

Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. *“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”*



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August 6 & 10, 2025	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost-C

WORSHIP PRAYER: Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:1-16 *The faith of Abraham and others*

CATECHETICAL LESSON *Ten Commandments: Sixth 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.

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Sun/Aug 10	9th Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion, 9am Youth Gathering Thankyou, 10am YABS @ Immanuel, 6pm
Mon/Aug 11	Classical Conversations, 8am-3:30pm Bd of Trustees, 6:30pm Youth Thunder Road, 6:30-8:30pm SOS Meeting, 7pm
Tues/Aug 12	Quilters, 9:30-Noon Bd of Human Care, 5:30 pm
Wed/Aug 13	Worship w/Holy Communion, 7pm
Thurs/Aug 14	Chapel at Edgewood Vista, 10:30am
Fri/ Aug 15	
Sat/Aug 16	
Sun/Aug 17	10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship w/Holy Communion, 9am YABS @ Immanuel, 6pm

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS this week: Deb Cook, Christian Hinckley, Bryce Maddock, Connor Young, Delan Schmidt, Emily Visto, Shadd McCollum, Jessica Morse, Kim Bossert, Carrie Beckering, Cody Sinclair, Brekken Young

ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS this week: Lindsay & Steven Buchhop, Robert & Karen Cataldi II, Paul & Sandy Klemz, Angie & Shawn Schweitzer, Alexandra & Greg Spilman

VOLUNTTERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL As we prepare for the upcoming Sunday School year, we are looking for volunteers to help make it a meaningful and fun experience for our kids! If you feel called to serve, we have opportunities for teachers, helpers, music leaders, a craft coordinator, and substitutes.

Whether you can commit weekly or occasionally, your time and talents are greatly appreciated. If you're interested, please reach out to anyone on the Board of Education or contact Becca Hinckley at 218.457.0088.

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.-9-

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ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN FINANCIAL UPDATE

	JULY	YTD
General Fund Income:	\$35,031	\$250,440
General Fund Expenses:	<u>-\$33,579</u>	<u>-\$207,864</u>
Net Revenue	\$ 1,452*	\$ 42,576*

*Preliminary Financials

- General Fund Income for July was \$35,031. 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 just a few dollars short of reaching our goal.**
- We are now switching to a new expense budget with the addition of our second called worker. Our monthly expenses will be increasing about \$6K. We are anticipating an increase from \$31,750 to \$37,750 a month. In July, our expenses came in at \$33,579, \$4,171 less than budget. Pastor Meyer joined our congregation mid-July, so he only had one full payroll vs two. We are happy we were able to net a small "In the Black" amount of \$1,452 for July as summer months are not easy.
- This is the now the 3rd month in a row where our General Fund income has not met our budget goal. This remains a concerning trend. Our General Fund monthly giving needs to improve to cover our additional expenses, or else the Ministry Fund will be tapped to cover any shortfall. With fall approaching, we expect increases with upcoming Education events, monthly utilities at the parsonage and potential church repairs and maintenance yet to be completed before winter.
- Year to Date Net Revenue sits at \$42,576. We locked down the results under Budget #1 (No additional Called Worker) ending with our Net Revenue at \$41,122. We have reset QuickBooks for Budget #4 (6.5 month using Budget #1- and 5.5-months using 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 – 26 (Wed) + 82 = 108

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.kfuo.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: (8/13 & 17)

ELDERS: Wed: Todd Reber
9am: Glenn Murphy

AV: Wed: Matthew Klemz/Christ Washburn
9am: Jeff Pierce/Logan Goroski

USHERS: Wed: Sandie Eaton
9am: Mike Hendrickson*, Mae Murphy, Steve Vogel

ACOLYTES: Wed: Jase Olson
9am: Emilie Harvala

MUSICIANS: Wed: Jodi Pierce
9am: Jodi Pierce/Susan Jahnke

ALTAR: Gary & Bonnie Muhl

LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY-LCRL Did you know that August 11th is an unofficial holiday celebrating sons and daughters? Many consider children the greatest gift life can offer. On National Son and Daughter Day, take a moment to cherish and enjoy your kids. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty advocates for all sons and daughters. Learn more at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org>.

