

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

JANUARY 2023

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Are you feeling the holidays were packed full? Even if you spent them alone, there are a lot of them with First Sunday after Christmas, The Naming of Jesus, Epiphany, the Baptism of Jesus...need I add more? May be some of these are obscure to you, but they have been a part of the church year for centuries. It is good to pay attention to them once again or even notice them for the first time. They have to do with the life of our Lord. You've heard of the 12 days of Christmas! Those are the days leading up to January 6th, that is Epiphany. Because the way the calendar works, two Sundays can fall in between Christmas and Epiphany, giving us the First and Second Sundays after Christmas, but not this year! Christmas falls on a Sunday, and so does New Year's Day. Nope, New Year's Day is not a church holiday, but is known in the church as the Naming and the Circumcision of Jesus, eight days after His birth. Eight days after His birth we already hear that Jesus is fulfilling the Law of the Old Testament. Most importantly fulfilling the Law for us!

That leaves two more holidays to explain. First is Epiphany; the word means "to shine a light on" or in our words, "to reveal." It is where Jesus is revealed to Gentiles. Therefore, January 6th, the day of Epiphany is considered the Gentile Christmas. It is where, according to Matthew 2, magi from the east came to find "the King of the Jews" guided by the light of a star. However, it was the light of the Scriptures that pointed out that He was to be born in Bethlehem. By the Word Jesus was revealed to these Gentile astrologers from the east. By the Word, Jesus is revealed to us!

Finally, the Baptism of Jesus; at His baptism not only is Jesus revealed to the Jews, but all three persons of the Trinity are revealed. The Father speaks about Jesus as His beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus like a dove. Jesus is about age 30. This doesn't mean we should be waiting until age thirty to get baptized. Why? First, a baptism from John the Baptizer is different. His baptisms were for repentance pointing to the coming Christ or Messiah. Things change when Jesus came and then commands the Trinitarian baptism in Matthew 28:18-20. We read from Acts 19:1-7 that the believers baptized by John were later baptized into the Name of Jesus. And more, the Baptism of Jesus is different because Jesus didn't need repentance. He was sinless. So the baptism of Jesus works, you might say, in reverse. He doesn't need to get rid of His sin, but He takes on our sin, and the sin of the whole world. Here again, He fulfills the Old Testament for us by taking on our sin and being driven (Mark 1:12) as a scapegoat on the Day of Atonement into the wilderness for 40 days without food.

Yes, these days are "Holy days" packed together in the calendar of this part of the church year, and rightly packed into one word, "Holidays". So Happy Holidays or Happy Holy Days, where we celebrate our Jesus taking our sin, even the sin of the whole world to the cross and burying them in the tomb!

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP



Have you thought about serving the coffee and treats for the Sunday morning fellowship time, but don't know exactly what to do? Well, problem solved. We've written up some guidelines to help you along. They are on the scheduling clipboard in the Welcome Center, so take one with you when you sign up. We've also placed the guidelines in the kitchen by the coffee maker. You can make this a family project, or you can partner with a friend. It's a fun, behind-the-scenes servant activity, and a great way to interact with your fellow St. Andrew members.

LWML

Ladies, young and old, do you like paper crafting? Or just hanging out with a great bunch of women. At January's meeting we are going to be making Valentine cards for the shut-ins. We will meet at 6:30 at the church, Tuesday, January 10. Come and join the fun. Paper supplies will be provided. (The time change is to accommodate the younger kids that would like to join in the fun.)



HAT, MITTEN, SCARF TREE



There is now a Hat, Mitten, & Scarf Tree in the Narthex. Please leave what you can and take what you need.

-The Board of Human Care

ND DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT

Archeology and the Bible: Can You Believe It? Rev. Dr. Mark Schuler of Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, worked for 20 years as the director of the Northeast Insulae Project at the Hippos/Sussita Excavations of the Zinman Institute of Archeology at the University of Haifa. He will address the archeology in well-known Biblical cities that sheds new light on Jesus' world during the time of his ministry and gives tips on how Christians can distinguish pseudo-science from scientific archeology in our understanding of Biblical history.

