

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

MAY 2022

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

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring— No. Not going there. Though I do wonder, what do April tornadoes and blizzards bring?

As I looked out the window recently, I couldn't help but think, "Creation is angry." Of course, it also happened to be Earth Day, a time when we hear plenty about pollution, carbon footprints, emission, and climate change. I certainly believe we as God's people are to be good stewards of creation, but I'm no environmentalist. My concern is of a theological nature. St. Paul instructs the Romans, "For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now" (Romans 8:22 ESV). That's what I observed as I looked out my window that day. A creation groaning like the snaps, crackles, and pops of an aging body or the clunk and thunk of a car on its last leg.

But what is this creation groaning for? Paul tells us: the revealing of the sons of God. Creation itself waits for it, longs for it even. The whole world, he writes, has been "subjected to futility...in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God" (Romans 8:20-21 ESV). Do you grasp that? God's creation suffers on account of man's sin. But man's redemption is also creation's redemption. Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again. Not just for human beings, but for the very ground we walk on, the water we drink, and the air we breathe. Those who are the "sons of God" will be revealed when Jesus comes again. Then it will be plain; then all will know. In the meantime creation is angry, hurting, moaning, and groaning. Are you?

Throughout this Easter season as we continue to hear the testimony of the Scriptures and the Church that "Christ is risen; he is risen indeed. Alleluia!" we get to hear a series of readings from the book of Revelation. Those readings, that book, and this season all reach their climax in these words of Revelation 21:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' And he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.' "

Many of us have been wondering, longing even, when this crazy winter is going to come to an end once and for all. Dear people of God, take heart. Brighter days are coming. The groaning will cease. Our Lord will come again and restore us and all creation. Until then, he simply says, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10 ESV). For he is faithful, and he will surely do it.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Don't forget that the service times will be changing starting Memorial Day Weekend, May 30th. Sundays at 8am and 10am. Wednesdays at 7pm

## **SHORTFALL LOAN**

Dear Saints at St Andrew - Your financial support is a gift we use to fund our monthly operating expenses. Every month we have bills to pay. We need funds to pay those bills. Our Church's expenses are estimated in our annual budget. They make up three categories: general fund, shortfall loan, and our mortgage payment. We report our income and expense information each month to the church council. If you are like me, you rarely read financial reports. Boring. So here is what you need to know: our general giving is down this year, plus we are off to a slow start on repaying our shortfall loan. It is time to help the church! We are tremendously grateful to everyone who supports our church in whatever amount you provide. A huge thank you to you all who give. Now, for you who give infrequently, or do not give at all, please prayerfully consider a regular giving plan. But do this only if you can give, and not under compulsion. Your recurring donation made quarterly, monthly, or weekly is what we use to operate our church. The recurring part means your donation is there when you are not. A recurring donation supports your church when you are at the lake or on vacation or away on a business trip. A recurring donation has a perfect attendance record! To donate, visit [standrewlcmns.org](http://standrewlcmns.org) and scroll down to "click-to-donate". If you are feeling guilty, remember you are under GRACE! Christ is the most generous giver of all. He doesn't need your money. He wants your sins, so He can forgive you. Enjoy your summer. Go to church wherever you are. Remember to go to your pastor's Bible Class this week! Christ has gifts to give...for you! - Board of Stewardship

## **CONGREGATIONAL CLEAN UP DAY**

Please come to help with Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm. We will be doing work outside such as weeding, trimming hedges, sweeping parking lot and inside such as cleaning pews, washing windows, and cleaning tables and chairs in fellowship hall. Bring your rakes, hedge trimmers, gloves, and window cleaning supplies!

## **LWML**

The LWML will be hosting the All Daughter Pot Luck Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. So, bring your actual daughters and or a friend or just yourself plus a dish to share and join us that evening. Upcoming events: Ladies night out will be June 14. Watch for more information. Also, the LWML District Convention is in Fargo June 24-26. Information about the Convention is in the Messenger.

## **FARGO MARATHON AID**

Grace Lutheran Church is uniquely situated on the route of the Fargo Marathon, and we are serving as an aid station for the marathon runners. We need your help! Saturday, May 21, we will need volunteers to help setup and serve drinks and encourage the runners, from 7:30am to 1:30pm.

