

# TRINITY TODAY

OUR CHURCH EXISTS TO **WELCOME** ALL PEOPLE INTO  
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST **EQUIP** PEOPLE  
WITH A VITAL, LIVING FAITH **SEND** US INTO THE WORLD  
TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH . 502 NORTH 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET . BISMARCK, ND 58501 . 701.223.3560  
MARK NARUM, PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF; LEE HERBERG, PASTOR; COLIN NEUHARTH, PASTORAL INTERN  
FAX: 701.223.3561. TRINITY@TRINITYBISMARCK.COM . 8:30 AM RADIO BROADCAST . 1270 AM (KLXX)  
WEBSITE: WWW.TRINITYBISMARCK.COM

October 2020

Dear church family:

I grew up in a family that didn't talk much about money. I saw the envelope on the table each week to be taken with us to church, but for the life of me, I cannot tell you if it included \$1 or \$100. We never talked about it. I just knew that my parents were generous.

So, I guess my family was generous. I learned to give each week, but I didn't learn what to give. Fortunately, people have mentored that for me.

In seminary, while on internship, I met a young mother of two. She was recently divorced and she talked about how, following the divorce, she sat down to discern her life's priorities. I don't remember all of the story, but what I do remember, is that she chose to sell her home and buy a smaller one, which came complete with a smaller house payment. With the extra money she talked about the ability to generously share with her church and others.

I have learned about generosity from my grand daughter Nadalie. A couple of years ago when a hurricane hit she was moved to action. With her mom and dad's help she made bracelets and other works of art. While others in the neighborhood were having rummage sales she set up a stand selling her wares and lemonade. All of the money went to disaster relief.

I have met an elder of Trinity who met me at the door of the church one day. He handed me a check for \$500 asking me to use it to buy food for those in need. Added to this elder are all of the members who show up with money or food items to share with those in need.

The more I think about it, the more I realize that all through life, from my parents to people today here at Trinity, I have been shown great examples of generosity. We have entered into a journey called "***Creating a Culture of Generosity***". This fall we will focus on financial generosity. Down the road will talk together about generosity of time and talents. You will hear more about this journey in the coming weeks; stay tuned.

I look forward to hearing more of your stories of generosity as we begin this generosity journey together.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark

Meet the Trinity Stewardship Team:

Matt McMerty – Council Liaison  
Kirstin McIntyre  
Pastoral Intern, Colin Neuharth

Danette Welsch  
Terri Lang

Bob Wefald  
Pastor Mark Narum

## Destratification Fan Project Completed

On Tuesday, September 15th, Frontier Electric began the installation of the Airius destratification fans in the Sanctuary and Community Center. These fans include the UV inserts that purify the air by generating hydrogen peroxide which neutralizes airborne contaminants including viruses. The hydrogen peroxide aerosol pellets will also help to sanitize all of the hard surfaces in the Sanctuary.

We would like to send our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dan Klinger, Terry Mertz and Rocky Gordon of Trinity's Property Board for saving the congregation the cost of scaffolding erection and tear down which would have been an additional expenditure of over \$20,000.00 above the cost of the fans and installation themselves. This is not an easy job or one for those with a queasiness for heights. Rocky served as gopher on one of the days and Terry and Dan did a lot of lifting and assembly. Thanks again for your dedication and hard work!

### Message from Heather Baumann, Congregational Relationships Coordinator

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."*

1 Peter 4:10

God has given each one of us a gift. This gift we use to serve others and serve his kingdom. Together we can work to serve those who attend Trinity Lutheran. I am so excited to have the privilege of organizing teams of people who would serve in needed areas of the church! In order to do this, I need your help. I am sure we have all heard before "many hands make light work." This is so true when we talk about serving in church.

If you call Trinity Lutheran your home church, would you please consider serving in one the many areas we have here? We are so excited to have you be a part of the Trinity Lutheran Team!

Please [click here](#) and fill out the serving form.

Here is the link to the form in case the hyperlink does not work.  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4jmgHG24OeV9jtPtOktxu9nw4DIUShjLqSCoLCxUKeWAt-Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc4jmgHG24OeV9jtPtOktxu9nw4DIUShjLqSCoLCxUKeWAt-Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—[gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com)

Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator



Blessings to our 3rd graders as they received their Bibles on Rally Day during worship. We pray you wear those Bibles out!

