

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

## SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Why does it always feel like starting over? It happens each and every year. Back to school. Confirmation orientation. Rally Day. These are things we do Every. Single. Year. These are things we should be used to, things we should have a pretty decent handle on by now. And yet, somehow-for some reason-it always feels like starting over. Why does it always feel like starting over?

It would be great if, when summer comes around, we could simply push the "pause" button. Then, on the 1st of September, all we'd have to do is press it again and life would keep on playing uninterrupted, as if nothing had ever happened. That's just not the way it works. We always seem to press "stop" at the end of May, change discs or go back to the "home" menu, and let summer play an entirely different soundtrack or movie. Thus we're always back to Track 1, or the main menu, when we're ready to put September back on, and we have to press "play" and go all the way back to the beginning.

That's okay. It's a fitting analogy for the life of the believer in Jesus. Starting from baptism, the catechism teaches, every day we live is a starting over. In those waters, a new and holy life is begun. We arise from the watery grave in which our old sinful nature lies buried (see hymn #597 in Lutheran Service Book, stanza 2) and live out our God-given faith in various ways through multiple callings. At the end of the day, as we retire to sleep, we look back on that day of grace and say, "There were many ways I served God today, and there were many ways I failed today." Knowing how we've missed opportunities to witness, were unnecessarily harsh with our children, willfully and spitefully chose evil instead of good, who would want to push the pause button and simply resume at the same point tomorrow? I'd much rather hit stop and reset my life.

That's the beauty of Luther's evening and morning prayers and the significance of baptism in our lives. In the evening prayer, Luther teaches us to say, "I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night." And when the prayer is concluded, he says, "Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer," leaving the day's troubles and concerns behind, knowing that in the morning-as the Lord wills-you will awake to start over again.

When that morning comes, you can get up and make the sign of the cross as a reminder of your baptism, in which the Old Adam in you was drowned and died with all sins and evil desires, so that a new man may *daily* emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. And then pray, "I thank you my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you." And then "go joyfully to your work," refreshed and renewed by God's grace that has saved and will daily sustain you.

Whether it's school or work, confirmation or Sunday school, days off and days on, you get to live them all under God's grace and serve him and others with the gifts you've been given. And when you mess up, when the day seems too short, and when you feel like you need a mulligan, that's exactly what he gives you. So maybe starting over isn't so bad after all. I pray you all had a blessed summer, and that God will bless your every starting over, in Jesus' name.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

### **FALL WORSHIP TIMES**

Fall Worship times will start Sunday, September 12th with worship at 8am and 10:45am and NO midweek worship.

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## **LWML**

The LWML will have a planning meeting on our regular meeting night, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us with your requests for what you would like to happen this year, Bible studies you would enjoy having, and maybe guest speakers you would like to hear from. Also, we are in a transition year. According to our By-laws we need to elect a new President and Treasurer, as well as Secretary, as ours has resigned. None of these positions are hard and they do not mean that you have to be at every meeting. Please consider.

## **LWML ND DISTRICT FALL RETREAT**

The Fall Retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 17-Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND. Cost is \$70 for both days or \$65 for just Saturday, \$35 for 18 and younger. See the poster on the LWML bulletin board for specific details for lodging, ingathering and registration form.

## **LWML ZONE FALL RALLY**

LWML Zone Fall Rally is October 2 hosted by St. Andrew. Mark this date on your calendars and make arrangements to attend. Check the LWML Bulletin Board for more information.



## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

School is just around the corner. School supplies are available for school age children. (Pre-school through college). Please take only what you need. See the display for information. -The Board of Human Care

## **LUTHERAN WITNESS**

The Lutheran Witness is the official magazine of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. This is an excellent monthly magazine which includes many articles of current interest and spiritual encouragement. It also contains an insert featuring news about the North Dakota congregations of our LCMS. Register for your Lutheran Witness magazine by contacting the office by Sept. 22nd. A year's subscriptions are \$21.96.

