

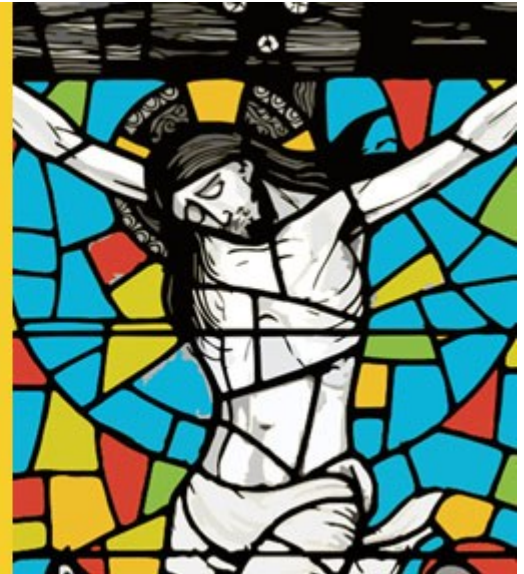
ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

JULY 2023

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

**WE PREACH
CHRIST CRUCIFIED**

1 COR. 1:18-25



'We Preach Christ Crucified' Bible Study starting July 9 between services.

"We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:23-24).

In preparation for the 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, which will be held in Milwaukee in July, we will be having a Bible study between services starting July 9th, which delves into the convention theme, "We Preach Christ Crucified," based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. Join us for fellowship, discussion over coffee or juice.

Jesus makes hope secure!

In Christ's service;

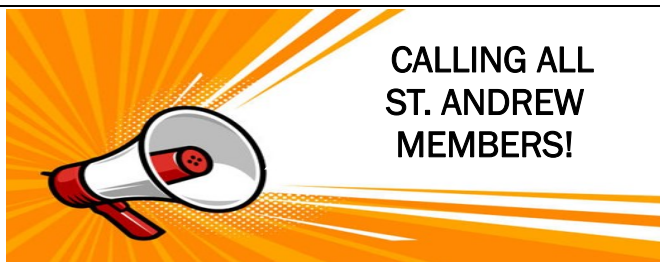
Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8



ORDINATION OF CHAD BERG

The Ordination of Chad Berg will be at St. Andrew, Sunday, July 9th at 4pm. Chad has been a member of our congregation from his childhood, and though he's been away at college & seminary over the past 9 years, he's been in our prayers and thoughts. Congregation members are invited to attend the ordination with a reception and light lunch following. Chad will also be preaching at the Sunday services that morning. A "door offering" will be held for Chad on Sunday, June 25 & Wednesday, June 28. If you wish you can also drop a gift off for him at the church office anytime between now and July 9th. Chad will be installed at St. John LCMS in Park Rapids, MN, on July 16th. Please mark your calendars for these important milestones in Chad's life!



**CALLING ALL
ST. ANDREW
MEMBERS!**

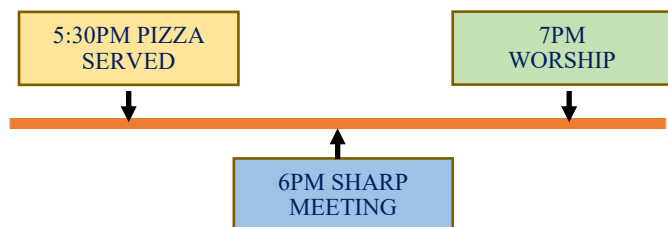
SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING WED, JULY 19TH 6PM

**PIZZA & SALAD SERVED AT 5:30PM
TRYING TO ARRANGE CHILD CARE DURING
THE MEETING**

Your presence and participation are requested for an all-important Special Voter's Meeting as we gather to discuss the crucial topic of our Church's financial support for Grace Lutheran School.

We begin with a nourishing supper to fuel both our bodies and spirits. Your input is invaluable, as it helps shape the future of our community and children's education. It's your voice and your vote that matter in steering our church towards a faith-filled, love-enriched and education-oriented future. Remember, we are stronger together, so please join us on this significant day.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

FOOD DONATIONS

Our food pantry is getting low and in need of food donations such as canned or boxed meals, canned fruit or veggies, noodles, PB, cereal, and almost anything else that is nonperishable. Donations can be dropped off in the office or put in the basket near the coat rack.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Back to school: school supplies needed! If you're buying school supplies for the fall, please also consider picking up some of the following art supplies for our Sunday school & VBS programs:

- markers
- hot glue gun (we have plenty of glue sticks!)
- yarn
- bottles of Elmers glue (small)
- paper cups (small & large, preferably white)
- glue sticks
- cotton balls

