

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

DECEMBER 2021

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Incarnation is a word not used in every day conversations. Yet it is a word used in church and used abundantly in theological books and conversations. You hear it in sermons, especially as we get closer to December 25th. The word, *incarnation*, describes what is found in the Bible, but the word is not in the Bible.

One might wonder why we use the word, *incarnation*, if it is so foreign to our every day lives? In considering that question, consider other celebrated events. There's nothing like an exhilarating Football game. Yet Football has its own language. "Super Bowl" means something quite different in Football than seeing those words in a restaurant menu or in an ice cream parlor. A "Hail Mary" means something quite different from the way it would be used in a church.

You can come up with countless examples as you consider different professions. Doctors and dentists use a whole host of unfamiliar, even foreign words, and we're asked to trust them with our very lives. What should we do if we don't understand? Ask questions. If they are using the words, they should know what they mean. Even more importantly they should know what they mean for us and our living!

So what does *incarnation* mean? It is a word that describes something that is outside of ourselves that makes an eternal difference. This one word is our word to describe all what the Bible says about the coming of the Son of God in human flesh. It's about Christmas, and Christmas is about Jesus!

Our Lord Jesus knows what's going on in our lives. Our Lord Jesus has been and is concerned about our lives. Our Lord Jesus has done everything we need for our lives now and for all eternity. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth...For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him...these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" John 1:1-5, 14, 3:17, 20:31 (ESV).

The celebration of the *incarnation* is coming. Advent means *coming*. That's what Advent is. Advent is the coming of Son of God in human flesh, Jesus Christ for us and our salvation.

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

FAITHFULLY FORWARD

FAITHFULLY FORWARD TOGETHER **(FFT) UPDATE –**

As we close in on the end of the calendar year-end, we are also nearing the end of Phase 1 of our Church's debt reduction campaign. Our goal when we started in late September was to make as big a financial impact as possible on our \$375,000 of long-term debt in a three-month time frame. And, thanks to the generosity of our members, we've done just that!! We've raised nearly \$100,000 in gifts, with pledges for another \$11,000 over the next 2 to 3 years. To date, about 40 families have jumped in to support the campaign.

Our committee has produced 9 different videos to educate our members about the campaign and the upgrades to our facility from our 2005 expansion, as well as the new sanctuary shingles and roof insulation. We've already broadcast 7 of the videos. Video #8, paying homage to our youth, will air on December 5. And on December 12 we will air Video #9 to give everyone an update as to the progress of the campaign. Please join us at the 9:00 a.m. coffee fellowship time that day as we celebrate our successes in Phase 1. Treats will be provided by the FFT committee. We hope to see you there.

-Faithfully Forward Together committee

LWML

The LWML Bake Sale is Sunday, Dec 5. Items for the bake sale can be brought to the church Saturday from 3:00-5:00. Anyone is welcome to contribute bake goods to the sale. Proceeds will go toward LWML projects with 10% going toward MITES. Projects include the Portals of Prayer, youth Bibles, kitchen supplies (coffee, napkins, etc.) and other mission projects that the LWML supports throughout the year. This, also, will be the last opportunity to purchase a Blue Coupon Book. Thank you.



LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY



The LWML Christmas Party will be Dec 14 starting at 6:30pm. Please see the poster and sign up sheet in the Narthex for details. All are welcome to come and help celebrate Christmas with us. Those that have been saving for the Red Stocking, please remember to bring. The Red Stocking Box will be set out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISMON PROGRAM

No, you read that correctly. *Chrismon* program; not *Christmas* program. That's a bit of a deviation from the norm, I know; so what exactly is a "Chrismon program?" We have done a Chrismon Service in our Sunday morning worship here at St. Andrew approximately every three years during the Advent season. This year, that material will be presented by our Sunday school children in lieu of the traditional Christmas program. The Chrismons ("Christ-monograms") will be presented and hung on the trees, with readings of explanation and reflections from God's Word, and so we will hear our children proclaiming the Nativity of Our Lord as told through the symbols of the church. Please join us on Sunday, December 19th at 4:00pm for the program, with fellowship and refreshments to follow.

HUMAN CARE-GIVING TREE

The giving tree this year will include members of our congregation and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Instead of buying for a specific person this year, we are asking for a monetary donation. Envelopes are hung on the tree to be taken and returned by December 12 with your donation, in order that gifts may be purchased and delivered before Christmas. Thank you.

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.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Immanuel Lutheran Church (1258 Broadway N, Fargo) will be hosting the area LCMS churches' New Year's Eve service, which will be held at 7pm on Friday, Dec 31. Pastor Brian Shane is preaching, & Pastor Bernie Worrall will be the liturgist.

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!

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LCMS Men's Ministry breakfast will be Saturday, December 4th from 9-11:30am at Immanuel Lutheran, Fargo. 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 intentional efforts to provide an ongoing, Gospel-centered ministry to the men of our congregations.

RSVP to corey.isaak@gracefargo.org

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 their 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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

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

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.

