

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

## JANUARY 2024

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

In August 2012 we were in Florida for Philip and Amanda's wedding reception. About 2pm, a soft but heavy rain soaked everything. These daily summer rains are quite typical for the area. They reminded me of the spring rains in Minnesota. We were so very thankful for such rains after grain was sown in our sandy soil. The fields would freshen up, and the aroma of the refreshed soil filled the nostrils. This is hard to consider in the middle of winter, but worth considering especially when reading the following quote. "For you should know that God's Word and grace is like a passing shower of rain which does not return where it has once been." These words are a quoted from Martin Luther's treatise "To the Counsellors of all Cities of German lands, that They Establish and Maintain Christian Schools" (1524 LW 45:352).

President Matthew Harrison of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) uses the broader Luther quote. Then he expands the thoughts in his article, "Seize It and Hold It Fast!" Here he applies Luther's words to our time, our church body and our lives. There is no greater treasure than Jesus Christ, born, crucified and raised from the dead for the forgiveness of our sins. Seize the Gospel. Hold it fast because it is like a passing rain.

Not only is our congregation committed to this good news, but we also have a treasure in Grace Lutheran School as an expansion of our ministry with five other area LCMS congregations. Our school is committed to this Gospel and the whole of God's Word, incorporating them into every aspect of the school. For without God's Word with the Gospel, what is there? In the end, nothing but hell. You can have your children and grandchildren achieve the greatest academic successes, but without faith they are lost. They can go on to be world famous dancers or be on a team that wins the Super Bowl or the Stanley Cup, but without faith in the Gospel they are lost.

From a human perspective consider the power of the Gospel by the amount of time we spend in church: may be one or two hours compared to 168 hours of the week. Plus consider that not all the time we spend at church is soaking up the Gospel. Yet, with so little we continue to believe!

A Christian school is to be there to help build the whole person, including faith in the Gospel. It is there to assist parents, not to replace. No school private or public is to replace the family, but a Christian School is there to strengthen relationships each other and the Lord. Consider encouraging children to go to Grace Lutheran School, supporting or increasing your support of Grace School. If you can't, at least be in the Word at home, treasuring and sharing the Gospel.

What greater blessing, encouragement, and strength there is when we are in God's Word and surround our families with God's Word. Remember to have personal and family devotions, even at family gatherings. Increase worship attendance. Engage in and start Bible studies. Have spiritual discussions. Remember that every person's eternal life depends on the precious Gospel. We have it now. Seize it and hold it fast while it is here!

It's a good way to start the new year and never stop!

President Harrison has an excellent article in the December 2023 Lutheran Witness. This article has been reprinted in this newsletter for your benefit. I encourage you not only to read this article, but to subscribe to little monthly magazine which contains many golden nuggets.

Pastor Jahnke



Philippians 4:4-8

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for all the cards and gifts for Christmas.  
We appreciate being in your thoughts.

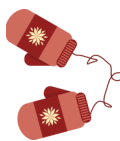


## LWML

Do you enjoy paper crafting? The LWML will be making Valentines for the shut-ins at their meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Come join in the fun. The more hands the merrier. A big THANK YOU to all who participated in the bake sale, those that baked and those that bought. It was huge success!

## HUMAN CARE

The scarf, mitten and hat tree will be up through January. (We may have some cold weather). Also, in January we have the school supplies out again in case anyone needs to replenish for the rest of the year.



The Giving Tree campaign isn't quite over at the writing of this, but I know it will be a success and a thank you to all who made it a success.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM CLEANOUT

We will be cleaning and restocking the Sunday School classrooms on Sat, January 20th from 3-7pm. Sunday School teachers and board of education members will take this opportunity to declutter, reorganize and restock supplies in their classrooms, cupboards and closets!