If you have questions or are able to help, please contact: Jan Brelje [jan.brelje@gracefargo.org](mailto:jan.brelje@gracefargo.org) call or text 701-238-5485; or Corey Isaak [corey.isaak@gracefargo.org](mailto:corey.isaak@gracefargo.org) call or text 701-281-0240.

## **INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JONATHAN JAHNKE**

Pastor Jonathan Jahnke, a son of the congregation, has accepted the call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN. The Installation Service will be at 2pm on Saturday, June 4th. You are welcome to attend. If you are interested in car pooling, please call the church office. Leave your name, number and share if you want a ride or could drive. We'll see what we can coordinate.

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**



Patricia Dale, Hunter Beltz, Sierra Shoman Young, James Ruud, Preston Peterson, Glenda Clark, Scott Jess, Shane Bruns, Pastor Adam Harvala, Sandie Eaton, Lillia Howeger, Michael Glanzer, Lynette Vollmer, Brandon Mallea, Eileen Sweeten, Lyla Fiechtner, Rochelle Joyce, Betty Trapp, Joshua Gervais, Lois Hehr, Jessica Bachmeier, Aubrey Else, Brady Milar, Nicole Marcy, Saffron Hoff, Milton Deplazes, Lorenzo Alainz, Bill Kitman, Doug Milar, Carolyn Fiechtner, Patty Walth, Breyette Hoff, Janet Baker, Bill Thoemke, Destiny Heinen, Whitney Lau, Alexis Tollefson, Asher Brandt, Jodi Pierce, Victor Gruber, Layne LaPorte, Vicki Roberts, Logan Matzke, Erica Waters, Robert Cataldi, Aubree Hample, Lincoln Haugen, Jordan Sommerfeld, Arelne Klug, Nicholas Cajobe, Christopher Erickson, Dinah Sommerfeld, Kaiden Schweitzer, Jessica Somsen, Rebecca Deplazes, Mia Severson, James Doyel, Shari Else, Hardy Glanzer, Brittany Heiden, Corrine Reber, Bayden Jensen, Halsey Steen, Sarina Olson, Tianna Vetter, Scott Johnson, Wyatt Nelson

## **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

Todd & Crystal Reber, Tim & Alana Ratz, Tim & Tami Hertel, Ward & Rebecca Kitman, Bruce & Liz Clark, Halsey & Jeremy Steen, John & Brenda Renfrew, Dan & Annelise Hammer, Maysie & Brent Aarestad, Glenda & Michael Clark, Wanda & Robert Terry, Curtis & Evelyn Helmer, Haylee & Shad Hagen, Tom & Celeste Moltzan



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## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

We are honored to recognize the following High School Graduates from our congregation:

**Jonathan Davis Beltz**

Son of Jennifer & Brent Larson and Steven & Jolene Beltz



**Ethan Charles Collins**

Son of Donald & Amanda Collins

**Thomas John Doyel**

Son of Dawn & Kelly Doyel  
Graduating from West Fargo High School  
Will attend NDSU for Aerospace Sciences

**Roman Charles Emerson**

Son of Patrick & Darcy Emerson  
Graduating from West Fargo High School  
Will attend Lynnes Welding & Training

**Matthew James Heupel**

Son of Lenny & Brenda Heupel  
Graduating from West Fargo High School  
Will attend Bismarck State for Linesmen

**Jacob Lee Hurt**

Son of Raymond Hurt and Misty Hurt

**Tanner Robert Lies**

Son of Patrick & Denise Lies  
Graduating from West Fargo High School  
Will attend NDSU for Electrical Technology

**Cecilia Jo Lindquist**

Daughter of Steven & MaryJo Lindquist  
Graduating from Sheyenne High School  
Will attend MState for Business

**Jacob Riley Renfrew**

Son of Jason & Jennifer Renfrew

**Caleb Jeremy Rossow**

Son of Jeremy & Jen Rossow  
Graduating from Sheyenne High School  
Will attend NDSU for Music Education

**Kaiden James Schweitzer**

Son of Angela & Shawn Schweitzer

**Emily Nicole Sell**

Daughter of Mike & Sara Sell  
Graduating from West Fargo High School

**Mia Lorraine Severson**

Daughter of Kent & Alicia Severson  
Graduating from Northern Cass High School  
Will attend Dickinson State University for Agriculture Sales & Service

