

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

FEBRUARY 2023

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

So what do you want to be when you grow up? Answers are different for different stages of people's lives. When those who are elementary age respond, it's easy for older people to smile, and think, "I wonder if they will say the same thing next time?" It gets more serious in high school. Parents want to know so they can plan for their son or daughter's future. Yet many change their minds during the college years. If a person doesn't know by age forty (or sooner) or is starting a family, we may think there's something seriously wrong with them. But how about when your children are grown? Do we quit asking? I believe it is important to keep asking, "What do I want to be when I grow up?" Asking the question keeps a person young and looking forward to new ways of serving others. It is a recognition that as time goes on, our vocations change as well. God has created us for a life of service, serving different ways at different times.

This is also true for our congregation. For the first 25 years of our existence we were on district subsidy. Who knew if this West Fargo Mission would succeed? We are thankful for the many congregations who stepped out in faith and supported the ministry of St. Andrew for those first 25 years of exponential growth. You might say the next 20 years were our pre-teen years. Our congregational life was crammed into a small building, half the size of our current one. Then by stepping out in faith, we expanded our building starting in 2005 taking on a large debt. You might call these years the teenage years. As we look to retire our debt our question is, "What do you as a congregation want to be when you grow up?" Or more importantly, "What does God want the ministry and mission of St. Andrew to be?" This is what the upcoming self-study is about.

"What does God want us to be?" First and foremost would be in the words of Ephesians 4:15, (ESV) "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." That can only happen when people are involved in Word and Sacrament. Corporate worship is vital, so is Bible Study. When we are involved, we give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to work. Being adults is not to stop our receiving from the Lord.

Next is our giving in mission, that is in words of Matthew 28:19 (ESV), "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." The required "how" is baptizing and teaching, but getting people to that point is left up to us, responding to the people and opportunities the Lord places in our lives. Take some time and look at all the missions our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is involved in at , our ND District work at , and the multiple Recognized Service Organizations (RSO). One RSO we have close to us is the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

Remember the Red River Lutheran School Association from which we run Grace Lutheran School. Our school is both a ministry and a mission. A ministry to our members and a mission to others who are not a part of our congregations, especially to those who don't know Jesus.

As our congregation moves to adulthood and as we move to retire our mortgage debt, always keep in mind the "why." If we lose the "why", there's no purpose in our existence. Our purpose is the ministry and mission which our Lord Jesus has given to us in this place and time.

So what does God want us to be as we grow in Christ?

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14 (ESV)

## **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**



LWML will meet Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 p.m. The Bible study will be from the fall or winter Quarterly. Please bring both if you have them. Since we were unable to meet in December and collect the Red Stockings, please bring you Red Stocking with you also.

LWML Prayer Service is being held at St. Andrew Saturday, February 18. Fellowship with treats starts at 9:00 a.m. The service starts at 9:30 a.m. My Soul Rejoices: A Service of Song and Prayer. Please join your sisters and brothers in Christ in singing familiar hymns, joining together in the Word, and spending time in prayer, individually and corporately, helping you recognize and give thanks for you God-given blessings.

## **CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD**

A Bible Study to call to courage, confession, and love. Privilege, politically correct, woke, anti-racist, and social justice are common words in the world today. Do you know what they mean? Does it seem to you that the world is being divided along the lines of gender, race, and religion? Why is that? Does it seem to you that some people desire to be a victim? Why is that? To answer these questions and understand the world in which we live, we must all understand the new Marxism which is often called "Cultural Marxism." While many pundits have begun to respond to this ideology from a secular point of view, that is not what we will do. Instead, we as God's people, will go into scripture in order to examine and understand it from a distinctly Christian point of view. There, we will find the needed courage to respond in truth and love in Christ alone. Presented by Rev. Paul Dare of Zion Lutheran in Alexandria MN at Immanuel Fargo, ND on Saturday, February 25th.

Registration begins at 9am with a free will offering and will run from 9:30am-2pm. Lunch will be provided.

## **LENT DEVOTIONS**

Man of Sorrows, People of Joy, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Lent devotions for 2023 will be available in the Narthex in mid February.

