

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

SEPTEMBER 2023

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

As of the writing of this article, the death toll from the devastation on the island of Maui, Hawaii, is at 111. This is a tremendous loss of life and the destruction of property. Our thoughts of sympathy, empathy and concern go out for them. We may be even glad that it didn't happen here. Yet, over the years this area had its own natural disasters as the 1957 Fargo tornado and the 1969 & 1975 floods of West Fargo.

King David confesses about the Lord in Psalm 18:7-8 (ESV), "Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry. Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him."

Scripture does record instances of God's anger causing natural disasters. One might think of Sodom and Gomorrah, or even Jonah in 1:4-5. Romans 1:18 (ESV) gives us this insight, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." The unrest in creation is a result of sin which Adam and Eve set in motion. What do we do?

We are to turn our attention to the cross. There is God's ultimate anger against sin. With Christ's crucifixion and death, creation also reeled with darkness and earthquakes. There God's own Son, the creative Word incarnate, is sacrificed on all of humanity's behalf, yes, on our behalf. The cross is God's ultimate grace toward us.

Since this is true, how do we look at all the natural disasters and the troubles around us? Because of His grace, especially the forgiveness of sins, these events where people suffer are now opportunities for service, our service. Since we are the church, the body of Christ in this place, we are Christ's hands and feet in action for our neighbor. As you read through this newsletter, ponder which acts of service you can be involved in.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:9-10, ESV)

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8



SERVICE TIMES

August 31st will be the last weekday service. Sunday service times switch to the fall schedule of 8am and 10:45am on Rally Sunday, Sept 10th.



FAMILY DEVOTIONS FOR BUSY FAMILIES

The St. Andrew library has many options for family devotions. Check out the children's section of the library and feel free to borrow these helpful resources. One Hundred Bible Stories has two-page Bible stories, with realistic illustrations, ending with three questions for discussion at the bottom of the page. These short devotions can be read at home before bedtime with your child and completed in a few minutes. Or you and your child can have a meaningful connection every night by using a ready-made devotional such as Adventures in Odyssey 90 Devotions for Kids.



HUMAN CARE

School supplies will be available through the second week of September. These are available for anyone preschool through college. A reminder: if you are a member of St. Andrew and need food, the food cupboard is open and available when the office is open during the week and on Sundays during services.

On October 14 Lutheran Family Services, LCMS ND District is presenting **"Understanding the Grief Process"** given by Dr. Vande Braak. It will be from 9-12 am at St. Andrew. It is free. Watch for more information to come.



LWML

We are meeting on September 12 at 7p.m. This is our planning meeting. What would you like to see at this meeting? Please bring ideas. Also, we NEED OFFICERS. Please consider filling one of the positions. The Fall Retreat is September 15-17 at Devils Lake. There is a poster on the LWML board, with the LWML information, and on the window.

SHEPHERD'S HILL 26th ANNUAL CHARITABLE AUCTION

You are invited to the 26th Annual Charitable Auction for Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads (502 Shepherd's Hill Dr, St. John ND 58369) on Sat, Sept 9. Pie Social begins at 12:30pm with the auction at 1pm. Auction items include quilts, craft items, and baked goods. Check out our website, www.Shretreat.org

HELP ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Orphan Grain Train needs help to send supplies to Ukraine. Monetary donations to cover shipping costs. Mail checks to Orphan GrainTrain at PO BOX 1546 Jamestown, ND 58402. Deliver supplies to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Jamestown, ND at 103 4th Ave SE by September 20th. The following supplies are requested: flashlights, batteries for flashlights, solar lights, hygiene items, diapers for children, incontinence products for adults, kitchen utensils, bedding, pillows, blankets, baby formula, hygiene kits (see one instructions @ www.ogt.org), dried food (nothing with ingredients derived from animals). *Any items with expiration dates must have at least 2 years remaining. Questions? Call Andrea 701-658-9057.

EACH 1 REACH 1 and GENERATION to GENERATION

Each 1 Reach 1 On September 23rd, Trinity Lutheran in New York Mills MN with the Minnesota North District will host the Each 1 Reach 1: Generation to Generation workshop presented by Rev. Roger Paavola. Each 1 Reach 1 is an organized evangelism effort to help Lutherans across the Mid-South District carry out their calling through the Great Commission: to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:16-20). Generation to Generation invites, motivates, trains, and educates leaders of the church (called and volunteer) to enable their congregations to be sustainable faith forming centers, helping families thrive for the sake of the Gospel. Faith in the home organically becomes ministry outreach as adults, children and those in their older years share the light of Christ in their everyday lives in their home, community, and world around them. Generation to Generation is holistic family-life education training created to build and enrich Christ-centered marriages, train parents in parent education and to equip parents with knowledge and skills to influence their child's faith through the developmental and family life cycle. This initiative involves all life stages, including young adults, later years, non-nuclear families, human sexuality, and cradle-to-grave faith formation.

