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WITH A VITAL, LIVING FAITH **SEND** US INTO THE WORLD  
TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

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## September 2021 E-Newsletter

### Note from the Pastor

*Unless the Lord builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.  
Unless the Lord guards the city,  
the guard keeps watch in vain.  
Psalm 127:1*

In some ways it feels like Trinity is in a “building” phase. We are “building” up after the COVID shutdown and now the COVID precautions. We are “building” with staff who are new to this place, staff who are “building” relationships with the people of this place. We are physically “building” as the renovation projects continue.

The truth is through building – comes through God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power of the Holy Spirit, builds us into his people. If God is not building it, it will fail – the simple trust put forward by the psalmist.

I invite you to continue to keep Trinity’s ministry in your prayers. That God would continue to stir us to faithfulness, opening our eyes to ministry opportunities around us. Pray that through the Spirit people would grow deeper in faith and love of Jesus. Pray that our arms would be wide open to welcome any and all who come seeking God here.

Blessings for the day.  
Pastor Mark

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### Corn Feed

We threw a party on August 15th. We served locally grown sweet corn, pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, and watermelon. The Fellowship Committee also organized games including: a pumpkin ‘cake’ walk, coloring, face painting, obstacle course, foam archery, and pumpkin bowling.

Thank you to all of our awesome volunteers! Your great effort made the corn feed a memorable event with great positive feedback! A “shout-out of thanks” to Harley and Margaret for the donation of all of the fresh corn!





## Get Involved with Church School

Gracia Johnson - Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator, [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com)

We invite you to get involved at Trinity in this fun way and help teach our kids! We have a new option we're trying and are looking for some story tellers as well. Check out the details here:

- **Teachers for Wednesday Church School** from 6:40 to 7:25 p.m. Lesson plans are provided for you. Class starts September 22.
- **Music song leaders for Wednesday Church School** – about 10-15 minutes at the beginning of class times.
- **Piano or guitar player for Wednesday Church School** – about 10-15 minutes at the beginning of class times.
- **Story tellers for either Wednesday or Sunday Church School** – about 5 minutes after music before they go to class. You would simply tell the Bible story for the day in whatever engaging way you choose. It can be done alone or with a friend or two. You can sign up to do it just once during the year or multiple times.
- Middle & High School youth as well as adults of all ages are invited to help.

If you are interested or willing to help us out this year contact Gracia.

**Check out our video for Church School!**



Click below to register for Church School and/or Confirmation.

[Register](#)

## Backpack Blessing

We held a special back-to-school/college blessing during worship on August 22nd & 25th for people of all ages. Check out the photo below!



## Bible Blessing

We will be handing out bibles to our 6th graders during worship on September 1st & 5th. We will also be handing out bibles to our 3rd graders on Rally Days, September 12th & 15th. Watch for more information!

### Nursery Workers Needed

Trinity is hiring caring adults to work in our nursery during worship on Sundays or Wednesdays starting mid-September. **This is a paid position**. Must be 18 years old to apply. Contact Gracia if interested.

### Dan's Receipts

We are collecting receipts from Dan's Supermarket as a fundraiser. Once we have collected \$150,000 in receipts we can turn it in for \$1000 donation to our youth program. There is a box in the lobby. Thank you for your help!

## Musical Moments

Pastor Mary Lou Aune - Director of Worship & Music; [aune@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:aune@trinitybismarck.com)

As the weather cools, and vacations end, it's time to move into all the wonderful options and activities related to worship and music at Trinity.

### Handel's "Messiah" Performance

The Messiah planning team is finalizing dates, director, etc. and moving forward. Of course, as we found out a year ago, sometimes our plans are changed for us. But in the meantime, begin watching for the rehearsal/performance schedule.

### Musical Opportunities

- **Early worship:** Meet in the choir loft at 8 a.m. to prep for worship.
- **Late worship:** Meet after early worship to prep for worship. Meet in the peace chapel (if worship is outside) or in the choir loft.
- **Special music for worship:** Gather a friend, choose a song, and plan when and who (if you and your partners in song have an ensemble.) Contact Pastor Mary Lou (she is only here half-time, so please send an email or leave a message if she is not available when you call) to schedule your gift of music.

### Singers' Breakfast

We had a social event on Saturday, the 21st, to gather safely and say thanks to our singers (past, present and future.) It was a great chance to become better acquainted with one another. Watch for a similar event for instrumentalists! (By the way, the food was delicious...according to the attendees.)

