

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

AUGUST 2023

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

So we're in the last third of the summer. Some of us are planning those final vacation days. The summer sport are done or close to it. Camps are coming to an end. Plans are being made to button up those lake cabins, but squeeze in as much fishing as possible. Some might even planning those fall hunting trips.

There's those things we've put on hold to enjoy the summer, like financial planning. For many planning for retirement was what you did when you approached the 60's, but now its when you get your first full-time job. Our lives are lives are run like the rabbit in "Alice and Wonderland," but a far cry from Willy Wonka's, "There's so much time and so little to do."

It's time to re-evaluate! Jesus taught in Matthew 13:22 (ESV), "As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful." Susan, my wife and principal of Grace Lutheran School, shared a devotion from Concordia Publishing House's Blog on this verse. The writer states, "There are two salient challenges to good stewardship that are germane to this portion of the parable. First, we can all the care and improvement of God's good gifts to consume such portions of time and energy that we neglect the things of heaven..." So how are you maintaining your three altars where you worship? There is the altar of the congregation where you worship. Online is a good supplement, but Holy Communion isn't there for you as God intended with God's people. There's the altar of the home, where if you are married and/or have a family or others living with you. Family devotions are important for your family to grow spiritually. Without them, its easy to grow spiritually apart. Sure you might go to church together, but a family that prays together, increases the chances that a family stays spiritually together. Finally, there's the altar of the heart, where you cultivate your own spiritual life in private devotions, meditation on God's Word, and prayer. Here's a good place to cultivate what you heard in public worship and reinforce it.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (ESV) puts it this way, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

We need the Lord, His means of grace and we need each other, especially in the last days of summer.

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8



WELCOME TO OUR STAFF, STEPHANIE CHAPA (pronounced "Chay-pee") as our new part-time Youth Relations Director. She and her husband, Jon moved to Moorhead in early July. Jon is the new vicar at Our Redeemer. Stephanie completed her DCE training at Concordia-Nebraska, served her internship at Peace in Christ Lutheran Church in Hermantown, MN and spent the last two years working in St. Louis while her husband has completed his first two years at Concordia Seminary. We'll keep you updated about her work among us.

DEL RUFF RESIGNS

Del Ruff has resigned from being the congregation President, and Vice President Tim Ratz will be the acting President until the elections in April 2024. Please keep Del in your prayers as he focuses on other things, and Tim as he leads us. Del will be sharing more information in the future.

CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS

Classical Conversations, a Christian base support group for homeschool families, will be using our church facilities on Mondays throughout the school year. There will be roughly 90 kids and adults using the Sunday School classrooms and variety session hall throughout the day. They are a very respectful group and we expect this to be a good partnership.

THUNDER ROAD

Youth in Grades 6th-12th are invited to join area LCMS Churches at Thunder Road on Monday, August 7th from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost is \$20 if your youth signs up by Sunday, August 6th or \$25 if they just show up on Monday. Snacks will be provided.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation & Confirmand orientation will be on Wednesday, Aug. 23rd. Junior confirmation classes will begin the following week on Wed, Aug. 30th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is just around the corner! There will be a parent teacher workshop for anyone (confirmed and older) interested in teaching, co-teaching, or helping on Aug. 30th at 5:30pm, supper & childcare will be provided! If you are interested in attending the workshop, or in helping with Sunday School; please contact Mariah Hendrickson at 701-541-4584 or Laura Kitzan at 218-791-7404 by Aug. 20th so we know how many people to expect.

Rally Sunday will be Sunday Sept. 10th from 9:30-10:30am! Sunday School starts Sunday Sept. 17th, don't forget to register your child(ren) either online at www.standrewlcms.org OR pick up a paper form in the welcome center or outside the education office.

LWML

Yes, it's time to start planning your trip to the fall retreat September 15-17 in Devil's Lake, ND. More information will be coming. Also, mark your calendars for the Fall Rally at First American Lutheran Church in Mayville, September 30. Since you're marking your calendars, our LWML will be meeting September 12, 7p.m. This will be a planning meeting for the year. So, what would you like to see happen at our meetings-speakers, presentations, projects?

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!

Following the horrific events that happened in Fargo, our community needs us. Please consider donating blood. St. Andrew is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, August 17th starting at 2:30pm. Just call Vitalant Blood Services to schedule 877-258-4825.

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.