## MEN'S WINTER RETREAT

The 34th Annual ND District Men's Winter Retreat will be January 12-13 at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND. Life's Big Questions, God's Big Answers: A Practical Discussion about Christian Apologetics will be presented by Rev. Dr. Heath Trampe, the Senior Pastor at Our Savior in Minot, ND. Although he grew up in a Christian household (Heath is a 5th generation LCMS Lutheran), he began to drift from the church in his teenage years. You could say that he was full of questions, and desperately seeking answers. Those answers were found in God's Word, and later studies in apologetics – at CUNE and CTSFW – have helped him to share those truths in a variety of ministry settings. It gives him joy to share from what he has learned with others!

Begins with supper Friday at 6pm & ends about 2pm on Saturday. The cost is \$100, which includes 3 meals, lodging, speaker, snacks, games, fireside chats, etc. Bring your Bible, bed roll, personal items, warm clothing, & friends. Contact Corey Isaak to register: 701-281-0240 or corey.isaak@gracefargo.org

## WE NEED YOU!!!

We would love to have more friendly faces serving as ushers, greeters, nursery workers, and on our altar guild for our worship services. 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!

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*Together*



**YOU'RE AN  
IMPORTANT  
PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!**

## AMAZING RESPONSES!

Our direct mailer and promotion for this new debt reduction campaign began the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>. Here's the outstanding response thru December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

**NOVEMBER DONATION TOTAL:** **\$ 5,534**  
Current EFT Donations (already in place): \$ 1,727  
Envelope Donations Received: \$ 3,807

**DECEMBER THRU 12.17.23:** **\$ 4,472**  
Current EFT Donations (already in place): \$ 1,316  
Envelope Donations Received: \$ 3,156

## LOAN DETAILS:

Roof Loan Amount: \$49,000  
Principal Payment – Oct. Donations: -\$17,000  
November Scheduled Loan Payment: -\$ 369  
Principal Payment – Nov. Donations: ~~-\$ 5,000~~  
New Loan Balance: \$26,631

**We will be making our scheduled December loan payment on 12.24.23 plus another principal payment at the beginning of January with the donations received from December.**

## 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!

## 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.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Skalicky, McKayla Schiffner, Joshua Oltman, Maysie Aarestad, Amy Tuscherer, Janel Beauchamp, Sabrina Brinkman, Randy Weisser, Jordan Grossman, Deion Heinen, Matthew Klemz, Jared Reber, Jeff Wollitz, J.J. Bangert, Sue Borer, Verdell Gagelin, Morgan Mallea, Brenda Renfrew, Patrick Emerson, Gene Hehr, Stephanie Hussey, Jonathan Martin, Darick Dorn, Lindsey Erickson, Lucas Monson, Jean Thoemke, Leah Flaskerud, Gary Church, Cecilia Lindquist, Kari Remmen, Leslie Schilling, Joshua Roberts, Richard Thompson, Audrey Berry, Arlene Buckley, Amber Brandt, James Joyce, Dominic Kolubah, Rachel Myhre, Sarah Olson, Joslyn Pierce, Tonya Oldham, Wade Otto, Jason Skalicky, Oliver Terry, Peter Boldingh, Amy Hagman, Aida Sola, Sam Bass, Betty Roquette, Tannis Anderson-Nygaard, Todd Berg, Julia Coughlin, Faith Eschbah-Johnson, Leanne Muhl, Remy Tuscherer, Jessica Melvin, Tom Doyel, Miriam Harvala, Wren Mallea, Jennifer Borah, Jim Larsen



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Marco & Jennifer Weil, Gary & Gayle Wohl, Jennifer & Jeremy Rossow, Walter & Judy Erdmann, Gary & Bonnie Muhl, Janel & Mike Beauchamp, Sabrina & Landon Brinkman



## BY THE NUMBERS

### ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

#### NOVEMBER YTD

General Fund Income:	\$ 38,209	\$364,592
General Fund Expenses:	-\$ 33,286	-\$312,138
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 4,923</b>	<b>\$ 52,454</b>

Insurance proceeds earmarked for roof repair

**Net "In The Black" Earnings** **\$ 46,503**

FFT Donations (Restricted to paying down the new roof loan) \$ 5,534 \$ 22,649

- 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 November, we exceeded that goal by \$4900!
- We have reached our Income goal 5 times out of 11 months this year.
- Our 2023 Income Budget Goal is \$393,000. Thru November we are at \$364,592.
- Our expenses are up a bit in November due to some needed repairs to our fire suppression (sprinkler) system.