## **CUSTODIAN POSITION**

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

## **THE CADDS SURVEY**

"What's that? Our Board of Elders has involved itself since July in the Re:Vitality Program, specifically the part called, "Shepherding Our Strays (SOS)." This program was developed by the Office of National Mission of our church body. Also a part of the Re:Vitality program is the CADDS assessment tool to measure our congregation's adaptability, community engagement, hospitality, incorporation, unity, vision and other aspects before and after being involved in the program. "CADDS is simple, straightforward and nonintrusive—it does not require anyone from outside the congregation to assist in the assessment. Instead, CADDS relies on input from the people who know your congregation and context better than anyone else: you!"

You might say, "Didn't we do something like this before?" In 2019 we did a "Self-Study" to evaluate the ministry of our congregation. That was before the pandemic. What's our congregation's condition afterwards?

Also, CADDS measures three critical elements of a congregation's well-being in such a way we compare the present condition and with future assessments and see our progress. The survey goes from September 12 to October 3. Please look for an email or pick one up between those dates.

## **VOLUNTEER LED "LIFE SKILLS"**

Are you handy with home repairs or maintaining your vehicle? Are you skilled at cooking, baking or sewing? Grace Lutheran School is offering a volunteer led "Life Skills" class monthly during the school year and we are looking for adults who are willing to share their knowledge with today's youth. Interested in being involved? Contact Mrs. Weidner at [carlweidner@yahoo.com](mailto:carlweidner@yahoo.com) or call GLS.

September: Garden/Harvesting your garden produce & preserving food

October: Meal Planning/Cooking

November: Basic Car Repairs/winterizing your car

December: No class

January: Baking & decorating cakes & cupcakes & hospitality

February: Basic sewing, washing & ironing clothes

March: Basic home repairs & cleaning a home

April: Budgeting/Money management & stewardship

May: Garden/Planting your produce

## **MAILBOXES**



Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes, especially if you have not picked up your giving envelopes. Those of you with confirmed children should check the top of the mailboxes for envelopes.

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## **WE NEED YOU!!!**

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!

## **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.

## **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

## **COFFEE & TREATS**

Would you like to help serve coffee and treats in the kitchen during fellowship? Simply add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Fellowship Hall or on the table in the Narthex. Thank you!



## **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

Are you looking for a way to further support the sanctity of human life? If so, please consider occasionally taking an hour or two whenever you are able and wish to provide an additional "sidewalk presence" near the abortion facility in downtown Fargo on Wednesday forenoons. Life-saving options include: praying, offering brochures, holding signs, and/or extending a verbal offer to help choose life. Free help, including ultrasounds for those with an unexpected pregnancy, are available at the "Women's Care Center" (formerly "First Choice Clinic") now re-located only 7 blocks away! For more information feel free to contact Ken Koehler @ 701-429-3092. Thank you.

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## **"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"**

### **SEPTEMBER UPDATE**

As I write this article, the COVID DELTA VARIANT has emerged as a serious threat to the health of our nation and the world. It competes for the news headlines with forest fires, flooding, almost daily mass shootings, and a long list of other evil that has invaded God's original good creation as a result of sin. I've heard of people who have even stopped watching the nightly news because it is just so depressing to be reminded of it all. And, if we were reminded only of the evil in our world, there would be no hope. BUT, THERE IS HOPE - AND THAT HOPE IS IN JESUS! Jesus said: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33. Jesus backed up this claim with His resurrection, after taking on Himself the punishment for the sins of the world, including mine and yours!

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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) - then click on the link under the picture identified as "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 September 2021:**

Sept 5: Rev. Jim Meyer, member at St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message "SUPER, OVER-THE-TOP, AMAZING!" based on Mark 7:31-37. "This Is The Life" episode: "The Sound of Doors Closing" - A man's mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.

Sept 12: Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cavalier, ND, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon, ND, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Thomas, ND, presents the message: "Consider the Lilies," based on Matthew 6:24-34. "This Is The Life" episode: "Tina" - Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus.

