

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

## MARCH 2024

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

What just happened?

The Bach Cantata Vespers using Evening Prayer on Sunday, February 18. This worship service was a part of our commitment to use our Rogers organ for community outreach at least once a year. Evening Prayer was from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB p. 243-254), a more contemporary setting (c1978 & 2006) than the Anglican style Vespers service (LSB p. 229). The Bach Cantata BWV 106 was the highlight replacing the preaching section of the service. Whether you were there or not, I would encourage you to make the words of this Cantata a part of your meditation at least once or even for a week.

The bulletin notes state, "Bach scholar Alfred Dürr praises *Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit* (Actus Tragicus) as "a work of genius such as even great masters seldom achieve." One of Bach's earliest cantatas, it was composed around 1707 for a funeral. Of the cantata texts, Dürr writes,

"The contents fall into two distinct parts: death under the Law and under the Gospel. The first part [movement II] touches on the theme of death, proceeding from general reflections on God and temporality. With increasing urgency it warns of the inevitability of death, culminating in the lapidary [a jeweler's work] statement 'It is the Old Covenant, man you must die'. Here the turning point is reached: under the Gospel, death has lost its sting and brings the desired union with Jesus, which man can await with confidence."

Think about this; death is such an unnatural state in God's perfect harmonious creation and for his crowning creation, man. Because of the forsaking of God's Word for another word, that is of the serpent, our first parents and all of humanity since then were placed outside of God's Sabbath rest. God rested from His creating and placed it under humanity's dominion. What a joy to live in that creative Word knowing all is provided for. Outside of that Word is the breaking of that trust, causing guilt, shame, worry and all that leads to death. It's what touches us all, and what we must face. However, the Word became flesh (John 1:14) and reached the goal; Jesus said, "It is finished" and died on the cross (John 19:30) and rested (buried) in the tomb. Jesus reached the Sabbath rest, not just for Himself, but available for all who trust in Him. Therefore, Hebrews 4:9 says, (ESV) "So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God..." "Death has become my sleep," Martin Luther writes in his Chorale, which is incorporated into the Cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Since death becomes sleep because of Jesus, then we and all who trust in Him will be awakened when He returns. Because of Jesus, we look forward to be awakened from the dead, which we will celebrate this Easter (March 31<sup>st</sup>). Bach in response to the good news of Jesus Christ incorporates a Chorale by Adam Reusner, praising our Trinitarian God and Lord, and then expanding these last words, "Through Jesus Christ. Amen" for three pages of joyous praise.

Listen for the first time or again at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wk5yPKUGU1o> to contemplate the hope we have because of what Jesus has done for us. You may use the service folder at [https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/standrewlcms/attachments/447378/2024\\_02\\_18.Bach\\_Cantata\\_2nd\\_draft\\_.pdf](https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/standrewlcms/attachments/447378/2024_02_18.Bach_Cantata_2nd_draft_.pdf).

In Christ's service;



*Pastor Jahnke*

*Philippians 4:4-8*

### TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to "spring ahead" on Sunday, March 10th with the time change.



## **“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 2

**F** AITHFULLY  
**OR** FORWARD



*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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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:** **\$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 DONATION TOTAL:** **\$14,037**

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

Envelope Donations Received: \$ 7,201

#### **JANUARY DONATION TOTAL:** **\$ 3,668**

Current EFT Donations (already in place): \$ 1,593

Envelope Donations Received: \$ 2,075

#### **LOAN DETAILS:**

Roof Repair Cost: \$54,786

Less Insurance Proceeds: -\$ 5,951

Roof Loan Amount: \$49,000

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

November Payment Principal Portion -\$ 369

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

December Payment Principal Portion -\$ 398

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

January Payment Principal Portion -\$ 419

Principal Payment – Dec. Donations -\$ 8,000

**New Loan Balance: \$ 4,314**

### **TRACKING OUR PROGRESS!**

We originally planned to make a \$3,000 principal payment in Feb, but received over \$5,100 in donations on Sunday, Feb. 4th. We increased the payment to \$8,000, bringing our remaining balance to just over \$4K!!