For more information contact Trinity at trinity1892@nymtrinity.org or 218-385-2450



SIGN UP FOR LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE ENEWS

Sign up for CrossWalk, the free Lutheran Family Service eNewsletter. You'll have early access to relevant parenting, mental health, marriage, and other advice from our trusted professionals that will be helpful to you, your family, or someone you know. Also, be the first to learn about Lutheran Family Service progress, news, and initiatives! <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/news/>

2023 TURTLE MOUNTAIN LADIES' RETREAT

Please join us for the 1st annual Turtle Mountain Ladies' Retreat. This event is for ladies who are members of an LCMS church who want to come together family style to study theology, enjoy fellowship, good food, fun, and Lutheran worship all in the beautiful Turtle Mountains of northern ND at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John ND. The speaker will be Rev. William Cwirla. Event begins at 5pm Friday, Sept 29, and ends 1pm Sunday, Oct 1. Registration is capped at the first 50 who mail in their registration and \$50 non-refundable deposit. Total cost is \$150 which includes two nights lodging and food. Complete information will be sent to registrants in advance of the retreat.

For more information contact Noreen Linke at noreen@linkes.net or 281.770.6686 mobile.

FM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE 2023 FALL DESSERT BANQUET

Please mark your calendars to attend the Lutherans for Life Annual Fall Dessert Banquet to be held on Sunday, October 1st at 3:00 pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1258 N. Broadway, Fargo, ND. Guest speaker will be Kim Laube, who will speak on "Satan is a Liar! Death is NOT the Answer" Kim is the Deputy Director, and Director for Life Ministries for Lutheran Family Service, an Iowa based organization providing life advocacy services for beginning of life, end of life and all life in between, including pregnancy support, adoption, marriage and mental health counseling, youth and elderly outreach. They provide services in Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and South Dakota and are working toward licensure in North Dakota.

For more information, or to register, please email: FMLFLBanquet@outlook.com or call Amy Walker at 218-979-0953, or the following Ken Koehler.

If you have never attended a Lutherans for Life sponsored event previously, and/or would be interested in learning more about sanctity of human life issues, please visit the website for our National organization at www.lutheransforlife.org. Lutherans for Life is incorporated as a non-profit inter-Lutheran organization. Its mission is "Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life".

"GROWING MISSIONARY HEARTS"

Beginning in September, our St. Andrew Board for Christian Outreach will be introducing the "GROWING MISSIONARY HEARTS" project with the goals of both increasing our members' awareness of and hearts for the work of missions and missionaries, and also as a fundraising effort to support mission activity through the sales of books on this topic. Please watch for and check out our display of books in our Welcome/Gathering area. Thank you!



UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Rev. Dr. Adam Filipek, of Holy Cross and Immanuel Lutheran Churches, Lidgerwood, ND, has written a book for CPH that will help you understand the Bible and the Christian life more clearly. Life in Christ: Rooted, Woven, and Grafted into God's Story provides a great walkthrough and overview of the Bible, the six chief parts of the catechism in their biblical contexts, the Sunday Divine Service, the Christian life, and even heaven and hell. The goal of the book is to increase biblical literacy and to cultivate a love of the one true God and a desire to dwell with Him through Word and Sacrament. This narrative approach increases biblical literacy, a love of liturgy, a deeper understanding of vocation, and a yearning for Christ's return.

Order from CPH: <https://www.cph.org/life-in-christ-rooted-woven-and-grafted-into-gods-story>

Order from Amazon: <https://t.ly/QGud>



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.

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.

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.

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. These behind-the-scenes positions are vital to the church and do not require a huge time commitment. The money counters will always work in teams of two. It's a once-a-month commitment and the counting can normally be completed within 1-1.5 hours. The money counters need to be discreet, dependable, careful and detail oriented. We will train you! Please consider whether you could serve St. Andrew in this capacity. Contact the Finance Team (Connie Klug/Celeste Moltzan) or Mary in office if you would like more details! THANK YOU!

WE NEED YOU!!!

We would love to have more friendly faces serving as ushers and greeters for our worship services. There are several tasks, none of them difficult, but all very important. You can even designate early or late service and sign up for the date of your choosing. 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!



