

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

MARCH 2022

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

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord," and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. ~Isaiah 40:27-31

Who's ready for winter to be over? I know I am. There's just something about winter that has a way of wearing on people, especially in our area. It's an ongoing season of short days and long nights, cold weather, and this year especially loads of snow. By the time we get to March, I don't know about you, but I'm usually ready for it to be done. It just has a way of wearing on people, and we could use some renewal of the weather.

Couple that with the surplus of other challenges and struggles that life just has a way of throwing at us. Health concerns, financial struggles, work pressure, family stress, political maneuvering, threat of war. It reminds of the cry of a child who thought the ride would be fun, but about halfway in begins to scream, "Stop this roller coaster; I want to get off!" Sometimes we just need to stop and take a little break. We sure could use some renewal in our lives.

This Lent, we'll get just that. Beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd, we'll join in worship and meditation based on the theme, "Lent-A Time for Renewal." Throughout the six weeks of this solemn and penitential season, we'll take some time to consider Lent as a time for renewal of servanthood, of obedience, of witness, of true religion, of priorities, and of godly fear. Then, in Holy Week, we'll observe Maundy Thursday as a time for renewal of Christian unity; we'll remember our Lord's Passion on Good Friday as a time for renewal of faith; and finally, we'll celebrate Easter as a time for renewal of hope. Because that's what we ultimately truly need-a little bit of hope to get us through this life and to prepare us for the life of the world to come.

It's easy during Lent to allow the solemnity and the sorrow to crowd out joy and hope, just as it's easy for winter to drag on, with seemingly no end in sight, and sapping us of our strength. Yet even as I write this, with the mountains of snow surrounding me and a chill still hanging in the air (okay; that's an understatement), the days are already beginning to lengthen noticeably. Every day, there's just a little more sunshine; every day, there's just a little more light. A sure sign that warmer days and happier times are coming. Our Lord blesses us with just enough of what we need to get through. That's what the means of grace are all about. Through his Word and Sacraments, our Lord Jesus Christ blesses us with exactly what we need to get through whatever season of life we are in.

Please join us in worship every Wednesday from March 2nd through April 7th. We'll gather as a family to enjoy a delicious meal served by the various boards and officers of our congregation beginning at 5:15pm, followed by worship at 6:30. And may our gracious God make this Lent a time for renewal for you.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

## LENT DEVOTIONS

Suffering Servant, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Lent devotions for 2022 are available in the Narthex.



## SHORTFALL LOAN

As of January 1, 2022 our shortfall loan is \$53,736.39. This year we have a balance 25% smaller than the previous balance of \$72,170. We paid off last year's shortfall loan in September. Between September & December a separate FFT campaign raised over \$125k for debt reduction, paid off our roof loan, & shortened our mortgage payoff time line! THANK YOU for your commitment to regular giving, paying off our shortfall loan, & over-&-above giving towards FFT campaign. At this rate, 2023 could be the last year of congregational debt - 2022 could be the last year of shortfall loan! Your support is making a huge difference at St Andrew Lutheran Church! Questions? Call or text Joe Franklin 701-799-8663. -  
Board of Stewardship-

## DISHES

The old dishes from the kitchen are packed in the the LWML pantry. If any one knows of someone or an organization that could use them, we would like to clear them out. There are dinner plates & coffee cups, around 150 of each.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BACH BIRTHDAY BASH

The Red River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (RRVAGO) will present its 2nd Annual Bach Birthday Bash in partnership with the Fargo-Moorhead Bach Choir on Sunday, March 13 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead. This year's Bach Birthday Bash has taken the shape of a Cantata Vespers including Rheinberger's "Abendlied," Bach's sixth cantata "Bleib bei uns" present by the FM Bach Choir with chamber orchestra & conductor Dr. Katie Rolf, Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 played by the Borderline Strings, & select organ works played by RRVAGO members. All of the music is shared within the context of the Lutheran Vespers liturgy with opportunities for assembly singing & participation. This event is free & open to the public. All are welcomed & encouraged to come hear the wonderful & inspiring music of J. S. Bach. For more information, please visit our website: [www.rrvago.org](http://www.rrvago.org). Soli Deo Gloria!

