

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

APRIL 2024

Pastor's Soundings in the Trumpeter...

Amen...whispered. Amen...mumbled. Amen...said. Amen...shouted! Amen...proclaimed! I have heard it different ways from different people at different times. Whatever way it is said, the basic meaning of Amen in Hebrew is "It is true!" or "It is truth!" It is the acclamation of agreeing with and confessing what is said and/or done. Many times in the translations of the New Testament, Amen is translated as, "Truly, Truly...." It really doesn't have the punch that "Amen" has or simply saying, "It is true," or "It is truth!", but that's what it means!

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" John 14:6 (ESV). That's quite a bold statement, and very exclusive, emphasizing that Jesus is our only hope, our only salvation, our only redeemer, our only way to the Father.

That's so different from the way Pilate responds to Jesus after Jesus said, "I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" John 18:37–38 (ESV). In our society there are so many for whom truth is relative, that is where you have your truth and I have my truth. Then how do we confess that there is truth? How do we profess the truth of Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life!

What we have is what we speak and do. Go to your catechism and check out the meanings of the Lord's prayer and the three parts of the Creed and their meanings. Then notice how the meaning of the last petition and meanings of the three parts of the Creed end, "This is most certainly true!" That's the "Amen!"

I have spoken much of the Lord's Supper over the years, especially of what it means to go to this Holy Communion. We need to remember and be careful to give a clear testimony of the truth of Jesus Christ and the Word. When we go and receive communion at an altar of a congregation, we give our "Amen." By our Amen, we are saying that what is preached, taught, and practiced is true. Many of us will travel to see family, friends, and to vacation; we will find ourselves in different churches which are of different fellowships than our own Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). Why are they not in fellowship? Do we know? Can we give our Amen to what we don't know or disagree with? Of course not, nor should we.

Please note that there are those church bodies in fellowship with us around the world, where we can exchange pastors and commune in their congregations. Presently there are only two in North America, the Association of American Lutheran Churches (AALC) and Lutheran Church Canada (LCC). Their congregations are places with which we can confidently and boldly say our Amen.

So, when you go to another congregation check to see what the confession of faith is. At least in North America the simple identifier is the church body with which it is affiliated; is it LCMS, AALC, or LCC? If not, there are differences in confession which haven't been worked out yet. Certainly, there are there Christians there because the Word is there. Yet your "Amen" would be contradictory to them and to your membership at St. Andrew LCMS. Therefore, look for those congregations where you can joyfully give your bold "Amen."

Paraphrasing the meaning of the 7th Petition of the Lord's Prayer, "This means that I should be certain.... Amen, amen, means, yes, yes, it shall be so."

In Christ's service;



Pastor Jahnke

Philippians 4:4-8

YOUTH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU! The current youth committee is looking to fill positions on our leadership team who will invest in the faith formation and Christ-like relationship building of our youth! If you wish to be a part of brainstorming and programming for our youth at St. Andrew please reach out to our current youth committee members: Matthew Jahnke, Katie Jensen, Jodi Pierce, Sabrina Brinkman, Alex Spilman, Mariah Hendrickson, or our Youth Relations Director Stephanie Chapa. Thank you for prayerfully considering how to bless our youth and help them grow in their faith!

LWML UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear Ladies of St. Andrew you are invited to the Spring Event at Grace Lutheran Church on April 13. Please see the poster for the itinerary and the items they are collecting for the Orphan Grain Train. April 9 is our regular Bible Study and short meeting. In May we are planning to hold our All Daughter Potluck. And this summer is the LWML District Convention in Bismarck. All of these events are great ways to meet and gather with other ladies in worship and fellowship.

HUMAN CARE

Many from our congregation do not drive and have difficulty getting to church. We as a board would like to help. To do so, we need to know who NEED RIDES, and who CAN GIVE RIDES. It is helpful to have a car or a smaller SUV, but not necessary, as getting in and out of a vehicle is difficult for many. A sign-up sheet will be set out on a table in the Narthex asking for your address and telephone number to make it easy to pair people up. Thank you.

ALSO, just a reminder, if you or you know of someone in need of food items, that St. Andrew has a food pantry. This is open to any member of the congregation to use.

“CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER”

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 27, 2024

If you are involved in the care of someone with dementia, have a loved one suffering from dementia, or are interested in learning more about Alzheimer's disease and dementia, then this seminar is for you. Speaker will be Toni Larson, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, currently Clinical Supervisor at Lutheran Family Service. She will present “Caring for the Caregiver: Joys and Challenges of Providing Care to Loved Ones Suffering From Dementia”. This free event is being sponsored by the Fargo Moorhead Area Chapter of Lutherans for Life and will take place from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the Jon L Wanzek Center for Scouting, 4200 19th Ave South, Fargo, ND. Lunch will be provided free. Pre-registration is required by April 17th by mailing contact information to FM LFL, PO Box 1202, Fargo, ND, 58107, e-mailing to FMLuth4Life @Gmail.com, or calling 701-306-6283. Seating is limited to 100 participants, so pre-register early. Brochures with more information and registration form will be available soon in your church or you may call the number above for more information.

VOTERS MEETING & POTLUCK

The Voters meeting & potluck will be April 28th following the second service. The Voters meeting is at 12:30pm is open to the entire St. Andrew congregation family and will include election of officers. We strongly encourage you, as a member of St. Andrew to bring your input to the Voters meeting.

TURTLE MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR ARCHERY SHOOT

Attention Archers! Join us on May 11th for the Turtle Mountain Outdoor Archery Shoot. A fundraising event sponsored by Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND. This 600-point tournament provides a fun opportunity to see the beauty of the Turtle Mountains while taking aim at 3D targets borrowed from the James River Sportsman's Club in Jamestown, ND. There will also be bullseye targets and a space set up for the youngest archers to take aim at a few 3D targets and 4-H and NASP targets as well. For more information visit shretreat.org/archery or contact our Executive Director, Rev. Jon Bonine by email, director@shretreat.org or by calling 701-244-5225.

IT IS TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH PICTORIAL

The last church pictorial directory was issued in 2020, so it is time to update. We are looking for volunteers to help with this effort. If this is something you would like to be involved with, please let an Elder or the Church Administrator know. We need someone to lead this project as well as support people to help make the process a success.



By THE NUMBERS

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	FEBRUARY	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$ 43,947	\$76,834
General Fund Expenses:	-\$ 35,126	-\$66,528
Net	\$ 8,821	\$10,306
FFT Donations (Restricted-roof Loan)	\$ 9,636	\$13,304

- General Fund Income for February was \$43,947. Three additional Lent services occurring in February helped considerably. 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 exceeded our goal for February by \$10,896!
- Our YTD net results are at \$10,306. It's helpful to have “in the black” net revenue to start building a base to carry us through the summer months, when both attendance and giving typically decline.

**WE ARE OFF TO A GOOD START! LET'S
KEEP IT GOING!**

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

John Emerson, Brayden Mutchler, Karsyn Bruns, Taryn Odle, Olivia Shoman, Elon Hopkins, Bonnie Schilling, Larry Weil, Christian Waters, Josh Willis, Preston Geist, Brett Livingston, Jonathan Pistorius, David Walth, Tim Keating, Ryan Olson, Karen Berg, Logan Brown, Judy Erdmann, Haylee Hagen, Lisa Brandt, Kace Bruns, Lindsey Riebe, Bryan Hoff, Han Yu Yan, Brandon Heiden, Michael Ramberg, Crystal Reber, Dale Werner, Robert Berry, Walter Erdmann, Danyell Guler, Chloe Jensen, Raelynn Orvik, Joe Striegel, Lori Torgerson, Bruce Clark, Samantha Edgerly, Trae Volk, Matthew Sommerfeld, Clare Boldingh, Fenix Deplazes, Brayden Muhl, Ryan Remmen, Lori Anderson, Becca Hinckley, Michelle Jensen, Robert Viou Sr, Joel Augustin, Rylea Grenz, Duane Baukol, Kyle Millar, Dain Anderson, Samantha Crawford, Jenna Johnson, Brianna Coady, Curt Helmer, Marlene Kummer, Lainey Shoman, Owen Muhl, Hayley Van Guilder

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Judy & Kirk Rosin, Arlyn & Eleanor Kraft, Kelly & Shaun Levi, Larry & Pam Johnson, Lucille & Vern Smith, John & Kelly Forman, Jonathan & Whitney Pistorius

PASTORAL ACTS

Confirmation:

- Kierran Bjerke, communicant member
- Jacob Cripe, communicant member

Affirmation of Faith:

- Tom & Lynna Duerr, communicant members from Immanuel LCMS, Wahpeton ND
- Robert & Melissa Leslie, communicant members, and their children Jude, Eve, Maksim, & Juliet, baptized members, from Olivet ELCA, Fargo ND and Immanuel LCMS, Wahpeton ND

Transfer:

- Jim & June Larsen, communicant members, to Zion LCMS, Bismarck ND

Removal:

- Christian Klemz, communicant member
- Kyle Parsley, communicant member

Death:

- Doris Fuss, communicant member, passed 2/15
- Karter Pfahl, baptized member, passed 3/4
- Eleanor Trottier, communicant member, passed 3/18

VBS COMING SOON!