UPDATE FROM PASTOR HARVALA

I received a call from First American Lutheran Church in Mayville to serve them as a worker-priest. This is what I was doing at St. Andrew during the first five years of my service to you. After careful and prayerful deliberation, and with the encouragement and support of many of you, I have accepted that call. I will continue to work full-time at Multitechnical Publications Services, Inc. as a parts catalog writer. My family and I will continue to reside in West Fargo, and our kids will continue to attend school here. We will also remain members here at St. Andrew and will continue to be involved as time and circumstances allow. I wish to thank all of you who have been so encouraging and supportive as during this process. Your love and friendship mean a great deal to me, and your thoughtfulness does not go unrecognized. God's blessings and peace be with you all. Service of Installation will be Sunday, July 2, at 4:00pm with Divine Service. Dinner to follow.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Paul Metcalf, Vickie Radke, Dylan Kolrud, Dale Xu, Dawn Doyel, Amaree Williams, Ray Pfhall, Diane Glander, Tim Ratz, Janalee Brandt, Teresa Hurt, Wanda Blilie, Bret Hoff, Barb Pelzl, Liz Buethner, Freda Oakland, Ella Thiessen, Travis Tuinstra, Trevor Wilson, Kendall Spilman, Ravona Norton, Steven Buchhop, Summer Olsen, Julie Erickson, John Myhre, Lori Jawaski, Cheryl Asmund, Duane Joyce, Eleanor Kraft, Casey Viou, Jackie Roth, Austin Trzpuc, Lydia Lindquist, Andrew Renfrew, Darin Viken, Grace Marcy, Susan Johnson, Grace Dennis, Dan Norton, Caitlin Wohler, David Holaday, Alexander Mapel, Michael Hurt, Joshua Pistorius, Patrick Anderson, David Sommerfeld, Richard Buckley, Arianna Odle, Ellen Rossow, Evelyn Helmer, Rick Parsley, Jasmine Job, Payton Paul, Eula Faye Zerull, Nancy Borah, Dawn Dathe, Magnus Hoffelt, Fred Fuss, Maggie Livingston, Stephanie Wasness, Patrick Lies, Stephanie Wilde, Katie Jensen, Sabrina Leier, Cindy Holaday, David Morse, Sara Moreland, Landyn Anderson, Damian Lang-Shugars, Alan Hall, Donald Collins, Rose Borslien, Allison Cossette, Hudson Roberts, Sarah Cliner, Philip Berg

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Adam & Kasey Harvala, Bill & Rachel Kitzman, David & Patty Walth, Ross & Jan Haugeberg, Jason & Cassie Skalicky, Dan & Ravona Norton, Austin & Kaitlyn Dillard, Randy & Lisa Olson, McKenna & Jacob Radebaugh, Delan & Kathy Schmidt, Rod & Gail Olson, Gary & Myrna Church, Jeff & Jodi Pierce, Alan & Naomi Hall, David & Cindy Holaday, Sue & Brian Boer, James & June Larsen, Jeremy & Kathy Nelson, Robert & Audrey Berry

MAY PASTORAL ACTS

Confirmation:

- Kayla McCollum
- Caleb Huus

Removal:

- Austin Dillard, communicant member



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in VBS! The Board of Education wants to thank & celebrate all the children AND helpers who participated in Vacation Bible School this year. VBS is such a fun and memorable experience that doesn't happen without you and we're so glad that you were able to be a part of it!

BY THE NUMBERS

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	MAY	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$29,025	\$ 165,141
General Fund Expenses:	<u>-\$26,703</u>	<u>-\$ 135,842</u>
Net	\$ 2,322	\$ 29,299
Mortgage Fund Income:	\$ 2,331	\$ 34,588
Mortgage Loan Payments:	<u>-\$ 6,386</u>	<u>-\$ 31,930</u>
Net	\$(4,055)	\$ 2,658

WE DIDN'T MEET MAY'S BUDGET GOAL

•We need monthly average income of \$32,808 to meet our budget goal and cover normal operating expenses like payroll, utilities, maintenance, missions, etc. May was about **\$3,800 short**.

•However, we held the line on our expenses and were able to generate a small \$2K gain to the General Fund. YTD, the General Fund has \$29K of "in the black" earnings.

•We will see how much of those "in the black" earnings we can retain as we head into the summer months, when giving has historically gone down. Maybe income in the summer of 2023 will surprise us!

•In the summertime, we especially appreciate our EFT givers, whose offerings are there every week/month, whether they are in attendance or not. This consistent giving really helps our church meet its ongoing expenses. Thank you EFT givers! If you are interested in establishing an EFT offering, please contact Mary in the church office.

FAST FACTS

Upcoming Roof Repairs

- You probably noticed the buckets and bowls collecting water in the Narthex and back classrooms this past spring, especially at Easter.
- Our band-aid efforts to maintain two sections of flat roof are no longer effective. In order to protect the integrity of our facility and prevent further damage, we must replace the roof in those two areas.
- The Board of Trustees received bids and has chosen a contractor to start work in late summer/early fall.
- We anticipate project costs in the range of \$50-60K, depending on the extent of any damage to underlying structure.
- We intend to finance the project with an unsecured loan through Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF).
- LCEF has a very favorable loan program for church repairs. Our monthly payment for a 10-year loan will be in the \$500-\$600 range, less than 10% of what we are currently paying on our mortgage.
- Of course, we would prefer NOT to take on another loan, but this is the most expedient way to get the roof repaired before the snow flies.
- The monthly payment should be manageable and we will work to get the loan retired in less than 10 years.
- We will discuss the roof loan and other financial matters at the Special Voters Meeting on July 19. Please plan to attend.

