

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

FEBRUARY 2024

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Threads for Salvation is our Lenten Theme. Rev. Timothy Pauls from Boise, ID developed this series of five sermons, presenting the material at our ND Pre-Lent Preparation. The sermons for Ash Wednesday and Holy Week are developed by your own pastor. This series threads us from one end of the Scripture to the other each week focusing on a different word.

Think of what Jesus says in John 5:39, "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me...." When Jesus says Scriptures, He's referring to the Old Testament. God's plan for our salvation doesn't begin in Bethlehem in a manger with Jesus. The plan is in place before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4). Adam and Eve overhear the promise in the curse of the serpent and their fall into sin (Genesis 3:15). The Old Testament isn't old news! It's all a part for us to see the Lord's plan for our redemption unfold centered on Jesus!

You know some of the well-known prophecies, such as Isaiah 7:14, "Behold, a virgin will conceive and bear a son," and Isaiah 53:5, "...he was pierced for our transgressions." Some Scriptures are not as obvious being types or events that point to Jesus, such as the near-sacrifice of Isaac in Genesis 22. However, as Martin Luther writes, "If, then, you want to explain the Old Testament well and safely, place Christ before you; for He is the man to whom everything applies completely."

During our midweek services this Lent, we are going to "pull a few threads" to explore some of those themes. "We will take five themes from Genesis—the garden, trees, the serpent, water and thorns—and trace them through the Old Testament into the New Testament and see how they point to Christ—both His cross and His presence--until He comes again in glory. God is faithful to His promises throughout Scripture. May His faithfulness motivate you to search the Scriptures for Jesus everywhere and always."

Pauls comments, "And who knows? Perhaps the next time you see a snake while watering a tree in your garden, you might even think of the Lord's love for you then. "

Check out and post your" Refrigerator Pin-up "in this newsletter to contemplate and attend the midweek services.

Pastor Jahnke



Philippians 4:4-8



BACH CANTATA VESPERS

Please join us Sunday, February 18 at 4pm for Bach's Cantata "Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit (Actus Tragicus)," BWV 106, within the Vespers Liturgy. Featuring RRVAGO Organists F-M Bach Choir Chamber Orchestra.

VOLUNTEER AWARENESS SUNDAYS

On the Sundays of Feb. 25th and March 3rd, you will notice our Narthex area filled with display boards and fellow Congregation Members providing information of volunteer opportunities for our Church Boards. We hope to provide awareness of what they all entail, obligations, responsibilities, time commitment involved and who you talk to in order to get more information. The goal is for everyone to stop and visit with fellow Church members by these display boards to better understand the crucial need for everyone to be involved, to find areas you might enjoy and time frames that work in your life. If everyone helps a little, the impact is enormous. During these two Sundays, please take the time to check out what might work for you!

“GOOD NEWS” MAGAZINES!

(New Issues & Restocked!)

HAVE YOU NOTICED the large rack of magazines on the wall of our narthex (hallway) outside of our church sanctuary area? It contains the quarterly issues of the **“GOOD NEWS”** magazines all the way back to when they began being published! There are currently 47 issues including the following topics: *Baptism, Justification, Sanctification, The Lord's Supper, The Word, Prayer, Faith, Kingdom of God, Law & Gospel, Revelation, Creation, In Christ, Heresy, Repentance, Heaven, The Holy Spirit, Forgiveness, God the Father, Christ In You, Suffering, Worship, Abiding in Christ, The Devil, Teaching, The Keys, The Power of Sin, Encouragement, The Apostle's Creed, Adoption, Comfort, Strength, Prophecy, Trials and Afflictions, Old Man & New Man, The Names of Jesus, Definitions, God's Healing Medicine For You, Your Good Shepherd, Baptize and Teach, Baptism - Ark Connection, Job - Hope When All Seems Hopeless For You, Abraham's Call Your Call, Abraham: Your Faith Foundation, and Hope: The Kingdom of God Gives Hope.* These are available for a suggested donation of \$3 each, which is their cost. Please give them a look! (**PS:** We also have 1 copy of each in our church library available for check-out.)

NEW! “CHURCH INVITATION/ GOSPEL WITNESS” CARDS

HAVE YOU EVER FELT that you'd like to be sharing your faith more often - as well as inviting others to our church - but that the situation didn't easily allow for a verbal conversation? Our St. Andrew Board of Christian Outreach has now made up “Church Invitation & Gospel Witness” cards just for such situations!

