

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

NOVEMBER 2023

## Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Israel, Israelites, Judahites, Jews, and Israelis...they are not the same. Let's look at some history.

We first run into the name, Israel, in Genesis 32:28. There a man who wrestled with Jacob says, (ESV) "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." As you know the history, Jacob has twelve sons. They have families and become known both as Israel and Israelites who end up living in Egypt for over 400 years. When they leave Egypt, not all of them were Israelites who traveled to the promised land as we read in Exodus 12:37-38 (ESV), "And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. A mixed multitude also went up with them,..." One could easily assume that some of them were sympathetic, even converted Egyptians and other peoples as well. Here we start to see that God is including other people from other nations to be "His people." Think about Rahab and family. Think of Ruth as well. God has a global mission, and we must ask "Who is Israel?"

So again, as we travel through the Scriptures, we come to 1 Kings 12. King Solomon dies and his son, Rehoboam, reigns next. Under him kingdom divides and only Judah stands with him, eventually Benjamin as well. These along with some Levites from the north become Judah, the Southern Kingdom. The rest are or go to the north and become Northern Israel and disappear from history after Assyria destroys Samaria in 722BC. The temple is destroyed in 586BC and kingdom of Judah along with it, and God's people are carried off to Babylon. Those who are left behind become mixed with the other peoples, a group of which end up at the time of Jesus as Samaritans. The Judahites in Babylon finally are able to return under Cyrus 70 years later and resettle, but don't mix with the surrounding peoples in the area. They rebuild another temple. These are the people who eventually become known as Jews.

Again, the temple was destroyed in 70AD under Roman occupation. Sacrifices no longer can be offered. The religion of Judaism changes dramatically. Reduced to the reading of Scripture, prayers and alms. However, changes in their religion already happen with the rejection of Jesus as the Messiah, for the temple curtain already was torn in two, and when Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," the disciples knew after the resurrection, "He was speaking about the temple of his body" (John 2:21 ESV). God now dwells not in buildings of stone, but in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the true Israel reduced to one.

Paul reminds us in Romans 11:6 that all Israel will be saved, but already in Romans 9:6 he distinguished an Israel apart from Israel, "For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel." In other words, the New Testament Israel is the church, and Old Testament Israel is the Old Testament church. The Old Testament church looked forward to the Christ who was to come, and the New Testament Israel looks back to the Messiah who has already come, Jesus Christ. The Son of God is always focal point of Israel, Old and New Testaments (John 5:39).

What about Israel which was established in 1948? It's a country just like any other country, but it is not the church nor Old Testament Israel. Its center is not Son of God, who has now come in the flesh. If Israelis want eternal life, they need Jesus just like we do. Jesus said, "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,..." John 5:39 ESV).

Pastor Jahnke



Philippians 4:4-8

P.S. What a joy it to be remembered during Pastor Appreciation Month! So, during the month of Thanksgiving, I thank you for your many words and cards of thankfulness, appreciation and encouragement, as well as gifts and meals throughout the month.

## TIME CHANGE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5th

Please be aware of the time change so that you are ready for Sunday morning. We are "Falling" back an hour. We won't mind if you are early. It may help you turn over a new leaf!



## **BLESSINGS ON OUR CONFIRMANDS**

Brett Livingston      Marshall Severson  
Brayden Muhl      Jordan Sommerfeld  
David Schielke      Audrey Weidner  
Confirmation Sunday was October 29th.



## **LOVED ONES THAT HAVE PASSED**

In celebration of All Saints Day we remember members of our congregation that have passed away in the last year:

Clara Fuss 10/28/2022  
Theresa Ammon 10/30/2022  
Shelly Joyce 11/14/2022  
Doug Debing 2/4/2023  
Arlene Klug 2/6/2023  
Ernestine Stewart 2/12/2023  
James Lahren 2/14/2023  
Lilah Jess 4/3/2023  
Faye Zerull 6/13/2023  
Victor Gruber 6/19/2023  
Jackie Roth 6/20/2023  
Jerome Brager 7/21/2023  
Amos Spacek 10/12/2023

## **ADDRESS UNKNOWN**

Below are members of our congregation for which we do not have contact information. If you know any of these members, please inform them so that they can contact us if they would like to maintain their membership. If we receive no responses, they will be removed at the November Voters Meeting.