We could very well have this loan paid off late February or early March! We retired this loan in five months! That is amazing! **THANK YOU!**



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Rossow, Lanae Cajobe, Dustin Guler, Barb Olson, Jeremy Rossow, Todd Jess, Mike Simenson, Shirley Schiller, Houston Visto, Hanna Anderson, Cari Weidner, Kirk Rosin, Jay Boer, Douglas Bredine, Wayne Oakland, Steve Vogel, Gary Wohl, Darlene Gruber, Ruth Joyce, Alyssa Savageau, Colten Bossert, Devin Schatz, Sheldon Tuscherer, Kim Fuss, MaTia Martin, Joyce Michaelson, Merralee Morse, Cory Schatschneider, Jacob Hurt, Christopher Paul, Lindsay Johnson, Hannah Rossow, Parker Terry, Jason Bossert, Randy Olson, Paris Volk, Gloria Ybarra, Allison Dunham, Ashley Erickson, Ross Haugeberg, Jeremy Pistorius, Alexander Reber, Bryan Hins, Oliver Kitzman, Denise Lies, Gayle Wohl, Mark Brown, Daro Crandall, Lillian Hammer, Maxine Nordeen, Jodie Ranzenger, Arthur Weidner, Nolan Young, Dylan Brown, Leila Lau, Alicia Severson, Christian Anderson, Michaela Goroski, Gabriel Reber, Leo Brinkman, Ernie Feland, Jordan Pierce, Fred Brager, Ruth Greenmyer, Christopher Johnson, Devin Power, Dylan Boit, Natasha Volk, Calvin Anderson, Karen Dwyer, Brendan Klug, Matthew Peightal

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Kim Bossert, Ray & Torill Wasness, Addie & Hans Wohler, Mike & Sara Sell, Bonnie & Les Schilling, Shelly Hurt-Geist & Scott Geist



## 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!

## VBS COMING SOON!

Mark your calendars! VBS will be June 9th-13th from 6-7:30pm. Please contact Vicki Roberts (701)238-5208, or Mariah Hendrickson (701)541-4584 if you are interested in being a part of the planning committee, teaching, or helping in some other way! Stay tuned, more info. coming soon!



## "MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

MARCH 2024

This month provides us with the remembrance and celebration of the most precious Bible lessons of the church year: the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ! May these Scriptural truths – of what our loving Creator God has done for us – never get too familiar in our ears that we might begin to take them for granted. Rather, they refresh and renew our faith with the sure hope of forgiveness and eternal life!

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 blessings in Christ!

-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator  
"MSL North" Programs for March 2024

**March 3rd: Rev. Thomas Puffe**, St. John's Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, and Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message based on the text of John 2:13-22. *"This Is the Life" program: "Betrayed" - A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.*

**March 10th: Rev. Daniel Suelzle**, Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: **"The Sign of Salvation"** based on Numbers 21:4-9. *"This Is the Life" program: "Aftermath" - A father tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices.*

**March 17th: Rev. Doug Thompson**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fisher, MN, and St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Euclid, MN, presents the message: **"The Glory of Jesus"** based on Mark 10:32-45. *"This Is the Life" program: "Holy Land Tour pt. 1" - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.*

**March 24th: Rev. Michael Suelzle**, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Devil's Lake, ND, Grace Lutheran Church, Lakota, ND, and St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Niagara, ND, presents the message: **"Glory"** based on John, 12:20-43. *"This Is the Life" program: "Holy Land Tour pt. 2" - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.*

**March 31st: Rev. Steven Turner**, District President, LCMS Iowa District West, presents the message: **"Jesus Lives! What does this mean?"** based on Mark 16:1-8. *"This Is the Life" program: "Three Days" - The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection.*



FINANCIAL UPDATE

|   | JANUARY         | YTD             |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund Income:                    | \$ 32,887       | \$32,887        |
| General Fund Expenses:                  | -\$ 31,402      | -\$31,403       |
| <b>Net</b>                              | <b>\$ 1,485</b> | <b>\$ 1,485</b> |
| FFT Donations<br>(Restricted-roof Loan) | \$ 3,668        | \$ 3,668        |

- General Fund Income for January was \$32,877. Our 2024 annual budget is \$396,612, which means we have a monthly income goal of \$33,051. This money is used to cover normal operating expenses like payroll, utilities, missions, maintenance, etc. We were just short of reaching our goal for January by \$164.
- We had a few unusual expenses in January such as conference registration for the Board of Ed and travel expenses for Pastor's Pre-Lent Conference in Mandan. No snow removal has helped our expense budget immensely.
- Our month end results were a modest \$1,485 of net revenue. It's great to have a positive monthly balance and a good way to start this new year. Our specials were paid off in December as well, so we will not have that larger expense item coming up.

### 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.

### 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.



March is Grace Lutheran School's favorite month – it comes in like a LION.

There is an open house on Monday, March 4 from 4:30-6 pm for prospective families to explore Grace. Please register at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org).

Join us on Thursday, March 7th from 6:30-8 pm for the Geography Fair. Our 5th-8th grade students have prepared presentations about many countries across the globe. It will be an educational evening! Taco in a bag will be served starting at 6 pm.

