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TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME

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## December 1st, 2021 E-Newsletter

### Advent Midweek Worship

Pastor Mary Lou Aune - Director of Worship & Music;  
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*Wednesday Services - December 1st, 8th, 15th, & 23rd @ 6 p.m.  
Sanctuary*

#### ***"Holden Evening Prayer"***



The season of Advent is a time when we focus on the coming of Jesus to the world. It is a celebration of his human birth in Bethlehem, and a celebration of the day when as we say in the creed, "he will come again".

For this year's season, our midweek worship will use a beautiful liturgy written by Marty Haugen, who also wrote "Now the Feast" which we use at many of our Sunday Services. "Holden Evening Prayer" provides a time of calm in a busy season. A brief meditation and short scripture reading will help all who gather to sense God's presence dwelling among us.

As we experience "Evening Prayer" we'll focus on Jesus, the Light of the World, and invite Jesus to shine through us to a world in need.

We're thankful for the musicians who have been preparing to lead us in this service. Our ensemble members include: Amanda Samuelson (piano), Michael Hove (vocal and guitar), Brenda Hove (vocal and keyboard), Barb Murry (flute), Lanny Nelson (guitar). They will be joined by additional vocalists.

We have a wonderful community of worshippers who regularly worship on Wednesday evenings, and hope that many of Trinity's Sunday worshippers will join us in Advent, taking time to pause and reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Pastor Mary Lou

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### Pie & Lefse Social

*Past Event: Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve @ 6:30 p.m.  
Community Center*



## Baking Lefse

The staff enjoyed making lefse Tuesday, November 23rd for the Pie & Lefse Social. It was a new experience for several staff members. Shout out to Keri Swenson Hausauer for lending us her family's personalized "Lefse Rolling Team" aprons! We may have gotten a little flour on them and Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth's face... Thank you also to one of our Quilters, Pat Murray, for taking the staff photo!



## Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson - Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator; [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com), ext. 109

### ELCA Youth Gathering – Summer 2022

**Reminder**

This coming summer, 9 youth and 3 adults from Trinity will attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN. If you are currently in grades 8-12 and would like to join us there is still time! For more info: <https://trinitybismarck.com/youth-events>.

Questions? Contact Gracia.

2022 ELCA  
YOUTH GATHERING  
**boundless**  
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

Click below for a printable  
Registration Form for the ELCA  
Youth Gathering on Trinity's  
website.

Registration Form

Click below for the Confirmation  
Sermon Note Form.

Sermon Notes

## 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. - 8:00 p.m.

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

## Wednesday Night Dinners

*Every Wednesday @ 5:15 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall*

We are serving dinner before Wednesday night worship services again from 5:15 p.m. - 5:50 p.m. We have been sending the menu out via email and posting to our [Facebook Page](#) each Wednesday.

Free will donations accepted. Hope to see you there!



## Christmas Program

*Wednesday, December 15th @ 6 p.m. &  
Sunday, December 19th @ 10:30 a.m.  
Sactuary*

Join us for the Church School Christmas Program! Our kids will present the story of Christmas during worship on Wednesday, December 15th @ 6 p.m. and Sunday, December 19th @ 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Gracia.



## Nursery Workers Needed

Trinity is hiring caring adults to work in our nursery during worship on Sundays or Wednesdays.

**This is a paid position.** Must be 18 years old to apply. Contact Gracia if interested.

## Dan's Receipts

We are still 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. Place your receipts in the box in the Narthex. Thank you for your help!

## Generosity Campaign

This year we have focused on the story of the feeding of the 5,000 from John 6. A few loaves of bread and a couple of fish in Jesus' hands becomes enough to feed thousands. Your generosity combined with the generosity of other Trinity families makes ministry miracles happen.

If you have not filled out and returned your Giving Intent Card yet please do so right now. You can drop your card off at the office, call Julie Schaffner and she will take your intent over the phone 701-223-3560, or you can go to our website and fill out an Intent Form electronically. This helps us plan the budget for the upcoming year. Thank you for your generosity – Christ centered ministry is happening because of it.

Pastor Mark Narum

## Worship Notes

Pastor Mary Lou Aune - Director of Worship & Music; aune@trinitybismarck.com, ext. 103

### 2021 Christmas Dreams of a Church Musician

- A brass ensemble @ 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
- A choir @ 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Service - Only One Rehearsal...Tue. Dec 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. Trust us...Scott and Pastor Mary Lou are already talking about possible music for this service.
- Special music for any/all services in December and beyond.

Are these dreams too big? No, not when I see and hear the talent we have in our congregation.

