

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

FEBRUARY 2022

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Martin Luther wrote, "Dear friend, if we can feed and rule ourselves, protect ourselves against error, gain grace and forgiveness of sins through our own merit, resist the devil and all misfortune, conquer sin and death—then all Scripture must be a lie when it testifies of us that we are lost, scattered, wounded, weak, and defenseless sheep. Then, we do not need Christ either as a Shepherd who would seek, gather, and direct us, bind up our wounds, watch over us, and strengthen us against the devil. Then He has also given His life for us in vain. For as long as we can do and gain all these things through our powers and piety, we do not need the help of Christ at all. But here at once you hear the opposite, namely, that you lost sheep cannot find your way to the Shepherd yourself but can only roam around in the wilderness. If Christ, your shepherd, does not seek you and bring you back, you would simply have to fall prey to the wolf. Our only hope is Christ" (LW 12:156).

Therefore, we confess with David in Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd." It is reaffirmed for us each worship as we gather to hear the Word of Jesus, our Shepherd. But what about those who can no longer say those words, or those who are endanger of forgetting those words? How will they know who their saving shepherd is?

The past two years has struck hard the whole church, including our congregation, scattering sheep to their homes for long periods of time. Since March 17, 2020 our congregation has provided live-streaming to keep the voice of Jesus, our Shepherd, going out to our membership and beyond. Podcasts of sermons preached here continue to be made available. Main Street Living North episodes are available on TV Networks and YouTube. We are thankful for those who continue to gather for worship or at least hear the Shepherd's voice through other means. Yet, many have strayed and are straying. This is testified to by the declining views, the lack of resurgence in worship, and a lack of desire to communion.

We all should be concerned. What should you do? What should you say? Should you call them? Should you stop in? What should the congregation do? Where do we all start?

Before we do or say anything, as Christians we are to be in the Word first. Therefore, a congregational Bible Study will be starting in March, so that we are well-fed and prepared to address the strayed and straying with the resources the Lord has given us.

Second, we should pray. James 1:5 encourages us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him" (ESV).

This is a combined effort of all of us. Your Board of Elders and pastors over the past six months are examining what can be done for the strayed and straying sheep of our congregation using the **Shepherding Our Strays - Re:Vitality** program. Please keep them, the congregation, the strayed, the straying and yourself in the Word and prayer.

See you especially in March.

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

LWML AND LADIES

Do you enjoy paper crafting? For our February meeting we will be having a short devotion and a whole lot of fun crafting Valentine's for our shut-ins, and or other special people. Our meeting is February 8, 7:00 p.m. at the church. Come join the fun. And of course coffee and lots of fellowship.

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!

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.

ALTAR GUILD UPDATE & THANK YOU

I would just like to take a moment to thank our Altar Guild volunteers. This is such an important volunteer role and so many people don't even know who does it or what it even is.

This wonderful group of volunteers prepare the altar for our Church services every week which includes communion set up, filling candles and display hymn numbers. Volunteers are responsible for one month a year. The great thing about this is you can do almost all of the set up and take down when it works with your schedule. We just need the wine and wafers set up on Sunday mornings. Even better is you never have to do this alone. You can do it with a spouse, friend, son, daughter, mother, father and there is always someone else sharing the month with you. Think about that...if you did this every Sunday of one month, you would be volunteering 4 times a year. But since we share months with others, your time is even less!

Our current volunteers include:

Donna & Ernie Feland, Robert & Karen Cataldi, Chris Paul, Gary & Bonnie Muhl, Rose Rios, Joslyn Pierce, Tami Hertel, Celeste & Tom Moltzan, Dan & Connie Klug, Lanae Cajobe, Linda Glass, Rachel Kitzman, Sara Sell, Larry & Diana Weil, Carolyn Schatz, Brenda & Lenny Heupel, Kristy Dillard and Sara Moreland. Plus, Corrine Reber, Karen Berg and Peggy Brager as substitutes.