## **FAREWELL LUNCHEON**

Crosspointe will have a short farewell program directly after the 10:30am worship service on Feb. 5th. The luncheon will include a soup, salad, and bread-stick lunch with cake. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## **TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS**

Have you ever wanted to reach out to others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ but did not? Have you ever wanted to encourage family members with the Good News of salvation by grace through faith, but struggle with how to accomplish it? Have you been concerned about the future of your loved ones concerning eternal life? Have you been concerned about the future of your congregation or the church throughout the world? Do you want others to share the joy and peace of God's grace and mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ? If your answer to any of these questions is "Yes," join us for the "Tell the Good News about Jesus" convocation on February 10 & 11, 2023, at the Ramada Inn in Bismarck, ND. Cost is \$50 per person or \$75 maximum per family. Please plan to attend as we pursue our vocation as members of the body of Christ our Savior.

You can find more information and register online at <https://www.nodaklcms.org/events/evangelism-convocation-2023/>

## **LUTHERANS FOR LIFE 2023 ESSAY CONTEST**

Students in Grades 6 through 12 will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: Just As ... I Am with the Bible verse: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10 Essays need to be turned in by April 1, 2023. More information can be found on <https://lutheransforlife.org/2023-lutherans-for-life-essay-contest/>

## **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.

**PHASE II OF THE DEBT REDUCTION  
CAMPAIGN HAS STARTED!**

The Faithfully Forward Together committee recently met to formulate plans for Phase II. The goal of Phase II is to raise enough funds to **totally retire our mortgage debt** by 12/31/23 or sooner.

As a quick refresher, we started Phase I back in September 2021 when our debts totaled \$375,000. In the span of 5 short months, we raised \$128,000 of “over and above” giving to apply against our debt. Throughout 2022, we continued to make our required \$6,386 monthly mortgage payment. And we had some nice 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022 donations to FFT, despite the lack of any active campaign.

The combination of reduced expenses due to only one called worker, as well as some strong donations in the last 4 months of 2022 caused our 2022 General Fund to also finish strong. Revenues were nearly \$23,000 ahead of expenses. Those “in the black” earnings were earmarked for mortgage debt reduction.

So, where are we now? We will make our normal monthly mortgage payment in January. At the same time, we will also make a principal payment of \$32,000 (\$23,000 of “in the black” earnings plus \$9,000 of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FFT donations). After those 2 transactions, our mortgage will be down to approximately \$135,000. That’s a \$240,000 drop in our total debt from where we started back in September 2021!! The committee feels the goal of wiping out this debt by year’s end is very achievable.

Watch for Phase II’s kickoff in February. Together let’s “put the pedal to the metal” and put that mortgage debt in the rear view mirror. We can do it!

Faithfully Forward Together Committee



**BY THE NUMBERS**

**ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN  
FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	DECEMBER	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$40,445	\$447,315
General Fund Expenses:	-\$32,743	-\$424,439
Net	\$ 7,702	\$ 22,876

**We finished 2022 IN THE BLACK.  
No Shortfall!**

Mortgage Fund Income:	\$ 2,967	\$ 41,207
Subsidy-General Fund/FFT:	\$ 1,000	\$ 27,600
Mortgage Loan Payments:	-\$ 6,386	-\$ 76,632
Net	\$ (2,419)	\$ (6,371)

**We keep several months of mortgage payments in the Mortgage Fund to cover an unexpected emergency. We started 2022 with 4.4 months of payments in the Fund. By the end of 2022, we are down to 3.4 months of payments.**

**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.

## A THOUGHT ABOUT COMMUNION

We learn in the Small Catechism, “Certainly not just the eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: ‘Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.’ These words along with the bodily eating and drinking are the main thing in the Sacrament.” The words, “**the main thing**,” means first, there is a main thing. If we don’t have the main thing, we have nothing in common. Second, it’s not the only thing. There are other things to consider. The main thing is what’s going on in Holy Communion, that is what you are receiving in this vertical relationship between you and your Lord.

However, there’s also the horizontal relationship, which is, with whom you are communing. First, is that you are a part of the body of Christ, and so is that person next to you and all the others who are receiving the same body and blood of Jesus in, with and under the bread and wine as you are. How you have and are treating them is how you treat Jesus. That’s what’s is going on in 1 Corinthians 11 and why Paul points out in 1 Corinthians 11:29 (ESV) “For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning **the body** eats and drinks judgment on himself.” The body of Jesus is not only in and with the bread, but also are those communing with you.