So, I'm asking you:

- Are you available for one or more of the Christmas Eve Services?
- If you're a soloist (vocal or instrumental), is there a Christmas song you'd like to play/sing that would be a blessing for the congregation to hear?
- If your family (or circle of friends) are musical, would you like to offer your own family ensemble?
- Do you know someone who could/should be invited to share their musical gifts?

If you'd like to volunteer, or give a suggestion, contact Mary Lou.

### 91st Performance of Handel's "*Messiah*" at Trinity

*Past Event: Sunday, November 21st, 2021 @ 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary*

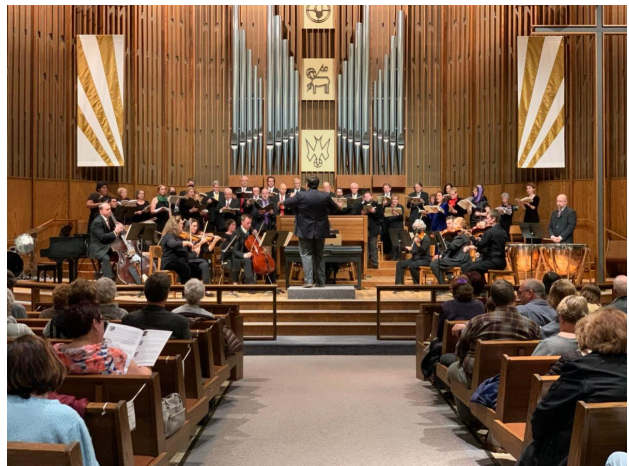
The 91st Bismarck area performance of G.F. Handel's famous oratorio "*Messiah*" was performed on Christ the King Sunday at Trinity. Following a one-year break in 2020 due to Covid concerns, the tradition begun in 1930 by Trinity's Clarion Larson was able to continue. The Community Chorus and Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra were under the direction of Dr. Jason Thoms (Bismarck State College.)

#### Soloists featured this year were:

- Dawn Hagerott, Soprano
- Caitlin Grace Monroe, Mezzo-Soprano
- Cole Girodat, Tenor
- Dr. Brent Rogers, Bass-Baritone

Familiar solos and choruses, such as the very famous "Hallelujah" chorus were performed, as well as the entire third section of the work, focusing on Christ the risen and victorious King.

You can catch a clip of the final rehearsal by clicking here on the Bismarck-Mandan [Messiah Facebook Page](#).



## Congregational Relationships

Heather Baumann -Congregation Relationship Coordinator; baumann@trinitybismarck.com, ext. 112

## Ministry Opportunity

We all have feelings of wanting to be needed, and God has given each of us gifts to use to help others. **1 Peter 4:10 - God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them to serve on another.** Using the gifts God has given us is how we fulfill the want of being needed.

Maybe you have the gift of hospitality, you can use your gift to welcome people and make them feel loved and at home. Maybe you have the gift of service, you can use your gift by serving during worship services. Maybe you have a gift of teaching, you can use that gift to teach about Jesus. You might have the gift of leadership; you can use that gift to be part of a committee at church or lead a bible study. Maybe your gift is in helping others, you can use this gift to fill Loaves and Fishes bags or serve at the Banquet. You might have the gift of administration; you could use this gift to help enter slides into the computer for worship services.

There are many other gifts and many places for you to use those gifts. It says in **1 Peter 4:11 - Do it (use those gifts) with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen.**

So, whatever your gift may be, there is a place and opportunity for you to use that gift. If you know your gift and would like to sign up for an opportunity to use your gift, click the button below. If you are not quite sure what your gift may be and would like to explore what God has for you, please contact Heather.

Ministry Sign Up

## Connect Groups - Faith and Fellowship

We were created to live in community. God never intended us to live this life alone. It says in **Acts 2:42 - All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals, and to prayer.** Connect groups give us the community we need to walk through life's good days and challenging days, it also helps us grow in our relationships. We have connect groups for everyone! Take a look at what we have to offer and if you have any questions, please contact Heather.

\*\*\*\*\* No Groups Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the Holidays. \*\*\*\*\*



## Sundays

### COED Group

Every Sunday  
Daily Discipleship – Scripture Study

## Wednesdays

### Seniors' COED Group

Every Other Wednesday (beg. 12/8/21)  
Video Study Old to New Testament  
Starting December 8th  
2:30pm Room 212  
Leaders: Larry Strand & Mike Ranum  
Email: ljstrand@bis.midco.net  
Phone: 701-258-5128

### COED Group

Every Wednesday (beg. 1/5/22)  
Video Study  
6:40 – 7:25pm Conference Room  
Leaders: Chris and Keli Berglund  
Email: caberglund@nd.gov  
Phone: 701-527-5582