**GraceAnna Kathleen Skalicky**

Daughter of Jason & Cassie Skalicky  
Graduated from Community High School  
Will attend Rasmussen University for Criminal Justice

**Paris Volk**

Daughter of Rebecca & Lance Volk

**Christian Arthur Waters**

Son of Erica Waters

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

### **MAY UPDATE**

EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY is of course the strongest of testimonies! The New Testament Church grew as the Holy Spirit used the eyewitness testimonies of those who had SEEN JESUS ALIVE after having personally seen him crucified and dead. This is what motivated the disciples and apostles to preach the resurrection of Jesus - even to their own imprisonment and death! And so, we too have the privilege and responsibility to pass along these testimonies of Jesus death and resurrection - for the forgiveness of our sins and the salvation of our souls!

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!

### **"MSL North" Programs for May 2022:**

May 1st: Rev. Thomas Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Fishing With Jesus," based on John 21:1-3. "This Is The Life" program: "No Place to Hide" - A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

May 8th: Rev. Zelwyn Heide, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Hannover, ND, and Zion Lutheran Church, New Salem, ND, presents the message: "Sheep Listen to the Shepherd," based on John 10:22-30. This Is The Life" program: "Dead Wrong" - Because of frustration with his life, a man turns to drinking and another woman.

May 15th: Vicar Aidan Moon, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Joy Comes in the Morning," based on John 16:12-22. "This Is The Life" program: "The Main Event" - A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl.

May 22nd: Rev. Lester Wolfram, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Keys To The Throne Room," based on John 16:23-24. "This Is The Life" program: "The Prisoners" - Elderly woman is attacked by a teenage gang.

May 29th: Rev. Jonathan Walla, Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "A Prayer for Unity," based on John 17:20-26. "This Is The Life" program: "A Dream of His Own" - A father and son are at odds when the construction company will evict an Indian family

## 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.

## ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

### General Fund:

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 40,045.06	\$ 97,822.24
Expense	\$ 39,947.95	\$ 116,531.31
Net	\$ 97.11	\$ -18,645.79

### Mortgage Fund:

	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 5,375.34	\$ 14,272.85
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 19,158.00
Net	\$ -1,010.66	\$ -4,885.15

### Shortfall Loan:

<u>YTD</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
\$ 11,835.14	\$ 41,901.25	\$ 8,025.14



## PHASE I

**Kicked off September 26, 2021**  
**Goal of \$375,000 to retire both loans.**

## PHASE I TOTAL FUNDS RAISED

**\$128,697**

**PLUS, TOTAL OF FUNDS PLEDGED - \$11,300**  
**AS OF 12/31/2021**

### WITH THESE FUNDS WE PAID:

- 9/29/21 - \$42,592 Shingles/Roof payoff
- 10/06/21 - \$20,000 Mortgage Principal Payment
- 10/18/21 - \$1,637.50 Campaign printing/postage
- 11/08/21 - \$15,000 Mortgage Principal Payment
- 11/08/21 - \$15,600 Earmarked toward our Mortgage Loan payments for 2022. Usually we are transferring \$2300/month from our Operating Account to the Mortgage Account to help cover our monthly payments because we don't receive enough donations in each month. Now only \$1000/month will be transferred because the FFT funds will be covering the rest.
- 12/23/21 - \$25,000 Mortgage Principal Payment

## PHASE II

**New Goal of \$251,940 to retire the balance of our Mortgage Loan**

We did a soft implementation of Phase II at the beginning of 2022 with plans to formally kick off a FFT Phase II Campaign this fall.

- Current Funds collected 4/17/22 - \$3,295
- Combined FFT funds collected to date total \$131,993
- Balance of funds pledged remaining - \$10,695
- 2/27/22 - \$10,000 Mortgage Principal Payment

### INTERESTING INFORMATION:

- By paying off the Shingles/Roof loan over 5½ years early, we saved \$5,299.79 in interest.
- We have made \$70,000 in principal payments to our mortgage loan since the start of this campaign.
- Because of these payments, we have saved \$11,523 in interest!
- When we first started, our last payment was to be June 25, 2026. Our last payment on this loan is now a partial payment due May 25, 2025.
- We have eliminated one full year on the term of this loan!
- If we formally start Phase II of this campaign in September of 2022 – our loan balance will be \$190,907.
- We received 78 total donations from individuals/families for this campaign.
- There were 8 who donated more than once.
- We have received over 700 views to our videos from this campaign posted to our St. Andrew website, [www.standrewlcms.org](http://www.standrewlcms.org). These YouTube videos are unlisted links. They will not show up in a search. Only someone with the link can view the video. Therefore, the view numbers represent actual engagement by our members on YouTube.

