

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

DECEMBER 2023

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

5:15-6:15pm Soup-n-Sandwich Potluck

6:30pm Mid-Week Advent Services

7:30pm Confirmation Parent-Student Sessions.

Our Theme: "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending!"

A native of Tarsus of Cilicia, Paul was "a Hebrew of Hebrews," a Pharisee and well advanced in Judaism beyond many of his peers (Philippians 3:5-6). His initial reaction to the newly formed Christian movement was to zealously persecute it (Acts 8:1). Paul's dramatic conversion while on the road to Damascus was clearly a life-altering event, changing him from being one of early Christianity's most ardent persecutors to being one of its most fervent supporters (Acts 9).

We begin Advent with Paul's very first letter, 1 Thessalonians, whose main theme is Christ's Second Coming. I invite you to come, sit at the feet of the blessed apostle, as he points us to the sure and certain hope that Jesus will come again "with clouds descending!"

Regular Sunday Worship Service on 12/3-17 at 8am & 10:45

12/06-Wednesday	"Our Two Minute Drill	"1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
12/13 - Wednesday	"Praying Like Paul"	1 Thessalonians 3:10-13
12/20 - Wednesday	"You've Got a Ticket to Ride!"	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
12/24 - Sunday 10am	"Faithful Watching and Waiting"	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The holiday schedule is as follows:

December 10	Caroling & Chili	3pm
December 17	Christmon Services Children's Christmas Program	8am & 10:45am 3:30pm
December 24	"Jesus and His Birth" 4:30pm Christmas Candlelight service 7pm Christmas Candlelight service	
December 25	"Rejoice Evermore"	1 Thessalonians 5:16 10am Christmas Day Festival Communion Service
December 31	10am Sunday Service	

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

"The Second Coming of Christ"

In 1 Thessalonians Paul repeatedly mentions Christ's Second Coming (see 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:13-18; 5:1-10). It makes sense, then, to take up some of the more confusing ideas related to the end of the world. Here is the schedule:

- 11/26-The Last Sunday - What about the Rapture?
- 12/3-Advent 1 - Christian Funerals in Light of the Last Day
- 12/10-Advent 2 - A Renewed Heaven and Earth
- 12/17-Advent 3 - Is Hell for Real?



Don't miss out on these timely and engaging studies so that you better understand and long for "the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

LWML



The LWML Bake sale is Sunday, December 3. This is our big fundraiser for the year. Anyone can participate. Set up will be Saturday the 2nd from 3-5pm. You are welcome to bring your baked goods at that time or they can be brought to the church Sunday morning. The sale starts between services on Sunday.

LWML Christmas Potluck will be Tues, Dec 12 at 6:30pm. All ladies are welcome to join in the festivities.

Upcoming events. On January 9 we are making Valentines for our shut-ins. On February 3rd Beautiful Savior is hosting the Prayer Service from 9-11am.

HUMAN CARE

Thank you for everyone who participated in Honey Sunday. Proceeds from Sunday's coffee and sales of 30 bottles of honey were sent to DG&BR to support their Christian education program.

We have the Scarf, Hat, and Mitten tree up. If you need any of the items on it, or know of someone who is, please feel free to take them.

The giving tree will be up again. Donation envelopes will be available and the proceeds will be divided among those who are in need. Thanks for you support!



GLS CHRISTAM WINTER CARNIVAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, December 2nd from Noon to 3pm. Games, food, fun prizes. In the Grace Lutheran School gym. 1025 14th Ave S, Fargo ND.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School Children's Christmas Program will be Sunday December 17th at 3pm. Program Practice dates will be Saturday December 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 10am-11:15am. Join us as we celebrate our Savior's birth in "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

ROOF REPAIR

Good news the roof repairs have been completed on the North roof above the original Sunday School Classrooms and above the Narthex as you exit the church sanctuary! The new ceiling tiles were installed, and speaker was reinstalled in the narthex area. What a blessing it is to have this completed.



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 signup sheets the middle of November.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

If you have a college student you would like to receive a care package from our church during Finals week sign them up today! A sign-up sheet is in the information center to sign up your college student. We are also looking for members to write encouraging notes, donate restaurant giftcards, chocolates and little goodies, and help assemble packaging. There is a sign up in the information center for this as well. Contact Steph Chapa with any questions at salcyouth1005@gmail.com

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.