Begins with meal Friday, Jan 13th at 6pm and ends Saturday, Jan 14th at 2pm. \$100. RSVP to Corey at corey.isaak@gracefargo.org or 701-281-0240.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH 125th ANNIVERSARY

Join Grace Lutheran Church for a service celebrating 125 years on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 2pm. Reception to follow. For more information go to www.gracefargo.org



OUR FINANCES - GREAT NEWS & DECEMBER UPDATE!

We've completely turned around our financial situation in a short amount of time. On 8/31/22, we were still facing an open balance of \$12,000+ for the 2021 shortfall, and a 2022 YTD deficit of over \$47,500. The situation was dire. Through the months of September, October, and November we received 3 large donations, each in excess of \$10,000. Those 3 donations really helped St. Andrew to reverse course financially. By 11/30/22, the 2021 shortfall has been cleared, and we are now reporting 2022 operations at more than \$15,000 "in the black" (revenues exceed expenses). That's a positive swing of nearly \$75,000. **We are so thankful for the generosity of those three donors!!**

The Board of Financial Management met on Sunday, Dec 18th to review our current financials. We are happy to announce that all "frozen expenditures" (some going back as far as May 2022) have been approved for payment. We will be cutting checks to Grace Lutheran School to fully honor our 2022 commitment and to the ND District LCMS to honor our 10% mission budget for 2022. Our December donations have been better than average so far, but let's keep our "foot on the gas" through the end of the year, so we can finish 2022 with no shortfall. Wouldn't it be nice to enter 2023 without the burden of clearing a shortfall from the prior year? That's a feat we haven't been able to achieve for at least five years. We can do it!

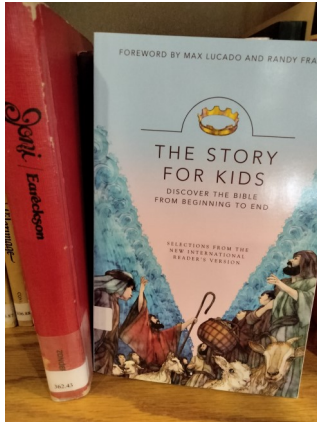
UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to let the church office know if you have a new address, changed your phone number or email. Thank you

LIBRARY CORNER

Why not start the new year with reading a short Bible story each night to your kids? Check out The Story For Kids from the church library. Each Bible story is just a few pages and will familiarize your family with the Bible as a whole continuous story of God and His people. It's located at 220.95 on the library shelves.

For adults we've heard of Joni Eareckson Tada, but before she was married she was in an accident that changed her life forever. This classic book is inspirational and still a great read 46 years later. Find it at 362.43.



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.

GROW VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Ed is looking for volunteers interested in leading the GROW opener on Sunday mornings from 9:30-9:40. There is sign-up sheet in the welcome center for those that are interested! Please contact Kevin Osmondson at 701-793-4955 with questions.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Skalicky, Mckayla Schiffner, Joshua Oltman, Maysie Aarestad, Amy Tuscherer, Sabrina Brinkman, Janel Beauchamp, Randy Weisser, Jared Reber, Jeff Wollitz, Jordan Grossman, Deion Heinen, Matthew Klemz, Jerome Brager, Sue Boer, LeeRoy Bangert, Brenda Renfrew, Verdell Gagelin, Morgan Mallea, Gene Hehr, Stephanie Hussey, Patrick Emerson, Jonathan Martin, Lucas Monson, Darick Dorn, Lindsey Erickson, Jean Thoemke, Leah Flaskerud, Gary Church, Cecilia Lindquist, Kari Remmen, Leslie Schilling, Joshua Roberts, Richard Thompson, Audrey Berry, Arlene Buckely, Amber Brandt, James Joyce, Sarah Olson, Joslyn Pierce, Rachel Myhre, Dominic Kolubah, Tony Oldham, Jason Skalicky, Oliver Terry, Wade Otto, Peter Boldingh, Amy Hagman, Aida Sola, James Bass, Betty Roquette, Todd Berg, Julia Coughlin, Tannis Anderson-Nygaard, Remy Tuscherer, Faith Eschbach-Johnson, Leanne Muhl, Jessica Melvin, Thomas Doyel, Miriam Harvala, Wren Mallea, Jennifer Borah, James Larsen



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



Marco & Jennifer Weil, Gary & Gayle Wohl, Jeremy & Jennifer Rossow, Gary & Bonnie Muhl, Walter & Judy Erdmann, Janel & Mike Beauchamp, Landon & Sabrina Brinkman

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.