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Julie Glanzer    | 7. Diamond Lee-Glanzer |
| 2. Emmett Hoeper    | 8. Bai Payne           |
| 3. Breyette Hoff    | 9. Tianna Vetter       |
| 4. Bryan Hoff       | 10. Christian Waters   |
| 5. Jonathan II Hoff | 11. Erica Waters       |
| 6. Dylan Kolrud     |                        |

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Ernie Feland for his hard work and the help of the Trustees for the beautiful speaker boxes to house the speakers in the sanctuary.

## **NURSERY TV**

We are pleased to announce the nursery tv is operational. Just turn it on from the remote in the nursery and it shows the feed from the Altar camera.

## **HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

For those who may need some hearing assistance at our worship services, we do have a number both ear buds and head-phones available for your use. They are now located on the bottom shelf of the cart by the sanctuary doors. You may help yourself or ask an usher to assist you. We do ask that you please remove the batteries when you replace the devices back on the cart at the end of the service. Thank you.

## **encourageMENT**

This LCMS men's ministry breakfast event is on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Fargo. Billy Barnett & Jackson Hankey will be presenting on the mission and ministry of the New Life Center. The New Life Center serves men who are on the journey from homeless and hurting to whole and healthy by meeting basic needs and transforming lives through the love of Christ.

## **VOTERS MEETING**

The Voters Meeting and lunch will be Sunday, November 19th following the second service. This meeting is open to the entire St. Andrew congregation family. We strongly encourage you, as a member of St. Andrew, to bring your input to the Voter's meeting. Bring a dish to share for the potluck right after the second service. Please join us for a good time of fellowship and business for our church home.

## **LWML BAKE SALE**



The LWML Bake Sale is planned for Sunday, December 3. This is our big fundraiser for the year. Anyone can participate. Set up will be Saturday, a time to yet not decided, in which you can bring your baked goods to the church or they can be brought that Sunday morning.

## **ADVENT DEVOTIONS**

What Child Is This?, Lutheran Hour Ministries' Advent devotions for 2023 will be available in the Narthex mid November.

## **ADVENT SOUP SANDWICH**

Soup and Sandwich suppers will be served during the 3 nights of Advent Services. The first is December 6 starting at 5:15pm. Watch for sign up sheets the middle of November.



## **HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE**

- 11/22 Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7pm
- 12/6-20 Wednesday Advent Worship, 6:30pm
  - *Soup & Sandwich, 5:15pm before services*
- 12/24 Sunday Advent IV, 10am
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 4:30pm & 7pm
- 12/25 Christmas Day Service, 10am
- 12/31 First Sunday after Christmas, 10am

## **USHERS NEEDED**

There are several tasks, none of them difficult, but all very important. You can even choose early or late service and the date. 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.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wyatt Marcy, Elliot Pistorius, Emmett Pistorius, Becky Volk, Darlene Hendrickson, Barbara Mason, Jaxon Washburn, Austin Althoff, Ken Koehler, Gordy Ostrom, Karen Laddusaw, Kristin Maddock, Kent Severson, Tanner Reber, Barbara Hample, Landon Job, Marlys Moellenkamp, Kathy Schmidt, Carol Gothberg, Lois Huovinen, Tory Wasness, Mary Pierce, Raymond Hurt, Sandy Ostrom, Jasmine Schielke, Noah Suah, Felicia Borslien, Jacob Hample, Brady Johnson, Debbie Johnson, Mariah Hendrickson, John Renfrew, Marios Rios, Easton Grenz, Suz Smith, Shelly Hurt-Geist, Brandon Reber, Angie Schweitzer, Richard Worrel, Anna Joyce, Delwood Mammenga, Jeremy Nelson, Piper Kitzan, Hannah Norton, Breanna Odle, Donna Feland, Raine Foy, Gage Haugen, Brenda Heupel, Travis Keating, Aubry Strohm, Gatlin Strohm, Morgan Tuscherer, Kjerstin Buchhop, Arlin Prochnow, Sam Stafki,,Sara Sell, Cole Simenson