By The Numbers

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JULY	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$38,019*	\$ 232,563*
General Fund Expenses:	-\$29,145	-\$ 190,431
Net	\$ 8,874*	\$ 33,258
Mortgage Fund Income:	\$ 2,300	\$ 40,131
Mortgage Loan Payments:	-\$ 6,386	-\$ 44,702
Net	\$ (4,086)	\$ (4,571)

* Insurance Proceeds included

OUR SUMMER MONTHS ARE SURPRISING US!

- Our Income total includes an Insurance Proceeds check of \$5,950 we will use to reduce the amount we need to borrow on our upcoming roof loan at the end of this month.
- We need monthly average income of \$32,808 to meet our budget goal and cover normal operating expenses like payroll, utilities, maintenance, missions, etc. Without the Insurance Proceeds check, our Income was \$32,068. We were only short about \$740 which is great for July, a normally tough summer month for income and expenses.
- The GOOD NEWS is we continue to sit in a strong financial position with \$42,132 in the black. Without the Insurance check, which is allocated to reduce the roof loan amount, we are \$36,182 in the black.

HOW MUCH DO WE STILL OWE ON OUR MORTGAGE LOAN?

\$27,974

AS OF 8.25.2023



THAT'S IT!

NOW IS THE TIME TO RETIRE THIS LOAN! LET'S DO THIS!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Bonnie Muhl, Jeanne Bormann, Joan Dietchman, Desiree Draeger, Skylar Hopkins, Marco Weil, Bev Sommerfeld, Betty Narlock, Sheila Meyer, Paige Franklin, Cody Shoman, Jason Renfrew, Jeff Boer, Matthew Jahnke, Cassie Skalicky, Arnold Bredine, Ziva Levi, Dominic Rosales, Sidney Leier, Cheryl Beiswenger, Wyatt Boggs, Ethan Collins, Michael Bruns, Jennifer Renfrew, Jacob Sell, Aubri Renfrew, Wanda Terry, Arthur Weidner Sr., Karen Cataldi, Robert Peightal, Vaeda Shoman, Randy Bucholz, Emily Olson, Samantha Miller, Axel Lindquist, Logan Goroski, Xander Hopkins, Marshall Severson, James Meyer, Chad Ramberg, Judy Rosin, Ray Wasness, Brandon Oldham, Carter Riebe, Rose Rios, Matthew Heupel, Alec Bauer, Kevin Crawford, Kenneth Dathe, Cheyenne Deplazes, Jared Johnson, Christopher Matthys, Keiara Williams, Larry Johnson, Autumn Foy-Krause, Amy Boldingh, Eleanor Thompson, Jerry Ranzenberger, Joey Dahl, Ella Livingston, Kallas Kramlich, Gary Muhl, Lloyd Ruud, Nolan Clark, Denise Westlund, Randy Fiechtner, Carter Hins, Cayden Crawford, Joan Prochnow, Delores Fischer, Wilder Olsen, Kathy Nelson, Rodney Olson, Andrea Klug, Daniel Matzke, Christopher Washburn

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Wayne & Sandra Heiden, Doug & Mary Miller, Juan & Kristina Macias, Mike & Darlene Hendrickson, Christine & David Vigil, Scott & Cybil Johnson, Aly Wagner Dick & Brandon Dick, Madalyn & Randall Meyer, Lenny & Brenda Heupel, Brandon & Morgan Mallea, Lori & Timothy Torgerson, Sharon & Jerald Hurt, Jason & Jennifer Renfrew, Sam & Shanae Stafki, Shelly & David Sinclair, Steve & MaryJo Lindquist, Jonathan & Rachelle Martin, Amy Deng & Baojun Xu, Greg & Shari Else, Christopher & Julie Erickson



JULY PASTORAL ACTS & MEMBERSHIP CHANGES



Deaths:

- Jerome Brager, passed 7/21/2023

Transfer Out

- Rev. Chad Berg to St. Johns, Park Rapids MN

Reaffirmation of Faith

- Kevin & Pat Crawford

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.



"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

September brings with it the return to school for another year. Though the fallen world has always brought its dangers to our children, it seems that these are increasing more and more with unbiblical ideologies being allowed and even taught in many of our nation's schools. This calls for not only fervent prayer for our children - and their teachers - but also for vigilance and boldness in speaking up for God's created design and will. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

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 September 2023:

September 3: Rev. Scott Brown, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN, and St. James Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie, MN, presents the message: "God's Way", based on Matthew 16:21-28. This Is the Life program: "The Sound of Doors Closing" - A man's mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.

