

ST. ANDREW TRUMPETER

FEBRUARY 2017

Pastors Soundings in the Trumpeter...

As I write this, we have just inaugurated our forty-fifth President. On Friday, January 20th, Donald J. Trump was sworn into this nation's highest public office, and many citizens of these United States of America are rejoicing. Many others are terrified and/or angry. And still others probably didn't even notice, though it is an important day in our civic life together every four years, which means we won't see it again now for another four years. So with that out of the way, we can finally move on to the most important day of not only every four years, but of every year—Groundhog's Day. That's right, on the 2nd of February people all across this great nation will be glued to their television sets and radios, watching and listening with eager anticipation to learn whether or not the venerable Punxsutawney Phil will emerge from his burrow to be greeted by his shadow, or if the ground beneath him be bathed in nothing but the lukewarm glow of a Pennsylvania sunrise. Will we, the people of these United States, be blessed to celebrate the early arrival of spring, or will we, like Phil, be forced to tuck our tails between our legs and run, retreating, back into our cozy, warm dens to tough out another six dreaded weeks of winter?

As believers in the one true God, we can have fun with the idea of Groundhog's Day and everything that it entails, all while not believing even for a moment that the Almighty actually takes his orders from rodents. And yet the church does celebrate on the 2nd of February. Not (St.) Groundhog's Day, mind you, but the Presentation of Jesus and the Purification of Mary. You can do the math. Count forty days from the day on which we celebrate the birth of our Lord, and you will find that 25 (December) + $40 = 2$ (February). Why forty days? Because that was the time table set by God in the Old Testament, the duration of a mother's ceremonial uncleanness following the birth of a son (Leviticus 12:1-4). The Scripture teaches us in the account of this event in Jesus' life that all of this was done to fulfill what was written in the Law. Such great emphasis does the Scripture place on this point, in fact, that Saint Luke makes no less than five references to the "the Law of Moses" or "the Law of the Lord" in recording it (Luke 2:22-40).

What does all of this mean? It means that from the moment of his conception by the Holy Spirit, Jesus had only one thing on his mind—the will of his heavenly Father. We learn from this that, even in his infancy, Jesus is the sinless Son of God, who will fulfill the whole will and Law of God for us who cannot. He would submit himself to the will of the Father, obeying everything that he would be asked to do. And as we prepare to begin next month the season of Lent once again, we are reminded that the will of the Father for Jesus also included a cross. When faced with the shadowy bleakness of a lifetime of carrying the world's sin, and sacrificing himself as payment for that sin, Jesus—unlike Punxsutawney Phil—did not tuck his tail between his legs and go into hiding. He bore it all, and fulfilled it all, so that you and I can enjoy an endless summer in the warmth and light of God's forgiveness and salvation. Whatever our circumstances may be in this life—whether it means six more weeks of winter or the joy of an early thaw; whether you love your new President or loathe him, we rest safe and secure in the arms of our Savior, who has "done everything required by the Law of the Lord" for us. Enjoy your Groundhog's Day, in Jesus' name.

God's peace,



Pastor Harvala

HELP YOUR ELDERS IMPROVE COMMUNICATION & MEMBERSHIP

Recently your elders decided to help improve communication within the congregation & clarify our membership. A mailing will be going out asking to reaffirm or update your information & any other family information, such as phone numbers, email addresses, & changes in membership. It will be as simple as filling out a form by paper or online. You can help the elders & church office by going online at www.standrewlcms.org, click on **Update Membership** & fill in the information. Please include an email address & phone number that is used as a contact for the whole family as well as personal email addresses that will be used to contact individuals.

MISSION TRIPS TO MEXICO

The St. Andrew Mission Society will be taking 2 trips to Mexico this year. The 1st trip will be Feb 18-26, 2017. We will be staying in Laredo & working in the Nuevo Laredo area. The 2nd trip will be March 11-19, 2017. On that trip we plan to stay in San Rafael & work in Potosi with the Lutheran churches down there. We will be having another meeting on Sun, Feb 5 at 2 PM at St. Andrew to discuss the mission trips further. If you are interested in the mission trips, please join us, or for more information, contact Kirk Rosin at 701-347-5279.

LWML VALENTINES OUTINGS



On Tues, Valentine's Day Feb 14th the LWML will be going to Edgewood Nursing Home to sing & have an ice cream social at 2pm. We will meet at the church at 1:30pm to car pool to Edgewood. There will also be a 2nd outing to Kinder Care Assisted Living on Thurs Feb 16th at 2pm, for singing & ice cream social as well. We will meet at the church at 1:45 & carpool to Kinder Care. Please come out & join us for this fun outings.

RESURRECTION EGGS

The Board of Christian Outreach will be handing out Resurrection Eggs during the lent season. This is a fun way to learn about the upcoming events of Holy Week. Empty egg cartons will be handed out during the GROW session on Feb 26 to decorate the outside. Eggs will be given out on the following dates: Ash Wed through Palm Sun. March 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 & April 2, 5, & 9. Each egg will come with its own story. This is open to all ages, but highly encouraged for families with young children to teach them about the Holy Week events. One set of Resurrection eggs per family. We hope that this will bring excitement into each family this Lent & Easter season with the Resurrection Story through Easter eggs.