### What's happening on Sundays to come?

As the seasons change, there will be a shift to some liturgy that will be well known by many, and a blessing to learn by others. Our primary liturgy for communion Sundays (first and third Sundays of

the month) will be "Now the Feast" and the well-known Setting 8 with its upbeat spirit. As the fall passes, we'll trade back and forth giving them a fresh feel as they are led differently. On non-communion Sundays, we'll use a mostly spoken liturgy, punctuated with a range of hymns and songs.

## Stephen Ministry

By: Karen Botine

### Is there a caregiver in the house?

After 18 months of living our lives differently than we had planned pre-COVID, probably all of us have something that annoys us, some new arrangement of time or space or occupation that doesn't work as well as we expected, or a lot of little issues that have piled up inside us that are taking up head space, raising blood pressure, or interfering with a good night's sleep. We offer care to a friend in this situation, but frequently our own family members don't get the same kind of attention from us. It's easy to say "get over it" to a family member, but that family member may need and benefit from the kind of attention we would give to a close friend.

The first step in family-member care is the same for any other person who needs to "let it all out" – LISTEN. If I call one of my sisters when something is bugging me, I'm not looking for advice. (I probably know what can be done – or that nothing can be done.) I don't need to hear that others have more problems than I do. (I know that, too, but right now my problem is a pretty big deal to me.) I don't even need to have someone tell me that I've handled problems in the past, and I can handle this one, too. (Again, I know that, but right now how I feel is keeping me from doing what I really want to do.)

What I need is for my sister to listen and then acknowledge my feelings. That acknowledgment might be: *"I can see why you are frustrated (angry, uneasy, hurt)."* Or -- *"You're right. This will be a challenge."* Or (speaking about the situation I've described) -- *"That doesn't make sense to me, either."* When we end our phone call after this conversation, I feel much better because someone I love accepted what I feel, and didn't tell me not to feel that way.

Perhaps someone in your family needs your ear right now, and also needs to hear, *"I hear that you are upset, angry, confused, frustrated (or whatever). It's OK to feel that way."* Are you the person who can do this?

### Connect Group Survey

We are excited to get back into fall activities! The Groups Committee has been planning how each one of you can connect and equip faith. Please fill out the survey listed below. Let's get some fun groups started!

[Survey](#)

### Pastoral Ministry

#### Weddings:

Jordan Towne & Tayler Fitzgerald  
Johnny Thompson & Crystal Brunner  
Brady Maxon & Sierra Haag

#### Baptisms:

Aubrey Grace McCann  
Ellie Jean Froelich  
Emma Mary Eleanor Froelich  
Carmella Sky Fries  
Sophie Anne Kerner  
Ridge Ray Dauer  
Hayes Allen Telehey

#### Deaths:

Charlotte Jessen, Jon Person, Bette  
Hendrickson, Shirley Leno, William Cleveland.

## Loaves and Fishes

Scripture calls us to feed the hungry. Our "Loaves and Fishes" ministry does just that! Each day we put out a dozen bags of food, with items that a transient person could eat without needing a place to cook. You can support this ministry either by donating money or by dropping off food items.

**List of (No Prep.) items we put in the bags:**



- individual peanut butter packs
- packs of crackers
- granola bars
- pouches of tuna, chicken or Spam
- sealed cups of Ravioli or other pasta
- we also collect plastic bags and spoons

We get together once a month to pack bags. Watch the bulletin for the next packing date. Thanks for your generosity as we follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry.



## Trust Fund Spotlight

Christian Education is continually considered important by the Trinity Trust Fund. Many projects and activities funded from the Trust Fund are directed toward the children and youth of the congregation, but projects serving adults are also possible. College scholarships have also been granted to assist congregational youth in their secondary education, while still focusing on a Christian life.

Christian Education projects have included: the banners in Fellowship Hall; supplemental church school lessons and art activities for special times during the church year such as Advent and Lent; equipment such as computers, projectors, and video/DVD players that are needed to use new instructional materials; and camperships to Camp of the Cross. All of these activities support the second "leg" of the Trinity Mission Statement: *To equip people with a vital, living faith.*

All gifts and bequests to the Trust Fund are invested and only the income from those investments is spent. If you have questions about Trust Fund projects or if you are considering a gift to the Trust Fund, talk to one of the Trust Fund committee members: Susan Weiland, Dan Welsh, Susan Ronning, Dwight Offerman, or Todd Lang.

## Your Gifts

Julie Schaffner - Financial Director; [schaffner@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:schaffner@trinitybismarck.com)

	Month	Year-to-date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<b>July 2021</b>		
Income	\$ 71,983.99*	\$ 427,309.02*
Expenses	\$ 59,273.18	\$ 456,247.49
Income less expenses	\$ 12,710.81	\$ (28,938.47)

\*Includes a \$25,000 transfer from Contingency/Savings.

