

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

JANUARY 2022

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

What's new? As we take down one calendar and put up another, it's a common time to look back and reflect on the year that was, and to look ahead and prepare for the year that is yet to be. We can do the same within the church. What were the highlights of 2021 for us here at St. Andrew? What possibilities does 2022 hold for God's people here in this place?

2021 was a big year in many ways. We've welcomed more of God's people back to in-person worship. We've undertaken a capital campaign to retire our \$375,000 of long-term debt, and have received 1/3 of that in gifts and pledges in a matter of a few months. God is good! We also participated in the CADDs survey from Synod's RE:Vitality program. Many of you completed that inventory, and some of you may be wondering just exactly how that turned out.

CADDs stands for "Congregational Assessment of Development and Decline Status." The instrument places us on an arc showing where we currently are in terms of development vs. decline. It measures two basic concepts, *adaptability* and *sustainability*, on a low-high spectrum. On a simple graph that looks like the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, congregations can fall into one of four quadrants. In quadrant I, congregations show high adaptability but low sustainability. They experience rapid growth, but are dependent on outside support and resources. This is reflective of St. Andrew's first ten to twenty years. In quadrant two, congregations become more independent and show high levels of both adaptability and sustainability. They can stand on their own while remaining more outward-focused and continuing to show substantial growth. This is reflective of the next twenty to thirty years of St. Andrew's history.

At the top of the arc is a period of "stasis," in which growth reaches its limit and the congregation, while still highly sustainable, begins to show signs of decreasing adaptability and becomes more inward-focused. This is reflective of the next ten to fifteen years, around the time the addition was completed. In quadrant III, congregations begin to decline, as membership and participation decrease, the congregation becomes increasingly inward-focused, showing high sustainability and low adaptability. In quadrant IV, a congregation declines rapidly as membership decreases, funds are lacking, and can no longer support itself.

So where's St. Andrew? We are "tapering," in quadrant III, but still closer to the peak of the arc. We've begun to make the downward turn from that high point in the last ten years or so. We are still highly sustainable, supporting ourselves, carrying out effective ministry, and serving our members. But we are more inward-focused than we used to be, and not as adaptable to changes as we once were. The survey results identified *unity* and *adaptability* as "disabling factors," things that are holding us back somewhat. *Adaptability* refers to the congregation's willingness to make necessary changes. *Unity* describes how well we get along and our overall morale. These may paint a rather bleak picture of our status, may be a cause for sorrow. Does this mean that the congregation is dying? Is the trend irreversible? By no means!

The survey also identified several "enabling factors," areas in which we are very strong. Those included our willingness to engage the *community* around us, how well we serve our *inactive* members, and especially our ministry to *families and children*. These are things to celebrate and on which we can build. God is good! And build on them we will, as we continue to strengthen the Sunday school and youth programs, and minister to inactive members. The RE:Vitality program includes a number of "modules" that congregations can utilize to strengthen its ministry and continue in its mission. One that was recommended for us was "Shepherding Our Strays," a ministry to inactive members. The elders have already begun to review this program in plans for implementing it in the coming year. Other modules from which we can benefit include "Connect to Disciple," a training in outreach and evangelism, as well as long-range planning and goal-setting through "Serving in God's Mission."

The CADDs survey has given us a helpful picture of where we are, and of where we can go from here. It's a fitting time to do that, as we look back on the past year and forward to the year to come. We thank all of you who participated in the survey, who've given so generously toward the capital campaign, and who serve the congregation in many and various ways, and we pray for God's blessings to be upon you and upon St. Andrew in 2022 and beyond.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

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## **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.

## **INTEREST SURVEY**

Are you interested in connecting with other members, who have similar hobbies and interests? The Board of Ed is seeking feedback from the congregation. Youth and adults: would you be interested in being in a small group? Or maybe just a social circle? The board of Ed is trying to connect members to other members who share common interests!

Starting January 1, there will be a survey available in the narthex and a digital version sent out-via email, for members to fill out and return to: Mary Pierce in the office or Mariah Hendrickson via email or paper copy. Surveys are due by January 31st.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

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

## **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.

## **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

## **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!

## **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



## FAITHFULLY FORWARD TOGETHER (FFT) UPDATE

We completed Phase 1 of our campaign at the end of December. Our goal when we started this campaign in late September was to make as big of 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!! In Video #9 viewed Dec 12th, we provided an update on our donation totals as well as how we have used those funds collected.

### Here's a recap and update on that information:

As of December 19, 2021 our total donations exceed \$124,000 collected from 49 families, plus pledges exceeding \$11,000 from 5 families.

### With these donations we have done the following:

Paid the \$42,592 loan balance on the shingle/roof note in September.

