

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

JUNE 2023

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Jesus makes hope secure!

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

MAY PASTORAL ACTS

Transfer Out:

- Hunter Beltz, communicant member to Immanuel, Wahpeton ND
- Jonathan Beltz, communicant member to Our Redeemer, Moorhead MN

Weddings:

- Shadd McCollum & Kayla Blank on 5/8



LWML NEWS

Ladies Night Out is Tuesday, June 13, at 6:30pm. We are having it at Speedway. There will be a sign up sheet so we can know approximately how many are planning to attend. Hope to see you there. It will be a fun night.

2023 NATIONAL LCMS CONVENTION OFFERING

Every three years our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) holds a national convention, which is happening again this summer in Milwaukee. The lay member representative from our Circuit is Tim Ratz, Vice President of our St. Andrew congregation.

One of the things that happens at and leading up to the convention is a "National Offering". The ministry selected for the 2023 convention is going to support the translation and production of meaningful Lutheran resources in languages other than English so that all may read, hear and speak the Good News of Christ crucified! As the church exists throughout the world, so the Gospel goes forth to all people in all languages.

All congregations and individual members are invited and encouraged to participate in this special offering. A "door offering" will be taken following the worship services on Sundays, June 4th and 11th, and Wednesdays, June 7th & 14th. Individual members may also mail or drop off their offerings at the church office at any time, or donate online at www.lcms.org/givenow/national-offering. Thank you!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dwight Schutt, Greg Spilman, Connie Guler, Kim Kautzman, Gladys Willits, Arlyn Kraft, Kasey Harvala, Shelley Goroski, Geri Wollitz, Sheila Carlson, Ruth Coughlin, Judy Hill, Trevor Olson, Mike Sell, Joshua Harvala, Sandy Klemz, Nolan Bickel, Tanner Schiffner, James Jerger, Laura Kitzan, Steven Lindquist, Samuel Hoff, June Larsen, Harold Williams, Joe Franklin, Garrett Peterson, Kristina Macias, Bryant Berg, Alissa Jacobson, Amanda Collins, Diamond Lee-Glanzer, Ginny Leon, Kelli Fiechtner, Todd Reber, Anna Blilie, Juan Macias, Paul Berry, Dylan Jerger, Chad Berg, Kelly Levi, Shirley Marquardt, Roman Emerson, Kristie Washburn, Dawn Heinen, Philip Moltzan, Douglas Hinz, Kyle Shoman, Karter Pfahl, Courtney Walsh, Stetson Meyer, Sharon Bredine, Isabelle Wieseler, Lindsay Buchhop, Diana Weil, Alexandra Spilman, McKenna Radebaugh, Milo Rossow, Kyle Parsley, Adam Hjermstad, Matthew Thoemke, Peggy Brager, Tyler Jacobson, Eric Ybarra, Walker Nelson, Avery Else, Jennifer Osmondson, Glenda Pistorius, Alana Ratz



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



Janice & Gary Hanson, Jeff & Geri Wollitz, Jim & Sheila Meyer, Wayne & Peggy Brager, Milo & Anna Rossow, Bryan & Bridget Hins, Sierra & Zach Young, Darren & Amy Cossette, Darin & Cindy Viken, Jon & Alissah Grenz, Larry & Diana Weil, Lisabeth & Philip Mutchler, Patrick & Lori Anderson, Vic & Darlene Gruber, Dwight & RaNae Schutt, Rev. & Sue Jahnke, Dave & Deb Cook, Wayne & Freda Oakland, Carl & Diane Glander, Patrick & Denise Lies, Jerry & Jodie Ranzenberger, Kevin & Jennifer Osmondson, Ray & Lori Monson, Tim & Diane Keating, James & Kim Jerger, John & Rachel Myhre

ND LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Several students from GLS participated and won for their grade category in the ND LFL Essay Contest, including St. Andrew's Claire Weidner who was 1st place winner for grades 6-8. First place winners in each category received a \$100 prize from ND LFL, and had their essays forwarded to be included in the National LFL Contest.



