

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

NOVEMBER 2021

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

1st Corinthians 13. Perhaps one of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture, even among non-Christians. We've heard it many times. Often at weddings, because it's all about love. And people love "love." You know, "Love is patient; love is kind." All that great stuff. Who doesn't love that?

Only there's a bit of a problem. You see, Paul isn't talking about romantic love or marriage at all in that text. 1 Corinthians 13 is set right in the middle of a three-chapter discourse about spiritual gifts and unity within the church. He's actually reprimanding the Corinthian congregation for elevating themselves and their spiritual gifts over others. In a nutshell, he's telling them, "Hey; spiritual gifts are great, but they don't mean anything when they aren't exercised in love." Spiritual gifts are only good in so far as they build up and strengthen the body of Christ, which can only be done when his members truly love one another.

That's why Paul, in this chapter, goes on and on, singing the praises of love. Then, at the end of the chapter, he closes this wonderfully familiar section of Scripture with the words, "**So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**" As it turns out, we aren't wrong to love "love." Paul directly states that it is the greatest, the absolute best of the best. But does that strike you as a little odd? After all, faith and hope are wonderful things too. I would dare to say necessary even. Shouldn't they be equal? What makes love the greatest even of these three things?

In the coming Advent season, we'll seek to answer precisely that question. I know this may not sound like your typical Advent topic or theme. We usually focus on Christ's coming(s) during Advent. That's what the word *advent* means, after all, "coming." What could 1st Corinthians 13 have to do with Advent?

Advent is a time of watching and waiting, a time for reflection and preparation. When understood properly within its context, 1st Corinthians 13 summarizes for us the true character of the Christian. It proclaims essentially what it means to be a Christian, which makes it a very fitting text for the season of Advent. Our lives in this world are lives of watching, waiting, and preparation, and as we follow our Lord through life in this world, that life is marked by faith, hope, and love. In our Advent midweek worship series, we'll examine each of these "theological virtues" and how they relate to the season of Advent, and how the season of Advent relates to our lives. We'll also see just how and why *love* is the greatest of all.

As always, we'll meet for worship on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. Look in this newsletter for an insert detailing the worship schedule that you can remove or print and post on your refrigerator door, or in some other convenient location. Then join us as we gather to hear God's Word, be strengthened in our walk together, and fix our eyes on Jesus that we may watch, wait, and prepare for him to come again. May God bless you with a truly "virtuous Advent."

God's peace in Christ,



Pastor Harvala

TIME CHANGE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 7th

Please be aware of the time change so that you are ready for Sunday morning. We are "Falling" back an hour. We won't mind if you are early. It may help you turn over a new leaf!



FAITHFULLY FORWARD *Together*

FAITHFULLY FORWARD TOGETHER IS OFF TO A GREAT START!

The Faithfully Forward Together (FFT) Debt Reduction Campaign kicked off on Sunday, Sept 26th and after 5 weeks' time, we are making great strides. We've already collected \$89,872.47 (24%) toward our goal of \$375,000 to retire our church's total long-term debt.

We've paid off the smaller note (\$42,593) for the new shingles/roof repair and made our first principal payment of \$20,000 toward the mortgage note that funded our 2005 expansion. We've also earmarked \$15,600 in collected funds to be used in 2022 toward the required monthly payments on that mortgage note. We will be making more principal payments on the mortgage note as funds are received.

We hope you've enjoyed the first four videos produced by the FFT Committee. More videos will be coming in November and December! If you've not seen them, check out our church's website (www.standrewlcms.org) and click on the Faithfully Forward Together logo. The videos highlight various parts of our church facility and feature many members of St. Andrew.

Have you made a decision yet about your participation in the campaign? Pledge forms are available at the church or can be downloaded from the church website. Let's see how close we can get to our goal of \$375,000 by the end of the year!

-Faithfully Forward Together Committee

encourageMENT

LCMS Men's Ministry encourageMENT breakfast will be Saturday, November 6th from 9-11:30am at St. Andrew. Andrea Eckstein will be presenting about Mercy Meals of North Dakota.