Paid \$35,000 to our mortgage loan principal, which has shortened our term by about seven months. We plan to make at least one more principal payment of \$25,000 before the end of December.

Earmarked \$1,300 a month (\$15,600 for the year) to our 2022 budget to help with the amount normally transferred from our operating budget to make the monthly mortgage payment. This will be very impactful for our 2022 budget.

As we move into 2022, we want everyone to know this campaign is still ongoing, and we welcome any over and above gifts to further the debt reduction. The FFT team will be providing updates and messages less frequently, as we take a step back to recharge our creative batteries and prepare for Phase 2.

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 hope you have enjoyed watching them, as well as the humor we have tried to sprinkle throughout.

In case you have missed any of these videos or would like to view them again, we have included the links below for your convenience. You can also view them on our website [www.standrewlcms.org](http://www.standrewlcms.org) as well as download a pledge form. We also have pledge forms by the Fellowship Hall display.

09/26/2021 – Video #1 – Campaign Intro & Fellowship Hall <https://youtu.be/n-CFPNgmVQw>

10/03/2021 – Video #2 – Geothermal System  
<https://youtu.be/Wiq49eCr4sI>

10/10/2021 – Video #3 – Financial Impact  
[https://youtu.be/i52xVDTVE\\_A](https://youtu.be/i52xVDTVE_A)

10/24/2021 – Video #4 – Shingles/Roof Repair  
<https://youtu.be/bHBB6dBguHA>

11/7/2021 – Video #5 – Wide Open Spaces  
<https://youtu.be/6moBb79ynSY>

11/14/2021 – Video #6 – Kitchen & Pantry  
<https://youtu.be/ABrDCnOD5xA>

11/21/2021 – Video #7 – The Office  
<https://youtu.be/I9Bwegu6Q1U>

12/5/2021 – Video #8 – A Person's A Person  
<https://youtu.be/gcYSJBicYjo>

12/12/2021 – Video #9 – Campaign Update  
<https://youtu.be/nU379Hj-DI8>

**Praise be to God!**  
**-Faithfully Forward Together Committee**



## ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

### **General Fund:**

	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 30,381.33	\$ 373,224.95
Expense	\$ 44,380.59	\$ 418,372.61
Net	\$ -13,999.26	\$ -45,147.66

### **Mortgage Fund:**


	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,466.16	\$ 69,708.66
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 70,246.06
Net	\$ 919.84	\$ -537.40

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Skalicky, Mckayla Schiffner, Joshua Oltman, Maysie Aarestad, Amy Tuscherer, Janel Beauchamp, Sabrina Brinkman, Randal Weisser, Jordan Grossman, Deion Heinen, Matthew Klemz, Jared Reber, Jeff Wollitz, LeeRoy Bangert, Susan Boer, Jerome Brager, Verdell Gage-lin, Morgan Mallea, Brenda Renfrew, Patrick Emerson, Eugene Hehr, Stephanie Hussey, Jonathan Martin, Darick Dorn, Lindsey Erickson, Lucas Monson, Jean Thoemke, Leah Flaskerud, Gary Church, Cecilia Lindquist, Kari Remmen, Leslie Schilling, Joshua Roberts, Audrey Berry, Arlene Buckley, Amber Brandt, James Joyce, Dominic Kolubah, Rachel Myhre, Sarah Olson, Joslyn Pierce, Tonya Oldham, Wade Otto, Jason Skalicky, Oliver Terry, Peter Boldingh, Amy Hagman, Aida Sola, James Bass, Betty Roquette, Tannis Anderson, Todd Berg, Julia Coughlin, Faith Eschbach-Johnson, Leanne Muhl, RemyTuscherer, Jessica Melvin, Thomas Doyel, Miriam Harvala, Jennifer Borah, James Larsen



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

 Marco & Jennifer Weil, Gary & Gayle Wohl, Jeremy & Jennifer Rossow, Walter & Judy Erdmann, Gary & Bonnie Muhl, Janel & Mike Beauchamp, Landon & Sabrina Brinkman

## 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.

## "MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

### **JANUARY UPDATE**

"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Ps. 139:13-14). During January, many of our Lutheran congregations celebrate LIFE SUNDAY because we believe in the God-declared sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. Our United States Supreme Court recently heard arguments regarding the "life issue", and we pray that they, as a part of the "civil government" established by God for our fallen world, may also rule to once again provide protection for our not-yet-born brothers and sisters created in the image of God. May we also do what we can to support the sanctity of human life!

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" Programs for January 2022:

**Jan 2:** Rev. Brian Shane, Beautiful Savior, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "The Little Solomon in Us All," based on I Kings 3:4-15. Lutheran Television Special: "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way.