Mark your calendars for June 9-13 for THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY! We need your help to set sail on our VBS jungle cruise this year! To make VBS possible, we need volunteers to help with the following; co-direct or direct, crew leaders & crew helpers, lead games, crafts & science experiments, music, cook & serve dinner in the kitchen, or help with registration. Please prayerfully consider volunteering this summer and let Mariah Hendrickson (701-541-4584 know by April 14 3

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"

APRIL 2024:

HE IS RISEN – HE IS RISEN INDEED! Of all the truths taught and believed, this is the most important one, that Jesus rose physically from the dead! “So the Jews said to Him [Jesus], ‘What sign do You show us for doing these things?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?’ But He was speaking about the temple of His body. When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.” (John 2:18-22) May we also continue to REMEMBER and BELIEVE!

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 blessings in Christ!

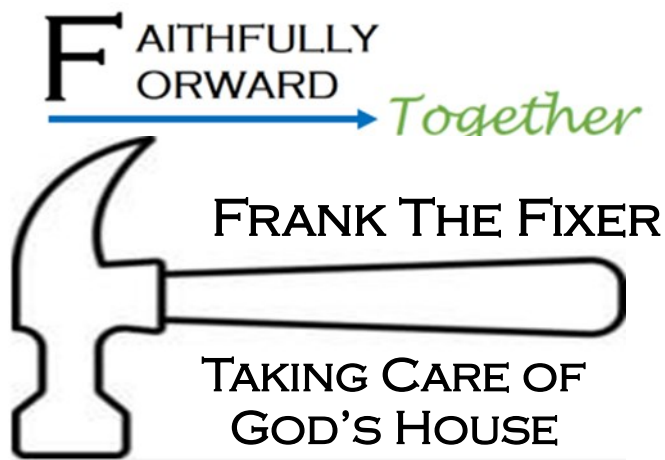
-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

April 7th: **Rev. Daniel Provost**, Trinity Lutheran Church, Drayton, ND, and Zion English Lutheran Church, Grafton, ND, presents the message: **“Peace”** based on John 20:19-31. *“This Is the Life” program: “Three Days” - The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection.*

April 14th: **Rev. Mark Chepulis**, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cavalier, ND, St. Paul Lutheran Church, rural St. Thomas, ND, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon, ND, presents the message: **“The Good Shepherd Laid Down His Life for You”** based on John 10:11-16. *“This Is the Life” program: “Break up” - A divorced couple struggles with direction in their lives after meeting again.*

April 21st: **Rev. Jim Meyer**, member of St. John Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN, presents the message: **“What Kind of Shepherd Is Christ?”** based on John 10:11-18. *“This Is the Life” program: “Alibi” - A father tries to reconnect with his estranged son after the death of his mother.*

April 28th: **Rev. Clark Jahnke**, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, West Fargo, ND, presents the message: **“Where is Jesus?”** based on Acts 8:26-40. *“This Is the Life” program: “No Place to Hide” - A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.*



WHAT'S ALL HAPPENING NOW?

For the past three years we have been promoting the Faithfully Forward Together Debt Reduction Campaign. This was a successful venture as we retired our Mortgage Loan, and the Shingle/Roof Repair Loan last year, paid off our Special Assessments in December and just recently retired our new Roof Loan in March!

YOUR RESPONSE HAS BEEN AMAZING!

FFT HAS CHANGED!

Since October, all donations to FFT have been allocated to a Restricted Offering account used just for debt reduction. We want to expand on this and now those donations be used for debt reduction **plus** repairs and improvements. Our goal is to be proactive and build this reserve, in hopes we do not have to take out future loans for some repairs. For many years we could not even think this way because of our debt load and financial situation. We constantly had year-end shortfalls. We are now in a better position to tackle some of these repairs needed to improve our Church home!

BUILDING A PLAN & PAYING FOR IT.

We knew of some looming repairs and at year-end placed about \$32,000 of our 2023 "In the Black" earnings in the Reserve Repairs & Maintenance Liability Account. This was a jump start to this fund to start planning for some of these repairs and improvements.

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.

WHO IS FRANK THE FIXER?!

