

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

## SEPTEMBER 2022

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

In June 2005, American alt-rock/pop/punk band Green Day released the single "Wake Me Up When September Ends" to mainstream radio. The song became a huge hit and may very well be one of the band's most popular tracks to date. Lead singer and songwriter Billie Joe Armstrong's father died when Billie Joe was only ten years old. The song grew out of reflections over his death. After his father's funeral, Billie Joe locked himself in his room, inconsolable, and when his mother tried to convince him to come out, he told her, "Wake me up when September ends."

The song, like its writer, mourns a loss. "Summer has come and passed. The innocent can never last. Wake me up when September ends. Like my father's come to pass, seven years has gone so fast. Wake me up when September ends." It's a sad time, a painful time. He recalls the memories he has of his father from his childhood, and how over time he's come to terms with the death and found peace. So it's also a hopeful song. "Here comes the rain again, falling from the stars. Drenched in my pain again, becoming who we are. As my memory rests but never forgets what I lost, wake me up when September ends." He understands that September will eventually come to an end, that moving on and beginning again is not only possible but necessary. And those good memories of the short time he had with his father will make it easier.

This September marks a sad and perhaps painful time for you here at St. Andrew, as I complete my service to you and return to the secular workforce. Some may see it as a time to mourn a loss. Others may view it simply as part of life and ministry and business, and we simply need to carry on. Either way, I certainly don't expect any of you to lock yourselves in your rooms and refuse to come out until October. But whether September becomes a sad and painful month for you, or just another month, know that it will surely end, and there will surely come a time to move forward with joy and in hope.

That's what we get to do each and every day of our lives as believers in Jesus. Luther instructs us that this is the enduring significance of Holy Baptism in our lives, that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever. As St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter 6: "We were therefore buried with [Jesus] through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

I am grateful for the past eight years. They have gone so fast. It hardly feels like it's been eight years at all. You've welcomed me into your homes, opened your lives to me. I've shared your joys and your sorrows. As we close this chapter and embark upon the one to come, I can't help but think of the words with which Paul bid farewell to his dear friends in Philippi: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace."

I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. In other words, this is not the end. There is more still to come, more still that God has in store for you, for me, and for St. Andrew. So don't go to sleep. Stay awake, through September and beyond, until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. And as Paul encouraged the Philippians, so I encourage you at this time of farewell: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

God's richest blessings and peace be with you all,



Pastor Harvala

## STEWARDSHIP

Dear Saints at St Andrew Lutheran Church - By now you know our church is not making our monthly financial commitments. Our operating expenses are running between 118% - 121% of our annual income over the last three years. In round numbers, our mortgage payment is \$6,500 each month, and that is about the same amount of money we are short every month. In the short term, the voters approved a spending freeze for the remainder of the year. This means that beyond our staff and must-have's, we are not writing checks to our missions and ministries we so love - for the time being. Our mortgage debt is eating our missions giving. If we didn't have this mortgage debt, our situation would be much different. I am grateful for the progress made by the Faithfully Forward Together campaign. Last year that campaign paid off our roof loan. Your Faithfully Forward Together giving reduced our remaining mortgage balance from \$300,000 to \$200,000. This significant progress means we could be debt free in 2 years or less! Thank you for your financial support to the FFT campaign. However, we can't turn our attention to long term debt reduction until our annual operating loan, our 2021 shortfall loan, is paid off. As of this letter we still have 60% of our 2021 shortfall balance, about \$32,000 in operating debt remaining.

You might ask yourself: How can I help St Andrew Lutheran Church?

Consider 2 Corinthians 9:7 - "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Do you have a giving plan? If not, think about what that looks like for you. Remember that regular electronic giving helps considerably because your gift is there regardless of your attendance. If you can increase your regular giving, please consider doing so. One time giving is appreciated if it is over-and-above your regular giving. For example, if you give \$4,000 in a year, but you redirect \$1,000 of it to Shortfall Loan or FFT Campaign with the remaining \$3,000 going to the general fund, it reduces our income by \$1,000. So, if you are moved to make a special donation to our Shortfall loan (or FFT Campaign), please do so in addition to your regular giving plan. Given your commitment in the past, and the truth of the Gospel, I am hopeful of our financial future. A lot of people at St Andrew are working together to get us back into the black and out of debt. Thank you for your past and continued support.

-Joe Franklin / Board of Stewardship



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## ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

**Shortfall Loan:** (as of 8/21/2022)

<u>YTD</u>	<u>REMAINING</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
\$39,980.39	\$13,756.00	\$18,379.52

## SERVICE TIMES

Sept 1st will be the last weekday service. Sunday service times switch to the fall schedule of 8am and 10:45am on Rally Sunday, Sept 11th.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Come join on Sunday Sept. 11th for Rally Sunday! There will be games and children will have a chance to meet their teachers. It's our kickoff to Sunday School. There is still time to register your child for Sunday School! (grades PreK-8) Sunday School begins Sunday Sept. 18th. We are still in need of a 2nd grade teacher for Sunday school and substitutes. Please contact Mariah Hendrickson 701-541-4584 or Laura Kitzan 218-791-7404 if you're interested!