HUMAN CARE

School is just around the corner. A selection of school supplies is available for ages pre-school through college. Please take only what you need.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Celeste Moltzan, Daniel Sommerfeld, Joyce Weible, Ashlyn Hins, Hudson Zietz, Emma Buethner, Melissa Rosenfeldt, Doni Ramberg, Chelsea Waters, Justin Dahl, MaryJo Lindquist, Kevin Muhl, Shaun Levi, Allie Paul, Jaylin Odle, Lisa Olson, Alissah Grenz, Deb Cook, Logan Helm, Tatum Renfrew, Bryce Maddock, Connor Young, Delan Schmidt, Emily Visto, Jason Brager, Abby Jensen, Jessica Morse, Shadd McCollum, Jonathan Hoff, Kim Bossert, Hattie Olsen, Carrie Beckering, Cody Sinclair, Eleanor Trottier, Casey Reber, Dan Hammer, Elizabeth Haugen, Lucille Smith, Alice Pfingsten, Jack Franklin, Lenny Heupel, Emily Sell, Victoria Harvala, Rebecca Kitzman, Derrick Gothberg, Kim Jerger, Donette Walsh, Ray Monson, Carl Glander, Claire Weidner, Bode Sahlberg, Craig Abraham, Darcy Emerson, Daniel Matthys, Jordan Cossette, Lynn Samsten, Jayden Sommerfeld, Kamrin Schweitzer, Amber Kostecke, Makell Sahlberg, Madalyn Meyer, Kevin Osmondson, Darlene Bravold, Shelly Sinclair, Suzy Williams, Audrey Weidner, Logan Kitzan, Todd Lueck, Chelsie Fuss, Kelsi Wollitz, Tyler Lies



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



Alex & Caitlin Spacek, Kent & Alicia Severson, Steven & Lindsay Buchhop, Robert & Brenda Viou, Robert & Karen Cataldi, Tannis Anderson-Nygaard & Jacob Nygaard, Alexandra & Greg Spilman, Brandon & Amanda Reber, Chris & Allie Paul, Bill & Jean Thoemke, Glenn & Mae Murphy, Dan & Connie Klug, Shelley & Ronald Goroski, Emmett & Sharon Wilson, David & Glenda Pistorius, Douglas & Sharon Bredine, Jacob & Nicole Marcy

JUNE PASTORAL ACTS

Deaths:

- Eula Faye Zerull, 6/13
- Vic Gruber, 6/19
- Jacki Roth, 6/20

Ordination:

- Chad Berg



BY THE NUMBERS

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JUNE	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$29,403	\$ 194,544
General Fund Expenses:	-\$25,444	-\$ 161,286
Net	\$ 3,959	\$ 33,258
Mortgage Fund Income:	\$ 3,243	\$ 37,831
Mortgage Loan Payments:	-\$ 6,386	-\$ 38,316
Net	\$ (3,143)	\$ (485)

THE PATTERN CONTINUES FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET OUR INCOME 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. June was **\$3,400 short**.
- The GOOD NEWS is we continue to be very careful with our expenses and were able to generate a \$3,900 gain to the General Fund. This is especially positive as it's the first of our summer months and we didn't go in the negative. The General Fund has almost \$33K of "in the black" earnings.
- 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 helps our church meet its ongoing expenses. **Thank You EFT Givers!**

MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED

Are you good with numbers? Like to do detailed work? Would be interest in helping out at church, but not something that is too time consuming? We have the job for you!! Several of our long-serving volunteer money counters have retired and we have some spots to fill. We are looking for at least two committed volunteers and any others who might be willing to serve as backups if someone is ill, out of town, etc. These behind-the-scene positions are vital to the church and do not require a huge time commitment. The money counters will always work in teams of two. If you have a friend, family member or someone you enjoy doing things with, that would be great! Or we will pair you up with an existing money counter who already knows the ropes.

Each team is typically scheduled for one Sunday per month, and the counting can normally be completed within 1-1.5 hours. The counting usually occurs after the second Sunday service, but the teams can choose a different time, if necessary, provided the offering is deposited in our bank by the end of banking day Monday. The Finance Team has put together a reference book with pre-printed forms to guide you through the process. The money counters need to be discreet, dependable, careful and detail oriented. If you have some background in finances and an aptitude for precision, this would be a great position for you. But we will train you even if you don't. Please consider whether you could serve St. Andrew in this capacity.

If interested, please contact the Finance Team (Connie Klug/Celeste Moltzan) or Mary in the church office.



USHERS NEEDED

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.

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PHASE II



THE RACE IS ON!

