

# ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

AUGUST 2025

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

As I consider the beginning of Confirmation Instruction, the preparation of the Confirmands, the changes in the worship times, the expectations of Rally Sunday, the start of Sunday School and the addition of Pastor Meyer, Psalm 122 comes to mind, (ESV)

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

2 Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

3 Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together,

4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

5 There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you!

7 Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

8 For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

What a joy to come our house of the Lord to receive Word and Sacrament for our comfort, for our strength, and instruction for wisdom and understanding. The Lord has granted us His full forgiveness and now His abundance to begin anew this Fall.

Let's take a moment to view Psalm 122 in its context and ours. Verse 1 has the "house of the Lord." At first glance, we may immediately think a literal building, like our sanctuary, and then Biblically the temple of the Old Testament. However, when we investigate verse 5, we find that "house" is used again but connected with David. Here "house," means household or the ruling family of Israel descended from David. House has a broader meaning. How does that relate to us? First, we remember that Jesus taught in 5:39, that He is the key to the Scriptures and Jesus is of the house of David (Matthew 1:1, Luke 1:4, 3:31, Psalm 110, etc.).

Second, the above understanding of Jesus being the key, then helps us understand Jerusalem in our context. When reading the Old Testament, the first thing that comes to my mind is the City of Jerusalem. A city consists of buildings, but exists for the sake of people. A city is a group of people living, working and worshiping in one place. When we jump to the New Testament. In Revelation 21:2-22:17, there's the new Jerusalem. This city is called the bride, with Jesus Christ as the groom. This leads us to reason that the Jerusalem is the church with Christ as its head. After we have done all this studying, we conclude that by grace through faith in Christ we are a part of the people of Jerusalem, the church of the Old and New Testaments, which at the resurrection will descend from heaven (1 Thess. 4:13-18, Rev. 12:2, etc.).

Now, and especially this Fall, remember that you are a part of God's City, the church, the new Jerusalem. As God's city, we are to live, work and especially worship together. Each week the Lord promises to bless us, where He has promised to be for us. That place is where Word and Sacrament are offered. For where Word and Sacrament are offered, Christ is there for us and there is the Church.

There is much to explore and apply in Psalm 122, like thrones of judgment (centered in Christ). However, remember who we are in Christ. We are His church, His house, His new Jerusalem. Let each of us say, "For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good."

**In Christ's service;**



*Pastor Jahnke*

*Philippians 4:4-8*

P.S. For details of the items listed, please see the calendar and articles in this newsletter.



## LWML

LWML doesn't meet this month but now is the time to start thinking of what you would like to do this next year, such as speakers, bake sale, Bible Studies, and the fall retreat (don't have times or place but it is usually in Sept.) We will meet again September 9 at 7pm. There will be a short Bible Study or a devotion and a planning meeting for the year.

## HUMAN CARE

School is just around the corner. That means buying school supplies. Supplies will be out through the early part of September for any student in need from kindergarten through college.

The food pantry has seen a rise in the need for groceries the last few months. Take a look inside and see what is missing that you would enjoy eating and if able bring it in to be shared with those in need. Specifically, it is empty/low on laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, Kleenex, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, canned ravioli, canned chicken, and rice packets, but all nonperishable donations are welcome. Thank you.

## BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend the **"SEEKER'S" Bible Study & Fellowship** whenever it works for you on the **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays** of each month starting at **1:00pm**. Topics vary, and suggested topics are invited. Coffee, dessert, and fellowship follow each study. For questions, please contact Ken Koehler @ 701-429-3092.



## YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (YABS)

Young Adults Bible Study (YABS) is meeting weekly on Sunday evenings at 6pm this summer at Immanuel! YABS is for college students and young adults (20s 30s) in the area.

## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation & Confirmand orientation will be on Wednesday, Aug. 20th. Junior confirmation classes will begin the following week on Wed, Aug. 27th.



## "GOOD NEWS" MAGAZINES!

**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.)

## "SIMPLE EXPLANATION of the" ...

There is a series of "SIMPLE EXPLANATION of" booklets now available in the tract racks by the tables in the gathering area of our church building. Some of the topics include a "SIMPLE EXPLANATION of the: "Church Year", "Bible", "Christian Denominations", "Lutheranism", "Angels", "Church & State", "Fellowship In The Lord's Supper", "Heaven & Hell", "Prayer"; as well as a number of other topics.