As you can see, it takes quite a few volunteers and we still have two months where we could use more help. We have several people who are scheduled for two months or some are handling the month alone. Our goal was to make sure this wasn't overwhelming to anyone's schedule. Currently we are looking for 1-3 people to help with the month of August and another person/couple to help with November. If this is something you are interested in but those months don't work with your schedule, please let me know as we have volunteers who are willing to change months.

If this is an area you would like to help with or learn more about, please contact Connie Klug, for more information. Thanks very much!

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer..."
Proverbs 11:24

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!

FAITHFULLY FORWARD *Together*

PHASE I GOAL - \$375,000

**PHASE I AMOUNT RAISED - \$128,697
AS OF 12/31/2021**

Phase I of the Faithfully Forward Together (FFT) Debt Reduction Campaign is in the books, and it was a rousing success!! Thanks to the generous over-and-above giving of nearly 60 individuals/families, we raised over \$128,000, with pledges of an additional \$11,300. Plus, we accomplished all of this in 16 weeks!

So, what did we do with all the funds we raised?

Our first move was to use \$42,592 to pay off the debt with the higher interest rate – the loan for our roof insulation and new shingles. Eliminating this debt saved us over \$5,000 in interest.

Next, we turned our attention to the mortgage loan which financed our expansion back in 2005. We've made a total of \$60,000 in principal payments on that note, sending funds to our lender LCEF in October, November, and December. (And we are hoping to make another principal payment in the first quarter of 2022). We've also earmarked \$15,600 toward the regular monthly payments that will be due throughout 2022.

After making those large principal payments, we asked LCEF for a new amortization schedule. As things stand right now, we've taken 11 months off the term of our loan. Instead of making payments thru June 2026, we are on track to pay off the loan by July 2025, saving us over \$10,000 in interest. However, we do need to mention one caveat. The interest rate on our mortgage note is set to be adjusted in July 2022. There are a lot of rumblings in the news about higher interest rates coming soon. Depending on any rate increases to our note, that payoff schedule for July 2025 may end up being adjusted slightly.

Your Faithfully Forward Together committee thanks the members of St. Andrew for your generous financial response. In addition, we especially thank all those members who helped create the various videos shown throughout the campaign. (Did you know that besides being shown in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, those YouTube videos have been viewed nearly 700 times and counting?) These videos

These videos are posted on our St. Andrew website, www.standrewlcms.org if you wish to view them. You have helped to spread the message about what a great facility we have here at St. Andrew. You've energized the sense of community and togetherness that is the lifeblood of a Christian congregation – a family of God, gathered together to hear His Word and to serve our fellow man.

We thank and praise God from whom **all blessings flow!** Phase I of the campaign is done; however, as we now enter Phase II, your continued over-and-above donations will bring the day closer when we can be debt free of our mortgage, and more able to concentrate on our other and new ministries! Your FFT committee will keep you posted.

We are now entering FAITHFULLY FORWARD TOGETHER PHASE II



Let's keep chewing away at our debt!

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.

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 46,909.63	\$ 420,134.58
Expense	\$ 54,757.74	\$ 473,129.35
Net	\$ -7,848.11	\$ -52,994.77

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,585.68	\$ 75,294.34
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 76,632.06
Net	\$ -800.32	\$ -1,337.72

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dan Klug,, Diondrey Viken, Sharon Hurt, Brooklyn Simenson, Diane Keating, Brent Bohner, Drew Somsen, Landon Brinkman, Andrea Hill, Connie Klug, Jayda Steen, Reuben Willis, GraceAnna Skalicky, Alicia Anderson, Larry Phillips, Kevin Brager, Valerie Groen, Evie Paul, Christine Virgil, Mason Emerson, Sandra Heiden, Ember Myhre, Arnold Sommerfeld, Brenda Viou, Brady Graveline, Steve Hansen, Pastor Jahnke, Michel Mason, Dave Pistorius, Xu Zong, Rick Heinz, Jeff Pierce, Samantha Borah, Whitney Pistorius, Emilie Harvala, Jennifer Erickson, Stara Helmer, Pennelope Maurer, Jase Olson, Torill Wasness, Gladys Kautzman, Elesha Oltman, Patricia Harbott, Wade Trzpuć, Kurt Gunning, Evin Borseth, Jesse Bowman, Kelly Muhl, Shirley Platfers, Ava Mutchler, Linda Glass, Carol Metcalf, Trudy Ruff, Jonathan Borah, Arden Glanzer, Dianne Nirschl, Ann Sherrill, Makenzie Charvat, Lilah Shoman, Sawyer Meyer