A very heartfelt thank you for helping us raise \$42,500 on Giving Hearts Day. We had a gracious match donation from DRI (formerly Dakota Refrigeration) to help us reach this goal.

See the Growing Together in Grace article for an exciting update on the capital improvement campaign. God is blessing our supporters and this project.

Save the Date: Pasta with a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner is on Saturday, April 27 from 12-7 pm. If you would like to assist with planning, serving, or leading a group to serve, please contact Susan or Amy at 701-232-7747.

### GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE

In the words of David in Psalm 72 we pray, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!"

We announce with great thanksgiving to God our Father that as of this week the Growing Together in Grace capital improvement campaign for Grace Lutheran School has raised just over \$1.8 million, the threshold needed to award bids for construction this summer.

Grace Lutheran School will get new doors, windows, roof, geo-thermal heating and air conditioning, and 6 classrooms remodeled this summer.

This campaign has moved at breakneck speed – we received our very first dollar in May of 2023. And today we're over \$1.8 million in pledges. We cannot even begin to express our thanks to all of you who have shared your heart for Christian education.

While monies raised and pledged represent the bulk of the necessary funds for Phase 1, we will continue toward fully funding the project.

If you wish to support the Growing Together in Grace campaign, gifts may be sent to PACE at 1025 14th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103 or through the online giving link at [www.glsfargo.org](http://www.glsfargo.org). Questions? Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or [amy.hirsch@glfargo.org](mailto:amy.hirsch@glfargo.org)

*Growing  
Together  
in  
Grace*

## 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:

March 8-9 – Carrington LYF Retreat  
March 10- Feed My Starving Children at Our Redeemer  
March 13- Butter Braid Delivery Day  
March 17- 2025 Youth Gathering Meeting  
March 22- Zone Nerf Night  
March 28- Maundy Thursday  
March 29- Cross Walk and Good Friday  
March 31- Easter /Easter Breakfast

### FAITH CONNECTION– 3 Words 4 You

You might look at this title and think I am piggy backing off of last month's article about love and Valentine's Day. Therefore, the 3 words that you might be guessing could be "I love you" or "Jesus loves you". You would be right in your guess, but the phrasing I had in mind is a bit different. "It is finished." In these three words, we hear that Jesus does love us.

You see, during this season of Lent we reflect on how Christ showed the ultimate form of love for us by perfectly living, dying, and rising again. We remember the ministry of Jesus, all the miracles he performed, the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, how the Pharisees plotted and schemed to get rid of him, the Last Supper and Judas betraying Jesus' in the Garden of Olives, Jesus' trial, being whipped, the insults and humiliation, the stripping of his clothes, the conversation with the other criminals on the cross, receiving sour wine on a sponge as his last drink, and ultimately, his death as he breathed his final words--"It is finished."

Jesus knew the long and painful road he had to take. He knew that every step He took with the disciples and his followers was one closer step to the cross. But He did not turn around, He did not stumble, He did not bail and leave the story unfinished. He did not write a different, less painful, or difficult ending. He knew how it had to be finished—With 3 words while hanging from a wooden cross. With arms stretched wide and hands and feet pierced with nails while wearing a crown of thorns. The horrible death of a criminal, for the perfect son of God. He took upon Himself every wrongdoing that all of humanity had ever thought, said, or done. "It is finished." The final sacrifice was made for us. What love is this, that the Savior of the world, that God himself would become human and die the death we all deserve. We are made right with God and are given new life. It is done. Death no longer has its grip on you. The evil foe is defeated, and he has no claim on your life. You are washed in the Blood of the Lamb and by his wounds, you are made new. This story does have a happy ending after all. We will be with Christ forever. "It is finished." For you.

### Inspiration

The Lamb-  
Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted  
When I Survey the Wonderous Cross  
In Christ Alone  
Isaiah 53:5  
Galatians 2:20  
Matthew 21-28

### Challenge:

Read through Matthew 21- 28. Take notes of Jesus' journey to the cross, and ponder what Jesus would have seen, heard, felt, and experienced during Holy Week.

### 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!



### 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. Those of you with confirmed children should check the top of the mailboxes for envelopes.

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

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Come and Worship!**

**March 2024**

**Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45 am**

*Holy Communion celebrated at all  
Sunday worship services.*

**Wednesday Lenten Services: 6:30pm**

Through March 20th

**Maundy Thursday with Communion: 7:30pm**

**Good Friday with Tenebrae: 7:30pm**

**Easter Sunday: 7:00 & 10:00am**

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