

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

MARCH 2023

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Ever been in a heated argument? The end result can be deadly. We pray it never gets to the point of physical death, but an argument certainly can kill a relationship.

Ever want avoid an argument? My answer is certainly yes, and I pray that yours is too! However, it is easy to conclude that the way to avoid an argument is to avoid the other person. Scripture has better advice. Actually, it is more than advice. It is being who you are in Christ. It is remembering our baptisms, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4, ESV).

What does this newness of life look like? Colossians 3 has a lot to say, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1, ESV). Check the rest of it out especially these words, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:12-17, ESV).

It all starts with Jesus and what He has done for us. That's what Lent is about...starting new again as we look at why Jesus went to the cross.

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8



Pasta with a Purpose
Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, April 29
12-7 pm
Grace Lutheran School
1025 14th Ave S, Fargo

Tickets available at the door.
\$12 (age 12+)
\$6 (age 4-11)

Stay tuned for links to pre-purchase sauce and place carryout orders.

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT!

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CHRIST • CHARACTER • COMMUNITY

LENT DEVOTIONS

Man of Sorrows, People of Joy, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Lent devotions for 2023 are available in the Narthex.

CHRISTUS CHORUS

The Christus Chorus of Concordia University, St. Paul will be blessing our worship on Palm Sunday, April 2nd at 8am and 10:45am services. The award-winning chamber choir of twenty singers will offer selections from their Holy Week tour program, "God So Loved the World." The music ranges from classical choral literature to folk and spiritual arrangements. We will be having a potluck after the 10:45am service so we can send them on their way to Zion Alexandria for their evening concert.

They also will be performing the night before at Immanuel Lutheran Church on 1258 Broadway N in Fargo. That is Saturday, April 1st, at 7pm.

The Christus Chorus led by Dr. David Mennicke since 1989, has performed by invitation with the Minnesota Orchestra, for state and national music conferences, and in concert throughout the U.S., Asia, Africa, and Europe.

LWML NEWS

The LWML will meet this month on Tuesday, March 14, at 7pm. We will use the newest Quarterly for the Bible study. (It's dated Winter 2022) There will be extra copies of the Bible Study if you need. Also if you have any Red Stocking money please bring them that night or get them to Sandie Eaton.

Upcoming event: The LWML has been asked to serve the potluck Sunday, April 1.

The Spring Rally is going to be Saturday, April 15 at Beautiful Savior. Kelly from Hope Blooms will be the speaker and have some activities. Time and more information coming. But mark the date on your calendars!

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.



LIBRARY CORNER

Check out these items in the library: Fearfully and Wonderfully Made is a book of beautiful photos and illustrations of child development in the womb. Also, the 5 Things You Can Do To Live a Jesus - Centered Life is a short, doable book to grow your faith. The DVD Old Fashioned is a good clean, yet modern romance.



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/>

CALLING ALL GLS ALUMNI!

If you went to Grace Lutheran School at any time in your life since 1948, we'd like to connect or reconnect with you, keep you informed on what's happening at your alma mater, and learn more about your life at and after Grace. History matters and your stories are important. It is time to preserve these memories. Please take time to fill in the information online including as much or little information as you'd like. In exchange, we will send you a twice-yearly newsletter and invitations to other events, if you'd like.

If you would like to share photographs or have more to share than is asked here, please email secretary@gracels.com. Mail can be sent to 1025 14th Avenue South, Fargo, ND 58103.



Calling All Alumni!

Help us paint a picture of the mission and 75 years of ministry at Grace Lutheran School in exchange for a twice-yearly newsletter!

Register Online 



ALUMNI
Grace Lutheran School

Go to www.gracelutheranschoolfargo.com
We can't wait to hear from you!

FAITHFULLY FORWARD *Together*

PHASE II



THE RACE IS ON!

Hey Everyone!

By the time you read this newsletter, you should have received the direct mail brochure launching Phase II of our Faithfully Forward Together campaign. Phase I was a huge success and we managed to pay off a lot of our debt and lower our mortgage by a bunch! So, 2023 is our chance to finally be a debt-free congregation. That means no more having to come up with the pesky \$6,800 monthly mortgage payment and hopefully no more shortfall loans.