## CREATION OR EVOLUTION?

We've been told that modern science & the theory of evolution have disproved the Genesis account of creation. We've been told that the fossil record proved that humans evolved from ape-like creatures (known as *hominins*) over several million years. & we've been told that our evolution from hominin ancestors allegedly occurred through a long series of mutations & the reproductive filter of natural selection. Yet, compelling evidence from the major fields of science including biology, paleoanthropology, & modern genetics has cast serious doubt on the standard evolutionary view of natural history. DNA analysis of people living around the world also powerfully reveals why new observational science is increasingly agreeing with the biblical account of creation! If this is of interest to you, then you'll want to watch the relatively new DVD entitled: **"DISMANTLED (A Scientific Deconstruction of the Theory of Evolution)"** produced by "Back2Genesis". A copy of this DVD has been placed in our St. Andrew library (along with many other DVDs & books on this topic), &/or you may contact former DCE Ken Koehler (701-429-3092) to purchase a copy of your own for \$5.

## BY THE NUMBERS

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

JUNE YTD

General Fund Income:	\$ 30,834	\$ 215,409
General Fund Expenses:	-\$ 30,257	-\$ 174,285
Net	\$ 577	\$ 41,124

General Fund Income for June was \$30,834. Our 2025 annual budget is \$420,400, which breaks down to a monthly income goal of \$35,033. (This is almost a \$2,000 a month increase from last year). General Fund income covers normal operating expenses such as payroll, utilities, missions, maintenance, etc. **This month we were short of our goal by \$4,199.**

Our 2025 budget for Expenses (this is the last month without an additional Called Worker) is \$381,002, which breaks down to \$31,750 monthly. In June we were able to keep our expenses in check at \$30,257, \$1,493 less than budget. As a result, we netted a very small "In the Black" amount of \$577 for June.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> month in a row where our General Fund income has not met our budget goal. This is a concerning trend, especially since our staff increases this month with our new Associate Pastor. Having a second pastor will increase our expenses at **least \$6K every month for salary and benefits.** Our General Fund monthly giving needs to improve to cover this, or else the Ministry Fund will be tapped to cover any shortfall. While our non-payroll expenses have been lower the past several months, we expect increases in the future with upcoming Education events, monthly utilities at the parsonage, fall preparation and potential church repairs and maintenance yet to be completed before winter.

Year to Date Net Revenue sits at \$41,124. We will be locking down the results under Budget #1 (No additional Called Worker) and resetting QuickBooks for Budget #3 (Adding an Associate Pastor) starting in mid-July and for the remainder of the year. This will allow us to track our new expenses and giving income accurately.

### NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive a printed copy via mail, please let Mary in the office know.

### MAILBOXES

Please remember to routinely check your mailboxes.

### UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to let the church office know if you have a new address, changed your phone number or email.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Celeste Moltzan, Ashlyn Hins, Joyce Weible, Emma Buethner, Melissa Rosenfeldt, MaryJo Lindquist, Shaun Levi, Kevin Muhl, Jaylin Odle, Allie Paul, Alissah Grenz, Lisa Olson, Deb Cook, Christian Hinckley, Bryce Maddock, Connor Young, Delan Schmidt, Emily Visto, Shadd McCollum, Jessica Morse, Kim Bossert, Carrie Beckering, Cody Sinclair, Brekken Young, Dan Hammer, Casey Reber, Beth Haugen, Jack Franklin, Victoria Harvala, Lenny Heupel, Rebecca Kitzman, Jacob Radebaugh, Emily Sell, Carl Glander, Kimberly Jerger, Donette Walsh, Claire Weidner, Bode Sahlberg, Craig Abraham, Darcy Emerson, Lynn Samsten, Jayden Sommerfeld, Amber Kostecke, Kamrin Schweitzer, Madalyn Meyer, Kevin Osmondson, Makell Sahlberg, Shelly Sinclair, Logan Kitzan, Audrey Weidner, Chelsie Fuss, Tyler Lies

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Alex & Caitlin Spacek, Todd & Annie Berg, Alicia & Kent Severson, Lindsay & Steven Buchhop, Robert & Karen Cataldi II, Paul & Sandy Klemz, Angie & Shawn Schweitzer, Alexandra & Greg Spilman, Brandon & Amanda Reber, Dawn & Kelly Doyel, Brock & Beth Haugen, Chris & Allie Paul, Glenn & Mae Murphy, Dan & Connie Klug, Shelley & Ron Goroski, Emmett & Sharon Wilson, Doug & Sharon Bredine, Dave & Glenda Pistorius