Why? - Men need to be given opportunities to get to know one another, and to grow in their faith through a variety of conversations and activities. They need to see that there are other Christian men who are excited about and committed to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our society does little to encourage men to "be there" for one another, or to support and encourage each other. That's why we need to make some international efforts to provide an ongoing, Gospel-centered ministry to the men of our congregations.

RSVP to corey.isaak@gracefargo.org

BLESSINGS ON OUR CONFIRMANDS

Isaac Berg
Arnold Bredine
Lyla Fiechtner
Axel Lindquist
Kamrin Schweitzer
Austin Trzpuc
Shontea Wasness

Confirmation Sunday was October 31st.



LOVED ONES THAT HAVE PASSED

In celebration of All Saints Day we remember members of our congregation that have passed away in the last year:

June Beck 11/9/2020
Harold Malzahn 11/15/2020
Leonard Marquardt 2/17/2021
Reinhold Schmidt 7/22/2021
Joyce Jendro 10/17/2021

VOTERS MEETING

The Voters Meeting and lunch will be Sunday, November 21st following the second service. This meeting is open to the entire St. Andrew congregation family. We strongly encourage you, as a member of St. Andrew, to bring your input to the Voter's meeting. There will be a free-will offering lunch served by our youth (not potluck) right after the second service. Please join us for a good time of fellowship and business for our church home.

BLUE COUPON BOOKS

LWML is selling the Blue Coupon Book between services for \$25.00. The money earned from this fund raiser will go toward the many projects that the LWML supports.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS



Child of Promise, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Advent devotions for 2021 will be available in the Narthex starting November 21st.

ADVENT MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Our Wednesday fellowship meals during the season of Advent will be served by the youth with proceeds going to the LCMS Youth Gathering fund. Please join us on December 1st, 8th & 15th for a delicious and comforting meal, followed by the spiritual food of God's Word in our Advent midweek worship. Supper is served from 5:15-6:15pm, and worship will begin at 6:30pm.



A CELEBRATION OF GRACE

Grace Lutheran School invites you to A Celebration of Grace dinner and auction. God's work at Grace Lutheran School is abundant and abounding. We are eager to celebrate all that God has provided. The in-person Celebration is on Friday, November 12th, at 5:30 pm at the Sanctuary Events Center, and includes a social hour, dinner, program, and live auction. The silent auction and cash donations take place entirely online and are open to everyone, near and far! Register to bid, get tickets, donate now, or find more information at gracelutheranschoolfargo.com. All tickets must be pre-purchased by November 7th.

2022 ND MEN'S RETREAT

2022 ND Men's Retreat is January 14-15, 2022 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads. Rev. Dr. Michael W. Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will be presenting on Christian Hope.

One doesn't have to look far to see the effects of sin on our fallen world - just turn on the nightly news. Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® and author of Christian Hope Among Rivals, will encourage men to find hope in a hopeless world.

Begins with a meal Friday at 6pm and ends 2pm on Saturday. Cost is \$100. RSVP to Corey Isaak at corey.isaak@gracefargo.org or 701-281-0240

STRUGGLING WITH THOSE WHO WON'T COME TO WORSHIP?

There are many of those whom we want to be in worship with us. May be its our children, grandchildren or even a spouse. May be you have done everything you can, and it has become "too sensitive" to talk about anymore. Consider this thought from Doxology's "Take Heart" Conference: Continue praying for them, but also consider "bringing their names to Jesus." What is meant by this is to write their names down on a piece of paper and bring it up to Holy Communion with you. After receiving Communion, leave their names at the communion rail. For how much closer can you get there names to Jesus than His body and His blood.

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



WHAT IS THE ALTAR GUILD?

The Altar Guild is responsible for the care of the altar and preparation for each service. This is another area in our Church where we are in need of additional volunteers. There are several tasks, none of them difficult, but all very important. So, what does this volunteer job all include?

Here is a list of the primary items:

- Prepare the Communion wine and wafer trays.
- Fill candles with oil and the acolyte candlelighter.
- Place hymn numbers in hymn holders.
- Change paraments as needed.
- Water and set out flowers if some are provided.
- Prepare for a baptism if one is scheduled.
- Putting the items away after the services.

When volunteering for the Altar Guild, you can choose when to do many of these tasks pending your schedule. Of course, Communion needs to be set up prior to the two Sunday services, but the others can be completed late in the week, evenings or Saturday.