## High School Youth!!

LYO Synod Youth Gathering of Western ND  
Online Thursday & Friday, October 22-23, 2020!

We'll be gathering as a group at Trinity to watch together or you can join online at your home. We are excited to come together during this crazy time to share about our faith and get to know each other. It may seem like a crazy idea to get to know other youth from the computer screen, but it really works!

We have invited Lyle Griner from Peer Ministry Leadership to join LYO as our host. Peer Ministry uses stories from the Bible as a way of helping youth dig into who they are and how they can help others. Our LYO Board really enjoy Lyle's leadership style, including the great fun and energy he brings to a Zoom call!

See Gracia or Nick for more info!



**Blessings  
to our  
10th graders  
as they  
affirmed  
their faith  
at a special  
Confirmation  
worship  
service on  
September 13.**



# The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com  
Banquet Director



The Banquet reopening date is set for October 1, 2020. The guests will have the option to either take a meal home or come to the Fellowship Hall to eat. We have set tables and chairs within the CDC guidelines, temperatures will be taken at the door, and guests and volunteers are required to wear masks. Table and chairs will be sanitized after each guest.

Facts about hunger in America...from Feeding America:

- Each year, millions of people in America face hunger. The coronavirus pandemic has caused even more families to struggle. We estimate that 54 million people may be food insecure in 2020, including 18 million children.
- The pandemic has caused more families to seek help from food banks. Food banks estimate that 4 in 10 people visiting a food bank now need assistance as a result of COVID-19.
- Many of the families that Feeding America food banks serve work part-time or full-time jobs. However, low wages, underemployment, and necessary expenses like rent prevent families from meeting their basic needs.

The Banquet and Adopt-A-Block are at the point where it is now consistently serving over 1,500 households each week. We Are Blessed to Be a Blessing! If you are food insecure or know someone who is, visit The Banquet or one of our food distributions.

## Backpack Service Event

Thanks to all who helped with our United Way Backpacks for Kids event in September! Together we packed and delivered over 1300 bags of food for kids in need!



# Stephen Ministry



## In control?

In times of crisis many people experience the very frustrating feeling of not being in control. Most of us are accustomed to having control – making our own choices, or fixing something that needs fixing. Not being able to “fix” the current COVID-19 situation can be as stressful as spending 24/7 at home, trying to support and guide your child’s on-line education, or just hoping others will be as diligent as you are about following the guidelines for protecting self and others.

One writer whose name I don’t recall presented an idea for dealing with those “not in control” feelings. He (or she) suggested one way to regain a measure of control in our lives is to do something nice for someone else, especially something we don’t have to do. This action puts you in control because you choose to do it. The writer also suggested looking for little things to do, the spur-of-the-moment actions, not something that requires planning ahead. In other words – look for ways to share that “cup of cold water” the Stephen Ministers know so well.

So – another shopper and I reach for the last small grocery cart at the same time. I can grab it and hang on, or I can step back and let my fellow shopper take the cart. If I hang on, I did take control, but I will probably be followed by at least a little guilt as I make my way through the store, and that feeling will probably lurk through my whole day. If I let the other shopper have the cart, and even smile behind my mask, I am still in control because I made the choice to give up the cart AND I may have made the day a little better for one other person.

What is “in control”? Is it having things your way or is it taking the opportunity to do something that might brighten the day for someone else? You decide.

## All Saints day services

On Sunday, November 1, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., and Wednesday, November 4, at 6:00 p.m., we will celebrate the lives of those saints who now rejoice in the presence of Christ.

During communion we will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have gone before us in faith. You are welcome to attend any of the above services and light a candle in memory of a loved one.