These teachings are also important when we visit other congregations who invite us to commune with them. We need to ask ourselves, “What do we have in common with them?” For example, if they deny that body and blood are present, then we don’t have that in common with them. It would be hypocrisy to commune with them. Also, when anybody is allowed to come to the Holy Communion no matter what they believe, that congregation has no common confession of what they believe about the Lord’s Supper. When we go to a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we are to be assured that they teach and confess what we teach and confess at St. Andrew, and so we have a communion, a common union. For the Sacrament is to be a confession of faith.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Dan Klug, Diondrey Viken, Sharon Hurt, Brooklyn Simenson, Diane Keating, Brent Bohner, Andrea Hill, Landon Brinkman, Connie Klug, Reuben Willis, Jayda Steen, GraceAnna Skalicky, Larry Phillips, Alicia Anderson, Valerie Groen, Kevin Brager, Christine Vigil, Evie Paul, Sandra Heiden, Arnold Sommerfeld, Brenda Viou, Mason Emerson, Ember Myhre, Steve Hansen, Michel Mason, David Pistorius, Rev. Clark Jahnke, Xu Zong, Brady Graveline, Rick Heinz, Jeff Pierce, Samantha Borah, Whitney Pistorius, Emilie Harvala, Starla Helmer, Jennifer Erickson, Penelope Maurer, Jase Olson, Torill Wasness, Gladys Kautzman, Elesha Oltman, Wade Trzpuć, Patricia Harbott, Kurt Gunning, Kelly Muhl, Jesse Bowman, Evin Borseth, Shirley Platfers, Ava Mutchler, Eoin Stafki, Linda Glass, Carol Metcalf, Trudy Ruff, Jonathan Borah, Arden Glanzer, Dianne Nirschl, Ann Sherrill, Shane Fjeld, Makenzie Charvat, Lilah Shoman, Sawyer Meyer

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Carol Metcalf, Sheila & Don Carlson, Gordy & Sandy Ostrom, John & Gladys Kautzman, Kurt & Vanessa Gunning, Carolyn & Randy Schatz, Tom & Leila Lau, Gene & Lois Hehr, Randy & Carolyn Fiechtner



## 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.





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

FEBRUARY 2023:

"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5 The Christian season of Lent begins this month - and with it comes a special time to prepare for two of the most important historical events of the Church year, the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord! As we consider our fallen sinful condition and need for a Savior, may God's Holy Spirit open the doors of our hearts ever wider -- that we may more fully understand and receive the redeeming work of our Lord!

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 February 2023:

February 5th: Rev. Bruce Block, Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, MN, presents the message: "A Message of Wisdom or Power?" based on 1 Corinthians 2:15. This Is the Life program: "The Gift" - A daughter struggles over what to do with birthday gift money.

February 12th: Rev. Michael Suelzle, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Devils Lake, ND, presents the message: "A New Creation" based on Matthew 5:29-30. "This Is the Life" program: "The Priceless Book" - Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God's Word for comfort.

February 19th: Rev. Jim Meyer, member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, presents the message: "The Son Gives Light Beyond Words!" based on Matthew 17:1-9. "This Is the Life" program: "In Search of Dignity" - Two factory workers struggle to find meaning after they are replaced by machines.

February 26th: Rev. Douglas Thompson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fischer, MN, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents a message based on Matthew 4:1-11. "This Is the Life" program: "Which Way Grows the Vine" - A father struggles to accept the consequences of his actions and set an example for his son.

## **YOUTH & EDUCATION**

### **UPCOMING AREA YOUTH EVENTS**

- 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering ND District Reunion: date and location to be determined
- 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



Winter greetings from Grace Lutheran School in our 75th year! Yes, Grace Lutheran School is 75 in 2023. We look forward to an exciting year commemorating this milestone and the thousands of students who have set foot in this building.

For starters, we are inviting all alumni to register through our website. We are looking for history, stories, photos, and anecdotes from bygone years to paint a picture of Grace's ministry and mission through time. In return, you will receive a twice-yearly newsletter keeping you connected with your alma mater. More activities will be announced throughout the year.

Thank you to ALL who attended our Growing Together in Grace informational meetings in January. Please hold the Association in your prayers as we proceed to the next step in this process.

Giving Hearts Day is fast approaching (February 9). This is Grace Lutheran School's 9th year participating in the day of giving. We have a \$3000(+) match and a goal to raise \$40,000 this year to Grow Together in Grace (and at Grace and with Grace). It is our greatest desire to make the ministry of Grace Lutheran School financially accessible to ALL. Giving Hearts Day is a profound opportunity for our supporters to help us throw the doors wide open for everyone. Please consider supporting Grace Lutheran School on February 9 or schedule your giving now at [www.gracelutheranschoolfargo.com](http://www.gracelutheranschoolfargo.com).



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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.*

**Wednesday Lenten Services starting Feb 22nd through March 29th at 6:30pm**

**February 2023**

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