We'll be in a way better position as a church community to operate debt-free. But, to make this happen, we need your continued support for our regular General Fund giving. Our FFT campaign relies on your extra "Over and Above" giving donations to help reduce our debt. Please prioritize your regular giving and consider making a special gift to FFT to help us eliminate our debit in 2023.

What is our Phase II Goal?

Dec 2022 year-end Total Debt \$173,000

Jan 2023, in addition to our scheduled monthly loan payment of \$6,386, we made a \$32,000 principal payment. **Total Debt is now down to \$135,000.**

That is quite a distance we've traveled since our Phase I start of \$375,000. Check out our Phase II direct mailer to get all the details. We have copies at the Church if you didn't receive one!

We've been richly blessed by God during this campaign. We trust it may be His will to help us totally eliminate the balance this year!

Faithfully Forward Together
Debt **Elimination** Committee

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.

BY THE NUMBERS

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JANUARY	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$35,933	\$,35,933
General Fund Expenses:	-\$24,105	-\$,24,105
Net	\$11,828	\$ 11,828
Mortgage Fund Income:	\$ 5,321	\$, 5,321
Mortgage Loan Payments:	-\$ 6,386	-\$, 6,386
Net	\$ (1,065)	\$(1,065)

Our 2023 budget calls for monthly income of \$32,800 and we beat that goal by several thousand dollars. Our Mortgage Fund Income was strong. January was also the month we benefited from a one-time adjustment made by our benefits provider (Concordia Plan Services). CPS changed their billing cycle, so in 2023 we'll get 11 months of premium bills, not 12. Having no premium payment in January saved us \$4,800.

LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



Have you considered trying Electric Funds Transfer (EFT) Giving?

- It's easy to set up!
- First Fruits Giving.
- It's a great way to provide continued support for your regular General Fund giving.
- You can set up dates and dollar amounts that work best for you. Plus, you can change the amount at any time.

If you haven't signed up for EFT, please check out our website and consider making a one-time contribution. If you like it and feel comfortable, you can set up a recurring contribution.

Questions? Please Contact:
Mary in the Office or
Joe Franklin with the Board of Stewardship.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Jennifer Rossow, Dustin Guler, Barb Olson, Jeremy Rossow, Lanae Cajobe, Todd Jess, Mike Simenson, Shirley Schiller, Houston Vis-to, Hanna Anderson, Cari Weidner, Kirk Ros-in, Jason Boer, Doug Bredine, Steve Vogel, Wayne Oakland, Gary Wohl, Darlene Gruber, Alyssa Sav-ageau, Ruth Joyce, Sheldon Tuscherer, Devin Schatz, Colten Bossert, Kim Fuss, Cory Schatschneider, Mer-ralee Morse, MaTia Martin, Joyce Michaelson, Jacob Hurt, Chris Paul, Hannah Rossow, Parker Terry, Lindsay Johnson, Randy Olson, Jason Bossert, Gloria Ybarra, Paris Volk, Allison Klug, Ashley Erickson, Jeremy Pistorius, Ross Haugeberg, Alexander Reber, Gayle Wohl, Denise Lies, Bryan Hins, Oliver Kitz-man, Maxine Nordeen, Jodie Razenberger, Art Weidner, Lillian Hammer, Mark Brown, Nolan Young, Leila Lau, Dylan Brown, Alicia Severson, Christian Anderson, Michaela Goroski, Gabriel Reber, Ernie Feland, Jordan Pierce, Leo Brinkman, Wayne Brager, Christopher Johnson, Devin Power, Ruth Greenmeyer, Dylan Boit, Natasha Volk, Karen Dwyer, Calvin Anderson, Brendan Klug, Matthew Peightal

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Kim Bossert, Joel & Kelsy Augustin, Kristi & Cameron Hopkins, Debbie & Darrell Johnson, Lori & Royce Jawaski, Jennifer & Brenton Larson, Ray & Torill Wasness, Addie & Hans Wohler, Mike & Sara Sell, Les & Bonnie Schil-ling



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 bur-densome 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.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

MARCH 2023:

This month I thought I'd share a note from one of our viewers: Harriet writes: "I enjoy and appreciate the Main Street Living Program. To have a LCMS program televised in our area is great. It is so nice to hear the different Pastors present their messages, and the choirs singing each Sunday. I am in an assisted living housing and am unable to attend our home church. I am also enclosing a memorial in honor of my late husband." Thanks so much Harriet. It is a joy to be able to bring these worship services and "This Is the Life" programs into your home each week!