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Rose & Tony Borslien, Kevin & Leanne Muhl, Mark Brown & Kristin Maddock, David & Meralee Morse



## OCTOBER PASTORAL ACTS & MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

### Profession of Faith

- Daro Crandall, communicant member from Hosanna LCMC, Watertown SD
- John & Kelly Forman, communicant members from American Lutheran, Milbank SD



## 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.

## 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.

## "MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

A month ago, I wrote about the Twin Towers in NYC destroyed by terrorist 22 years ago. Today, as I prepare this newsletter for November, I am watching the news reporting on the war between Israel and Hamas! We read in Matthew 24: "Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you ... You will hear of wars and rumors of wars but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains ... Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Our MSL Media Ministry is a part of the preaching of the gospel to the world! By the power of God's Word and the working of the Holy Spirit through it, stand firm!

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](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) – then click on the link 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 on the website. God's blessing in Christ!

-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

"MSL North" Programs for November 2023:

**November 5th:** Rev. Karl Weber, St. John Lutheran Church, Ottertail, MN, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Richville, MN, presents the message: "The Blessed" based on St. Mark 5:1-12. "This Is the Life" program: "The Deadly Pen" - A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.

**November 12th:** Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: "God's Word For All Who Grieve" based on I Thessalonians 4:13-18. "This Is the Life" program: "Transition" A young boy reacts to the divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces.

**November 19th:** Rev. Christopher Neuendorf, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Bottineau, ND, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rugby, ND, and Immanuel Lutheran Church, Willow City, ND, presents the message: "Using Our Talents Well" based on Matthew 25:14-30. "This Is the Life" program: "Senior Citizen" - A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.

**November 26th:** Rev. Brian Doel, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: "The Abundant Position of Christ" based on Matthew 14:13-21. "This Is the Life" program: "The Gift" - A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money.

## 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:

- November 17th 6-7:30- Friday Fun Night , grades 3-8
- November 17th 7:30-9:30- Highschool LYF

### FAITH CONNECTION– Give thanks with a grateful heart

We all know that November is turkey month. It's time to think about all the yummy foods that we get to eat, football we get to watch, hunting we get to attempt, and family we get to visit. Thanksgiving is that pivotal holiday we know leads to Christmas. We try to remember to be thankful for what we have, but often just skip right into making our Christmas lists and thinking about what we want to see under the tree in less than a month. Some Christmas decorations are already out, and some of us have already listened to Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas". However, society tells us once we have eaten that last piece of pie on Thanksgiving, we can officially and unashamedly get excited for Christmas. With this, we forget to slow down and remember what it took to put this bountiful thanksgiving feast together, to gather all the cousins and grandparents and distant relatives from across the country around a table in an overflowing room.

It's not that we do not want to be thankful, but if we start to think about all the effort it took, all the people who are not around the table this year, we can fall into despair and weariness. It's easy to push back from thinking about what's missing, and just thank the cooks who made the turkey and mashed potatoes. But Christ invites us to dive deeper. He wants us to remember the hardship of the year, to remember the heartache of broken promises and lost loved ones. He knows we feel brokenness and our lack of overflowing joy. He asks us to turn to Him and remember that even when it feels like our soul can't take any more bad news or any more busy schedules, we find rest in Him. He comforts our sorrows.

Yet, in all the heaviness of this year, we remember that God has not changed. He brought new mornings, new mercies, and renews our spirit (Lamentations 3:21-26). When we feel like we have reached the end of our joy and hope, he reminds us of everlasting hope in Him. He gives us hope in what is to come. When we feel less than grateful and blessed, we turn our focus back to the cross and to the promise that our sins have been washed clean in the Blood of the Lamb (1 Peter 1:19). God promises us a seat at His banquet in Heaven with all the faithful who have gone before us. He promises that He will continue to give good to those who love Him (Romans 8:28). God always keeps His promises. He will remain with us through the end of the year, and into the next. He will carry us through, and we do indeed have a lot to be thankful for.

#### Inspiration

Colossians 3:17

Lamentations 3:21-26

Psalms 51:1-12

How Great Thou Art #801

Great is Thy Faithfulness #809

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart #806

#### Challenge:

What from this year are you most thankful for?  
Where in your life do you find it hard to be thankful?