**Jan 9:** Rev. Bruce Noennig, Zion, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents the message: "Who Are the Wisemen?", based on Mt. 2:1-12. "This Is The Life" program: "Money for Marriage" - A woman's decisions at work put strain on the new couple's marriage

**Jan 16:** Rev. Adam Harvala, St. Andrew, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: "In the Eye of the Beholder", based on Is. 62:1-5. "This Is The Life" program: "Burden Made Light"-A housekeeper helps a family through the struggle of a sick child.

**Jan 23:** Rev. Michael Salemink, Executive Director, Lutherans for Life, presents this year's "Life Sunday Message", based on Jn. 15:12-17. "This Is The Life" program: "Like Father Like Son" - A father's example leads to his son making questionable choices at school.

**Jan 30:** Rev. Jacob Wagner, St. John's, Vergas, MN, presents the message: "Love as We Have Been Loved," based on 1 Cor. 12:3b-13:13 and Jeremiah 1:4-10. "This Is The Life: program: "Twisting Road" - A young man and his wife deal with life, the future, and regrets of things left unspoken.



## **YOUTH & EDUCATION**

### **PIZZA & POP FUNDRAISER**

Who loves pizza? Silly question. Everyone loves pizza! Here's an opportunity to eat great pizza and support our youth going to Houston in July. On Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> Boston's Pizza will host a Pizza & Pop fundraiser for our youth. Our youth will be selling vouchers for \$10, and each voucher is good for one indy-size pizza and a fountain drink. That's about a \$15 value that will only cost you \$10. And for every voucher redeemed on January 31<sup>st</sup>, we get \$4 back. It's a win-win-win! You save money and support the youth. But you have to buy the vouchers first and redeem them on that day, Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. So mark your calendars now, and purchase your vouchers from any member of the LCMS Youth Gathering group. Not sure who they are? Check out our poster in the entry area to see their pictures and learn their names. Our thanks to Boston's Pizza for hosting us, and, as always, thanks to you for your support!

### **FRIDAY FUN NIGHTS**

They're back! Starting in January, we'll be holding monthly Friday Fun Nights for youth in grades 3-5 and grades 6-8. The grades 3-5 Friday Fun Night will be the second Friday of each month (January 14<sup>th</sup>), and the grades 6-8 Friday Fun Night will be the third Friday of each month (January 21<sup>st</sup>). The evening will include games, Bible study, relationship building, and—of course—pizza. Sign up on the youth bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Looking forward to seeing you!

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

Beginning in January, the senior high youth group (grades 9-12) will meet every third Sunday of the month (January 16<sup>th</sup>). Join us at 6pm for food, fun, and fellowship. This month, we're going bowling! Bring some money for shoe rental (if needed) and food.

### **VALENTINES DINNER**

Our first-ever Valentines Dinner last year was a great success! We'll host it again this year on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. That's a bit later this year, but we want to avoid conflict with the Super Bowl on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Tables will be set for six, so you can join with up to two other couples as you desire. A sign up sheet is available on the table in the information center, both for dine-in and take-out. Cost is \$24 per couple or \$12 per individual for dine-in, and \$10 per order for take-out. Childcare with a kids meal is also offered at \$5 per child age 10 and younger.



### **GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year to all friends of Grace.

On Friday, November 12, Grace Lutheran School held A Celebration of Grace at the Sanctuary Events Center. Over 100 celebrants attended the in-person event and many more participated online. We thank all who supported our event as attendees, volunteers, donors, bidders, committee members, and those who prayed for our event's success. In an incredible outpouring of love, we raised \$58,370 for our school, our students, and a brand new math curriculum. Along with budgeted funds, we easily raised the amount needed to fully fund the new math curriculum and extend into future textbook updates. We are humbled by this outpouring and pray continually that we use the resources provided to us in a God-pleasing way that all children may come to know and love Christ Jesus. Thank you all.

National Lutheran Schools Week takes place January 24-28. Our students take part in many fun activities that week, including a competition to raise funds for our yearly outreach project, special all-school activities, and the ski trip for our older students, all while also learning the importance of a Lutheran and Christian education.

This winter, all Association families with 4 and 5 year olds, kindergarteners, first graders, and middle school students will be receiving special information about Grace Lutheran School. We are devoted to helping families build solid Christian foundations and helping middle school students become leaders as they navigate the unique transition between child and young adult. Parents, if you are seeking a different kind of educational experience, please call us at 701-232-7747 or check out our website: [gracelutheranschoolfargo.com](http://gracelutheranschoolfargo.com).

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*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*  
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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Come and Worship!**

**January 2022**

**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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