

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

OCTOBER 2022

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

You probably have seen the signs. Many of you have received the postcards concerning SOS. However, did you see the most important sign! The person who is missing!

Many of you have responded to being involved in the Shepherding Our Strays (SOS) program to reach out to the straying and strayed.

As I thought about this program, I wondered what kind of thoughts and feelings people are having as they hear about it. Some might be wondering if they will be contacted as one of the straying; disappointed you haven't been contacted yet or are you relieved?

Others thinking that's a lot of work, even too hard to be involved. What could I do? There's always something that each of us could do. Two of the most important things come to mind. First, be in the Word yourself: privately, in small groups and especially in worship, where all the means of grace are! The means of grace are the Lord's gifts among His people to His people: His Word, Baptism and Holy Communion. Second, be in prayer. That's our first response to the Word, which also means keeping the Shepherding Our Strays [SOS] program and especially those involved in it in prayer. If you don't know about SOS, talk to Tim Ratz-the SOS Leader, Jodi Pierce-the SOS Coordinator, Ray Wasness-the SOS Liaison and myself-the Spiritual Advisor, and the host of others who are involved as the C.A.R.E. Team and the C.A.R.E. Support Team.

However, I would like you to think of the SOS effort in terms of what Jesus said in John 13:13-15, "13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you" (ESV). From Jesus to generation to generation, the care of others has been passed along (yes, care is the lowly foot washing of others). Think of your involvement in SOS as an act of thanksgiving. The Lord has found and kept us, and in response give thanks by finding others.

When others are returned to the flock there is great joy and rejoicing, especially in heaven (Luke 15).

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

STEWARDSHIP

Dear Saints at St Andrew Lutheran Church - Paul writes in 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."

It is the beginning of October. It has been two months since I last updated you on the financial status of our church. I am happy to inform you that great progress has been made! If you recall, our general fund giving is not keeping up with our operating expenses which leads to the need for a shortfall loan the subsequent year. We've only had one month this year where our income exceeded our expenses. To address and contain this continuing deficit, the voters approved a spending freeze for the remainder of the year, with a focus on paying off our existing shortfall loan.

I am happy to report that as of September 26th, 39 weeks into the year, our \$53,000 shortfall loan is paid in full. Of note, in the two months since the spending freeze our members responded with over \$32,000 in giving. This represents 60% of our total shortfall loan. Thank you for your commitment and your generous giving. To God be the glory!

While we don't yet know what our year end financial balance is, it looks like this year's shortfall will be less than last year's. There is even a chance we could finish the year with a small shortfall balance. The decisions the church made is putting us on a path to return to missions giving and our evangelical priorities. 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.

What about our remaining long term debt? Last year the Faithfully Forward Together campaign paid off our roof loan and 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! As we wrap up the year, please consider a year end gift over-and-above your regular giving earmarked to our long term debt reduction campaign.

Paul writes to the Philippians: "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." (Philippians 1:3-5).

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel!



WELCOME/INFORMATION CENTER

Hopefully you've noticed the changes to our Welcome & Information Center. A new focus to this space is highlighting our Boards and Organizations of our Church. They will be featuring areas of their involvement, key information they would like our members to know and ways to become involved. In addition, we will continue to provide areas for volunteer sign up—which of course we always need help with. Please consider when and where you could provide assistance, even once a month is helpful! Our goal will be to changing these table display areas on a regular basis. Please take a moment to walk thru the tables and check out all the information there. Plus, grab a cup of coffee or hot chocolate from our new coffee bar to enjoy while you do this!

LWML NEWS

The Fall Rally will be at Trinity, Hope October 8. If you would like to come, please let an LWML member know and a carpool can be arranged. Also they are doing an ingathering at the rally. (See posters, that are posted, for items that are needed.) If you aren't able to attend and would like to send an item, please have it to the church by Friday, October 7.

The next meeting of the LWML is October 11, at 7pm. Please join us for Bible Study and fellowship.

HUMAN CARE

October 23 is Honey Sunday. The Human Care Committee will be serving cornbread and honey (honey from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch) between services. As a fund raiser for DBGR, we will also be taking orders for honey. Cost is \$10 a bottle and the honey will be shipped directly to the person who you want to receive it. Little fact about honey, it doesn't spoil. For those who don't care for cornbread, there will be other goodies served. See you then.

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.

ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 29,826.84	\$ 254,561.63
Expense	\$ 33,281.34	\$ 281,708.09
Net	\$ -3,454.50	\$ -27,146.46

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 4,949.53	\$ 42,175.46
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 51,088.00
Net	\$ -1,436.47	\$ -8,912.54

AUGUST PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding

- Kristina Heil & Juan Marcias 9/10

Deaths

- Pat Baukol, communicant member



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"

ELECTION DAY WILL SOON BE HERE, and because God has established Civil Government for the good of our fallen world (see Romans 13), it is very important that we as Christians actively participate in the structure of government under which we live. We are therefore to work for laws, and to elect civil representatives that will best represent God's revealed will and the good of our neighbor. While there are hundreds of issues to consider, let us remember that a person needs to be alive in order to enjoy any of the benefits of civil government's laws and provisions. Therefore, the sanctity of human life naturally rises to the top of issues - both from a biblical view, and as declared in the Declaration of Independence, which rightly lists "life" first among the unalienable rights endowed by our Creator! We therefore have a high responsibility to know the positions held by the various candidates for civil government before we vote. Let us do our homework carefully.

Please continue to share information about our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry with others.

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 on the website. God's blessing in Christ!

-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

"MSL North" Programs for October 2022:

October 2: Rev. Brett Hartwig, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN, presents the message: "Increase Our Faith" based on Luke 17:1-10. This Is The Life" program: "The Sound of Closing Doors" - A man in mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.