September 10: Rev. Sam Pitsch, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: "A Hard Pill to Swallow" based on Romans 13:1-7. This Is the Life program: "Tina" - Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus.

September 17: Rev. William Aufdenkamp, Christ Lutheran Church, Elbow Lake, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hoffman, MN, presents the message: "Who Do You Think You Are?" based on Romans 14:8. "This Is the Life" program: "Look to the Mountain" - A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

September 24: Rev. Guy Roberts, Zion Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes, MN, presents the message: "Our Life in Song" based on Psalm 27:109. This Is the Life program: "Home Free" - A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.



FYI-FAITHFUL YOUTH INSIGHTS

Welcome to the new Youth Page! Here you will find out about new events, dive into a new real life faith situation & receive some helpful inspiration for the upcoming month in the form of Bible verses, hymns, & songs to listen to.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

- Rally Sunday- Sept. 10th, 9:30-10:30am
- Sunday school Starts- Sept. 17th
- Hayride & Bonfire- Sunday, Sept. 24 6-8pm
- Youth Group Kick off- Saturday, Sept. 16, 6-8pm
- Family Fun Night- Friday, Sept. 22, 6-7:30pm
- ND District Youth Gathering: Thurs Oct. 19-Sat Oct. 21



FAITH CONNECTION- A Time of New Beginnings

For many of us, the start of the school year means new beginnings. A new year means a new grade, new classrooms, new teachers, new coaches, new classmates who may become new friends, & many new situations ahead. With all the newness that the beginning of the school year brings, you probably have some goals to make this year better than the one before. Perhaps your one big goal this year is to get all your assignments turned in on time. If you get all your work done, you might prove to yourself that you are a hard worker, & just maybe your mom & dad will treat you each month you accomplish this. LAST YEAR might have been a struggle, but THIS YEAR is going to be different. This is a new school year & a new you. You want to forget about what happened before & look ahead to your new goals.

Well, in Philippians 3:13-14, Paul talks about how he had his mind set on leaving the past behind him, too. He also wanted to put his old self behind him & was straining towards a new goal. He writes, *"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind & straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* So, what does Paul mean by this? As Christians, we want to put our past selves & our old sinful nature behind us.

You see, once we were buried in our sin, completely covered with our past mistakes. But Christ took on those sins at the cross & made us alive again (Romans 6:4). By dying on the cross & rising again, He has given us a new, fresh start, wiped away all our wrong doings, & made us clean with His perfect Body & Blood which he shed for us for our total forgiveness. He renews us in this forgiveness & keeps our eyes focused on a new goal- the new life He has planned for us. Because He has forgiven us, we have the promise of Heaven with Him one day & get to part of His new Creation. He will come again & will continue to make all things new. This is the joy we have of focusing on- a perfect new life with Christ, which He will bring to completion when He comes again on the last day.

So, this school year, when things get tough— tough situations, scary & hard transitions that lie ahead, or you're not making as much progress on your goals as you would like, let us keep focusing our eyes on our heavenly goal. Life with Jesus forever. He will be your strength & comfort in whatever lies ahead & give you peace.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rally Sunday will be Sunday Sept. 10th from 9:30-10:30am come meet your SS teachers! Sunday School starts Sunday Sept. 17th, don't forget to register your child(ren) either online at www.st&rewlcm.org OR pick up a paper form.



HAYRIDE & BONFIRE

The annual area churches Hayride & Bonfire is Sept 24th from 6-8pm for youth in 6-12th grade at Trinity Lutheran in Sabin. There is no cost for this event, but please bring a snack to share & your own camping chair. S'mores & beverages will be provided. Register by Sept 17th.



YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

We are excited to get things started for the school year as we grow together & get to know each other more. Our first Youth Group event will be on Saturday, September 16th from 6-8pm. It will be a fun night of games, pizza, devotions, & fellowship! Everyone from 6-12th grade is invited to come, & friends are welcome to join! Parent & adult volunteers are encouraged & welcome as well! If anyone is interested in becoming a supportive adult in Youth Ministry, please reach out to Steph Chapa at 320-510-4862.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our first fun night of the school year will be Fri, Sept 22 from 6-7:30pm. We will have fall activities, snacks, & a devotion. All kids in 3rd-5th grade are welcome. More info & a sign-up will be posted on the youth bulletin board. If anyone is interested in helping or has any questions, please contact Steph Chapa at 320-510-4862.