*Growing
Together
in
Grace*

Capital Improvement Campaign Update

On May 6, a group of people dedicated to the mission and purpose of Grace Lutheran School met for the first time as the GTIG PACE Fundraising Committee. This group will be the primary organizer of all fundraising activities for the capital improvement campaign for GLS.

What is PACE? Many years ago, Partners Advancing Christian Education was formed as the financial support arm of the school in the early 70s. In the formative years, people could buy a membership in PACE for \$1/week! PACE has quietly managed funds for many years but is taking an active role in the Growing Together in Grace capital improvement campaign. PACE will handle all funds raised for GTIG. PACE has everything in place to receive funds from a diverse array of financial products and can provide the tax documents necessary for donations.

By August 20, 2023, \$837,500 (66%) needs to be committed in order to begin purchasing equipment with lengthy shipping times. Our commitment as of May 18 is \$200,000.

If you wish to contribute to Growing Together in Grace, please contact Amy Hirsch at Grace Lutheran School or speak to your church's treasurer for giving details.



Dear Friends in Christ,

As the school year ends, we want to thank our faithful congregations for upholding us in prayer, for providing for our association students, for the countless donations and volunteer hours, and for the LOVE shown to us. The work we are doing at our school is important and it is humbling to see how important it is to you, too.

In May, Sandy's Donuts collaborated with our 5th - 8th grade classes on a donut design project. Sandy's created the top two donuts and sold them in their stores for a week. Five dollars of each dozen sold was donated to Feed My Starving Children, the non-profit chosen by the winning donut designers, \$400 total! Amazing!

Thank you again to all who attended or volunteered at Pasta With a Purpose last month. Did you know that 104 people volunteered for the spaghetti dinner over three days? It takes a lot of manpower to serve 500 people! We raised \$6,780 and the stage is now fully funded, ordered, delivered, set up, and was used for the spring music concert and graduation! The new stage is a huge upgrade from our old one and we are very thankful!

Our students raised \$468 for Mercy Meals and packed about 3,000 meals for Mercy Meals and the Orphan Grain Train. See our Facebook page for some photos from this fun outreach event!

Summer office hours are 8 am – 1 pm Monday through Friday. Camp Grace starts on Tuesday, May 30th.

We have two important policy updates that affect our Association students (and prospective students). Students who attend GLS from kindergarten through 7th grade will receive a 90% tuition discount for 8th grade. Kindergarteners who start now will be eligible for this discount when they are in 8th grade. Additionally, students coming from St Andrew, Our Redeemer, and Trinity (Sabin), will automatically qualify for a minimum 20% tuition discount. If you have any questions about either of these programs, please contact Mrs. Susan Jahnke at 701-232-7747.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

JUNE 2023:

Summer has finally arrived - and with it often comes increased traveling taking us out of town on Sundays and/or at other times when our congregation's worship services are normally being held. With this in mind, please remember our LCMS "Main Street Living" media ministry broadcast each Sunday morning.

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/Bismarck". Worship services from the five other MSL broadcast areas, as well as the 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 June 2023:

June 4: Rev. Matthew Meyer, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Callaway, MN, presents the message: "Creation/Re-creation" based on Matthew 28:16-20. This Is the Life program: "How Come a Nice Girl Like You" - A nurse struggles with what to do after reconnecting with an old boyfriend.

June 11: Rev. Jonathan Walla, Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Calling All Sinners" based on Matthew 9:9-13. This Is the Life program: "A Will to Live" - A man leaves a large portion of his money to the church and hospital, then has his will contested by relatives.

June 18: Rev. Lester Wolfgram, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "The Lord Sees and Sends" based on Matthew 9:35-10:8. "This Is the Life" program: "Man in the Middle" - Two Men are left with a "secret" when one tells he has terminal cancer.

June 25: Vicar Jason Kohm, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Have No Fear, Jesus Is...Asleep in the Back?" This Is the Life program: "Return Trip" -The modern-day story of a prodigal daughter.



STEWARDSHIP **WHAT DO YOU WANT?**

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the "Shepherd Psalm." There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.



