trees, & many new plants & flowers. A Work Day will take place on Sat, 6/19 at 9 AM to continue the work. We invite the entire association to take part in this project with their time, talent, or treasure. Details on how you can help & items needed are on the website.

Enrollment is open year-round at Grace Lutheran School, so there is still plenty of time to register for school this fall. We offer a robust scholarship program & some of our association churches have generous scholarships for their members. Grace is here to equip children, through daily immersion in God's Word, to navigate the fallen world where Satan tries to take root in every crack. There has never been a more urgent need for the establishment of a strong Christian foundation in every child.

CONGRATULATIONS! Audrey Weidner was awarded first place in the 6th-8th Grade Division of the 2021 ND Lutherans for Life Essay contest. Rev. Matt Thompson, from the Essay Committee wrote, "All people are made in the image of God and are a blessing and it is so good that you have learned that at Grace Lutheran School in Fargo." Ken Koehler presented Audrey with the award letter and \$100 prize at St. Andrew on Sunday, May 2nd, 2021.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

JUNE UPDATE

MAIN STREET LIVING announces Jay Schaefer as the new Executive Director starting 6/1. Jay has served as a music teacher, youth director, & most recently as Chaplain for the Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch treatment facility in Fargo. He has been recording & editing episodes for the Main Street Living "North" market since it began 5 years ago. Jay is currently editing all episodes for the Main Street Living network, which include 6 episodes per week on 10 television stations in a 6-state area. He is looking forward to continuing & growing the reach of this ministry starting this summer. Jay & his wife ReNae & two children live in Moorhead, MN. Jay is taking over (& grateful) for Dutch TeSlaa & the team in Sioux Falls, SD, who began this ministry 20 years ago.

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

"MSL North" Programs for June 2021:

June 6: Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message "So, What Do You Call a Crazy, Crooked, Kleptomaniac?" based on Mark 3:20-35. "This Is The Life" episode: "Some People Need Help" - 1975; A crusty amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

June 13: Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: "While in the Body...", based on 2 Corinthians 5:1-17. "This Is The Life" episode: "Jeremy" - Deals with the relationship between a mother & a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

June 20: Rev. Joel Newton, St. John's Lutheran Church, Park Rapids, MN, presents the message: "Peace, for You," based on Mark 4:35-41. "This Is The Life" episode: "Flight Plan" A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

June 27: Rev. Matthew Tooman, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wahpeton, ND, presents the message "Stewardship," based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. "This Is The Life" episode: "Amazing Grace" - A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

June/July 2021

May 30-Sept 5

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:00am

with Family Sunday School at 9:00am

Wednesdays: 7:00pm

Sept 12-May 22

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45am

Coffee & Fellowship at 9:00am

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