## Thursdays

9:40 – 10:15am Community Center  
Leader: Heather Baumann  
Email: baumann@trinitybismarck.com  
Phone: 701-220-2582 (Cell)

## **Mondays**

### **Men's Group**

Every Monday  
7:00am Katie's Parlor  
Leader: Bob Wefald  
Email: bobwefald@msn.com  
Phone: 701-595-2401

### **Ladies' Group**

1st & 3rd Monday's  
1:00pm Conference Room  
Leader: Karen Botine  
Email: karenbotine@bis.midco.net  
Phone: 701-255-0411

### **COED Group**

Every Monday  
The Book of Galatians Video Study  
6:30pm Conference Room  
Leader: Heather Baumann  
Email: baumann@trinitybismarck.com  
Phone: 701-220-2582 (Cell)

## **Tuesdays**

### **Ladies' Group**

Every Tuesday  
Quilters  
9:00 AM Downstairs quilters room  
Leader: Cathy Nelson  
Email: scknelson@centurylink.net  
Phone: 701-226-4088  
Leader: Donna Hegle  
Phone: 701-989-0742

### **COED Group**

GIFTS Study  
4th Tuesday 6:30pm Via Zoom  
Leader: Pastor Mark Narum  
Email: narum@trinitybismarck.com

### **Ladies' Group**

Circle Meeting  
3rd Thursday of the Month  
9:30am Conference room  
Leader: Margaret Laib  
Email: marg.laib@gmail.com  
Phone: 701-390-7672

### **COED Group**

Every Thursday  
The Story of Paul part 3  
6:30pm Room 212  
Leader: Heather Baumann  
Email: baumann@trinitybismarck.com  
Phone: 701-220-2582 (Cell)

## **Other**

### **COED Group**

**Bible Journaling** – Creative devotional Practice. Practice of responding to the biblical text in a creative way in the pages of your Bible (or a piece of paper), with art, prayer, or notes.

### **Joint Group with Good Shepherd Lutheran**

Supplies provided along with helpful hints to get you started.

Leader: Gracia Johnson  
Email: [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com)  
Phone: 701-471-4434

### **Men's Group**

**Handy Men** – Group of men who create wood keepsake boxes for those who are being baptized.

### **Meeting Times/Days Vary**

Leader: Mike Ranum  
Email: [msranum@bis.midco.net](mailto:msranum@bis.midco.net)  
Phone: 701-390-7757

Pick up a brochure of the Connect Groups from the Narthex soon! Contact Heather if you have any questions.

## **Christmas Worship Services**

### **Christmas Eve:**

*Friday, December 24th @*  
3 p.m.  
5 p.m.  
10 p.m.

### **Christmas Morning:**

*Saturday, December 25th @*  
8:30 a.m.

## **Pastoral Ministry**

### **Baptisms:**

Roy Michael Foster  
George Richard Munsch  
Peyton Ann Nickel

### **Deaths:**

Meinhardt (Meiny) Kleingartner  
Janet Funston

### **New Members:**

Brady Pelton  
&

### 1st Sunday after Christmas:

*Sunday, December 26th @*

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Charles, Elizabeth, Peyton, Londyn,

Boston Seil

### Wednesday after Christmas:

*Wednesday, December 29th*

No Service

## Christmas Updates

### 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 1st.

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 it's cost. We are asking for cash donations – not the donation of the item. We are working with Capital Restaurant Supply who are 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.



### 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 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 p.m. on Wednesday, December 15th**. Also, if you are willing to help deliver these or poinsettias, please call the office.



## Poinsettia Donations

We are now receiving donations for our Christmas display of poinsettias. We will be purchasing a select number of poinsettias this year. Poinsettias will be ordered for Trinity shut-ins, as well as for those who wish to take a plant home after Christmas worship. The remainder of the poinsettia donations will be shared with our 2021 offering benevolence, Ministry on the Margins.

Poinsettia donations are \$15. All donations and accompanying dedications will be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Turn in a sheet from a bulletin to the office, offering basket, or fill out the form below **by Wednesday, December 15th**. THANK YOU!

Donation Form



## Radio Broadcast/Livestream Sign Up

We are currently accepting donations for 2022. The sign up sheet for specific dates and information forms are located in the Narthex. Please contact Klarissa in the office if you have any questions or need any assistance with this.

## Loaves and Fishes

*Watch here for next date to fill bags.  
Quilters' Room*

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. Thanks for your generosity as we follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry.



## Trust Fund Spotlight

### Enhancing Worship through Music...

How does the Word of God reach you most successfully? Is it through the sermon? Is it through discussion with others, or perhaps in a Bible study? By reading your own Bible? For some people, music paves the way to the Word.