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 do-nate 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 March 2023:

March 5th: Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cavalier, ND, St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. Thomas, ND, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon, ND, presents the message: "The Canaanite Woman" based on Matthew 15:21-28. This Is the Life program: "Prescription TLC" - Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing.

March 12th: Rev. Steven Schulz, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "Jesus Has Mercy on Sinners" based on John 4:5-26. This Is the Life" program: "Dangerous Moment" - An affair on a business trip leads to tension at home.

March 19th: Rev. Karl Weber, St. John Lutheran Church, Ottertail, MN, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Richville, MN, presents the message: "The Work of the Messiah" based on John 9:1-41. "This Is the Life" program: ""Who will tell Lauria?" - A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident.

March 26th: Rev. Christopher Durham, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lisbon, ND, presents a message "The Lord Provides for our Eternal Need" based on Genesis 22:1-14. "This Is the Life" program: "Holy Land Tour, Part 1" - A video tour of locations in Je-sus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

UPCOMING AREA YOUTH EVENTS

- 2022 LCMS Youth Gathering ND District Reunion: date and location to be determined
- ND District LYF Retreat: March 3-4 at Chieftain, Carrington
- Nerf Night: Friday, March 24 at Immanuel, Fargo

NERF NIGHT

Join us on Friday, March 24th from 7-10pm for an evening of games, Bible study, snacks and of course Nerf games at Immanuel Lutheran. For youth in 6th-12th grade. Friends are welcome! Cost is \$3 per person. Bring your own Nerf Gun. Darts will be provided.

Please turn in a registration slip & \$3 by March 19th.



HOMEWORK HELP & STUDY GROUP



If your confirmation student is interested in getting help with either homework or confirmation work, the board of education will be hosting a study group Monday nights from 6:30-7:30. Please contact Mariah

Hendrickson at (701)541-4584 or Dan Norton at (701)799-4496 with any questions you may have!

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.



Grace, mercy, and peace from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!!

The beginning of the calendar year is a busy time at Grace Lutheran School: re-enrollment (94% K-7th), new enrollments (8), open houses (4), parent-teacher conferences (95), and Giving Hearts Day (more on that later).

Adding to the excitement, we introduced our capital improvement campaign, Growing Together in Grace. Association pastors, church presidents, and GLS board representatives have been provided with information about the Growing Together in Grace campaign to share with each congregation. Special voter's meetings have taken place or will take place prior to April 1 to vote on this project's go ahead. We encourage you to vote yes.

Grace Lutheran School participated in its 9th Giving Hearts Day on February 9! We had a \$7000 match, provided by Dakota Refrigeration (DRI) and other friends of Grace. You all helped us raise over \$42,000!! We even broke a couple of records: pre-match total giving (\$34,000) and number of unique donors (193). We are so grateful for each and every person who cares about and supports Lutheran education as much as we do! Thank you all so much!

Upcoming Activities:

March 9: Come on over to Grace and check out the Science Fair starting at 6:30 pm.

March 14: Students will pack Mercy Meals at about 12:30 pm. If you have interest in volunteering alongside our students, please email ahirsch@gracels.com.

March 15: Experience Day at Grace Lutheran School is from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. If you are thinking about Grace this fall, send your student to school with us that day. We'll pair them with an ambassador, introduce them to peers, and show them a (half) day in the life at Grace.

March 20: We added another open house from 5-6:30 pm. This is for families and students of all ages to attend and gather information about Grace.

April 29: Save The Date for Pasta With a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner



St. Andrew Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
1005 First Street East
West Fargo, North Dakota 58078

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45 am

Holy Communion celebrated at all worship services.

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

March 2023

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