## PASTORAL ACTS

### Transfer Out:

- Kurt & Vanessa Gunning, communicant members

### Death & Burials

- Lucille Smith, communicant member

### Wedding

- Robert Rudnick & Patience Barwon



## USHERING

There are several tasks, none of them difficult, but all very important. So, what does this volunteer job include? On a monthly basis, assist with the church service by handing out bulletins/handouts and greeting people as they walk into the sanctuary to make them feel welcome, assisting with opening doors, gathering offerings, communion cards, & handing out and gathering Friendship Registers, dismissing pews for communion & end of service, taking attendance, turning on/off lights during service, cleaning & stocking pew racks, assisting with placing fans, etc. You can even designate early or late service and sign up for the date of your choosing. 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.



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FRANK THE FIXER  
TAKING CARE OF GOD'S HOUSE

In mid-March we sent out a plea for additional financial help for both the Parsonage Remodel and the new Sound System. These are two large projects we are taking on at the same time. It's quite a feat we can do both items! **Thankfully, our members are responding!!**

#### PARSONAGE UPDATE:

We needed to collect an additional \$23,000 to cover the extra beams needed for support and the unplanned huge foundation/concrete issues that left us no option but to repair. As of mid-July, we have collected almost \$16,000 towards these repairs. **We are short about \$7K for these unplanned items.** We are close to finishing this remodel and looking forward to Pastor Meyer moving in the beginning of August. Once again, as we can't say it enough...THANK YOU to Tom Moltzan who had spent countless hours at the parsonage and leading the way! Plus...Thank you also to all our church member volunteers and Trustees who have continuously showed up to help with the many projects needed!

#### SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE:

The total cost of this upgrade is \$32,395 and has been broken down into two sections. Part 1 is all the equipment needed to improve our audio in our church. That price tag is \$24,100 and we have now collected all the funds to cover this portion! Some of this equipment is already being installed. **Part 2 is focusing on the video side which will cost an additional \$8,300.** We still need to raise these funds. This upgrade should take us well into the future. The goal is to have this fully operational by Rally Sunday. Thank you to Joe Franklin and the members on the Board of Elders (Ray Wasness & Jeff Pierce) for all their work on this large project!

#### FFT FUTURE PROJECT LIST:

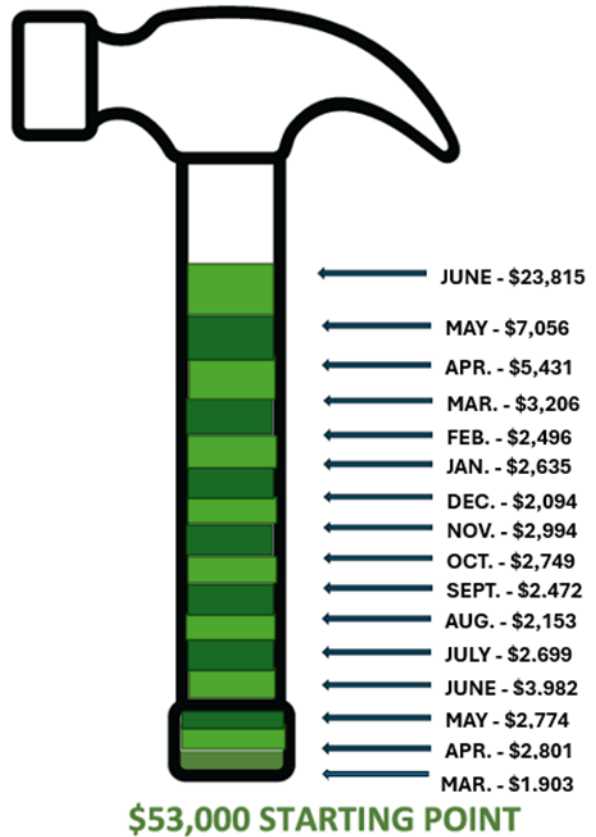
Along with these two large scale projects, Frank still has a long list of "TO DO" items that have been temporarily placed on hold. However, repairs are always needed which means they address issues as they come up.

#### TRACKING OUR PROGRESS:

Frank's repairs and improvements are costly, and it doesn't take long to burn thru these funds. Please consider using a bright green FFT envelope and place inside an "Over and Above" donation gift to help us build our reserve and continue with our list of repairs!