## MERCY MEALS

A Mercy Meals Pack Event will be held Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran School in Fargo. All volunteers 7 & older plus donations are needed! Sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4AAAA92DA64-mercy](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4AAAA92DA64-mercy) or use the QR code. Contact [corey.isaak@gracefargo.org](mailto:corey.isaak@gracefargo.org) with any questions.



## CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Has there been those whom you haven't seen for a long time? Do you know how they are doing? On Sunday, March 13, between services, the Board of Elders will be hosting a Bible Study about caring for those who are missing, straying or strayed. An alternate time will be on Monday, March 14, at 7pm. We are looking forward to having everyone there!

## ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund:

|         | <u>JANUARY</u> | <u>YTD</u>   |
|---------|----------------|--------------|
| Income  | \$ 38,451.46   | \$ 38,451.46 |
| Expense | \$ 39,184.79   | \$ 39,184.79 |
| Net     | \$ -733.33     | \$ -733.33   |

### Mortgage Fund:

|         | <u>JANUARY</u> | <u>YTD</u>   |
|---------|----------------|--------------|
| Income  | \$ 4,316.06    | \$ 4,316.06  |
| Expense | \$ 6,386.00    | \$ 6,386.00  |
| Net     | \$ -2,069.94   | \$ -2,069.94 |

### Shortfall Loan:

| <u>JANUARY</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>REMAINING</u> |
|----------------|------------|------------------|
| \$20.00        | \$20.00    | \$53,716.39      |



Contributions & pledges continue to come in for our congregation's Faithfully Forward Together Debt Reduction Campaign as we enter our second year. We are currently at \$131,827.55 received of over-&-above regular giving, plus another \$11,300 pledged toward our total goal of \$375,000! THANK YOU & to God be the Glory!

As reported in last month's newsletter, & figuring today's interest rates, this has saved us over \$15,000 in interest by paying off the entire balance for our sanctuary shingling & insulation project, plus a significant portion of the debt from our 2005 building expansion. However, as you may know, it appears that interest rates will be going up soon. With this in mind, the sooner we can further reduce our mortgage debt, the more our interest savings!

We hope that you have seen the series of short videos that our FFT committee created to explain the many advantages of our building expansion & sanctuary roof project - but if you missed any of them, or perhaps wish to view them again, they are available to view through our St. Andrew website at [www.standrewlcms.org](http://www.standrewlcms.org).

For a more complete report of the great progress made during phase one of the FFT campaign, please see the article in the February 2022 TRUMPETER. Thank you!

## LCMS ND DISTRICT OFFICE IS HIRING!

The Office Manager will organize & coordinate office administration & procedures, in order to ensure organizational effectiveness & efficiency. The Office Manager is an energetic professional who doesn't mind wearing multiple hats. Experienced in handling a wide range of administrative & executive support related tasks & able to work independently with little or no supervision. Well organized, flexible & enjoy the administrative challenges of supporting multiple programs. Key job duties include customer service, relationship building, accounts receivable, accounts payable, writing, publishing, & file management. Position is located in Fargo & is 20-25 hours/week. Contact Tami Ulland at [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com) or 701-360-1469 for more information.

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

### **MARCH UPDATE**

ASH WEDNESDAY falls on March 2nd this year; & with it, we enter the season of Lent - a time of the church year set aside for special reflection on the suffering & death of our Savior & Lord, Jesus Christ, as He took on Himself the necessary & just payment for our sins & those of the whole world! Holy Spirit, Counselor, please help us now to make good use of this important yearly opportunity to gain a deeper understanding & appreciation of God's great sacrificial love for us!

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 March 2022:

Mar 6th: Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: "Resistance is Not Futile," based on Luke 4:1-13. "This Is The Life" program: "The Now Crowd" - A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life.