Frank the Fixer (aka our Board of Trustees) are putting together a list of deferred repairs and getting bids from vendors. Not all these repairs need to be done at once and some have more priority than others. We hope to chip away at them. The Trustees will be tasked with prioritizing as the need arises and the FFT Committee will be tasked with keeping our members informed of our donation progress and when projects are in the works and/or completed. Of course, other repairs could pop up that are not currently on the list. If that happens, the priority list will be revised.

Within the next few weeks, a direct mail brochure will be sent out to members listing the current deferred repairs, what they entail and an estimated cost. Our Church addition was completed nearly 20 years ago and some of those components need updating. We are hammering out these details with the Trustees right now to get this information ready for you. Just gathering the information and quotes is quite a task as most of these are large scale repairs:

- More Flat Roof Repairs
- Parsonage – New Furnace & A/C System
- Parapet Shingles (perimeter of the addition)
- Residing and Repairs to the two Sheds
- GEO System items and many more!

We will track our FFT donations on an internal sign and provide updates in the bulletins and newsletters. The FFT Committee's priority has changed from Debt Reduction to Repairs and Improvements. We hope your "Over and Above" giving will continue to help us build our reserve! Be watching for Frank!



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!

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:

Friday Fun– Tie Dye Style with pizza! April 26th 6-7:30pm for Grades 3-8.
Bring: a plain white shirt and \$3 for pizza

FAITH CONNECTION– New Creation

April showers bring May flowers, right? It is hard to believe how gentle of a winter we had. Hardly any snowfall has led to some pretty grayish days and dried, brown-looking lawns. It almost feels like fall, doesn't it? In this upcoming month of April, we usually can expect more rain. Eventually the grass will grow and turn from brown to green. Trees will bud and flowers will sprout up and color will be everywhere. Baby animals start arriving- bunnies, robins, chicks, and other barn animals all start to make their appearance. New life makes an appearance in Spring. I really do enjoy this season, because it becomes a wonderful visual reminder that God makes new things for us. He forms brand new life each spring because He loves us and loves to provide for us. The world and its seasons were made for us with such intention and purpose, and he wants us to enjoy them!

Not only does God make new things for us, but God also makes new things out of us. Spring can be seen as a reminder that God personally gives us new life! 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that if we are in Christ, we are a new creation. The old is gone, and the new has arrived! We know that on our own we are sinful and in need of God's grace. Without Christ's redeeming work on the Cross, we would keep falling into the same old pattern of sinning and messing up our relationship with God. Our old self would be stuck in its own mess. However, because we are baptized and loved children of God, we know we are washed clean from our sins when we repent. We know that we are made clean and as if we are brand new. We are given new opportunities to start again. His mercies are new every morning, and our identities are not tied to our mistakes of yesterday. We are growing in grace and faith and can trust that our Heavenly Father provides for us. We trust that when we do mess up, He helps us return to Him, and He continually makes us new again. Just as plant sprouts and baby animals are given a brand-new opportunity each day to grow and flourish, we too are given new chances to keep growing in Christ with each other. So this Spring, remember that in Christ, the old is gone. The new has come! May you live out your baptismal promises with confidence, knowing in Him, you are made new.

Inspiration

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Genesis 1:26-31

Revelation 21:1-6

Isaiah 43:19

What a Beautiful Name- Hillsong Worship
New Creation- Lost and Found

Challenge:

Where are you tempted to get stuck in the old pattern of doing things? How does your Baptism remind you that you are a new creation?



Spring greetings from Grace Lutheran School.

Save the date for Pasta With a Purpose Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 27 from 12-7 pm. Signs ups to volunteer will be available on the school's website in April. Please consider assisting with this fun social event.

This summer, Camp Grace will take place at St Andrew Lutheran Church to make way for construction at the school. We are looking for part-time or full-time summer childcare workers to work with a great group of kids. If you are interested in a position at Camp Grace, please contact the school before May 1.

GROWING TOGETHER IN GRACE

The Growing Together in Grace campaign continues to move quickly. \$1.91 million is raised and bids were awarded to Meineke Johnson, SA Mechanical, and Dakota Electric. Construction will begin in late May and tentative completion will be in late August.

To Christ be the glory for the success of this campaign. Thank you to all of our churches, friends, and supporters for believing in this project and working hard to bring it to life. The committee continues to work toward fully funding the project by December 31.

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. Questions? Contact Amy Hirsch at 701-232-7747 or 5 amy.hirsch@glsfargo.org.

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St. Andrew Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!
Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45 am
Holy Communion celebrated at all
Sunday worship services.

April 2024

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