One of the dedicated accounts within the Trust Fund is designated for **Music and Choirs**. This fund may be used to purchase music or musical instruments to enhance worship. It has been used for sound equipment so that everyone can hear the Word more clearly as it is spoken and sung. It supported purchase of the screens and projection equipment we use at every worship service.

Have your worship experiences been expanded and enhanced by music at Trinity? If yes, this might be where you want to make an investment for future worshippers. Pick up a Trust Fund brochure at the rack in the church lobby or talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Susan Weiand, Dan Welsh, Susan Ronning, Dwight Offerman, or Todd Lang.

## Your Gifts

Julie Schaffner - Financial Director; schaffner@trinitybismarck.com, ext. 111

<b>October 2021</b>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income		
Offerings	\$ 51,677.19	\$472,606.68
Other Income	8,980.24	98,634.15
Transfer	<u>200.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Income	60,857.43	573,240.83
Expenses	<u>\$ 59,174.45</u>	<u>\$642,500.95</u>
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 31st, 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.

Donate



## New Vanco Mobile App

Another means of electronic giving is downloading Vanco's new Mobile App to your cell phone.

- Download **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** (in your Apple App Store or Google Play Store)
- Search **Bismarck**
- Select **Trinity Lutheran Church**
- Sign Up using your email address and create a password

You may choose to give using a credit card, debit card, or your bank account. If you have any questions, contact Julie Schaffner.

## 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. 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, Brenda Morgan, Mike Baltzer, Mike Hanson, Fran Wick, Steve Leibel and Don Peterson.

## Gifts and Memorials

No new memorials at this time.



## Missouri Slope Volunteers Needed

### Reminder

Over the coming weeks residents of the Missouri Slope Care Center will move from their Hillside Campus to the new North Campus. Ministry partners are sought to help those who do not have family living locally make this transition.

This would be an opportunity to get to know an individual, help them pack their personal items and/or help them settle into a new room. Note: You do not need to move their belongings.

If you are unable to help them pack, they are also looking for volunteers to be part of the "Welcome Wagon." This would consist of welcoming them to the new facility and helping them get settled into their new room. If you would be interested in volunteering to help, please contact Klarissa in the office. A clickable volunteer application form is listed below for reference:

**Volunteer Application Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Desired: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Volunteer experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Special training or interests: \_\_\_\_\_

When are you available to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special accommodations needed for you to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

As a condition of volunteering, Missouri Slope requires Flu and Covid Vaccinations. We also will do a background check, so please provide:

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Former Names Used: \_\_\_\_\_



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**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

By love, serve on another. Galatians 5:15

## Beer & Hymns

No meeting in December.

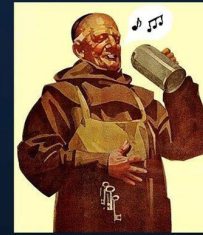
Next meeting times plan to be January 17th & February 21st @ 7 p.m.

Bismarck Amvets

Beer & Hymns group meets one Monday evening a month. The location recently moved from Trinity to the Bismarck Amvets at 2402 Railroad Ave. This is a 21+ event.

Check them out on their [Facebook Page!](#)

## Beer & Hymns



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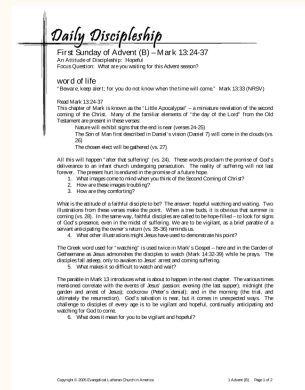
## ELCA Gospel Seeds

Please click on the button below to view the December edition of the Gospel Seeds, the monthly newsletter written by synod staff. The December edition is written by Bishop Craig Schweitzer.

[Gospel Seeds](#)

## ELCA Daily Discipleship

Click on the image below to open the Daily Discipleship PDF. This is written by John and Robin McCullough-Bade.



## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

**8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship**  
**10:30 a.m. Blended Worship**

Social distancing using every other pew.

### Wednesdays

Dinner served from 5:15 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.  
**6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship**



We are happy to partner with Grace Lutheran in Driscoll.

Bulletins are posted on our [website](#) under [Bulletins](#) or click below:

[Bulletins](#)

## Radio Broadcast

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on 1270 Super Talk or the [Listen Live](#) link on their [website](#). You can also click below:

[Listen Live](#)

## Video Worship Links

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

- Congregational Updates posted as necessary
- Bible Study Saturdays posted with Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth
- Trinity To-Go posted weekly by a pastor.



**Head of Staff, Pastor Mark Narum**  
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