

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . . I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . . I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Colossians 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”



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July 30 & August 3, 2025	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost-C

CATECHETICAL LESSON *Ten Commandments: Fifth Commandment- You shall not commit adultery.* *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

USHERS NEEDED There are several tasks, none of them difficult, but all very important. You can even choose early or late service and the date. 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.

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JUNE	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$30,834	\$215,409
General Fund Expenses:	-\$30,257	-\$174,285
Net Revenue	\$ 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 2nd 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.

Attendance Last Week – 30 (Wed) + 117 = 147

COMMUNICATING CHRIST OVER THE AIR:

OUR WEB SITE includes podcasts of sermons, links to livestreams and electronic forms of our newsletters, bulletins, and other information www.standrewlcms.org

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR" Sundays on KFGO AM 790 at 7:30am. Upcoming topics are posted on the LLL bulletin board. www.lutheranhour.org.

"CHRIST THE WAY" a radio program featuring ND District LCMS Pastors on KSJB 600AM at 7:30am on Sundays.

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH: www.mainstreetliving.com

OUR SYNOD'S RADIO STATION: www.kfu0.org

DAILY DEVOTIONS www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp

MEN'S NETWORK: www.lhmmen.com

ISSUES, ETC: Current events from a Lutheran view. www.issuesetc.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK: (8/6 & 10)

ELDERS: Wed: Kevin Crawford
9am: Lenny Heupel

AV: Wed: Matthew Klemz/Cooper Haugen
9am: Joseph Cajobe/Elizabeth Geist

USHERS: Wed: Christian Hinckley
9am: Lloyd Ruud*, Lincoln Haugen, Tom Moltzan

ACOLYTES: Wed: Gage Haugen
9am: Carter Hins

MUSICIANS: Wed: Susan Jahnke
9am: Susan Jahnke

ALTAR: Rachel Kitzman & Sara Sell/Gary & Bonnie Muhl

LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY-LCRL God works in two distinct ways in today's world! Listen to Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, explain how at <https://tinyurl.com/LCRL2KG>.

FROM PRESIDENT CHEPULIS Lutheran Family Service is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS that provides mental health care from a Biblical perspective. Congregation members can access counseling services via telehealth with LFS, but they have a goal to bring two licensed Lutheran counselors to ND under the umbrella of Lutheran Family Service in the coming years. The district does not directly financially support LFS, but if you would like to donate toward their work, the district would be happy to pass on any donations for LFS sent to the district office. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

BUILDING HEALTHY Building Healthy Families: Parents and grandparents, looking for something to do with your children or grandchildren during these waning days of summer? Take them to the cemetery with you on a mission to find your ancestors' grave sites. Bring along old family photos to match and give a face to the names on the tombstones. This could be a fun adventure for them and you, as well as a unique opportunity for you to share your faith and stories of the faith of your family in previous generations. You shall teach [God's commandments] diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. Deuteronomy 6:7 Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

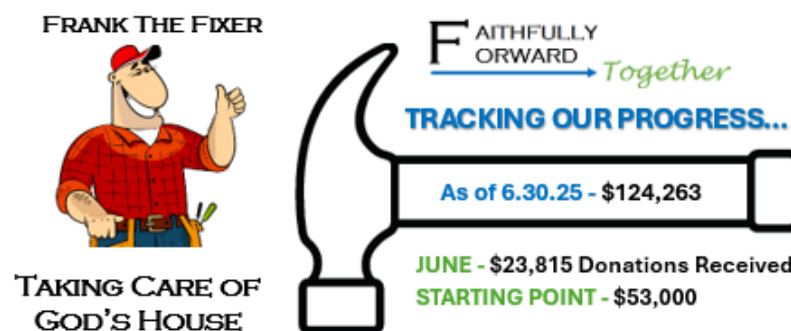
WEEKLY YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY (YABS) on Sunday evenings at 6pm this summer at Immanuel! YABS is for college students and young adults (20s 30s) in the area.

GLS BRAT STAND Grace Lutheran School will host the Brat Stand at Northport Hornbachers (2510 Broadway Fargo) on August 8th & 9th from 11am to 7pm. All proceeds go toward the new playground.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the **“SEEKER’S” Bible Study & Fellowship** whenever it works for you on the **1st & 3rd 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.

FOOD PANTRY is in need of donations. 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.

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM 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.* MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program. Programs are broadcast at 9am Central time on FOX station KVRN Channel 15.1, AND 10am Central on WDAY & **affiliate** Xtra Channels: WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 and archived on www.mainstreetliving.com (then click on “North”).



UPDATE!

We sent out a plea in March to help with additional costs for both the Parsonage Remodel and the new Sound System. It's quite a feat that we can even consider doing these two large projects at the same time! **Thankfully, our members are responding!**

Parsonage Remodel - We need to collect about an extra \$23,000 to cover the extra beams and huge foundation/concrete repairs that had to be done. As of July 13th, we have collected \$15,980 towards that amount. **We are short about \$7K for this portion.** Our completion goal is still Aug 1st.

Sound System - The upgrade total cost is \$32,395 and has been broken down into two sections. Part 1 is all the equipment needed to improve our audio which costs about \$24,100 of which we have collected \$21,715. We are short \$2,385. **We have received in the full \$2,385 which covers the audio portion!** Part 2 is the video portion which will cost another \$8,300. **This means we need to raise another \$8,300 to fully cover this project.** Some equipment is already being installed. The goal is to have this upgrade completed by Rally Sunday.

Plus, Frank still has the other long list of projects we have mentioned many times. Summer is going to be a busy and exciting time for St. Andrew! We need your support for FFT more than ever! Please consider supporting Frank and this list of projects!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVER & ABOVE GIVING!

Introit

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | gether!

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*
or give to God the price | of his life,
for the ransom of their life is | costly*
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This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.

Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*
death shall be their | shepherd.

But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*
for he will re- | ceive me.

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thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

Gradual

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*
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Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*
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