This is a perfect volunteer opportunity if you would like something more behind the scenes. It's one month out of the year and flexible. We like to have at least two groups per month, so it can be shared with another couple, spouse, friends or family members. Please consider this and if you are interested or would like more details, contact Connie Klug at 701-866-9487. Thank you!

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer..."

Proverbs 11:24

HUMAN CARE

Just a reminder that Human Care is collecting coats and other winter items, through the middle of November. These coats will go to a charitable organization such as Churches United, Salvation Army to be given to those in need for a cold winter. Thank you for your donation.

Also, thank you to all that made Honey Sunday a success. Enjoy your honey when it comes.

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!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Substitute teachers are needed for Sunday School. If interested, please contact Laura Kitzen at (218) 791-7404.

JUNE/JULY PASTORAL ACTS

Transfer In:

- Deaconess Stephanie Wilde, communicant member from Immanuel in Parkers Prairie, MN

Affirmation of Faith

- Joyce Jendro, communicant member from Shepherd of the Valley WELS, West Fargo, ND (passed away)

Transfer Out

- Alyssa Hovland, communicant member, and children, Jade & Ivory, baptized members

Release

- Kaija Kirby, communicant member, and child, Dexter, baptized member

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 41,902.64	\$ 302,549.70
Expense	\$ 39,208.41	\$ 338,825.72
Net	\$ 2,694.23	\$ -36,276.02

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 10,638.94	\$ 55,812.90
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 57,474.06
Net	\$ 4,252.94	\$ -1,661.16

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

 Wyatt Macy, Elliot Pistorius, Emmett Pistorius, Becky Volk, Darlene Henrickson, Barbara Mason, Jaxon Washburn, Austin Althoff, Ken Koehler, Gordon Ostrom, Karen Laddusaw, Kristin Nordick-Maddock, Kent Severson, Tanner Reber, Barbara Hample, Martina Hendrickson, Landon Job, Marlys Moellenkamp, Matthew Renfrew, Kathy Schmidt, Carol Gothberg, Lois Huovinen, Mary Pierce, Tory Wasness, Raymond Hurt, Sandra Ostrom, Jasmine Schielke, Noah Suah, Felicia Borslien, Jacob Hample, Brady Johnson, Debbie Johnson, Mariah Hendrickson, John Renfrew, Marisol Rios, Lisabeth Mutchler, Shelly Hurt-Geist, Brandon Reber, Angie Schweitzer, Caroline Spacek, Richard Worrel, Anna Joyce, Delwood Mammenga, Piper Kizan, Erin Moody, Hannah Norton, Breanna Odle, Ernestine Stewart, Gary Dillard, Donna Feland, Raine Foy-Krause, Gage Haugen, Brenda Heupel, Travis Keating, Aubry Strohm, Gatlin Strohm, Morgan Tuscherer, Kjerstin Buchhop, Arlin Prochnow, Sara Sell, Cole Simenson

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tony & Rose Borslien, Kevin & Leanne Muhl, Makell & Andrew Sahlberg, Duane & Shelly Joyce, David & Merralee Morse, Michael & Wendy Ramberg, Tonya & Matthew Oldham



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

NOVEMBER UPDATE

Thanksgiving! As it's been a while, a word of thanks to the pastors of our ND & MN North District LCMS congregations for taking the extra time and effort to have their worship services ready several months in advance, and for driving to our recording locations. Speaking of locations, in addition to Fargo, Grand Forks, and Bismarck/Mandan, we have now added Minot into our yearly rotation of recording sites. Special thanks to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Minot for hosting our most recent MSLN recording, which also included a wonderful choir recording made up members from area congregations!

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 "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 November 2021:

Nov 7: Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, presents the message "Your All Saints' Day." "This Is The Life" episode: "The Deadly Pen" - A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.

Nov 14: Rev. Timothy Stout, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sawyer, ND, presents the message: "Birth Pains," based on Mark 13:1-3. "This Is The Life" episode: "Transition" - A young boy reacts to the reality of a divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces.

Nov 21: Rev. Daryl Rothchild, Bethlehem/St. John, Newburg, ND, presents the message: "God's Salvation has Gone Out!" based on Isaiah 51:4-6. "This Is The Life" episode: "Senior Citizen" - A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.