**Electronic Giving** - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Simply Giving forms are available in the office, at the Narthex desk or on Trinity's website. We have also updated and simplified our website, [www.trinitybismarck.com](http://www.trinitybismarck.com), in aiding you to give towards Trinity's Capital Campaign. The **DONATE** button allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation 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.

Donate

Prayer List

Gifts and Memorials

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. 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 Klarissa or one of the pastors know.

Please pray for Donna Burns, LaRayne Martel, Connie Kraft, Brenda Morgan, Mike Baltzer, Mike Hanson and Fran Wick.

**In memory of Doris Nelson** by James & Marie Nelson Family (Memorial Fund.)

**In memory of Jon Person** by Linda Delzer (Memorial Fund.)

**In memory of Melvina "Beanie" Rogers** by Jerry & Juanita Aase, Barb Maychrzak, Dale Henderson, Celie Buckmier, Pierre & Luis Pigeon, Sharon Paulson, Silver & Carol Ziebarth, Monte & Rita Frietag, Delmer & Diane Dyk, Lynn Sidor Connell, Leo & Audre Goll, Marian & Dennis Dyk, Tom & Viv Duursma, Jan & Larry Strand, Ted & Shari Johnson, Gary & Jan Gilchrist, Madeline Heer, Danielle & Barry Jacobs, Glen & Cheryl Wolf, Tonya Tysver, Chester & Cindy Schwab, Larry & Kathy Gessele, Larry & Cheryl Souther, Rob & Cynthia Graham, Colleen Maier, Karen Kelner Bobeldyk, Betty Price, Jogh & Jennifer Gessele, and Michael & Olivia Vaughan (Memorial Fund.)

## The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz - Banquet Director; karlabice@yahoo.com  
[www.thebanquetnd.com](http://www.thebanquetnd.com)

Saturday, July 31st, was **Karla's Kitchen Fundraiser** at the Bismarck Elks Club. Lots of people showed up to have a great time including a former Minnesota Vikings football player and *Fun Pianos*! Karla and her Blue Shirt volunteers put on a great meal. *Fun Pianos* had everyone laughing, dancing and remembering some great music from the past. Former Minnesota Viking, Jack Brewer, gave a short inspirational message and Banquet founder, Pastor Steve Sathre, said a prayer before the meal.

Thank you to our table sponsors including Bobcat, Chapman Law, Eide Bailly, First International Bank, Heartview, J&R Vacuum & Sewing, Teri Benson Holmstrom/Next Home and Starion Bank. Thank you to the Bismarck Elks Club for providing their facility for the event and again THANK YOU to all the Blue Shirt volunteers! Without great volunteers, The Banquet couldn't be Bismarck's Community Meal!

If you missed out on this opportunity to support The Banquet at the Dream Center you can still help by clicking [DONATE](#) to contribute.



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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### ELCA Gospel Seeds

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### ELCA Daily Discipleship

Click on the image below to open the Daily

the September edition of Gospel Seeds, the monthly newsletter written by synod staff. The September edition is written by Bishop Craig Schweitzer.

## Gospel Seeds

Discipleship PDF. This is written by John and Robin McCullough-Bade.

### Daily Discipleship

Sunday, August 20-September 3 (8) - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Leviticus 17:1-10

From Questions: How does the content of our heart impact our behavior?

word of life

"I have a lot of love, and understanding; there is nothing within a person that is going to cause him to love. But the things that come out are what define him." (Mark 7:21-23)

Read Mark 7:1-23

For everyone who was Jesus was surprised with him. That's especially true of the Jewish Pharisees and scribes. These Pharisees were very strict. They had rules and added to the law. Comparing this to the Pharisees, Jesus said, "You are not different from people who are not even close to following God's law. It is the work and privilege of the Pharisees and scribes to cause the children of the law to be made people who are not following the law." (Mark 7:21-23)

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## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

8:30 a.m. Worship (indoor)  
10:30 a.m. Worship (outdoor)

Social distancing using every other pew.

### Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Worship (outdoor)

We are happy to partner with Grace Lutheran in Driscoll.

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Bulletins



## Radio Broadcast

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on 1270 Super Talk or the [LISTEN LIVE](#) link on their [website](#).

Listen Live

## Video Worship Links

Videos are posted on our [Facebook Page](#) and on our [YouTube Page](#).

- Thoughts of a Prairie Pastor - Sundays at 7:30 a.m.
- Congregational Updates as necessary
- Bible Study Saturdays with Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth



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