## "MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

JANUARY 2024

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 We are often asked what "New Year's resolutions" we are making. While this may be helpful for some people, we Christians realize that each new day brings "new mercies" from the Lord, and each act of repentance and forgiveness brings a fresh start! May today and every day be lived in the assurance of such great mercy and fresh starts – all because of Jesus!

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 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 January 2024:

Jan. 7th: Rev. Arie Bertsch, President of the ND District, LCMS, presents the message: "Anchored in Christ" based on Mark 1:4-11. "This Is the Life" program: ". "The Other Wiseman" - Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way.

Jan. 14th: Rev. Richard Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND, presents the message: "Selective Hearing Loss" based on I Samuel 3:1-10. "This Is the Life" program: "The Priceless Book" - Money and health troubles on the farm lead a father to God's Word for comfort.

Jan. 21st: Rev. Jim Lamb, Lutheran Family Service, Fort Dodge, Iowa, presents the message: "The Trinitarian Value of Human Life" based on Isaiah 43:1. Visit [www.MainStreetLiving.com](http://www.MainStreetLiving.com) for more information. "This Is the Life" program: "Live Option" - A 15-year-old pregnant daughter and her mother disagree on the future of her child.

Jan. 28th: 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: "Depart, Thou Unclean Spirit" based on Mark 1:21-28. "This Is the Life" program: "In Search of Dignity" - Two factory workers struggle to find meaning after they are replaced by machines.



## 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:



January 3- Confirmation Classes resume

January 13- 2-3:30pm: Youth Ice Skating at The Lights!

January 19- 6:30-8pm: Friday Fun Grades 3-8

January 27- Youth and Family Day at Andes Tower Hills

### FAITH CONNECTION– Terrifically tired!!

Who doesn't like a good nap? Especially after church on Sunday, it's nice to get wrapped in a cozy blanket and take a snooze. Many times in our increasingly busy schedules, we find ourselves yawning and reaching for another cup of Starbucks or Mountain Dew, Monster, Rockstar or whatever energy drink of choice we can think of. Activities, school, work, confirmation and sports all eat up our afternoons, evenings, and weekends and we get exhausted! Well, what are we to do about it? Jesus tells us, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28-30) Jesus knew what it was like to get tired, he even slept during a storm and the disciples had to wake Him up. Jesus experienced what it was like to work hard, get exhausted, and just need to rest. He shows us how to do this! He invites us to tell Him all about our days, all of our struggles, all of our disappointments. He welcomes us to put them down at the foot of cross and ask Him for help! Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength- they will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint. When we put our hope in the promises of Christ, and believe that He is who He says He is, we find our strength. He gives us the Holy Spirit to liven our faith and read of these gracious promises to us in the Bible. He shows us how to pause and reflect on all the things God has done for us. He gave us the Lord's prayer to help us see how we can talk to Him and have a personal conversation with our Father in heaven. We are renewed when we come to Divine Service, and have our sins forgiven. We see our church family and gather to worship the God of heaven and earth. The God who created rest knows just how much we need it, and how we need to receive it. It's not just by sleeping! Finally, He renews us to go out again and rejoice in the vocations He has given us. So next time before you hit your pillow for a nap or at bedtime, send a prayer and thank God for giving you meaningful rest.

### Inspiration

Matthew 11:28-30

Isaiah 40:31

Psalms 127:2

Isaiah 26:3

Out of My Hands-Jeremy Camp

Be Still My Soul- LSB 752

### Challenge:

How is God calling you to pause and rest in His promises?

Take some dedicated time away from your phone to thank God for His promise to give you rest and strength.