## LWML NEWS

St. Andrew ladies will meet Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the church. There will be a short Bible study and, of course, coffee. This is also our planning meeting for the year. Please bring some ideas about what you would like to have for a Bible Study, a speaker, and/or an activity during the year. I encourage all women to become involved with LWML and learn how they support the mission field of the LCMS.

## HUMAN CARE

The school supplies will be up for a few more weeks. These supplies are for anyone going to school-pre-school thru college-who may not be able to afford them.



Coming in October we will once again have Honey Sunday. This is a fund raiser for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Christmas is coming faster than we think and honey is a great gift.

## LWR STAMPOREE

The goal of the Lutheran World Relief Stamporee is to support LWR's Project Comfort, which provides funding for the shipping of quilts, kits, & clothing to those in need around the world. Anyone can contribute by collecting used postage stamps to help with their efforts and bringing them to the church.

Here are a few pointers about saving stamps: Buy and use commemorative stamps, since they are worth more than common stamps. Save all cancelled stamps. Place stamps on envelope in the upper right hand corner, allowing 1/4 inch from each edge. Stamps need not be trimmed or removed from envelopes. IF trimming from envelopes, leave at least 1/4 inch around stamp.

## AUGUST PASTORAL ACTS

### Baptisms:

- Magnus Hoffelt, son of Andy & Jessica Hoffelt
- Eion Stafki, infant son of Samuel & Shanae Stafki

### Wedding

- Alex Spacek & Caitlin Bussard
- Tannis Anderson & Jacob Nygaard

### Transfer Out:

- Gary & Kristi Dillard to Grace LCMS Fargo

### Deaths

- Ron Leon



## 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

## LOVE ABOUNDS FAMILY CONVOCATION

Love Abounds is the theme for the Family Convocation scheduled October 21 and 22 in Bismarck. The theme verse is from 1 John 3:18 "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." Join your brothers and sisters in Christ from across North Dakota for this encouraging and inspiring free conference for encouragement and to gain insights regarding Christ-centered resources to cope with the struggles of daily life in a sin-filled world. Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, Director of Witness & Outreach and Revitalization for the LCMS, Rev. Max Phillips, executive director of Lutheran Family Service, Iowa, and Toni Larson, Director of Church Worker Wellness with Lutheran Family Services will be our presenters at Bethel Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 22nd. Refreshments and lunch will also be served on Saturday. Comfort Dog Gideon will also be present for the event. Go to <http://www.nodaklcms.org/blog/love-abounds> for more information and to register or scan the QR code on your phone.



## "MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

### SEPTEMBER UPDATE

WHAT AN IMPORTANT THING it is that we may sometimes take for granted! I am referring to the study, prayer, effort, and time that our pastors put in week after week (and several times a week during certain times of the church year) to craft a sermon message for us! As I prepare these monthly newsletter articles, I see the various sermon titles listed by the pastors. This causes me to anticipate what the message will be; but should also cause us all to remember to continually lift our pastors up in prayer, with thanksgiving!

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 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 September 2022:

**September 4:** Rev. Karl Webber, St. John Lutheran Church, Ottertail, MN, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Richville, MN, presents the message: "Consider the Cost" based on Luke 14:25-35. This Is The Life" program: "The Fathering Kind" - The story of a single father who is down and out trying to raise a son alone.

**September 11:** Rev. Clark Jahnke, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Behind Enemy Lines" based on Psalm 119:169-176. This Is The Life" program: "A Nice Girl Like You" - A widowed pastor dates a middle aged single woman in his parish, but when she professes her love he tells her he cannot return it.

**September 18:** Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: "Like Father, Like Son". "This Is The Life" program: "But Not For Lunch" - A man has difficulty adjusting to retirement until he turns his time over to the Lord.

**September 25:** Rev. David Suelzle, Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Rich in Good Works?" based on 1 Timothy 6:17-19. "This Is The Life" program: "Candidate for Father" - A unwed daughter is not forgiven by her candidate for city council father.