## Your gifts Julie Schaffner — Schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

### August 2020

	Actual	Actual
Income	\$57,510.59	\$455,694.54
Expenses	\$59,698.00	\$466,751.07
Income less expenses	\$ (2,187.41)	\$ (11,056.53)

**Electronic Giving** – During this unprecedented time, Trinity continues to provide support and ministries for its members and those non-members seeking guidance, food and spiritual direction. We thank all those who have joined in this mission by providing financial support. Now we ask for your continued financial support. On Trinity’s website [www.trinitybismarck.com](http://www.trinitybismarck.com), we have updated and simplified different ways to give electronically. The DONATE button allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation, donate using PayPal or credit card. If you have questions or need assistance with electronic giving, please feel free to call Julie Schaffner. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

502 NORTH 4TH STREET  
BISMARCK, ND 58501

MARK NARUM, PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF; LEE HERBERG, PASTOR;  
COLIN NEUHARTH, PASTORAL INTERN  
CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG  
U.S.  
BISMARCK, ND  
POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 419

## Our fall schedule

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. worship indoors open to the public.

- \* Social distancing will be in place using every other pew.
- \* We will strongly encourage all worshippers to wear masks while in the building.
- \* We will encourage all worshippers to leave immediately after worship—or move to their Connections Group or Sunday School gathering.
- \* There will be no fellowship.
- \* Pews will be sanitized after worship.
- \* At this time there will not be congregational singing inside.

### Wednesdays

5:15 p.m. meal offered weekly for worshippers.

6:00 p.m. worship indoors open to the public.

Videos are posted on our Facebook page and at trinitybismarck.com under 'Media – Trinity YouTube'.

- Thoughts of a Prairie Pastor— Sunday at 7:30 a.m.
- Congregational Updates Friday (if necessary)
- Bible Study Saturday with Pastor Brian Knutson

Sunday 8:30 a.m. – Radio Broadcast – join us on 1270 Super Talk or the 'listen live' link on this website. You can also Live Stream on our Facebook page. Bulletins are posted on the website.

We are happy to partner with Grace Lutheran in Driscoll.

## Trust Fund Spotlight



### I don't have much to give...

There is no "minimum gift size" for contributions to the Trust Fund. The beauty of your gift – no matter how large or how small it is – is that it is permanently invested and only the income from that investment is spent. This means that your gift, combined with the gifts of many others, will generate income for years... and years... and years (well, you get the idea!).

The majority of gifts to the Trust Fund have been received after the giver's death, through wills and insurance policies listing the Trust Fund as a beneficiary. Some gifts are also received during the giver's lifetime – a memorial to a friend or loved one or in recognition of a special event in the giver's life. The value of the gift is the giver's belief that God's work is being done through Trinity, his/her wish that this work continue, and willingness to invest in that work for the future.

Would you like to extend your reach now and even beyond your lifetime through a gift to the Trust Fund? Pick up a Trust Fund brochure at the rack in the church lobby or talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Hansen, Dan Welsh, Susan Ronning, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiland.

## Pastoral Ministry

### Weddings

Aspen Kuntz and James Nickel

### Baptisms

McKenna Grace Roe; Madison Jo Becker

### Deaths

Linda Olsrud; Marion Martin

## Director of Worship and Music

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Mary Lou Aune will be joining Trinity's staff as Director of Worship and Music. Rev. Aune will begin her duties with us December 1, 2020.

Rev. Aune is no stranger to Trinity having grown up in the congregation. We are looking forward to welcoming her.

## Gifts and Memorials

In memory of Ella Naves by Chuck Krueger (Trust Endowment)

In memory of Lyle Schultz by Chuck Krueger (Trust Endowment)

In memory of Florian Kiefer by Grant and Lois Kalbfleisch (Banquet); Lois Swenson (Banquet); Jan Sparrow (Banquet); Mike and Renae Baltzer (Banquet); Bob and Bonnie Johnson (Banquet); Jan Froeschle (Banquet); Friends and family (Banquet.)

In memory of Marjorie Robinson by Dennis and Janice Hammling (Memorial Fund.)

## Prayer list

Prayer is an essential part of our faith life. As part of the body of Christ we are called to pray for others who are sick, hurting or in need of healing. With this in mind, we will be adding a prayer list to our bulletin. Names will be added only with the permission of the person being prayed for or an immediate family member. If you would like your name added to the list please let Jan or one of the pastors know.

Please pray for Arlys Bracht, LeRoy Walker, Ken Thomsen, Wendy Schweitzer, Larry Thompson, Don and Jackie Engbrecht, Clint Fuller, Dennis Erickson, and Jon Aune.