**OVER & ABOVE REGULAR GIVING
OUR MORTGAGE
BALANCE AS OF 7.25.23
\$34,232**

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
July thru 7.23: \$7,250

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS MADE IN 2023:

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

**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: \$5,399

**TOTAL INTEREST SAVINGS TO DATE:
\$22,221**

**LET'S BE MORTGAGE DEBT FREE
IN 2023!**

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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INTO THE FUTURE

If you have been following the progress of the Faithfully Forward Together (FFT) Phase II Campaign, you know that we are only \$35K 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, THEN WHAT?

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?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

Instead of a FFT Debt Reduction fund, could it just be a Faithfully Forward Together (FFT) Fund? What would be the purpose for any funds that are raised? The possibilities could include: general building repairs, wish list items related to our facility, expansion of our ministry through additional programming and/or staffing, quickly retiring an upcoming roof loan, or other ideas yet unnamed. Maybe, FFT tackles a combination of these goals?

24 DONORS!

That is how many members currently donate regularly to the monthly \$6,386 payment of our Mortgage Loan through EFT or envelope giving. THINK ABOUT THAT! Their average monthly giving is about \$2,500. 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 if a new fund was in place?

POTENTIAL OF \$30,000 ANNUALLY!

If we kept these same 24 member donors and the same giving amounts, it's possible to raise about \$30,000 a year. 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? 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 could maintain 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.

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

The Mortgage Loan will be paid off soon. Can we count on you to repurpose your current Mortgage Loan donation to this new FFT Fund? We will be following up with more information on this in the coming months.



The speed of summer always takes us by surprise. One day we're sending children home with wishes for a great summer and the next we're throwing open our doors and arms to welcome them back. It's a beautiful, rejuvenating cycle.

School starts on Wednesday, August 23. Plan to join us for chapel at 8:40 am either in person or on Facebook live. All are welcome at chapel every Wednesday at 8:40.

As of July 21, our enrollment is 102 students!! Can you believe it? Just 4 years ago we barely had 50 students and now we're blessed with these wonderful growing pains! We are also in the process of opening a second Pre-Kindergarten room. If you or someone you know is looking for high-quality Pre-K for their 4- or 5-year-old, send them our way. We still have several openings.

Speaking of Pre-Kindergarten, we recently achieved the Bright and Early North Dakota Step 2 Quality Rating for childcare. This means our PreK exceeds a variety of standards in the childcare environment. This fall, we will begin work toward Step 3 (of 4).

Interviews and hiring continue for openings in middle school, music, and PE. Staff retention was excellent with almost every teacher returning this fall. We are so thankful for staff stability!

As we enter our 76th school year, please pray for our students and their families, our staff, and for God's continued grace in the work we do here in His service. All our success belongs to Him alone.

Capital Improvement Campaign Update

Summer greetings from the GTIG Committee! Thank you for your continued prayers as the Growing Together campaign progresses.

This summer, Dan Krause, our consultant from GraceWorks, has been on site twice to work with PACE and the fundraising committee to lay out a framework for the success of GTIG. Dan is a Grace alum with a heart for the mission and ministry of Grace.

Construction and ordering can begin when \$833K is committed. As of July 21, \$541,825 is committed through church and individual pledges.

If you wish to meet with a committee member, make a donation, or share a fundraising lead, please contact Amy Hirsch at amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org or 701-232-7747. Church treasurers are equipped to answer questions about donations through the church.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

(From the mailbag recently) Dennis & Sylvia write: "Thank you for Main Street Living church services. We really appreciated worship services on Sundays when we were snowed in and when we were sick. Thank you for sharing God's Word." Jean wrote: "Please find enclosed a check ... to help continue the Broadcast on Sundays. I've been unable to go to church most of March because of the weather and bad roads." And one more writer shared: "Thank you for the wonderful programming on Sunday mornings! I love listening to all the wonderful clergy each Sunday as I recover from medical issues the past months."

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 August 2023:

August 6th: Rev. Thomas Marcis, Zion Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, presents the message: "Don't Just Send Them Away", based on Matthew 14:13-21. This Is the Life program: "No Laughing Matter" - A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

August 13th: Rev. Christopher Lieske, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN, presents the message: "The Lord Who Saves" based on Matthew 14:22-23. This Is the Life program: "My Husband, My Sorrow" - A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

August 20th: Rev. Daniel Larsen, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Henning, MN, presents the message: "Jealous", based on Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32. "This Is the Life" program: "The Cup" - The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him.

August 27th: Rev. Timothy Schmeisser, Grace Lutheran Church, Sebeka, MN, Zion Lutheran Church, Sebeka, MN, and Nimrod Lutheran Church, Nimrod, MN, presents the message: "Back To Basics" based on Matthew 16:13-20. This Is the Life" program: "Stranger at the Door" - Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on her steps saying he is looking for his mother.

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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.

AUGUST 2023

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