

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

**WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY** to the family of Janet Funston. Please keep their family in your prayers.

**RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM** is in memory of Alice Marks, given by family.

**MISSOURI SLOPE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** - Missouri Slope is opening a new skilled nursing facility. We are looking for volunteers to help during this transition the upcoming few months. Are you able to help pack up and unpack belongings, greet residents upon arrival to new facility on north Washington, escort to rooms and provide tours; or do you like food and are willing to help serve meals during the day; or do you have a passion for cleaning, organizing, or assembling and want to put your skills to use; and most importantly, do you have some free time? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then we would love your service. Volunteers are required to be COVID and Flu vaccinated. For more information, please contact Cathy at 701-221-9349.

**POINSETTIA DONATIONS & RADIO BROADCAST/LIVESTREAM SIGN UP** - We are currently collecting donations. You can pick up a form at the Welcome Center in the Narthex to turn into the office.

**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING** - It has been Trinity's tradition to take a special offering each Christmas for a ministry in the community. This year at the request of one of our members council has designated the special offering to go to Missouri Slope to sponsor a stained glass window in the new chapel. We will gather gifts up through Christmas. You can drop a special envelope in the offering plate marked "Missouri Slope Christmas Offering," send a check through the mail or even stop by the office and leave your special offering. However you send your special offering please mark clearly that it is for the "Missouri Slope Special Christmas Offering."

### **CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP TIMES**

Christmas Eve - 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day - 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> - No Worship

### **OFFICE CLOSED DATES**

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**CHRISTMAS "STOCKINGS" FOR THE KITCHEN** - You may have noticed more meals being served around the church for fellowship and community building. These opportunities will only grow as the Banquet moves into their new facilities by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Kitchen needs to be restocked. We invite you to consider grabbing a "Stocking" of your choice off the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. Each tag has a kitchen item named and its cost. We are asking for cash donations – not the donation of the item. We are working with Capital Restaurant Supply which is giving us a great deal on the items we need. Take a "Stocking" tag off the tree – then return it to the office with your donation. Thanks for help in the process of helping to build Trinity as a place where we can gather together for worship, fellowship and deepening Christ centered relationships.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - Join us for the Church School Christmas Program! Our kids will present the story of Christmas during worship on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. and Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS BAKING NEEDED** - Christmas goodies will again be shared with our shut-ins this year. If you are willing to share your baking, or some fruit, please bring it to the church office **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **YOUR GIFTS**

<b><u>October 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Month</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Year-to-date</u></b> <b><u>Actual</u></b>
Income		
Offerings	\$ 51,677.19	\$472,606.68
Other Income	8,980.24	98,634.15
Transfer	200.00	2,000.00
Total Income	60,857.43	573,240.83
Expenses	\$ 59,174.45	\$642,500.95
Income less expenses	\$ 1,682.98	\$ (69,260.12)

Council and Staff continue to be very mindful of all spending. To date, we have underspent the congregation approved budget by 3%. As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, Offerings are 12% below budget.

**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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please pray for Adam, Barb, Bob, Brenda, Bruce, Cheryl, Don, Donna, Fran, Gary, Jerry, Jon, Karen, Kim, Mary, Mary Ann, Mike, Miriam, Steve, Tom, Cheryl and Mike.*

## **PSALM 89: 1-2**

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favor our horn is exalted.  
For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 1: 1-9**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## ***YOUTH HAPPENINGS***

### **Sundays**

**Church School**, for ages 3 - grade 5 @ 9:35 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

### **Wednesdays**

**Church School**, for ages 3 - grade 5 @ 6:40 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.

**Confirmation Classes**, for youth grades 6-8 @ 6:40 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Sr. High Youth Group**, for grades 9-12 @ 7:25 p.m. in the youth room for fun & faith.

\*\*\*\*\* **NO GROUPS DEC. 20<sup>TH</sup> - JAN. 2<sup>ND</sup> DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.** \*\*\*\*\*

## ***CONNECT GROUPS - Faith and Fellowship***

### **Sundays**

**Scripture Study**, Daily Discipleship study every Sunday @ 9:40 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the Community Center. Contact Heather.

### **Mondays**

**Men's Group**, every Monday @ 7 a.m. in Katie's Parlor. Contact Bob Wefald, bobwefald@msn.com.

**Ladies Study**, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays @ 1 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Karen Botine, karenbotine@bis.midco.net.

**Video Study**, Book of Galatians study every Monday @ 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Heather.

**Beer & Hymns**, next meeting is Monday, Nov. 22 at the Bismarck Amvets @ 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. 21+ event.

### **Tuesdays**

**Quilters**, every Tuesday @ 9 a.m. downstairs in the Quilters Room. Contact Cathy Nelson, sknelson@centurylink.net.

**GIFTS Bible Study**, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 p.m. in Room 212, or email Pastor Mark for a zoom link. **(No meeting in December.)**

### **Wednesdays**

**Video Study**, Old to New Testament Study every other Wednesday (beg. 12/8/21.) @ 2:30 p.m. in Room 212. Contact Larry Strand, ljstrand@bis.midco.net.

**Video Study**, starting (1/5/22) Wednesday @ 6:40 p.m. - 7:25 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Chris & Keli Berglund, caberlund@nd.gov.

### **Thursdays**

**Circle Morning Meeting**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month @ 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. Contact Margaret Laib, marg.laib@gmail.com.

**Story of Paul part 3**, Part 3 study every Thursday @ 6:30 p.m. in Room 212. Contact Heather.

### **Other**

**Bible Journaling**, joint group with Good Shepherd Lutheran. Contact Gracia.

**Handy Men**, create baptism boxes @ various times. Contact Mark Ranum, msranum@bis.midco.net.