Nov 28: Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President, presents the message "Are You Good Enough?" based on I Thessalonians 3:9-13. "This Is The Life" episode: "The Gift" - A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money.

MAILBOXES

Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes



YOUTH & EDUCATION

SHOPWITHSCRIP TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH!

Do you purchase groceries? Do you fill a vehicle with fuel? Do you eat out or travel? Do you subscribe to streaming services or make purchases online? Did you know that you can earn money for our youth group simply by doing all these things? Yes, that's right; the ShopWithScrip program allows our organization to receive a percentage of every dollar spent at a multitude of businesses. All you need to do is sign up, purchase gift cards for those establishments, & pay using those gift cards. It requires only a small change in thinking on your part. For example, if your monthly grocery budget is \$500, you can purchase (5) \$100 Family Fare gift cards to use for your shopping, rather than writing a check or inserting your debit card at the checkout. Here are some examples of places to use Scrip & the percentages we get back:

- Walmart, Sam's Club, Target: 2.5%
- Casey's, Holiday, Fleet Farm: 3-4%
- Family Fare, Instacart: 2-4%
- Ace Hardware, Menards, Lowes: 3-4%
- Hulu, Paramount+, Sirius XM: 4-8%
- Pizza Ranch, Panera, Papa Murphy's: 8%
- Cabelas, Scheels, Dunham Sports: 8-10%
- Barnes & Noble: 8%
- Delta Airlines, American Airlines: 4-6%
- Grubhub, Doordash: 3-4%
- Best Buy, Apple, Google Play: 3-5%

To enroll in the program, visit shopwithscrip.com & click on "Join a Program." Then enter the enrollment code NRG5ZJVLJHUS & click on Register, then complete the registration form. Electronic & reloadable gift cards, along with a mobile app, are available for many brands in addition to physical cards, so consider taking advantage of this great opportunity to further the ministry to our youth through the purchasing of items for your everyday needs. See Pastor Harvala for more information.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2022

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 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 31st. Visit lcmsgathering.org/volunteer for more information or to apply. Gathering registration opens November 1st, so youth participants need to commit and make their deposit soon. Speak with Pastor Harvala for more information or to register.



GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

A Celebration of Grace is coming up fast! God's work at Grace Lutheran School is abundant & abounding. We are eager to celebrate all that God has provided.

Beginning this year & moving forward, A Celebration of Grace will raise funds for new curriculum. Curriculum is a foundational need for our students' academic success, & Grace Lutheran School has not updated curriculum in over 10 years. An entire K-8 curriculum can cost up to \$50,000, including textbooks, teacher's manuals & supplemental materials, consumable workbooks, & access to digital materials. The school has budgeted for curriculum this year, & we have secured \$14,000 in match dollars making this a very real, achievable goal to replace our mathematics curriculum.

There are several ways to take part in A Celebration of Grace, both in person & online. The in-person Celebration is on Friday, Nov 12, at 5:30 pm at the Sanctuary Events Center, & includes a social hour, dinner, program, & live auction. The silent auction & cash donations take place entirely online & are open to everyone, near & far! Register to bid, get tickets, or donate now at gracelutheranschoolfargo.com. All tickets must be pre-purchased by Nov 7.

Live & silent auction items will open for viewing at noon on Sunday, Nov 7, & silent auction bidding begins at noon on Wednesday, Nov 10, at 9 am & ends at 6:45 pm on Friday, Nov 12. Live auction items will only be available for bidding at the in-person event.

However you choose to participate, we appreciate your commitment to making Grace Lutheran School a place where children can excel academically, grow spiritually, & serve faithfully.

BUSINESS MANAGER AT OUR REDEEMER

Our Redeemer in Moorhead is looking for a Business Manager. This is a paid position (about 24 hours a week). The Business Manager will maintain the personnel records for the church, act as the payroll & benefits administrator for both the church & the Christian Children's Center (daycare/pre-school), & work with the Stewardship Board &/or Finance Committee to drive the annual budgeting process for the church & Christian Children's Center. Please contact Lilly Hansen at Our Redeemer if interested at 218-233-7569.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

November 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.

Contact Us At:

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M-F 8:30am-4pm

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