By The Numbers

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	APRIL	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$34,807	\$ 136,116
General Fund Expenses:	-\$26,713	-\$ 109,550
Net	\$ 8,094	\$ 26,566
Mortgage Fund Income:	\$22,488	\$ 32,257
Mortgage Loan Payments:	-\$ 6,386	-\$ 25,544
Net	\$16,102	\$ 6,713

WE BOUNCED BACK IN APRIL:

- Our General Fund giving in early April was pretty weak, but a nice push on the 5th Sunday of the month helped us finish better than budget.
- We received two crucial donations to our Mortgage Fund in April. We extend a special THANK YOU to those members!! The donations were so impactful as they will help us comfortably make the required monthly mortgage payments thru this summer and into the fall.

WE NEED A STRONG MAY!

- Our General Fund giving for the first two weeks in May has been a little slow. We will need that \$26K of YTD "in the black" net income to carry us through the summer months, when both attendance and giving typically decline.

DECISIONS, DECISIONS, DECISIONS

- We have a major financial decision coming up soon. In March we gave our approval for Grace Lutheran School to proceed with Phase I of their construction project. By August 15th, they need to know "IF" and "HOW MUCH" financial support we could provide. Please be watching for information about this topic and our upcoming special Voter's Meeting. We need a large turnout for this meeting, as this decision should not be made by the average 30-40 members of our congregation who attend a Voter's Meeting. We need everyone's participation!
- We need to repair two sections of our roof. We've had buckets and bowls in the narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the old Sunday School rooms, catching the leaks. Both areas are in dire need of repair. We cannot put a band-aid on it anymore. This will be costly. The trustees are getting bids and the finance team is exploring options to pay for it. Be watching for updates. This is even more reason to get our Mortgage Loan paid off ASAP.

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
March 2023 - \$11,414
April 2023 - \$18,609
Thru May 21, 2023 - \$961

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS MADE IN 2023:

January - \$32,000
February - \$10,000
March - \$15,000
May - \$19,000

NEW MORTGAGE BALANCE as of 5.25.23:
\$67,181

TOTAL INTEREST SAVINGS FOR THE FULL FFT CAMPAIGN:

Phase I – Roof Loan Portion - \$5,299.00
Phase I – Mortgage Loan Portion - \$11,523
Phase II – Mortgage Loan thru May-\$5,107

TOTAL INTEREST SAVINGS TO DATE:
\$21,929

LET'S BE DEBT FREE IN 2023!

Faithfully Forward Together

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.

FAST FACTS

WHAT IFS?

Currently we have about 24 members who regularly donate to the Mortgage Fund thru EFT or envelope giving. Think about that...only 24 individuals or families out of our whole congregation!

The big unknown - once this loan is paid off, will these members continue to donate these funds to St. Andrew?

We are currently running Phase II of our capital campaign Faithfully Forward Together (FFT) for debt reduction. Once the mortgage loan is retired...

WHAT IF... Faithfully Forward Together (FFT) switches gears, and is no longer for debt reduction, but rather a cash reserve safety net for future repairs and maintenance, or a growth fund for wish list items related to ministry or our facility?

WHAT IF... the current 24 givers to the Mortgage Fund choose to maintain their level of giving to this new FFT? That would be approximately \$40K toward something other than mortgage debt.

WHAT IF... we can gain 15-30 additional members (maybe even more??) who see the benefit of having this fund and contribute to it on a timely basis. Whether that is weekly, bi-weekly or once a month, this account could grow and help St. Andrew become a financial stable entity – a church that maintains a general operating fund sufficient to support its ministry, is very prudent in the use of debt, and is growing some cash reserves to cover contingencies and achieve long-term goals.