ST ANDREW FINANCIAL
SIDEBAR

2024 BUDGET APPROVED

The SALC Voters Assembly approved the proposed 2024 Budget of \$396,212 at the meeting held on Sunday, Nov. 19th. This is a conservative increase of only \$3,000 from our 2023 budget. If our church realizes the 2024 income and expense goals, SALC could potentially achieve a modest Net "In the Black" earnings of approximately \$13,000 at year end. It would be great if we could increase the yearly giving amount, but the income goal of \$396,212 is realistic based on average donations received over the past six years. Right now, our 2023 budget calls for \$32,808 of income per month. In 2024, the monthly goal bumps up to \$33,018, which should be obtainable. 2024 will be the first year without a Mortgage Loan. However, we did need to take out a smaller roof repair loan of \$49,000 in October. We have already made great gains on that repayment (see the FFT Update article) and there is a possibility of even paying it off in 2024.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Brent Dallmann, Robert Eidbo, Annelise Hammer, Nate Willis, Gladys Hopkins, David Schielke, Janice Hanson, Amanda Reber, Brianna Olson, Gladys VerValin, Cooper Haugen, Sarah Borah, Vanessa Gunning, Kathryn Osmondson, Gavin Rosenfeldt, Kayla Buckley, Elizabeth Geist, Michelle Heiden, Joshua Matthys, Charles Weible, Kim Hinz, Cindy Vollmer-Hansen, Houston Wagner, Myrna Church, Kyle Bredine, Tom Lau, Kristi Hopkins, Carley LaPorte, Nora Armbrust, Amber Dahl, Alex Helm, Jacob Renfrew, Shantel Volk, Aubrey Bickel, Wayne Heiden, Gavin Hrzua, Rachel Kitzman, Jacob Marcy, Mary Millar, Shelby Peterson, Shonteau Wasness, Samuel Frazer, Stephen Pfahl, Sue Jahnke, La Rae Kitzman, Ryan Teigen, Sharon Wilson, Shirley Witt, Isaac Berg, Tim Hertel, Isabelle Jacobson, Joseph Kostecke, Jessica Schatz, Paulette Franklin, Tatum Riebe, Andrea Samsten, Shawn Schweitzer, Addie Wohler, Linda Weisser, Barbara Hall, Keri Olson, Kim Parsley, Robert Sherrill, Cybil Johnson, Glenn Murphy, Madeline Cossette, Amy Deng, Paul Klemz, Tom Moltzan, Bai Payne, Alex Spacek, Bentley Williams, Vi Abraham, Margaret Burkhardtsmeier, Greg Else, Julie Glanzer, Gary Lura, Gerald Ramberg, Tess Anna Rossow, Caleb Rossow

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph & Amber Kostecke. Ernie & Donna Feland. Maggie & JD Livingston. Craig & Rose Abraham, Art & Cari Weidner

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"

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name of Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. Herein lies the sure HOPE of the nations - and our own sure HOPE! HOPE is something that seems to be in very short supply from the world these days - and yet, that is the way it has always been and always will be whenever trust is put in anything or anyone other than the Creator & Savior Himself!

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 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 December 2023:

Dec 3: Rev. Heath Trampe, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Prepared for Christ!" based on Mark 13:24-27. "This Is the Life" program: "Stable Boy" - A manger scene comes to life and tells the story of the first Christmas.

Dec 10: Rev. Richard Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Comfort Comfort for the People of God" based on Isaiah 40:1-11. "This Is the Life" program: "Red Boots for Christmas" - A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

Dec 17: Rev. Timothy Stout, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sawyer, ND, St. Martin Lutheran Church, Anamoose, ND, and St. John Lutheran Church, Kongsberg, ND, presents the message: "The Lord Comes" based on John 1:6-8, 19-28. "This Is the Life" program: "Christmas Is" - The shepherd in a Christmas play learns the importance of Christmas.

Dec 24: Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, presents the Christmas message. More information at www.MainStreetLiving.com. "This Is the Life" program: "Christmas on Main Street" - The Christmas message at a mission brings a grandson and his grandfather together.

Dec 31: Rev. Philip Beyersdorf, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Impatient Assumptions" based on Luke 2:22-40. "This Is the Life" program: "Burden Made Light" - The housekeeper helps a family through the struggle of an increasingly sick child.

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:



December 2 – 7-9pm LYF Christmas Tree Decorating
December 10– 3pm Chili Cook off and Caroling
December 17- 3pm Christmas Program
December 18- 7pm LYF Christmas Party
December 21 – 6-8:30pm Gingerbread House Decorating

FAITH CONNECTION– Prepare the Way!

When you think of Advent, what are some images or events that come to mind? Soup and sandwich suppers at church and a worship service? Candles and a fancy wreath? Maybe you think of the number of candles we get to light each week and how there's a lone pink one amidst the other blue ones. Or perhaps, you just think of those chocolate calendars that you get to open each day.