October 9: Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Word Unbound, Life Unbroken" based on 2 Timothy 2:1-13. This Is The Life" program: "Oct 9, 2022 - "Tina" - Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus.

October 16: Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President, presents the message: (to be announced). "This Is The Life" program: "Look to the Mountain" - A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

October 23: Rev. Brian Dole, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: (to be announced) based on Luke 18:9-17. "This Is The Life" program: "Home Free" - A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.

October 30: Rev. Mark Moss, Lutheran Heritage Foundation, presents a Reformation message: "Hang in there baby!" based on John 8:31-36. "This Is The Life" program: "The Sexton" - A pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fight an eerie duel in a church.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Liz Clark, Tony Borslien, Brianna Brager, Clara Fuss, Mike Hendrickson, Henley Meyer, Anna Rossow, Alexis Hruza, Brody Matzke, Augustus Myhre, Andrew Roberts, Tanner Heinz, Kavin Miller, Caylee Mutchler, Emmett Wilson, Ken Klingenstein, Carolyn Schatz, Adam Ratz, Easton Shoman, Wendy Ramberg, Rick Wiskur, Lisa Vosberg, Leigh Anne Buckley, Amy Cossette, Bridget Hins, Bethanie Jamgochian, Samuel Bachmeier, Joe Cajobe, David Cook, Joshua Kitzman, Harmony Kramlich, Del Ruff, Darren Cossette, Falan Hehr-Miller, Lori Monson, Tami Hertel, Christian Klemz, Juliet Leslie, Gail Olson, Riley Ruud, Dean Schiller, Joel Dahl, Naomi Hall, Georgia Trzpuc, Sandra Wohler, Blake Haugen, Pam Johnson, Madalyn Coughlin, Andrew Hovland, Jocelyn Osmondson, MiKayla Idso, Gary Metcalf, Owen Oltman, Betty Bohn, Paige Christianson, Jodi Kugler, John Kautzman, Dalton Bossert, Maggie Armburst, Debra Brager, Ward Kitzman, Diana Matzke, Kim Schiffer, Jessica Thompson



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Ann Sherrill, Charles & Joyce Weible, Joe & Paulette Franklin, Richard & Jessica Thompson, Kristi & Richard Buckley, Meilissa & Blake Rosenfeldt, Peter & Amy Boldingh, Mike & Judy Hill, Daniel & Diana Matzke, Dean & Shirley Schiller, Doug & Kim Hinz, Patrick & Darcy Emerson, Vicki & Brian Roberts, Ken & Dawn Dathe



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.



PHILIPPIANS WORKSHOP

Helping pastors and laity collaborate on stewardship.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, is hosting the Rev Heath Curtis, LCMS Coordinator for Stewardship, on October 13, 2022, at 3 p.m. Pastor Curtis will show clergy and laity how St Paul in his letter to the Philipians, especially chapter 1, work together in the congregation in the realm of stewardship. The session begins at 3 p.m. with the pastors. The laity join us at 5:30 for supper. The entire workshop is over at 9 p.m.

Blocks of rooms have been reserved for the night of October 13 at Baymont Inn & Suites, 2611 Old Red Trail NW - 701.663.7401, \$100 per room (single or double) and at the Comfort Inns & Suites, 1516 27th St NW - 701.204.6712 @ \$88/\$93. When calling, reference the Philipians Workshop (or Messiah Lutheran). A registration fee of \$10 per congregation may be paid at the door, but we need you to register ahead of time so we know how much food to prepare. Register by calling the office 701.663.8545 or messiahsecretary@midconetwork.com.

For more information call Rev Dennis Voss, 701-751-2319 or rev.af.col@gmail.com

EncourageMENT

EncourageMENT will be Sat, October 8 from 9am-12pm at Immanuel Lutheran (1258 Broadway N, Fargo). There will be breakfast and Gospel-centered fellowship for men. Pastor Bernie Worrall will be talking about PALS (Post Seminary Applied Learning and Support). RSVP to corey.isaak@gracefargo.org

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 16th. 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 20th and ends on Saturday, October 22nd (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 is \$150 plus housing and is due by Wednesday, October 5th. Forms are available for download at <http://www.nodaklcms.org/youth>. More information on Youth bulletin board.

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



Fall greetings from Grace Lutheran School! Our students have settled into the routine and we are off to a great start. Enrollment never closes, so if you are interested in joining us at Grace this year, please contact us.

We have a new face in the office and a new voice on the phone, Mrs. Diana Harshberger. Please give her a warm welcome if you have a chance to talk to her. She is a long-awaited blessing for us and we are enjoying her warm and cheerful personality.

SAVE THE DATE

A Celebration of Grace dinner and auction will take place on Friday, November 11 at 5:30 pm at the Sanctuary Events Center. This year's program theme is "Rooted to Grow," based on Colossians 2:6-7, and will highlight Grace's roots and shoots. Like last year, silent auctions will be open to all friends of Grace several days before the live event. Ticket holders will be treated to appetizers, social hour, dinner, a program, and live and silent auctions. Please plan to attend this important event for Grace Lutheran School. Tickets are \$45 and will be available on our website in October.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Donations are now being accepted for the Celebration. If you have unused gift cards or other items, a special experience, or handmade goods you would like to donate, please contact Amy at ahirsch@gracels.com or call 701-232-7747.

On October 6 and 7, our teachers and principal are attending the Lutheran Education Association Conference in Green Bay, WI. Please pray for their safe travel, that the conference is a blessing to them and to our school, and that their relationships will be bolstered by their fellowship with each other and with Lutheran educators from around the nation.



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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

October 2022

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45 am

Holy Communion celebrated at all worship services.

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