Your Faithfully Forward Together committee thanks the members of St. Andrew for your generous financial response. 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 of our 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; and as we keep moving into 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!



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## **YOUTH & EDUCATION**

### **LCMS YOUTH GATHERING**

We are getting so close to Houston in July that we can almost feel the heat and humidity! Our group would like to thank once again the many people from the congregation and beyond who have supported us in our fund raising efforts and encouraged us in our faith. Thanks to you our recent Silent Auction was a great success, providing another \$2,000 for our trip! We're also grateful to all who donated baskets and other items to the sale. May God continue to bless his people as he's blessed us, that we continue to grow together in Christ IN ALL THINGS, and please continue to keep our group, leaders, gathering staff and planners, and the city of Houston in your prayers.

### **GRADES 3-5 FRIDAY FUN NIGHT**

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to join us for one final "Friday Fun Night" of the school year on May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We will play games, enjoy food, and grow in God's Word. There is no cost to attend, and friends are always welcome. Sign up on the youth bulletin board. Please bring your own drink, and notify Pastor Harvala of any dietary restrictions or concerns.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION**

Our year of Sunday school classes will conclude on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> with a recognition of all of our students. Attendance certificates will be distributed, so please plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for this special day. We give thanks to God for our young people who continue to grow in God's Word, and to the faithful parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, neighbors & friends who bring them. May our loving Heavenly Father continue to bless his church through the ministry of his Word.

### **END OF SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION**

Schools are letting out, so we're going to get locked in! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to an end of the school year celebration extravaganza on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. The night will include more than enough games and food to keep us going all night (and probably a little too much sugar and caffeine). We'll also have Bible study and movies and conclude with breakfast in the morning. *Oh, and did I mention cosmic bowling?* The event will end Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7am. As with Friday Fun Night, friends are absolutely welcome, and there is no cost to attend. Sign up on the youth bulletin board!



### **GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Greetings from Grace Lutheran School in the name of our Risen Savior. We had a lovely 5-day weekend to celebrate Easter. Only a few weeks of school remain.

Did you know Grace Lutheran School has a robust scholarship program? We believe Christ-centered education is for everyone and we rejoice in the ability to invest in students' lives in Christ. As we continue to enroll students for this fall, we invite you to explore our scholarship program. Get started at [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com).

We are pleased to announce that the following teachers will be returning this fall: Mrs. Stacy Knudson, Mrs. Carolyn Worrall, Mrs. Katie Jensen, Ms. Carly Stramer, Ms. Larissa Brelje, Ms. Clare Johnson, Mrs. Megan Oberg, and Mrs. Sara Palmer.

Due to high demand, we have opened another Pre-Kindergarten classroom for this fall. Please pray that this will be a blessing to many families in our community and that we find an instructor who cares deeply for children and for sharing Christ's message.

THANK YOU to all who joined us to eat, socialize, and volunteer at Pasta With a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner. Proceeds from this event will fund a new stage for musicals, graduation, and other events.

Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduation is on Tuesday, May 24 at 7 pm at the school. This year five students are graduating from 8th grade and six from kindergarten. We are so proud of them and look forward to seeing what they accomplish next.

Join us on Saturday, May 14 for a work day at the school. We will work on indoor and outdoor maintenance, cleaning, and organizational items.

Grace Lutheran School is hiring a part-time secretary to start in June. This is a year-round position. Candidates should be personable, patient, flexible, detail oriented, organized, and possess a genuine love for children. Call 701-232-7747 or email [secretary@gracels.com](mailto:secretary@gracels.com) for a full job description or application.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE LIFE ESSAY**

Congrats to Audrey Weidner, member of St. Andrew, who was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in this year's ND Lutherans for Life Essay Contest in Grades 6-8. Her essay was very well written and conveys a strong testimony to the gift and blessings of life, according to the theme Blessed for Life from Psalm 41:2.

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*The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*  
**1005 First Street East**  
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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Come and Worship!**

**May 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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