#### To TRACK OUR PROGRESS...

LET'S WATCH OUR FFT DONATIONS  
GROW AS WE HAMMER AWAY AT  
REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS!



#### 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.





## **DR. MARK'S GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES**

Lutheran Family Service is pleased to present a program of year-round educational grief support. Each session will focus on a different area of loss as presented by Dr. Mark Vande Braak, an expert with 30+ years of professional experience helping people navigate through trauma & loss. This is a FREE series. If you would like to join any of our sessions, please register for them as they become available. And share this series with anyone who may be grieving any of these losses. <https://lutheranfamilyservice.org/drmarkseries/>

- Wednesday, August 20 at 1 PM – Ambiguous Loss
- Wednesday, September 17 at 1 PM – Loss Of A Friend
- Wednesday, October 15 at 1 PM – Loss Of Child Through Voluntary Adoption Placement (For Birthparents Of Adoptees)
- Wednesday, November 19 at 1 PM – Loss Of A Job / Home / Life Stability

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Committee for Convention Nominations requests nominations of qualified members of Synod member congregations for the following positions to be filled by the Synod convention meeting July 18-23, 2026. Officers, agencies, ordained and commissioned ministers, and member congregations of the Synod and their lay members are all invited to submit nominations, to be received preferably before August 18, 2025, and no later than October 18, 2025. Nominees are sought for:

- Secretary of Synod
- LCMS Board of Directors (at-large and regional)
- LCMS Boards for National and International Mission (regional)
- Commission on Theology and Church Relations
- Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors
- Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors
- Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors
- LCMS Foundation Board of Trustees
- Concordia University System Board of Directors
- Synod University and Seminary Boards of Regents

Important information, including an explanatory memorandum, a detailed description of the offices to be filled (with present terms and incumbents), and instructions for use of the new online nomination system, is available at [lcms.org/nominate](https://lcms.org/nominate). Any member of a member congregation with a valid email address will be able to establish an account and submit a nomination.

## **"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH"**

HAVE YOU been watching the wonderful *"This Is the Life"* programs along with the weekly Divine Worship Services each Sunday? As our LCMS President Matthew Harrison states during his introduction of these programs, "though they were recorded in the 1960's and 70's, the subject matter is still very relevant"! I personally look forward to watching these episodes -

and often find my emotions welling up as the story line develops. If you've missed any of these programs, you can watch them at any time by going to [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) and clicking on the MENU, and then click on "Watch This Is The Life". (Binge watching allowed!) These critically acclaimed dramas still do a wonderful job of "bringing Christ to the nations - and the nations to Christ"!

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 PayPal on the website. God's blessings in Christ!

-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

### **"MSL North" Programs for August 2025:**

**August 3:** Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND, and St. John's Lutheran Church, Belford Township, ND, presents the message: "**Winning in Christ**" based on Ecclesiastes 2:18-26 and Luke 12:13-21. *This Is the Life Program: "Give and Take" - A young Christian ad agency representative navigates a situation with an overly attentive married man.*

**August 10:** Rev. Robert Hill, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wimbledon, ND, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kensal, ND, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pettibone, ND, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Woodworth, ND, presents a message: "**Fear Not, Little Flock**" based on Luke 12:32. *This Is the Life Program: "No Tears For Bill" - A widow struggles with her past and upcoming marriage.*

**August 17:** Rev. Keith Ratcliffe, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN, presents the message: "**To Run the Race of God**" based on Hebrews 12:1-2. *This Is the Life program: "Two Weeks to Eternity" - A man who lives life to the fullest faces uncertainty with the upcoming surgery.*

**August 24:** Rev. Brock Schmeling, Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend, ND, and Peace Lutheran Church, Barney, ND, presents the message: "**Rabbi, You Are the Son of God! You Are the King of Israel!**" based on John 1:43-51 *This Is the Life program: "House of Sand" - This classic Fisher family episode explores the difference between a moral and Christian life.*

**August 31:** Rev. Michael Suelzle, Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: "**Who's Invited?**" based on Luke 14:13-14. *This Is the Life program: "The Reluctant Witness" - A man's fishing trip is interrupted when he becomes a witness to crime and struggles with the aftermath.*

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

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Come and Worship!**

***Summer Schedule through Labor Day Weekend:***

**Sundays: 9:00 am**

**Wednesdays 8/6 & 13: 7:00pm**

**Thursdays 8/21 & 28: 7:00pm**



***Holy Communion celebrated at all  
Sunday & Wednesday worship services.***

**AUGUST 2025**

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