ON ONE SIDE of the card is printed the name of “St. Andrew Lutheran Church” along with our contact information and the words: **“Please Visit Us!”**; and on the other side the words: **“Hope, Forgiveness and Peace come from Jesus”**, along with the Bible verse, John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”*

THESE CARDS CAN be given either with or without a brief comment such as *“God's blessings on your day!”* wherever you go - such as to the check-out person at stores, to waiters & waitresses, and left in waiting rooms - or just about anywhere! And of course, they can be given to friends and other acquaintances when the topic of church and/or faith matters may happen to come up. TWO DIFFERENT DESIGNS have been developed, although the messages are nearly the same on both. Extra cards will be available on one of the tables in our church gathering area.

MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS this new way of sharing a brief gospel message and invitation to our church with others throughout our community!

-Your St. Andrew Lutheran Board of Christian Outreach

LWML



The LWML will meet February 13 at 7pm. We will have a Bible study from the current Quarterly, a short meeting and lots of fellowship. Please bring in your mites and Red Stocking monies if you have any.

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Together

YOU'RE AN
IMPORTANT
PIECE OF THE PUZZLE!

GOOD NEWS KEEPS COMING!

Our direct mailer and promotion for this new debt reduction campaign began October 16th. Our members have embraced this campaign, and the progress has truly been beyond what we could have imagined. Here is the outstanding response thru 12.31.23.

OCTOBER DONATION TOTAL:

Current EFT Donations (already in place): \$ 1,813

Envelope Donations Received: \$15,303

NOVEMBER DONATION TOTAL:

Current EFT Donations (already in place): \$ 1,727

Envelope Donations Received: \$ 3,807

DECEMBER DONATION TOTAL:

Current EFT Donations (already in place): \$ 6,836

Envelope Donations Received: \$ 7,201

LOAN DETAILS:

Roof Repair Cost: \$54,786

Less Insurance Proceeds: -\$ 5,951

Roof Loan Amount: \$49,000

Principal Payment – Oct. Donations -\$17,000

November Scheduled Loan Payment -\$ 369

Principal Payment – Nov. Donations -\$ 5,000

November Scheduled Loan Payment -\$ 398

Principal Payment – Nov. Donations -\$13,500

New Loan Balance: \$12,733

TRACKING OUR PROGRESS!

We continue to color in white puzzle pieces with blue on the internal Roof Puzzle sign as we receive new EFT or envelope donations. You will notice we hardly have any white puzzle pieces left! Please consider a donation to retire this loan. We had hoped to pay off this loan in 2 years and with the progress we are making, we could possibly have it paid off this summer!

THANK YOU!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dan Klug, Diondrey Viken, John Forman, Sharon Hurt, Brooklyn Simenson, Diane Keating, Brent Bohner, Landon Brinkman, Andrea Hill, Connie Klug, Jayda Steen, Reuben Willis, Grace Skalicky, Alicia Anderson, Larry Phillips, Kevin Brager, Valerie Groen, Evie Paul, Christine Vigil, Mason Emerson, Sandra Heiden, Ember Myhre, Arnold Sommerfeld, Brenda Viou, Pastor Jahnke, Brady Graveline, Steve Hansen, Michel Mason, David Pistorius, Xu Zong, Rick Heinz, Jeff Pierce, Samantha Borah, Whitney Pistorius, Emilie Harvala, Jennifer Erickson, Starla Helmer, Penny Maurer, Jase Olson, Torill Wasness, Gladys Kautzman, Elesha Oltman, Patricia Harbott, Wade Trzpuć, Kurt Gunning, Evin Borseth, Jesse Bowman, Kelly Muhl, Shirley Platfers, Ava Mutchler, Eoin Stafki, Linda Glass, Trudy Ruff, Jonathan Borah, Shane Fjeld, Arden Glanzer, Dianne Nirschl, Ann Sherrill, Makenzie Charvat, Lilah Shoman, Sawyer Meyer

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila & Don Carlson, Gordy & Sandy Ostrom, John & Gladys Kautzman, Kurt & Vanessa Gunning, Carolyn & Randy Schatz, Tom & Leila Lau, Carolyn & Randy Fiechter, Gene & Lois Hehr

BY THE NUMBERS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	DECEMBER	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$ 43,421	\$408,013
General Fund Expenses:	-\$ 41,798	-\$353,935
Net	\$ 1,623	\$ 54,078
Insurance proceeds earmarked for roof repair		-\$ 5,951
Net "In The Black" Earnings		\$ 48,127
FFT Donations (Restricted to paying down the new roof loan)	\$ 14,037	\$ 36,687