**A LOT OF WHAT IFS TO START
THINKING ABOUT AND
PLANNING FOR!**

SELF STUDY RESULTS

The Self-Study results are in. Top responses were a desire for either a second Pastor focused on youth or a DCE - but also acknowledgements that we may not be able to afford a second called worker at this time. A recent review of the current financial state of St Andrew as well as other upcoming financial decisions confirm we are not currently able to support a second called worker. Also, as the Elders considered the Self Study results, it was felt a piece was still missing. Before we can make an informed decision on staffing as well as the timing of additional called staff, we need to have a better idea of what the ministry plan for St Andrew looks like going forward. To this end, a congregational event was held on April 22nd led by Pastor Lester Wolfgram of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Bismarck. The promotion of this event centered around "...the Goal to Unite in a Common Vision of Ministry and how to get there." While this event did not directly address what kind of called staff we should add or when, it did produce a Strategic Plan for St Andrew to focus on that will help define what kind of called staff would be best for St Andrew and when we can better afford additional called staff. In the meantime, we will continue to look for other ways to support our current pastor which is one of the action plans that was developed during the April event.

The output of our April 22nd session was a 5-point Strategic Plan.

Goal #1 is Debt Reduction. This goal focuses on three major areas of financial significance -

- a) A continued push to retire our mortgage loan sometime in 2023.
- b) Potential roof repairs - we have two sections of our old asphalt flat roof that are failing, the area right outside the sanctuary and the roof over the classrooms in the north hallway. What is the cost of a new roof and how do we pay for it?
- c) Grace Lutheran School project - In March we voted to approve Phase I of the School's upgrade plans. Soon, by August 15th, we need to determine what support St. Andrew will contribute toward Phase I.

Goal #2 calls for increased interaction with our sister LCMS congregations. The called workers (Pastors & DCE's) in our Eastern Circuit already meet on a regular basis. But what about the lay leaders of those congregations? Besides St. Andrew, there are several other LCMS churches in the Metro with vacancy positions. Is now the time to gather lay leaders together to discuss pooling our resources and potentially sharing called workers?

Goal #3 is a commitment to a year-round Wednesday night contemporary worship, with a potential fellowship meal prior to services. There were many survey respondents in both 2018 and 2023 who wanted more contemporary music. Having a weekly service dedicated to such a worship style will hopefully increase member participation. And the addition of a convenient weeknight meal may draw more families to worship.

Goal #4 is a focus on the youth and young families of our congregation. We need to poll that population of members to determine what they would like to see at St Andrew. What could we be doing differently? We should expand our programming on various social media platforms and use technology to better reach out to our youth.

The final Strategic Goal #5 was to expand the use of our church facility by hosting a Christian preschool. Our church building is quiet for much of the week. While St Andrew would likely not staff or manage a preschool, we could partner with others, possibly Grace Lutheran School, and rent out our facility for such a purpose. This would be an outreach opportunity to share Jesus with young children, and get us more involved in the community, along with providing some modest rental income.

As you can see, these are some "out of the box" ideas. There were thirty-two participants at the April 22nd session, and it will take more than those thirty-two people to accomplish these goals. We need all our members to step forward and pitch in. Does one or more of these goals appeal to you? Please consider where you can get involved. You can contact the church office or any of the lay leaders of our congregation. Our lay leaders would include members of the church council along with the members of our various boards and committees.

We want St Andrew to be a vibrant congregation, with enthusiastic members, well into the future. And the time is now to dive in and start tackling these goals.



St. Andrew Strategic Plan

On April 22, 2023, Members of the congregation met to identify our goals for the future.



Debt Reduction

Focusing on paying off current debt as early as possible will allow us more opportunities to better fulfil our congregational needs and desires.

01

Share Resources

Have conversations with our LCMS sister congregations about the potential to pool resources and the possibility of sharing called workers.

02



Wednesdays

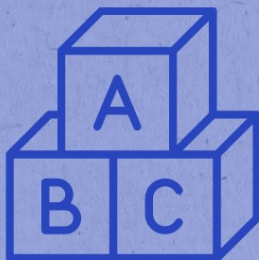
Offer contemporary Wednesday services year-round, to increase worship and fellowship opportunities for members.

03

Youth Engagement

Strengthen the spiritual foundation and participation of young people by meeting their needs and establishing a solid membership base for the future.

04



Preschool

To make better use of our facility, reach out to our community, and produce additional income.

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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 & 10:00 am

Wednesdays: 7pm

Holy Communion celebrated at all worship services.

June 2023

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