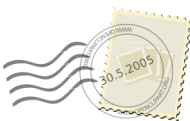
There is a giving box set up in the Narthex for your weekly contribution of \$1. There is power and strength, in many giving a little. Thank you.

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.

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.

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?

Here is a list of the primary items:

- 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.

When volunteering for the Altar Guild, you can choose when to do many of these tasks pending your schedule. 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. It's one month out of the year and flexible. We like to have at least two groups per month, so it can be shared with another couple, spouse, friends or family members. Please consider this, and if you are interested or would like more details, contact Connie Klug at 701-866-9487. Thank you!

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

YOUTH & EDUCATION **UPCOMING AREA YOUTH EVENTS**

- 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering ND District Reunion: date and location to be determined
- Game Night: Friday, January 27 from 7-10pm 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

YOUTH & FAMILY SKI DAY

On February 4th we have our annual Family Ski Trip to Andes Tower Hills. This is a favorite event and is for the entire congregation. The event is Saturday, February 4th and registration forms must be turned in by the Sunday prior - January 29th. For those in the Fargo area, you can meet at Beautiful Savior and travel together. Others can meet us at Andes Tower Hills. More information and registration forms can be found on the Youth Bulletin Board.



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

JANUARY 2023

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS! Have you made some of these - perhaps related to diet and/or exercise? I'm not much of a New Year's resolutions kind of a person; but on the other hand, FRESH STARTS are one of the most important aspects of a Christian's life! Every time we REPENT of our sins, we are not only confessing that we have done something contrary to God's will, but we are also to be intentionally declaring our RESOLUTION to change our minds and actions regarding that sin! With God's forgiveness and on-going process of our sanctification, may our 2023 be filled with resolutions that allow God's Holy Spirit to continue to "transform us by the renewing of our minds" (Romans 12:2) - in Christ! A Blessed New Year to all!

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 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 January 2023:

January 1st: Rev. Daniel Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: "Our Exodus" based on Matthew 2:13-23. Lutheran Hour seasonal program: "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way.

January 8th: Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message: "The Baptism of our Lord Jesus" based on Matthew 3:13-17. "This Is the Life" program: "Senior Citizen" - A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.

January 15th: Rev. Daniel Suelzle, Wittenberg Chapel, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: "The Lamb of God" based on John 1:29-42a. "This Is the Life" program: "The Deadly Pen" - A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.

January 22nd: Life Sunday Service / Guest Speaker. "This Is the Life" program: "Live Option" - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child.

January 29th: Rev. Richard Biberdorf, Grace Lutheran Church, Carrington, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Cooperstown, ND, and Zion Lutheran Church, Rural Binford., presents the message: "When Worlds Collide" based on 1 Corinthians 1:26-31. "This Is the Life" program: "Transition"- A young boy reacts to the reality of a divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces.



Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year from Grace Lutheran School!

Thank you to all who joined us at the Christmas musical, "O Busy Town of Bethlehem." Sharing the Gospel is an important part of our students' spiritual education and we rejoice with all people who are blessed in hearing it.

We revealed our "Growing Together in Grace" campaign at A Celebration of Grace in November. In January, we will hold informational meetings with all congregations (dates TBD). In these meetings, we will share the design drawings, introduce our goals for each phase, and our architects will be available for questions. We invite all members of our Association congregations to join us, as each church will be holding a special voter's meeting to discuss and vote on this project's go ahead.

Parents, it's time to get your children started at Grace Lutheran School. Extend the message your children already receive at home and at church to their school day and see the difference Grace can make in your child and your family's life. We hear that cost is the biggest hurdle for families, but we firmly believe that cost should never be a barrier and encourage all families to apply for financial aid and/or use the church subsidy, if offered by your church. If you would like more information about Grace, get started at www.gracelutheranschoolfargo.com.

Our first open house of the year will take place on Tuesday, January 17 from 5-6:30 pm. There will be additional open houses in February and March 2023. Families can RSVP for open houses on our website, and walk-ins are always welcome. If families are not able to attend an open house, private tours and classroom experience days are always an option. Call 701-232-7747 or email ahirsch@gracels.com to get started

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45 am

Holy Communion celebrated at all worship services.

January 2023

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