- General Fund Income for December ended strong with donations of \$43,421. We need \$32,808 a month to meet our budget goal and cover normal operating expenses like payroll, utilities, missions, maintenance, etc. In December, we exceeded that goal by \$10,613!
- While our Income was high, so were our expenses as we paid off our Special Assessment at a cost of \$11,546. Even with doing this, we ended the month with a modest \$1,623 profit.
- We have reached our Income goal 6 times out of 12 months this year.
- Our 2023 Income Budget Goal was \$393,000. We ended the year at \$408,013 exceeding our goal by \$15,013.
- With this information, we have good news and concerning news. Our congregation has responded very positively to debt reduction. We have made remarkable progress in this area which will help our church as a whole. Yet we do have some concerns as our actual envelope and loose plate giving has been trending down the past 2 years. 2023 giving was down \$9,196 from 2022 and \$12,763 from 2021. The envelope and loose plate giving covers the majority of all daily expenses. A decline in our major source of income plus inflationary pressure on our expenses is a troubling combination.

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

FEBRUARY 2024

"GIVING HEARTS DAY 2024" on Tuesday, February 8th will be a special opportunity to show support for your Main Street Living North Media Ministry! This will be a first for our ministry organization! You can add your support online (<https://app.givingheartsday.org/>), or send...only or send a check to Main Street Living, 821 - 5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 and write "giving Hearts Day" in the memo line.

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 February 2024:

Feb. 4: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: **"The Greatness of God"** based on Isaiah 40:21-31. *"This Is the Life" program: "Which Way Grows the Vine" - A father struggles to accept the consequences of his actions and set an example for his son.*

Feb. 11: Rev. Bruce Blocker, Immanuel Lutheran Church, McIntosh, MN, presents the message: **"They Saw No One Except Jesus"** based on Mark 9:2-9. *"This Is the Life" program: "Prescription TLC" - Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing.*

Feb. 18: Rev. Scott Ramey, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rolla, ND, All Nations Lutheran Church, Rock Lake, ND, and Zion Lutheran Church, Munich, ND, presents the message: **"The Word of the Lord is powerful and effective"** based on Isaiah 55:11. *"This Is the Life" program: "Dangerous Moment" - An affair on a business trip leads to tension at home.*

Feb. 25: Rev. Daniel Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: **"Confess Jesus"** based on St. Mark 8:27-38. *"This Is the Life" program: "Who will tell Lauria?" - A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident.*





ST ANDREW FINANCIAL SIDEBAR

2023 IN THE BLACK NET EARNINGS \$48,127

Per a special Board of Financial Management Meeting held on December 18, 2023, the following items were voted to receive “In the Black” funds and have been allocated.

- \$10,000 to Grace Lutheran School Construction project.
- \$2,500 to Ruff International.
- \$2,900 allocated to a new Youth Fund Liability Account for 2024 Conference Expense and if not used, could be reallocated to the Youth Gathering.
- \$32,727.10 moved to our #2660 Reserve – Major Repairs & Maintenance Liability Fund.

During this meeting, discussion was held regarding several repairs we need to address. By allocating the bulk of the “In the Black” profit, a good base is established to use towards these repairs. Also discussed possibly doing fundraising in advance of a repair to eliminate/reduce any loans.

- More repairs to the flat roof over the older section of our church.
- The shingles on the mansard roof need to be replaced. (These are the shingles around the flat roof of the addition).
- Replace the full section of the East door entrance.
- GEO Thermal – replace all fan coils in the 25 units.
- Replace the Boiler in the parsonage.
- Reconfigure of the spiral staircase to the organ/choir loft.

More information on these items will be presented by our Board of Trustees at the Voter’s Meeting in April.

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.



Grace, mercy, and peace from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Giving Hearts Day is coming soon! Connect with us on February 8th at www.glsfargo.org with your “Heart for Christian Education.” We are pleased to announce a \$3000 match provided generously by DRI (formerly Dakota Refrigeration), longtime supporter of Grace Lutheran School. Every dollar raised on Giving Hearts Day is prayerfully spent to support our students and ministry.

We just wrapped up an exciting National Lutheran Schools Week, complete with all-school devotions, dress up days, reading with chapel buddies, card making for homebound church members, and a trip to Alexandria to visit our sister school, Zion.

