

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

APRIL 2023

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Susan, I, and our whole family thank you for your many heartfelt words and actions expressed in person, through cards and calls concerning the loss of our grandson, Micah Jax Jahnke. We are thankful for the abundant support you have given. What a blessing to have such a church family.

Micah passed from this life on Thursday, March 16, 2023. He was born that same day to our son, Nathan, and Faith (Winings) Jahnke of Batavia, IL at Northwestern Delnor Hospital, Geneva, IL. His coming brought much joy, but his little life was short and his departure was with deep sorrow, especially for his parents. However, the Lord granted him the gift of baptism in the sight of his parents after being transferred to Central DuPage Hospital and his life quickly departed.

In faith, we commend Micah to the Lord's mercy, grace and care because of the commands and promises of our Savior Jesus Christ. We are confident that His Word does what it says. We believe He has heard, hears and answers our prayers because of Jesus, for He grants whatever we ask in His Name (John 14:13, 15:16, 16:23). We know that the name of Jesus and His command to pray in His name is no magical formula. However, His name is to know His will and to understand His will. It is to trust that our Lord is good and gives the ultimate good to those who trust in Him. How else could Job in 1:21 **bless the Lord** saying, (ESV), "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; **blessed be the name of the LORD.**" Job said this as he grieved over the loss of his 7 children (1:20). The devotion we read from the Portals of Prayer on the day Micah was born and while he was living was from Job 1. I am reminded that Job, also in his deep despair, turned to the Lord with his deepest concerns and questions. Though greatly humbled, even by the Lord, the Lord granted Him great faith and promises the same for us.

Therefore, we can also bring every concern and question to our heavenly Father. I am reminded of the LSB Hymn #770,

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

You will notice that I have taken out a part of verse one. It is not because it isn't true, but because we have taken Micah's situation to the Lord in prayer. Many people, such as yourselves, prayed and are praying. However, when we are ready, these words will be a constant reminder for the days, weeks, and years that we all will live after Micah's short life, "Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!"

Jesus, who is the only way to the Father and the only way we can call God, our Father, is our hope, not only for eternal life, but also for the resurrection of the body. We are reminded as we pray the Lord's Prayer calling on "Our Father, who art in heaven," "With these words, God tenderly invites us to believe He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children as their dear father." And, "...that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him, for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means 'yes, yes, it shall be so.'"

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

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 door offering to support them & 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.

USHER TRAINING & PIZZA

Do you like pizza? Would you like to help ushering at church services but not sure how? Come join us April 3rd at 6pm for the first usher training pizza party! Current ushers are also encouraged to attend to freshen up skills. Please sign up on the sheet in the welcome center. Any questions please see Jeff Pierce or Ray Wasness. We hope to see many of you there!

HOLY WEEK:

April 2, 2023 is Palm Sunday which includes the procession of palms & Holy Communion

"What do you want?"

Matthew 20:20-21

April 6, 2023-**7:30pm** - Maundy Thursday with Communion: individual and common cup offered

"It is the Lord's Death We Proclaim!" 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

April 7, 2023 **7:30pm** - Good Friday with Tenebrae

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:31-66

April 9, 2023 Easter with Holy Communion at 7am and 10am

"Jesus, in Flesh and Blood!"

Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Breakfast served, 8am-9:30am

CROSS WALK & EASTER BREAKFAST

Please join us for our annual Cross Walk, devotion, and lunch on Good Friday, April 7th beginning at 10:30 am. All are welcome to walk or to come for the devotion and lunch at noon. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board so we have numbers for meal preparation. Easter Breakfast will be served by our youth on Easter Sunday, April 9th from 8:00 am-9:30 am. We look forward to celebrating our Lord's victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil.

LWML NEWS

LWML will meet April 11, at 7pm at the church. The Bible Study will be from the Spring Quarterly. (Copies will be available also). This will be our last official business meeting before the summer break. We may plan on having our traditional pot luck. We'll keep you posted.

April 15 is the Spring Rally at Beautiful Savior. Kelly from Hope Blooms will be our speaker and will have an interactive activity to help Hope Blooms. See the poster on the entrance window or on an LWML site (bulletin board or display) for more information on time and items that they are asking for the ingathering.

LIBRARY CORNER

CHRISTIANS IN A WOKE WORLD

(A Call To Courage, Confession and Love)

Book/Bible Study

Does the world seem to be more divided along lines of race, gender, religion, and income? Systemic racism, privilege, political correctness, woke, anti-racist, social justice are common words in the world today. What comes to mind when you hear them? Are you able to accurately define them? I was among a number of St. Andrew members who recently had the privilege of attending a presentation by the author of this new book & Bible study. If you want to understand what's going on with these movements - and how to best respond to them - then you'll want to read this one!

-Ken Koehler

THIS WEATHER HAS BEEN "SNOW"

JOKE!

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for keeping our parking lot and sidewalks cleared thru this very snowy winter season! It's been nonstop and your hard work is very much appreciated!

FOOD PANTRY

Human Care would like to remind you that we have a food pantry here at St. Andrew. If you have a need or if you know of someone who has a need for food or paper goods, please feel free to use the food pantry. Items on the display table by the library are past the date. Anyone who thinks they will use these past the date items is free to take them.

WE NEED YOU!!!

We would love to have more friendly faces serving as ushers, greeters, nursery workers, and on our altar guild for our worship services. If you are interested please talk with Mary in the office for more information! Keep in mind you can serve in more than one area if you wish!

FAITHFULLY FORWARD *Together*

PHASE II



THE RACE IS ON!