A Celebration of Grace dinner & auction is coming up on Fri, November 10. Silent auctions will open to everyone on our website

on November 5. We have many wonderful items on this year's silent auction, perhaps even some Christmas gifts for your family and friends! Teacher ticket sponsorships are still available as well. If you can't make it to the event, please consider a donation through the auction link on our website to fund curriculum that allows our students to be academic leaders. Grace Lutheran School has been working on a comprehensive technology plan for several years. One of the final steps in this process is to have a website that matches our email addresses, to have total in-house control of all our tech platforms, and to return (rightly) to our dot org status. The new website address is [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org). Go check it out! (The old address redirects to the new one.)

All families are invited to Grace's Winter Festival on Saturday, December 2 from 12-3 pm. Come for an afternoon of crafts, games, treats, and Christmas merriment. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Amy Hirsch at [amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org](mailto:amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org).



## Growing Together in Grace

### August 2023 Update

Having met and exceeded the 2/3rds fundraising goal, the Growing Together in Grace capital improvement campaign is moving forward. The construction committee, the architect and engineers, PACE, LCEF, and the fundraising committee are all very busy right now with meetings and decisions as the project becomes reality.

As of October 17, GTIG has raised nearly \$849,000. This is incredible. GTIG will continue to fundraise until the project is fully funded between \$1.25 and \$1.5 million.

The GTIG fundraising committee has been working hard for many months and would like to add some new faces to the team. If you have a passion for Grace Lutheran School and connections with people who also have a passion for the school, the fundraising committee could use your help and expertise. If you feel called to help, please contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747.

If you would like to pledge toward Grace Lutheran School's capital improvement campaign, contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or [amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org](mailto:amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org). This project also has a Vanco portal at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHMF>.

*Growing  
Together  
in  
Grace*

## *BY THE NUMBERS*

### ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### SEPTEMBER YTD

General Fund Income:	\$ 31,680	\$294,219
General Fund Expenses:	<u>-\$ 28,842</u>	<u>-\$248,412</u>
Net	\$ 2,838	\$ 45,807

- We need monthly average income of \$32,808 to meet our budget goal and cover normal operating expenses like payroll, utilities, missions, maintenance, etc. In September, we were \$1,128 short.
- We have only met our Income goal four out of the nine months so far this year.
- Thankfully, we are continuing our pattern of carefully managing our expenses. As a result, we finished September with a month end gain of \$2,838.
- The YTD \$45,807 in the black earnings includes Insurance Proceeds of \$5,951 which will be applied to our new roof loan happening later this month. Our actual General Fund "in the black" earnings thru September is \$39,856. Which is still AWESOME!

**F** AITHFULLY  
ORWARD *Together*

YOU'RE AN  
IMPORTANT  
PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!



For the past two years we have been promoting the Faithfully Forward Together Debt Reduction Campaign. This was a successful venture as we just recently retired our Mortgage Loan in September.

### A NEW PUZZLE TO SOLVE

But...we've had a bit of bad timing with a roof repair that just couldn't be put off any longer. SO... another loan! This new loan is very small (only \$49,000) and the required payment is less than \$500/month. Our hope is to piece this loan into our current debt reduction strategy and pay it off in a VERY short time frame (2 years or less).

### THE FIRST FEW PIECES ARE IN PLACE

We contacted those members who provided consistent donations toward the Mortgage Loan that was just retired. The overwhelming majority said they will continue with their donation, with their funds now being allocated to retire this new roof loan.

### BUT WE NEED MORE HELP!

We currently have only about 30 individuals/families helping with consistent donations for debt reduction. The goal for quickly retiring a \$49,000 loan is very attainable and every little bit helps. You should have received a direct mailer this week with all the details about this new FFT Campaign and loan. If you didn't, please pick one up on the display by the front entrance.

### TRACKING OUR PROGRESS!

We have a sign on display with puzzle pieces drawn in showing the roof area repaired. The green puzzle pieces represent those already committed to helping us get this paid off. We will color in blue for new EFT or envelope donations. If we all join in, we can get this puzzle put together in no time!

**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 & 10:45 am**

***Holy Communion celebrated at all worship services.***

**November 2023**

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