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Gary & Carol Metcalf, Sheila & Don Carlson, Gordon & Sandra Ostrom, John & Gladys Kautzman, Kurt & Vanessa Gunning, Carolyn & Randy Schatz, Tom & Leila Lau, Randy & Carolyn Fiechtner, Eugene & Lois Hehr



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

FEBRUARY UPDATE

LOVE is the theme of "Valentine's Day", celebrated annually in February. While there are a variety of competing stories for the origin of this day, as Christians we know the true source of all genuine love is our Creator & Savior, the Triune God! "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. I John 4:10-11

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 February 2022:

Feb 6: Rev. Paul Preus, Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, ND, presents the message: "It Is Good to Hear Jesus", based on Matthew 17:1-9. "This Is The Life" program: "Finders Keepers" - A man finds a large sum of money and struggles with the consequences of keeping it.

Feb 13: Rev. Nathanael Biberdorf, Zion Lutheran Church, Browns Valley, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Claire City, SD, presents the message: "Ever-Green Savior", based on Jeremiah 17:5-8. "This Is The Life" program: "Girls Best Friend" Focusing on the here and now creates problems for a mother and her daughter and prompts spiritual questions for all.

Feb 20: Rev. Kirk Lee, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN, presents the message: "I Am Your Brother Joseph" based on Genesis 45:3-15. "This Is The Life" program: "Song of the Night" - A son's accident causes his family to question everything.

Feb 27: Rev. Dave Suelzle, Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Greater than the ... Greatest?" based on Hebrews 3:3-6. "This Is The Life" program: "Hope Enough to Live By" - A medical research scientist falls into despair after an accident and subsequent events.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

VALENTINES DINNER

Our first-ever Valentines Dinner last year was a great success! We'll host it again this year on Sunday, February 20th. That's a bit later this year, but we want to avoid conflict with the Super Bowl on February 13th. 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.



GRADES 6-12 NERF NIGHT

The Easter Zone LYF will hold "Nerf Night" once again on Friday, March 25th at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Fargo. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come, and bring a friend. Please join us for nerf wars, Bible study, and snacks with our friends from all F-M area LCMS congregations. Registration forms and more info are available at the youth bulletin board.

LYF RETREAT

The LYF Retreat is March 4th-5th for grades 8-12. Registration info and details to follow. See Pastor Harvala for more information.



GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Dear Friends of Grace,

Happy New Year! Grace Lutheran School is enjoying a busy January getting ready for many upcoming events!

On January 13, Grace Lutheran School celebrated its 70th birthday. The school building was dedicated into Christ's service on January 13, 1952, and has been a beacon for the Christian and Lutheran education of thousands of students. We rejoice in this milestone! Our building is strong and plans are already in motion for major improvements. We look forward to "Building it Better" in the year(s) ahead.

In the meantime, let's start building it better, together, on Giving Hearts Day Thursday, February 10 at www.givingheartsday.org! Giving Hearts Day is a wonderful community event and an easy way to make the world a better place. Not only will your donation to Grace Lutheran School fund building improvements, but it opens doors for more students to receive a Christian education. God works in and through our students and we want to fill the world with them. Scheduled giving is open now on our page, or join us on Giving Hearts Day!



Enrollment for the upcoming school year is in full swing. This is your school and we'd love to have you with us. Private tours are always available, and we have open houses on February 22, March 15, and April 7, all from 5:30-7pm.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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West Fargo, North Dakota 58078

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

February 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.

Contact Us At:

Telephone: 701-282-4195

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Web: www.standrewlcms.org

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M-F 8:30am-4pm

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