Sept 19: (Worship service information TBA) "This Is The Life" episode: "Look to the Mountain" - A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

Sept 26: Rev. Robin Fish, Sr., Immanuel Of Barlett Township, MN, presents the message "God Is Serious and Hell Is Real," based on Mark 9:38-50. "This Is The Life" episode: "Home Free" - A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.

## **ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **General Fund:**

	<b><u>JULY</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Income	\$ 26,875.06	\$ 222,151.96
Expense	\$ 27,860.31	\$ 234,985.71
Net	\$ -985.25	\$ -12,833.75

### **Mortgage Fund:**

	<b><u>JULY</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>
Income	\$ 7,230.37	\$ 39,675.48
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 44,702.00
Net	\$ 844.37	\$ - 5,026.52

### **Shortfall Loan: As of 8/22**

<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>REMAINING</u></b>
\$4,552.52	61,475.09	\$10,694.91

## **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Jeanne Bormann, Joan Dietchman, Bonnie Muhl, Desiree Draeger, Skylar Hopkins, Bev Sommerfeld, Marco Weil, Betty Narlock, Paige Franklin, Sheila Meyer, Jason Renfrew, Cody Shoman, Jeff Boer, Matthew Jahnke, Arnold Bredine, Ziva Levi, Dominic Rosales, Cassie Skalicky, Cheryl Beiswenger, Wyatt Boggs, Ethan Collins, Sidney Leier, Michael Bruns, Karen McLeod-Cataldi, Aubri Renfrew, Jennifer Renfrew, Jacob Sell, Wanda Terry, Rev. Art Weidner, Robert Peightal, Randy Buchholz, Axel Lindquist, Emily Olson, Logan Goroski, Xander Hopkins, Makayla Trautman, Marshall Severson, Jim Meyer, Brandon Oldham, Chad Ramberg, Carter Riebe, Judy Rosin, Ray Wasness, Matthew Heupel, Rose Rios, Alec Bauer, Kennteh Dathe, Cheyenne Deplazes, Jared Johnson, Christopher Matthys, Keiara Williams, Joseph Pistorius, Autumn Foy-Krause, Larry Johnson, Ron Leon, Amy Boldingh, Zaylee Ross, Joey Dahl, Dallas Kramlich, Ella Livingston, Gerald Ranzenberger, Nolan Clark, Cayden Crawford, Randy Fiechtner, Carter Hins, Gary Muhl, Lloyd Ruud, Denise Westlund, Delores Fischer, Wilder Olsen, Joan Prochnow, Andrea Klug, Daniel Matzke, Rodney Olson, Christopher Washburn



## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**



Wayne & Sandra Heiden, Doug & Mary Millar, David & Dinah Sommerfeld, Mike & Darlene Hendrickson, Christine & David Vigil, Scott & Cybil Johnson, Madalyn & Randall Meyer, Lenny & Brenda Heupel, Brandon & Morgan Mallea, Lori & Timothy Torgerson, Sharon & Jerald Hurt, Jason & Jennifer Renfrew, Shelly & David Sinclair, Steven & MaryJo Lindquist, Amy Deng & Baojun Xu, Jonathan & Rachelle Martin, Gregory & Shari Else, Kaija & Jason Kirby, Christopher & Julie Erickson

## **YOUTH & EDUCATION**

### **LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2022:** **“IN ALL THINGS”**

The 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering is now less than 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 8-12 right now are eligible. Young adult volunteer opportunities are available for those age 19-25. The young adult volunteer application is open now through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit [lcmsgathering.org/volunteer](http://lcmsgathering.org/volunteer) for more information or to apply. Gathering registration opens October 1<sup>st</sup>, so youth participants need to commit and make their deposit soon. Speak with Pastor Harvala for more information or to register.