JANUARY PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms:

1. Easton Scott Shoman, son of Cody and Sheila Shoman
2. Kinley Jolynn Klepatz, daughter of Michael and Jenna Klepatz



ST. ANDREW FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund:

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 59,087.42	\$ 407,438.55
Expense	\$ 35,957.59	\$ 403,833.32
Net	\$ 23,129.83	\$ 3,605.23

Mortgage Fund:

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income	\$ 11,744.81	\$ 74,942.25
Expense	\$ 6,386.00	\$ 76,632.00
Net	\$ 5,358.81	(\$ 1,689.75)



Trust in the Lord—Prov. 3:5

SAVE THE DATES

- Feb 5th Grace Lutheran School Sunday @ St. Andrew
- Feb 9th Giving Hearts Day

GRACE LUTHERANAUCTION

The auction is on March 25, 2017! Many items are already being lined up for this year's great event. Come and celebrate the richness, heritage and exciting future of Grace Lutheran School all in one night. This event is a great way to see some of the latest displays and happening at Grace Lutheran. Be sure to get your ticket for \$50.00 with includes your meal and a place at the auction and purchase great gifts for your family!

GRACE LUTHERAN-SCHOOL ITEMS & SERVICES

Grace Lutheran School is always accepting in-kind donations of items or services that will assist us in keeping our school facilities clean, safe, repaired and up to date. If you own a company or work for a company that you feel could offer us assistance, please contact the school. 701.232.7747

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<http://gracelutheranschoolfargo.blogspot.com>

NEWS FROM BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is busy with two projects that are going to get started in the near future. Project #1 is replacing the 40+ year-old shingles on the main sanctuary. After last fall's hailstorm, a claim was filed with Church Mutual, our insurance carrier. They are still finalizing our claim, but have notified the church that funds will be forthcoming toward replacement of the shingles. The Board has been consulting with Western Products regarding the best type of replacement shingle and the overall general condition of the main sanctuary roof. The current consensus is to install a steel shingle that has a 50-year warranty. The Western Products proposal includes installing insulation over the entire sanctuary roof and replacing all shingles with the new steel shingle. They would remove the current cedar siding on the north and south exterior sides and replace with steel siding. Finally they would reseal all the windows at the roof peak and install steel siding and insulation around those windows. Photos of some of Western Products' previous projects and a color sample are on the information tables in the narthex.

Project #2 is replacing the existing heat pumps servicing the north end of the addition. These heat pumps heat and cool the education classrooms, the office area, the fellowship hall and the narthex. The HVAC system is currently configured for three heat pumps to service these areas. At this time, one heat pump has failed and is non-functional, and another is functioning properly about 70% of the time. The third one is a used heat pump recently installed to replace another failed unit and get us through the winter. The used unit already has 10 years of service and was a temporary "band aid" offered up by our geothermal contractor. The plan is to replace all three heat pumps with one unit that can handle the entire load. The new unit would be very similar to the replacement heat pump we installed a few years ago in the south mechanical room.

Based on the current cost estimates for both projects, and after considering the estimated funds from the insurance claim, the Board is anticipating an approximate \$80,000 cash outlay to complete all this work. There have been some preliminary discussions with Lutheran Church Extension Fund (our current mortgage holder) about a loan to finance these projects. The Board will update the congregation with more news and financing options, once the insurance claim is finalized.

Tom Moltzan, Board of Trustees

ST. ANDREW YOUTH

SS TEAM MEETING

Our Sunday School team (teachers, leaders, SS Superintendents) meeting this month will be February 5th from noon-12:45pm.

CONGREGATION SKI DAY

The annual family ski trip is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th at Andes Tower Hills. This is a great opportunity for our entire church family to go skiing/boarding/tubing while building community with families from our area LCMS congregations! All ages are welcome- but we do ask that students 5th grade and under be accompanied by an adult. Meet at Beautiful Savior at 7:30am, return to Fargo between 8-9pm. Contact DCE Emily for additional information or grab a registration form from the youth bulletin board today.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS might seem like a long way in the future, but we've already started planning! DCE Emily and the Board of Education will be selecting the dates soon. Be watching for an announcement later this month. Like to help with planning and prep? Contact DCE Emily.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

Friday Fun Night for grades 3-5 on Feb 10th from 7-8:30pm (note time change).

GAME NIGHT

Join us for another board/card game night on Sunday, February 26th from 6-8:30pm. Families, youth, and all ages are invited to come! Bring a favorite game and a snack to share if you'd like!

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Join us for "Appreciation Sunday" on Feb 19th- a Sunday when we express gratitude to our awesome Education staff (Sunday School staff, Bible Study leaders, Confirmation teachers, and many more)!



Join our youth Facebook group:
"Keeping You(th) in the Loop!"
Follow us on Instagram!
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EMPTY EGG CARTONS NEEDED

If you have any empty cartons (12 count size), please drop off at the church in the narthex during the month of February.



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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Come and Worship!

February 2017

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:45am
Donut & Coffee Fellowship at 9:00am
Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:30am
Holy Communion celebrated at all
Sunday worship services.

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