FROM PRESIDENT CHEPULIS At the District Convention, which took place last January, the delegates passed Resolution 3-04a “To Create a District Fund for Sudden Financial Hardships.” This fund has been set up for congregations that are facing a sudden financial need (such as a roof that needs to be re-shingled or a furnace that needs to be replaced or a major plumbing issue) to apply for grant money from the district. If your congregation is facing such a sudden financial need, please contact the district office for an application. Or if you would like to contribute to this fund to help assist your fellow North Dakota District Saints, please consider donating. -Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

BUILDING HEALTHY Much of today’s media reflects values that we wouldn’t want our family to see or use as a model for life, but there are notable exceptions! Why not plan a weekly movie night with your family or friend group, intentionally choosing films that are both entertaining and faith-affirming? Here’s an idea to get you started: “Where Hope Grows” (streaming on many online platforms) tells the story of Calvin, a former baseball player who struggles with addiction and loss who befriends Produce, a young man with Down Syndrome who works at the grocery story. God uses their relationship to help Calvin rediscover hope and faith. Among the unwholesome story lines out there are some that shine light and challenge us to change our opinions in helpful ways...like remembering the value of people born with Down Syndrome! Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

PARSONAGE REMODEL IN THE HOME STRETCH The FFT Committee has put together a “punch list” of the final tasks to be completed before Pastor Meyer takes up residency in the parsonage. We need all hands-on deck to help us get these final items completed. It’s been primarily 5-6 people consistently working on this very large project. The remaining work is mostly cleaning, an assortment of interior small items, exterior siding power washing and painting and landscaping work. **We need volunteers to help us get it done!** You’ll find copies of the “punch list” at the Parsonage display table in the Narthex and on the kitchen island at the parsonage. If you want to help, check with Mary in the office for keys to access the personage.

A congregational Open House is scheduled for Sunday August 17th after the 9am church service. You can tour the house and enjoy coffee and doughnuts. Once the Open House wraps up, it’s Move-In time for Pastor Meyer. If you are available to stay and help move furniture, totes, boxes, etc., it would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

Register your kids:

Become a Volunteer:

How you can help:

- Teacher / helper
- Music
- Sub

Printed out sign-up sheets will also be available in the Narthex. If you have questions, please reach out to a Board of Ed member.

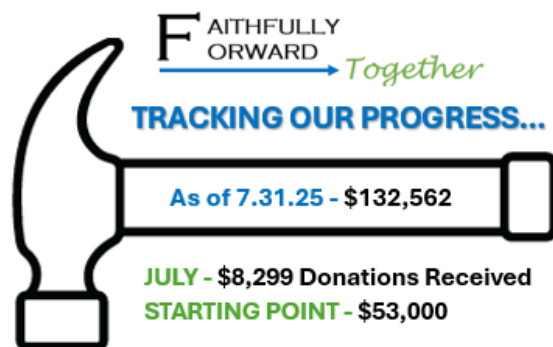
MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH TV PROGRAM August

10: Rev. Robert Hill, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wimbeldon, 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.* 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 KVRR 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").

FRANK THE FIXER



TAKING CARE OF
GOD'S HOUSE



UPDATE!

Parsonage Remodel - We are on the home stretch with completing this project so Pastor Meyer can move in, and covering our final payments. We needed to collect about \$23,000 to cover the unexpected extra repairs that had to be done. As of July 31st, we have collected \$17,540 towards that amount. **We are short about \$5,500 for this portion.** There will be an Open House Sunday, August 17th. Pastor Meyer will move in that afternoon. Please join us after the service to see our remodeled parsonage and enjoy coffee and donuts!

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. **This equipment has been installed and paid in full!** Part 2 is the video portion which will cost another \$8,300. **We need to raise this remaining amount!** The goal is to have this upgrade completed by Rally Sunday.

This is an exciting time for St. Andrew and quite an accomplishment to complete these two very large and expensive projects at the same time. **We are thankful for our members who support FFT! Please consider helping us finish strong on both of these very important items!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVER & ABOVE GIVING!

THANK YOU!! The youth would like to express their sincere gratitude having been able to attend the NOLA Youth Gathering, which wouldn't have been possible without your support. The following are their individual responses:

"I'm thankful for the opportunity given to me to see and experience New Orleans. This week of my life enlightened me on topics I didn't completely know everything about and was an experience like no other. This was a great experience to help me grow my faith and grow as a person." Jocelyn

"I enjoyed growing in my faith surrounded by so many other youth, knowing that we are never alone. And, I am thankful that I got to listen to many different speakers who all had unique ways on how endurance looks, which I can look back on and use in my everyday life." Ashlyn

"I am so grateful to our congregation for giving me an opportunity to go to not one, but two LCMS Youth Gatherings. The part I liked most was having the ability to take communion this year, so thanks to St. Andrew for accepting me in my faith when I was confirmed." Miriam

"Thank you for supporting me in going on this trip to New Orleans. I was able to experience so many fun and interesting things: like the food, group sessions, and the amazing mass events at the end of the day. All while experiencing this with friends from other congregations and also making new friends. I will carry with me the experience and knowledge gained the rest of my life." Chris

Thank you for being our cloud of witnesses! We ENDURE in Jesus. We ENDURE as a people. We ENDURE to the end. Hebrews 12:1-3

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.

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.

Introit

Sing to the Lord with thanks- | giving;*
 make melody to our God | on the lyre!
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