### **EASTER ZONE LYF HAYRIDE AND BONFIRE**

The congregations of our Eastern Zone, together with Trinity, Sabin & St. John's, Barnesville, will hold our annual hayride and bonfire on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The event will once again be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sabin and includes devotions, games, and s'mores. A sign up sheet will be available on the youth bulletin board, and there is no charge for this event.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING**

The 2022 ND District LCMS Middle School Gathering will be held October 21-23 at the Ramada Inn in Fargo. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for three days of Bible study, service projects, fun, games, and fellowship. Senior high youth are also invited to serve as junior counselors. Registration materials will be available soon, and don't forget that St. Andrew pays half of the cost for our youth to attend. (Also, because the event is local for us, those who prefer not to stay in the hotel may have the option of commuting. Speak with Pastor Harvala for more information.) We hope to see many of your there!

### **JOIN US ON GROUP ME**

If you haven't already, please join our youth's group on the Group Me mobile app. If you are not on and would like to be, please text Pastor Harvala (701-936-1156) for an invite. We are also planning on starting a separate group for those going to the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. Watch for more details on that in the near future.



## **GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are again praising God for providing Grace Lutheran School amply and in His good timing. As of this writing, we have 88 students enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade, which means we GREW AGAIN! After a one-year hiatus, we have reopened our Pre-Kindergarten classroom and it is full!

It takes a large number of volunteers to make Grace Lutheran School a place where children thrive. Together with our volunteers, we are able to share the Word of God with our children and our community in a building that functions well. We would like to thank the multitude of volunteers that helped throughout the summer. The love people have for this school is indescribable and we are humbled by this list.

- For the landscaping project we thank: Art Weidner, Jim Nitschke, Ken Koehler, the Lance and Laura Kitzen family, the Troy Durham family, the Jon and Megan Smelser Family, the Hettwer family, Donovan Larson, Kevin O, Ernest Feland, and all who provided monetary and plant donations.
- For the wood chip donations we thank Walt's Tree Service.
- For tree watering we thank Donald Tessmer.
- For lawn mowing we thank the Gould Family.
- For electrical work we thank Tom Moltzan and Grotberg Electric.
- For painting we thank Joe and Sherry Maly.
- For painting preparation we thank the Crosspointe Lutheran Church Youth Group.
- For hauling wood chips we thank the District LYF Youth Gathering volunteers.
- For organization in the music room we thank Caleb and Susie Danner.
- For the gagaball pit we thank Kayson P and his family and helpers.
- For a large book donation we thank John and Betty Hagge.
- For a supply donation to Camp Grace we thank Kari Lugo.
- For classroom setup assistance we thank our teachers' boyfriends, fiancés, husbands, and families.
- For anyone that may have been missed, we ask forgiveness, but we thank you for any and all improvements you brought to our school.

A Celebration of Grace dinner and auction will take place on Friday, November 12, 2021, at the Sanctuary Events Center. Those who attend the event in person will see the program in real time and have access to the live auction, a delicious meal, and other fun events. Those not able to attend the live event can still bid on silent auction items online. Tickets for the dinner and auction are \$40 and only 200 are available. Tickets will be available on our website at a date to be announced. Online bidding is free and open to everyone.

In preparation for the silent and live auction portions of A Celebration of Grace, we are now accepting donations of time, talent, or treasure. If you are a maker or crafter, consider donating a piece of your work. If you possess a special skill, consider donating a learning experience. We are always looking for new and unique ideas to put on the auction. Donations can be dropped off at the school or call 701-232-7747 to arrange a pick up.

### Teacher and Staff List

Principal - Mrs. Susan Jahnke

Pre-K - Miss Emily Cook

K/1 - Mrs. Katie Jensen (formerly Lang)

2 - Miss Carly Stramer

3 - Miss Larissa Brelje

4 - 8 - Miss Clare Johnson, Miss Laura Freitag, Mrs. Sara Palmer, Mrs. Megan Oberg

Music - Miss Sammi Hintz

Librarian - Cari Weidner

Bookkeeper - Joan Strutz

Custodian - unfilled

Office Manager and Marketing - Amy Hirsch



**St. Andrew Lutheran Church**  
*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*  
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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Come and Worship!**

**September 2021**

**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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