Mar 13th: Rev. Bernie Worrall, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "The Urgency of Repentance," based on Luke 13:1-5. "This Is The Life" program: "The Poisoned Banquet" - Vicious rumors look to ruin a nurse's career & marriage.

Mar 20th: Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John's Lutheran, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "The Watchman of Israel," based on Ezekiel 33:7-20. "This Is The Life" program: "Smash Up" - A group of friends struggle with lingering guilt after an accident.

Mar 27th: Rev. Christopher Waldvogel, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "A New Identity," based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. "This Is The Life" program: "Awake with a Stranger" - A guilt-ridden man is confronted & haunted by a lapse in judgment.

### **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

### **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.

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



Jennifer Rossow, Lanae Cajobe, Dustin Guler, Barbara Olson, Jeremy Rossow, Todd Jess, Michael Simenson, Shirley Schiller, Houston Visto, Hanna Anderson, Cari Weidner, Kirk Rosin, Jason Boer, Douglas Bredine, Wayne Oakland, Steve Vogel, Gary Wohl, Darlene Gruber, Ellen Hample, Ruth Joyce, Alyssa Savageau, Colten Bossert, Devin Schatz, Sheldon Tuscherer, Kim Fuss, MaTia Martin, Joyce Michaelson, Merralee Morse, Cory Schatschneider, Jacob Hurt, Chris Paul, Lindsay Johnson, Hannah Rossow, Parker Terry, Jason Bossert, Randy Olson, Paris Volk, Gloria Ybarra, Allison Klug, Ashley Erickson, Ross Haugeberg, Jeremy Pistorius, Alexander Reber, Bryan Hins, Oliver Kitzman, Denise Lies, Gayle Wohl, Lillian Hammer, Maxine Nordeen, Jodie Ranzenger, Arthur Weidner, Dylan Brown, Leila Lau, Alicia Severson, Christian Anderson, Michaela Goroski, Leo Brinkman, Ernest Feland, Jordan Pierce, Wayne Brager, Ruth Greenmyer, Christopher Johnson, Devin Power, Dylan Boit, Natasha Volk, Calvin Anderson, Karen Dwyer, Ashley Johnson, Brendan Klug, Matthew Peightal

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

Jason & Kim Bossert, Kristi & Cameron Hopkins, Debbie & Darrell Johnson, Lori & Royce Jawaski, Jennifer & Brenton Larson, Ray & Torill Wasness, Addie & Hans Wohler, Mike & Sara Sell, Les & Bonnie Schilling



### **GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Dear Friends of Grace,

We are humbled by the outpouring of support on Giving Hearts Day. Together with a \$25,000 match we raised just over \$58,000. Please pray that we may be excellent stewards of this gift to continue our primary mission: to provide Christ-centered learning for Christ-centered living. We are eager to share what's next for Grace Lutheran School. Keep your eyes & ears open!

Enrollment for 2022-2023 is in full swing. We just re-enrolled 91% of our current students. This is a powerful testament to our leadership, our board of education, & our families' commitment to Christian & Lutheran education. All who are interested in Grace Lutheran School should join us at our upcoming open house on March 15 from 5:30 -7 pm at 1025 14th Avenue South in Fargo.

We are almost finished with our reaccreditation with National Lutheran School Accreditation. This is an enormous undertaking led by committees of faculty & volunteers to make sure our school meets or exceeds a long list of benchmarks set by NLSA. An accreditation committee will do an on-site visit this month to review hundreds of pages of commentary & evidence. We look forward to finishing this monumental task.

SAVE THE DATE: Pasta With a Purpose is on Saturday, April 30th. It is our goal to make the spaghetti dinner an Association-driven event. If your group is interested in becoming part of this event, contact Amy at 701-232-7747 or [ahirsch@gracels.com](mailto:ahirsch@gracels.com).



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Come and Worship!**

**March 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.*  
**Wednesdays:** Lenten Meal at 5:15pm  
**Lent Worship at 6:30pm**

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M-F 8:30am-4pm

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