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 36,294.90	\$ 342,843.62
Expense	\$ 38,278.21	\$ 373,992.02
Net	\$ -1,983.31	\$ -31,148.40

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 8,429.60	\$ 64,242.50
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 63,860.06
Net	\$ 2,043.60	\$ 382.44

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brent Dallmann, Robert Eidbo, Annalise Hammer, Nate Willis, Gladys Hopkins, David Schielke, Janice Hanson, Amanda Reber, Gladys VerValin, Brianna Olson, Cooper Haugen, Sarah Borah, Vanessa Gunning, Kathryn Osmondson, Gavin Rosenfeldt, Michelle Heiden, Joshua Matthys, Kayla Buckley, Elizabeth Geist, Charles Weible, Kim Hinz, Cindy Vollmer-Hansen, Myrna Church, Tom Lau, Kyle Bredine, Kristy Dillard, Austin Dillard, Kristi Hopkins, Carley LaPorte, Amber Dahl, Jacob Renfrew, Alexandra Helm, Shantel Volk, Nora Armburst, Wayne Heiden, Rachel Kitzman, Mary Millar, Shonteau Wassness, Shelby Peason, Jacob Marcy, Gavin Hruza, Aubrey Bickel, Stephen Pfahl, Samuel Frazer, Sharon Wilson, Shirley Witt, Susan Jahnke, Ryan Teigen, Timothy Hertel, Isaac Berg, Isabelle Jacobson, Jessica Schatz, Joseph Kostecke, Jennifer Larson, Tatum Riebe, Paulette Franklin, Addie Wohler, Shawn Schweitzer, Andrew Samsten, Linda Weisser, Barbara Hall, Kim Parsley, Keri Olson, Robert Sherrill, Christina Maynard, Cybil Johnson, Alexander Spacek, Tom Moltzan, Paul Klemz, Madeline Cossette, Bently Williams, Amy Deng, Bai Pyne, Violet Abraham, Julie Glanzer, Gerald Ramberg, TessAnna Rossow, Gary Lura, Margaret Burkhardtsmeier, Gregory Else
12/31: Caleb Rossow



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Mike & Diana Peterson, Ernie & Donna Feland, Gary & Kristy Dillard, Margaret & Jeremiah Livingston, Craig & Rose Abraham, Arthur & Cari Weidner

MAILBOXES



Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

DECEMBER UPDATE

"AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14). On December 25th, we will once again celebrate the birth of the incarnated Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, Savior of the World! May we increasingly recognize, appreciate, and herald this best news of all to our neighbors and the world!

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 December 2021:

Dec 5th: Rev. Matthew Meyer, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Callaway, MN, presents the message: "Jesus is coming, Hurry up and Look Busy," based on Luke 3:1-14. Lutheran Television episode: "Stable Boy" - A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.

Dec 12th: Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND, presents the message: "A Country in Trouble," based on Zephaniah 3:14-20. Lutheran Television Special: "Red Boots for Christmas" - A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

Dec 19th: Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John's Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "According to Plan," based on Micah 5:2-5a. Lutheran Television Special: "Christmas Is" - The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.

Dec 26th: Rev. Richard Snow, President, Nebraska District LCMS, presents this year's "Christmas Message." Lutheran Television Special: "Puzzle Club Christmas" The Puzzle Club must solve a missing person mystery before Christmas.

MUSICAL ACCOMPANISTS SOUGHT

Would you like to offer your musical talent to enhance our worship services? If you are interested in playing a musical instrument to accompany a song or hymn from time to time, please let the church office know this so that you can be contacted. Thank you! (Alternate Music Committee, Board of Elders)



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 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 many 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. If your monthly grocery budget is \$500, you can purchase (5) \$100 Family Fare gift cards to use, 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%
- 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." Enter the enrollment code NRG5ZJVLJHUS & click on Register, then complete the form. Electronic & reloadable gift cards, along with a mobile app, are available for many brands, 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. We have 18 youth and 6 adults registered, and although the registration has already been sent in, we can still add people as hotel space allows. 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. Speak with Pastor Harvala right away if you desire to attend. Young adult volunteer opportunities are also 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. Be sure to check out our progress poster in the main entry area as well!



GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Greetings from Grace Lutheran School. Our Lord and Savior Jesus has seen fit that your school enjoy a bountiful harvest of time, talent, and treasure in the month of November. A Celebration of Grace is still foremost in our mind and we are overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from YOU, our current families and alumni, YOU, our supporters near and far, and YOU, our Association.

Thank you to all who contributed as a donor, sponsor, bidder, attendee, committee member, or volunteer. May God continue to bless the work you do for our school that our students may thrive in the love of Jesus Christ.

Tour the Holiday Lights at Lindenwood now through December 31 for a glimpse of the GLS display. Watch for coupons at the church. Grace is also participating in the Holiday Lights Parade on Saturday, December 4 at 6:30 PM in downtown Fargo.

The Christmas musical will be performed on Dec 16 at 1:30 and 7 pm. All are invited to enjoy this year's performance featuring many popular Christmas carols and, of course, the Christmas message.

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.

WOMEN'S CARE CENTER-COUNSELOR

Women's Care Center is looking for special people committed to our mission, who are personable with excellent communication skills. A part-time or full-time counselor position is available. Degreed and non-degreed candidates are encouraged to apply. Will train. Degreed in counseling, social work, nursing, or other service-related background is preferred. Please forward your resume to angela@wccnd.com or call 701-532-1928 for further details or questions.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

December 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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