To many of us, Advent is a season of anticipation! We are excited to hear all our favorite Christmas hymns, we countdown the days until Christmas day and opening presents, and we all can't help but play with a nativity set when we see one. We also reflect on how people waited thousands of years for the Savior to be born, and how He was born in a lowly manger. It is so special to look back and think of the long-awaited Messiah being born as a precious little baby. How could we not get excited that the God of Heaven and Earth showed Himself to us and filled His people again with hope? Advent is a special time to remember that Christ came down for us that day, is here with us even now though we can't see Him, and that He is coming again! Pastor Jahnke will be sharing with us through the Advent services how Paul reminds us that Christ is coming again and how to prepare ourselves for that joyful day. Accordingly, Advent is a time of preparation. A time to prepare our hearts to rejoice and remember the day God became Man and began the series of events that brought Him to the cross for our sake. We prepare our minds, remembering that Christ is the reason for our Christmas blessings along with every good thing. We then also remember to prepare for Jesus' second coming, when He will make all things new (Revelation 21:5, Isaiah 65:17). There will be trials in the days ahead, but we look forward to the day when Jesus will wipe away all our tears, and we will join with all the people who have gone before us to worship him forever (Revelation 21:4). We stand alert, we stand prepared, and we keep getting ready for His return.

Inspiration

Revelation 21:4-5
Isaiah 65:17
Isaiah 7:14
Luke 2:1-40
Matthew 1-3

Challenge:

How can you prepare for Jesus' second coming?
Read through Matthew 1-3 and Luke 2. What are some similarities in these two versions of the Christmas story?
What are some differences?



Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous Advent from
Grace Lutheran School!

We humbly thank you for all that you have provided for the school. Our school is regularly nourished by a wide array of volunteers, faithful donors and supporters, and many who hold the school up in prayer. Grace Lutheran School is a ministry for our community, and we are grateful to all who help us continually provide for our families year in and year out.

A Celebration of Grace took place on November 10th. We packed the Sanctuary and had a very fun, successful

evening. Preliminarily, we estimate that the school raised just over \$40,000 for new curriculum and scholarships. This is an incredible gift for our students. Thank you so much.

You are invited to the Christmas Musical on Friday, December 15 at either 1:30 pm or 6:30 pm. "We Three Spies" will take you undercover with the Christmas Intelligence Kids (the CIK), a covert group of spies who secretly bring Christmas cheer to the needy. Come see the CIK as they overcome obstacles and share the true meaning of Jesus' birth.

On Tuesday, December 19th, the Grace Lutheran School Choir is performing a Christmas program at Beautiful Savior at 6:30 pm. Grace's Choir is made up of boys and girls from 4th-8th grade.

As we enter the season of waiting, may the God of Israel provide you with peace and joy.

GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE

November 2023 Update

Grace Lutheran School's Growing Together in Grace campaign continues to move forward at a good speed. The project is officially open for bidding. We are so thankful for our architect, teachers, and committees involved in this project for their hard work pushing toward the bidding stage.

As the architect and engineers completed their preparations for bidding, a building code requirement has necessitated a change to the scope of work to include the roof in Phase 1 instead of Phase 2. This, of course, means we will be returning to our churches in the near future to ask for permission to increase the budget to include the roof.

As of November 20th, \$852,843 is pledged to the Growing Together in Grace campaign. We continue to push toward a fully-funded project. Donations can be sent to the church, to PACE at the school's address, or through Vanco at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHMF>. Please also consider a year-end gift to Growing Together in Grace. Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or amy.hirsch@glslfargo.org for more information.

*Growing
Together
in
Grace*

BY THE NUMBERS

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	OCTOBER	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$ 32,164	\$326,383
General Fund Expenses:	-\$ 30,440	-\$278,851
Net	\$ 1,724	\$ 47,532
Insurance proceeds earmarked for roof repair		-\$ 5,951
Net "In The Black" Earnings		\$ 41,581
FFT Donations (Restricted to paying down the new roof loan)	\$ 17,115	\$ 17,115

- 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 October, we just missed this goal.
- Our expenses are up a bit in October due to some repairs/maintenance items as well as supplies ordered by the Board of Education.
- Thankfully, we are continuing our pattern of prudent finances and as a result, we finished October with a month-end gain of \$1,724.
- Please join us for the upcoming Voter's Meeting on Nov 19th. The 2024 Budget will be presented along

FAITHFULLY
FORWARD *Together*

YOU'RE AN
IMPORTANT
PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!



AMAZING RESPONSE IN OCTOBER!

Our direct mailer and promotion for this new debt reduction campaign began the week of October 16th. Here's the outstanding response for just the first half month:

OCTOBER TOTALS: **\$17,116**
 Current EFT Donations (already in place): \$ 1,813
 Envelope Donations Received: \$15,303

Roof Loan Amount: \$49,000
Principal Payment - Oct Donations: (\$17,000)
New Loan Balance: \$32,000

We've already wiped out over 1/3 of the debt before the first payment is due on 11/25/2023. That is AWE-SOME!

NOVEMBER TOTALS THRU 11.19.23: **\$4,964**
 Current EFT Donations (already in place): \$1,306
 Envelope Donations Received: \$3,658
 November is continuing where October left off!

TRACKING OUR PROGRESS!

As we receive new EFT or envelope donations, we fill in a puzzle piece with blue on the roof sign. You will notice we have already colored in quite a few blue puzzle pieces. Please consider a donation to retire this loan. We have made great gains and if we all join in, we can get this puzzle put together in no time! Let's keep this going!



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.

December 2023

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