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

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PHASE II



THE RACE IS ON!

**OVER & ABOVE REGULAR GIVING
OUR MORTGAGE
BALANCE AS OF 6.25.23
\$50,455**

WE ARE GETTING CLOSE FOLKS!

OVER & ABOVE REGULAR GIVING

Received to Date:

Phase I 2021: \$129,313
Year 2022: \$14,934
January 2023: \$9,369
February 2023: \$1,398
March 2023: \$11,414
April 2023: \$18,609
May 2023: \$11,325
June 2023: \$2,750

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS MADE IN 2023:

January: \$32,000
February: \$10,000
March: \$15,000
May: \$29,500

**TOTAL INTEREST SAVINGS FOR THE
FULL FFT CAMPAIGN:**

Phase I – Roof Loan Portion: \$5,299
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 MORTGAGE DEBT FREE
IN 2023!**

Faithfully Forward Together
Debt **Elimination** Committee

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INTO THE FUTURE

If you read the update article about Faithfully Forward Together (FFT) Phase 2, you know that we are only \$50K away from retiring our \$1 Million mortgage debt that started back in 2005. Wow!! That is a huge milestone for St. Andrew and an event worthy of celebration in the near future.

So, when the mortgage is paid off and the celebratory cake and ice cream have been consumed, do we retire FFT altogether, or does it become a rallying cry for future growth initiatives here at St. Andrew?

If FFT remains, what are the goals for any funds that are raised? The possibilities could include: wish list items related to our facility, expansion of our ministry through additional programming and/or staffing, quickly retiring an upcoming loan for roof repairs, or other ideas yet unnamed. Maybe, FFT tackles a combination of goals?

Currently we have about twenty-four members who are regularly donating to payment of our Mortgage through EFT or envelope giving. Their average monthly giving is about \$2,300. Think about that... only twenty-four 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?

If the twenty-four current Mortgage Fund givers choose to maintain their level of giving, that is about \$28K annually to an FFT growth initiative. What if we were to 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.

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.





Summertime at Grace Lutheran School is a different kind of busy than during the school year. The office staff is working toward the new school year (yes, already), Mrs. Altenburg is teaching summer school classes, and Camp Grace ensures the presence of children every day, but we are looking forward to the return of our students and teachers (yes, already).

Camp Grace summer childcare is at capacity. We consider ourselves very blessed this year to have a full staff (all excellent) and a wonderful group of children.

The RRLSA Board of Education added two new members in June. Eric Johnson will serve for Immanuel Lutheran Church and Kristin Sharbono for Grace Lutheran Church. Welcome, Eric and Kristin! They replace ReNae Simmons and Brandon Hettwer. Thank you, Brandon and ReNae, for your service.

*Growing
Together
in
Grace*

Capital Improvement Campaign Update

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

The Growing Together in Grace capital improvement campaign continues to move forward at an appealing pace. The fundraising committee is beginning their fundraising work, the building committee has met to begin making construction decisions, and PACE is ready to receive gifts toward this project. Please pray that God would continue to bless the work of the boards and committees involved in this project.

Construction and ordering can begin when \$833K is committed. As of June 20, \$573,600 is committed to Growing Together in Grace. This is an incredible outpouring of generosity and we've only just begun! We praise God for His blessings on this project.

If you wish to contribute to Growing Together in Grace, please contact Amy Hirsch for giving details at ahirsch@gracels.com or 701-232-7747 or speak to your church's treasurer to give toward your church's pledged amount.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

The 4th of July brings thoughts of our nation's freedom - and that's a good thing. Yet another freedom that is ever so much greater is being "set free from sin" (Romans 6:18) and its bondage! "For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2). Now that's something that every Christian can celebrate every day!

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 July 2023:

July 2nd: Rev. Matt Thompson, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Strength and Faith" based on Jeremiah 28:5-9. This Is the Life program: "Some People Need Help" - An amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

July 9th: Rev. Dennis Voss, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan, ND, presents the message: "Blind or Wise" based on Matthew 11:25-26. This Is the Life program: "Jeremy" - Deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

July 16th: Rev. Thomas Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "God's Amazing Harvest" based on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23. "This Is the Life" program: "Flight Plan" - A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

July 23rd: Rev. Toby Heller, Concordia Lutheran Church, Beulah, ND, presents the message: "Weeds Among the Wheat" based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. This Is the Life program: "Amazing Grace" - A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

July 30th: Rev. Justin Woodside, Bethel & Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Churches, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Giving All for the Treasure" This Is the Life program: "The Selling Price" - A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God's law.

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:00 am

Wednesdays: 7pm

Holy Communion celebrated at all worship services.

July 2023

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