## **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Bonnie Muhl, Jeanne Bormann, Joan Dietzman, Desiree Draeger, Skylar Hopkins, Marco Weil, Bev Sommerfeld, Betty Narlock, Sheila Meyer, Paige Franklin, Cody Shoman, Jason Renfrew, Jeff Boer, Matthew Jahnke, Cassie Skalicky, AJ Bredine, Ziva Levi, Dominic Rosales, Sidney Leier, Cheryl Beiswenger, Wyatt Boggs, Ethan Collins, Michael Bruns, Jennifer Renfrew, Jacob Sell, Aubri Renfrew, Wanda Terry, Arthur Weidner Sr., Karen Cataldi, Robert Peightal, Randy Buchholz, Emily Olson, Samantha Miller, Axel Lindquist, Logan Gorski, Xander Hopkins, Marshall Severson, James Meyer, Chad Ramberg, Judy Rosin, Ray Wasness, Brandon Oldham, Carter Riebe, Rose Rios, Matthew Heupel, Alec Bauer, Kennth Dathe, Cheyenne Deplazes, Jared Johnson, Chris Matthys, Keiara Williams, Joesph Pistorius, Larry Johnson, Autumn Foy-Krause, Amy Boldingh, Eleanor Thompson, Jerry Ranzenberger, Joey Dahl, Ella Livingston, Dallas Kramlich, Gary Muhl, Lloyd Ruud, Nolan Clark, Denise Westlund, Randy Fiechtner, Carter Hins, Cayden Crawford, Joan Prochnow, Delores Fischer, Wilder Olsen, Kathy Nelson, Rod Olson, Andrea Klug, Daniel Matzke, Christopher Washburn



## **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**



Wayne & Sandra Heiden, Doug & Mary Millar, Mike & Darlene Hendrickson, Christine & David Vigil, Scott & Cybil Johnson, Madalyn & Randall Meyer, Lenny & Brenda Heupel, Brandon & Morgan Mallea, Lori & Timothy Torgerson, Sharon & Jerald Hurt, Jason & Jennifer Renfrew, Shelly Sinclair, Steve & MaryJo Lindquist, Jonathan & Rachelle Martin, Amy Deng & Baoju Xu, Gregory & Shari Else, Christopher & Julie Erickson

## **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.

## **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.



## **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?

Prepare the vessels and elements for Holy Communion. Fill candles and candle lighters with oil. 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.

On Altar Guild, you can choose when to do many of these tasks. 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. We like to have at least two groups per month, so it can be shared with others. Please consider this, and if you are interested or would like more details, contact Connie Klug at 701-866-9487. Thank you!

## **WE NEED MORE USHERS!**

There are several tasks, none of them difficult, but all very important. So, what does this volunteer job include? On a monthly basis, assist with the church service by handing out bulletins/handouts and greeting people as they walk into the sanctuary to make them feel welcome, assisting with opening doors, gathering offerings, communion cards, & handing out and gathering Friendship Registers, dismissing pews for communion & end of service, taking attendance, turning on/off lights during service, cleaning & stocking pew racks, assisting with placing fans, etc. You can even designate early or late service and sign up for date of your choosing. If you have questions ask one of the ushers after service or contact Mary in the office. If you wish to become an usher, let Mary in the office know with your preferred service.



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## **YOUTH & EDUCATION**

### **HAYRIDE & BONFIRE:** **SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark your calendars now for the annual Eastern Zone LYF hayride and bonfire! This event will be held on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Specific times and location will be shared in forthcoming publications. This event is open to all in grades 6-12. Please plan now to join with our friends from our neighboring congregations for food, fun, and fellowship!



### **ND DISTRICT MIDDLE SCHOOL** **GATHERING**

This year's ND District Middle School Gathering will be held in Bismarck in conjunction with the "Love Abounds" family convocation being sponsored by the District task force on local mercy care, so all ages are encouraged to attend! The gathering begins on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and ends on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (during the teachers' convention school break). The gathering is for students in grades 6-8, and those in grades 9-12 can serve as junior counselors. Registration information will follow, so begin making plans now to attend!

### **UPCOMING AREA YOUTH EVENTS**

- Hayride & Bonfire: Sunday, October 16 at Trinity, Sabin
- ND District Middle School Youth Gathering: October 20-22 at Ramada, Bismarck
- 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering ND District Reunion: date and location to be determined
- Game Night: Friday, January 25 at Grace, Fargo
- Youth & Family Ski Day: Saturday, February 4
- ND District LYF Retreat: March 3-4 at Chieftain, Carrington
- Nerf Night: Friday, March 24 at Immanuel, Fargo



Greetings from Grace Lutheran School!

Thank you to the many summer volunteers who helped get our school ready for students and teachers. The time investment of our volunteer army is incredible and necessary as we navigate the challenges (and excitement) of growth. We are blessed.

We've been back to school for over a week now, guiding about 100 students in their faith and learning. We have three new staff members: Mrs. Sarah Altenburg - Kindergarten teacher, Miss Stephanie Schock - Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, and Mrs. Shannon Bakken - Pre-Kindergarten Aide. If you get a chance to meet any of these women, please give them a warm welcome.

Save The Date: A Celebration of Grace Dinner and Auction will take place on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 5:30 pm at the Sanctuary Events Center. We will explore how Grace Lutheran School is rooted in Christ, how Grace students flourish and grow, and the impact of our supporters past and present. Funds raised at the Celebration will continue to purchase new curriculum needs for the school.

Any groups or organizations wishing to be represented at Back to School Night on September 13, please call or email the office at 701-232-7747 or secretary@gracels.com. We'll provide a table and chairs.



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

**Come and Worship!**

**Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45 am**

***Holy Communion celebrated at all worship services.***

**September 2022**

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