Enrollment for 2024-2025 is in full swing at Grace. Grace Lutheran School is YOUR school. Students from St Andrew qualify for an automatic 20% tuition reduction when applying for financial aid through FACTS. Additionally, students who attend Grace for all years from Kindergarten through 7th grade pay only 10% of total tuition for 8th grade.

Open houses for all grades, and especially Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, are on Thursday, February 22 and Monday, March 4 from 4:30 to 6 PM. Pre-register at www.glsfargo.org.

As always, thank you for your continuous prayer for our students, staff, and families.

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. We are very blessed and excited to announce that the pledge total as of January 19 is now \$1,417,343. We continue to push toward a fully-funded project (\$2.5 million).

Construction bids for this summer’s project thankfully came in lower than expected, and gifts and pledges received are very encouraging – however, we need to reach a goal of \$1.8 million by February 15 in order to proceed this summer and avoid excess debt. Two identical and inspiring pledging events are taking place at St Andrew Lutheran Church. The first is Thursday, February 8th at 6 pm with dinner, program, and dessert. The second is Saturday, February 10th at 10:30 am at St Andrew with lighter fare and accompanying children’s party to accommodate families. RSVP by February 5 to amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org.

Please note that gifts do not need to be sent immediately. Pledges can be fulfilled over two-three years. We hope you can assist us with this critical goal. Donations can be sent to the church, to PACE at the school’s address, or through Vanco at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHMF>.

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:



February 14- 5:15pm -Youth Spaghetti Dinner and Ash Wednesday
February 21- 7:30pm Start of Parent Student Sessions
February 23- 6:30-8pm Friday Fun Night
February 25- 3:30-5pm Ice Skating at the Lights
February 29- 6:30-8pm LYF Leap Year Party

FAITH CONNECTION– What is love?

From one holiday on to the next! Before Christmas even arrived, Valentine’s Day decorations, candy, and stuffed animals already were stocked in most grocery stores. We’re rushed into the holiday of love, and what better way to show someone that you love them than buying chocolate covered strawberries, roses, and teddy bears, right? Well, maybe not exactly. We see many examples of love throughout the Bible. Adam and Eve, the very first human couple, walked with God and had the fun job of naming and taking care of all the animals. Eve was even made with one of Adam’s ribs. God saved Noah and his family before flooding the world. Out of their descendants, became the world as we know it today. Abraham and Sarah, and Zechariah and Elizabeth were tested with infertility, and yet God gave them a son in their old age. Jacob worked fourteen years so he could marry Rachel. Mary and Joseph remained faithful to each other throughout Mary’s virgin pregnancy and prepared to give birth to the Savior. These stories show us some very human examples of love, and yet God has a greater love story planned even greater than these. In John 15:13, Jesus tells us that no greater love exists, than to lay down one’s life for a friend. Our Savior and Brother Jesus became a real human for us. As we are talking about in 2nd Year Confirmation, he went through a state of humiliation: He was conceived, born, suffered, died, and was buried on our behalf. He took upon our sins and nailed them to Himself with the cross so that we might not die and face hell. He also descended into hell, rose again, ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, and will come again to judge the living and dead. He pursues us now as His church on earth. We the Church being His bride, and He the bridegroom. He sacrificed Himself once and for all because He loved us that much. This is the perfect love story. We the unfaithful bride deserved to be cast off, and yet He forgives us when we confess our sins to Him and welcomes us back to Himself. He does this over and over, each and every day. Out of true, selfless, unbreakable love for us. And He calls us to do the same with others. I will leave you with this verse from “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” to think about during this Valentine’s Day.

*“I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom”*

Inspiration

1 John 4:19
John 3:16
1 John 4:7-8
Deuteronomy 7:9
Romans 5:8

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us- Stuart Townend

Challenge:

Who is someone in your life that is difficult to love?
How is God calling you to show His love to that person?
How have you been shown Christ love today?

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!

Youth Butter Braids

Youth going on the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering Trip will be selling butter braids from February 4-18th. Check with Steph Chapa if you need a form to sell or have any questions! Butterbraids will be delivered on time for Easter--March 13th!

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
1005 First Street East
West Fargo, North Dakota 58078

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

February 2024

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45 am

*Holy Communion celebrated at all
worship services.*

Wednesday Lenten Services starting Feb 14th
through March 20th at 6:30pm

Contact Us At:

Telephone: 701-282-4195

Email: office@standrewlcms.org

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Church Office Hours:

M-F 8:00am—4:00pm

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