Over & Above Regular Giving Received to Date:

Phase I - \$129,313
Year 2022 - \$14,934
January 2023 - \$9,369
February 2023 - \$1,398
Thru March 19, 2023 - \$8,318

Principal Payments Made in 2023:

January - \$32,000
February - \$10,000

We hope to make another larger principal payment in April.

New Mortgage balance as of 3.31.23 - \$113,434

Faithfully Forward Together
Debt **Elimination** Committee

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.

BY THE NUMBERS

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	EBRUARY	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$34,976	\$ 70,909
General Fund Expenses:	-\$29,037	-\$ 53,142
Net	\$ 5,939	\$ 17,767
Mortgage Fund Income:	\$ 2,119	\$ 7,441
Mortgage Loan Payments:	-\$ 6,386	-\$ 12,772
Net	\$ (4,267)	\$(5,331)

Our February giving was a mixed bag. The General Fund finished in the black for the 2nd month in a row, which was good. However, regular giving to the Mortgage Fund was down at \$2,119. (In 2022, we averaged \$2,900 a month.) The money we have in our Mortgage Fund (which we like to keep around \$20,000) has now slipped to \$16,613 because we needed to use over \$4,000 in the fund to help make our February payment. This account is what we will also use to pay off our Mortgage Loan balance when that time comes.

FAST FACTS

By making two large principal payments to our Mortgage Loan so far in 2023, we have saved over \$1,400.00 in interest.

Plus, we have shortened the term of the loan. It was originally scheduled to be paid off in May of 2025. It's now September of 2024!

It is within our reach to pay off the loan this year. Especially with no Shortfall loan to overcome first.

Please consider a donation to our FFT Campaign. **LET'S AIM TO BE DEBT FREE IN 2023!**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



John Emerson, Brayden Mutchler, Karsyn Bruns, Tarryn Odle, Larry Weil, Bonnie Schilling, Elon Hopkins, Doris Fuss, Christian Waters, Josh Willis, David Walth, Jonathan Pistorius, Preston Geist, Brett Livingston, Tim Keating, Ryan Olson, Karen Berg, Judy Erdmann, Haylee Hagen, Logan Brown, Lisa Brandt, Lindsey Riebe, Daniel Krueger, Kace Bruns, Bryan Hoff, Han Yu Yan, Crystal Reber, Dale Werner, Brandon Heiden, Michael Ramberg, Danyell Guler, Robert Berry, Walter Erdman, Lori Torgerson, Miles Borah, Chloe Jensen, Joe Striegel, Raelynn Orvik, Samantha Heupel, Trae Volk, Bruce Clark, Matthew Sommerfeld, Ryan Remmen, Mykin Severson, Brayden Muhl, Clare Boldingh, Fenix Deplazes, Lori Anderson, Michelle Jensen, Robert Viou, Joel Augustin, Rylea Grenz, Kyle Millar, Duane Baukol, Jenna Johnson, Dain Anderson, Samantha Crawford, Brianna Coady, Marlene Kummer, Curtis Helmer, Hayley Walsh, Owen Muhl, Olivia Shoman

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Kirk & Judy Rosin, Arlyn & Eleanor Kraft, Shaun & Kelly Levi, Arlin & Joan Prochnow, Larry & Pam Johnson, Lucille & Vern Smith, Jonathan & Whitney Pistorius



COFFEE & TREATS

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.

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.

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.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

APRIL 2023:

"He is risen! He is risen indeed!" These are the most important words in all the world! "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." Romans 6:5 This is the message at the center of the Main Street Living Media Ministry.

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". Worship services from the five other MSL broadcast areas, as well as weekly This Is the Life programs, are also available for viewing on the website.

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 April 2023:

April 2: Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John's Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "The Only True King" based on Zechariah 9:9-10. This Is the Life program: "Holy Land Tour pt. 2" - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

April 9: Rev. Nabil Nour, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD, and 4th Vice President of the LCMS, presents the message: "Swallowed Up" based on Isaiah 25:6-9. This Is the Life" program: "Three Days" - The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection.

April 16: Rev. Tom Eckstein, Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Adrian, ND, presents the message: "The Resurrection and Scripture" based on Luke 24:36-49. "This Is the Life" program: "Gates of Glory" - Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.

April 23: Vicar Brandon Johnson, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: "Peter's Restoration is Our Restoration" based on Acts 2:36-39. "This Is the Life" program: "Betrayed" - A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.

April 30: Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND, and St. John Lutheran Church, Belford Township, ND, presents a message: "Your Shepherd Calls You by Name" based on John 10:1-10 and I Peter 2:19-25. "This Is the Life" program: "Aftermath" - A father tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

UPCOMING AREA YOUTH EVENTS

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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!



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.

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.



A wintery April hello from Grace Lutheran School!

We cannot contain our excitement! The Growing Together in Grace capital improvement campaign is moving forward! Four association churches said YES to Motion 1, and as of this writing, we are awaiting the vote from Our Redeemer on 3/26. We will provide each church with information on contributing to the Growing campaign very soon. Thank you so very much for stepping out in faith with us. We know that God is working through our school, and we cannot wait to see what He has in store!

Let us warm your hearts and bellies with Pasta With a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 29 from 12-7 pm. The big news this year: in celebration of Grace Lutheran School's 75th Anniversary, alumni tickets are half price!! Tickets will be available at the door, or you can pre-purchase from any student, teacher, board of ed member, or from the office. Tickets are \$12 for 12 and up, \$6 for 4-11, and just \$6 for all alumni!! Carryout is available day-of, no registration required. Sauce can be pre-ordered until April 22 from our website, www.gracelutheralschoolfargo.com. We look forward to seeing you all as we celebrate our alumni!

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!

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Grace Lutheran School

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We can't wait to hear from you!

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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

April 2023

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