### 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.

### 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/>

### 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.





Happy New Year from Grace Lutheran School! This is an excellent time of year to count blessings and we have 103 of them in our care. We're thankful for each and every one of them. Our fervent prayer would be to continually grow the ministry at Grace.

January starts enrollment season for Grace. Grace Lutheran School is YOUR school. Students from St. Andrew qualify for an automatic 20%. Additionally, students who attend Grace for all years from Kindergarten through 7th grade pay only 10% of total tuition for 8th grade.

Prospective students are invited to Preview Day on Monday, January 15th. Spend the morning in the classroom, meet teachers, and experience the difference Grace offers. Register at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org).

Open houses for all grades, and especially Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, are on Monday, January 15, Thursday, February 22, and Monday, March 4 from 4:30 to 6 PM. Pre-register at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org).

National Lutheran Schools Week is January 22-26. Activities include daily all-school chapel, special service projects, and all sorts of zany fun. The theme for this year's NLSW is "Connected," based on John 15:1-5, "He is the Vine, we are the branches."

As always, thank you to all of our supporters, volunteers, and prayer partners. We can do all things through Christ as He works through you.

## **GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE**

Grace Lutheran School's Growing Together in Grace campaign continues to move towards construction if all necessary funds can be pledge/raised. A couple of large donations recently came our way. We are very blessed and excited to announce that the pledge total as of December 18 is now \$1,289,843. We continue to push toward a fully-funded project.

Fundraising is a slow process, so if the GTIG committee has not reached out to you yet, know that we want to give all donors a chance to participate. Small-group events are in the works for 2024. If you would like to speak to a committee member about your gift, please contact Amy Hirsch via the contact info below.

Donations can be sent to the church, to PACE at the school's address, or through Vanco at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHMF>. Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or [amy.hirsch@glfargo.org](mailto:amy.hirsch@glfargo.org) with any questions.

*Growing  
Together  
in  
Grace*

## **Grace Lutheran School's "GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE" \$55,000 Matching Challenge Pledge UPDATE!**

As a member of the Red River Lutheran School Association (RRLSA), St. Andrew is a part operator of Grace Lutheran School. As such, it is our hope and intent to do our part in raising the needed funds to cover the building project that will take place this coming summer!

Per a special Voter's Meeting motion, our congregation made a pledge of at least \$5,500 for the 2023 year - and was thankfully able to increase this to \$10,000 due to our "in-the-black" end of the year financial balance! We are hoping to provide additional financial support each year.

Additionally, individual members of St. Andrew came forward with \$55,000 in "Matching Challenge Pledges", of which we have already received \$10,000 in response.

THANK YOU! This still leaves \$45,000 of matching funds available to be raised from our membership - either by means of a gift now and/or a pledge over the next several years.

This project will add air conditioning and code-compliant ventilation to classrooms, as well as replace old, leaky windows. Additionally, it will convert our energy source to geothermal for much increased energy efficiency! The project also adds new ceilings and LED lighting, as well as makes modern classroom improvements, adds one restroom, and replaces the north and south entrance doors. As plans progressed, we also discovered that we will now need a new roof to be "code-compliant". We will be replacing the old flat roof with a new "A-Frame" sloped roof; something we've hoped to do every time we got another roof leak and/or a heavy snow!

Those wishing to help support the GTIG project by responding to this challenge pledge - with over-and-above your regular giving please - are asked to give directly to the school by writing a check or other gift to: "PACE" (Partners Advancing Christian Education) with a note: "For GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE project". PACE is the financial arm of our school and the RRLSA, which is handling the pledges and money gifts for this project. Be sure to also mention that you are a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church!

To learn more about the GTIG project, please feel free to contact any of the following St. Andrew members who serve on the GTIG committee: Art Weidner, Ken Koehler, Susan Jahnke (Grace Lutheran School Principal) - or you may contact the school directly at 701-232-7747 and ask to speak to Amy Hirsch. THANK YOU!

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 & 10:45 am**

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

**January 2024**

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