ND DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

Save the Date! The 2023 ND District LCMS Middle School Gathering will be held Oct 21-23 at the Ramada Inn in Fargo. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited for 3 days of Bible study, service projects, fun, games, & fellowship. Senior high youth are invited to serve as teen counselors. More info & registration forms will be posted on the youth bulletin board as they become available.

Inspiration

Philippians 3:13-14

2 Peter 3:18

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less- Hymn #575

Take my Life and Let it Be- Hymn #783

Lord, I Need You- Matt Maher

Trust in You- Lauren Daigle

Challenge:

Think about: What are ways this school year that you want to grow in your faith?

Grace, mercy, and peace from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As Grace Lutheran School enters its 76th year, we ask for your prayers that the mission and ministry of the school would be a blessing for our students & families, faculty & staff, and the Association.

Our theme this year is based on John 15:5. "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." We are joined to Christ, & He alone is the source of our spiritual fruitfulness & growth.

This school year, our 101(!!!) students are overseen by 10 faculty, including one new teacher, Ms. Jessica Stephens, who ran an excellent summer childcare experience for us at Camp Grace, and she's agreed to join the Grace family as a teacher. She will primarily work with the lower grades in a variety of subjects.

Save the date for A Celebration of Grace dinner and auction on Friday, November 10. Tickets will go on sale in October. If you would like to support the event through a sponsorship or an item/experience donation, please contact Amy Hirsch at amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org. Silent auctions will again be online for all to access, near and far.

GLS is hiring after school childcare workers. Flexible weekday hours between 3 and 6:15 pm. Starting wage is \$14/hour. Hires must pass a background check and submit fingerprints. This is an excellent job for high school or college students looking for a little bit of weekday work. Applications can be emailed to amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org. Link to application: <https://gracelutheralschoolfargo.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/GLS-application-for-employment.pdf>

*Growing
Together
in
Grace*

Grace Lutheran School's "GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE" Project Update

\$50,000 Matching Challenge Pledge Announced!

St. Andrew is a member of the Red River Lutheran School Association (RRLSA) which owns and operates Grace Lutheran School. As such, a special voter's meeting of our congregation was held on July 19th to decide on our congregation's financial support for the "GTIG" upgrading & renovation project at the school. This project will add air conditioning and code-compliant ventilation to classrooms, as well as replace their old and leaky windows. Also, it would convert to either natural gas or geo-thermal for increased energy efficiency. It would also add new ceilings and LED lighting, as well as make modern classroom improvements, add one restroom, and replace the north and south entrance doors.

Each of the congregations making up the RRLSA have been asked for a suggested pledge based on their membership size. St. Andrew's suggested pledge goal is \$131,000. A special Voter's Meeting was held on July 19th to consider this request. The decision made was that we would be able to provide at least \$5,500 toward the project for 2023, and that "commitments for 2024 and beyond would be year-by-year based on the Church's yearend financial position". Furthermore, it was decided that the St. Andrew congregational budget itself will not incur any new debt for this project so long as our congregation has existing long-term debt or another capital campaign in process, which we do with our remaining Mortgage loan and our new Roof Repair loan.

Therefore, rather than placing the "GTIG" project pledge in our budget, individual members of St. Andrew who are so inclined to support the project are invited and encouraged to pledge DIRECTLY* to Grace Lutheran School. To help move this project forward, an anonymous member of St. Andrew has offered a matching challenge pledge of up to \$50,000 toward the \$131,000 goal. Those wishing to support the GTIG project by responding to this challenge pledge are asked to make their pledge, hopefully over-and-above their regular giving, to St. Andrew. Please mention that you are a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church as a way of showing our congregation's support for our school.

The hope of the "GTIG" project committee is to have the construction done during the summer of 2024 and before school starts up. This means that construction bids and equipment orders need to be made as soon as possible. As of August 16, \$759,000 of \$1.25 million is committed to Growing Together in Grace. Construction ordering will begin when the campaign reaches \$833,000.

Check out the GTIG campaign page at www.gracelutheralschoolfargo.com/growing-together-in-grace, which includes photos and information and a link to our Vanco account to set up a one-time or recurring payment toward the campaign. Or feel free to contact any of the following St. Andrew members who serve on the "GTIG" committee: Art Weidner, Ken Koehler, or Grace Lutheran School Principal, Susan Jahnke, or you may contact the school directly at 701-232-7747 and ask to speak to Amy Hirsch. THANK YOU!

*NOTE: Checks for this project are to be made to "PACE" (Partners Advancing Christian Education) and noted: "For GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE project", as PACE is the financial arm of our school and the RRLSA handling the pledges and money gifts for this project.

-**"GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE"**
Support Committee

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.

September 2023

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