



*Nurturing a Living Faith  
with Open Hearts  
and Serving Hands*

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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## December 1st, 2022 E-Newsletter

### Note from the Pastor

Pastor Mark Narum - Head of Staff, [narum@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:narum@trinitybismarck.com), ext.5

A bowl of homemade chicken noodle soup is an amazing thing. In late November Trinity hosted a Friday of Bible Study with Rabbi Noah Ullman. Congregations from a 60 mile or so radius were invited to come and dive deep into scripture. We had no idea who would show up, how many there would be but I decided I would make chicken noodle soup for lunch.



The gift is I did not work alone. A couple of days before the gathering Scott Boehm asked if I needed any help. Who is going to turn down an offer like that when there are carrots to dice, celery and onions to chop. We worked and we talked and I was blessed in the midst of the experience by our conversation.

On the day of the big event, soup was in the roaster and then other members of the church came forward with offers of helping. Scott was in the kitchen again. Pretty soon Dean Natwick was dishing up bowls of soup while others were watching over the cheese trays and buns.

Before you know it, we were into clean-up. I was running the dishwasher (not sure what got more wet the dishes or my sweater). Pastor Lee was putting away clean dishes.

Why am I writing about cooking and cleaning – because in the midst of it we talked and laughed and grew to know one another in a better way. We served others together and it was all good. Our faith community is centered on worshipping Jesus our risen savior. But we grow deeper in our understanding of faith when we spend time together, especially if it is for the sake of serving others.

I hope in this crazy time of year you find ways to laugh and talk and grow deeper into what it means to follow this savior.

Blessings,  
Pastor Mark

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### Recent Announcements

#### Parking Lot

A reminder that Trinity owns the parking lot East of 4th St & North of United Way. It is available for you to park in for worship services.

#### Christmas Baking Needed

Christmas goodies will again be shared with people on our Holiday Delivery List 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 14th**. We will gather the goodies in the Conference Room. Also, if you are able to help deliver some baked goods please let Klarissa know. Thank you for blessing others in this way for the Holiday Season!

#### Staff Transition

Trinity Lutheran has an immediate opening for a full-time Facility Manager. We are looking for an individual who is mechanically inclined, self-motivated and able to prioritize tasks, able to manage staff, contractors and volunteers, and likes working on a solid team. Contact Pastor Mark for more information or stop at the church office to drop off a resume and fill out an application. Click below for a printable job description and application form.

[Job Description](#)

[Application Form](#)

## North Parking Lot Doors

During this staff transition, the main entrance will only be unlocked when there are at least 2 staff members present in the building. There is not a set time for this necessarily as it can change. Please call the office if you need to get in. All doors will be locked weekdays from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. for the lunch hour.

## Special Christmas Offering

Each Christmas Trinity's Church Council selects a ministry to be the recipient of our Special Offering. This Christmas, Ministry on the Margins was chosen as the recipient. Ministry on the Margins is a partner ministry of Trinity Lutheran. They provide an overnight coffee house for those on the street - a warm place to safely be indoors. They also provide outreach to those in prison and support groups for those who have a loved one who is incarcerated. The Ministry also has started a food pantry which helps feed hundreds of people every month.

Ministry on the Margins is funded almost exclusively by individuals, organizations and churches. For the past two years, all of the requests for human needs (rent assistance, gas cards, food pantry) Trinity staff have been referring to the Ministry on the Margins because they have a better system of walking with individuals in need.

If you would like to make a gift our Special Christmas Offering you can drop a check in the offering plate with "Special Christmas Offering" in the memo line, drop an envelope with cash in the offering plate marked "Special Christmas Offering" on the outside or drop a donation off in the church office.

Sister Kathleen will preach at all services the week of December 4th so we can learn more about the ministry.

## Christmas Worship Services

Saturday, December 24th @ 3, 5 & 10 p.m.  
Sunday, December 25th @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sanctuary

## Holiday Announcements

Join us for worship services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Please also be aware that there will be no worship on Wednesday, December 28th.

The office will be closed December 23rd, 26th, 30th and January 2nd.

Blessings to all of you! Click on the image to enlarge.



## Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson - Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator; [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com), ext. 6

## Youth Happenings

### Sunday Church School

Ages 3 - grade 5

@ 9:35 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

### Wednesday Church School

Ages 3 - grade 5

@ 6:40 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.

### Wednesday Confirmation Classes

Youth grades 6 - 8

@ 6:40 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday Sr. High Youth Group

Grades 9 - 12

@ 7:30 p.m.

Triniteen Room

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**SISTERHOOD**

**a ministry for middle school girls**

#### When & Where:

October 9 - Good Shepherd

November 13 - Trinity

December 11 - Good Shepherd

#### Time:

1:00pm - 3:00pm

#### Who:

Girls in Grades 6-8

- creating
- cooking
- crafting
- baking
- drawing
- painting
- Christ centered
- supportive environment

**PLEASE SIGN-UP WITH**

**NICOLE @ GOOD SHEPHERD OR GRACIA @ TRINITY.**



## Christmas Adventure

Sunday, December 18th @ 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Join us Sunday, December 18th @ 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll have pizza, ornament-making, cookie-decorating, hot chocolate, a photo booth, and more! All are welcome! A free will offering will be taken to help cover the cost of lunch.



## Christmas Programs

Sunday, December 18th @ 10:30 a.m. &

Wednesday, December 21st @ 6 p.m.

Sanctuary

Our Sunday Church School Christmas Program will be during worship on Sunday, December 18th @ 10:30 a.m. After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for the Christmas Adventure!

Wednesday Church School kids will present a Christmas Program during worship on Wednesday, December 21st @ 6 p.m. Following worship, we'll have hot chocolate & goodies in the Community Center.

## Confirmation Service Project

Ministry on the Margins

One of Trinity's Confirmation groups helped out at Ministry on the Margins for their service project.







## Worship & Music Notes

Pastor Mary Lou Aune - Director of Worship & Music; [aune@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:aune@trinitybismarck.com), ext. 3

### Organ Recital by Norman Paskowsky

Sunday, December 11th @ 3 p.m.

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Norman Paskowsky is a retired Lutheran pastor who began his life of ministry as a church organist/musician. His career began with a bachelor's degree in Organ Performance, and a Master of Music Degree in Church Music. He currently plays piano at Zion Lutheran Church in Minot, ND.

Paskowsky will be presenting a recital featuring a wide range of pieces representing four centuries of organ music, including a piece titled "The Covid 19 Fugue" by Papademetriou, which comes highly praised by the music world.

We hope many of you will join us for this concert. A freewill offering will be received.

### Special Music for the Christmas Season

There is still time to volunteer to use your music skills to enhance the music of the season!

- 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 are a BRASS PLAYER, please volunteer to play at the 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Services. We'll have one rehearsal to prepare accompaniment to the carols.

If you'd like to volunteer, or to give a suggestion, message Pastor Mary Lou at [Aune@TrinityBismarck.com](mailto:Aune@TrinityBismarck.com) or leave voice mail at 223-3560.

### 92nd Bismarck Presentation of "Messiah" by George F. Handel

Past Event: Sunday, November 20th, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

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The concert was held Sunday, November 20th. We had a great turnout for a wonderful night of music! A huge thank you to Dr. Jason Thoms, Abbie Eads, the Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra, the phenomenal soloists and the amazing chorus!! We appreciate the time and energy you put into each rehearsal and the amazing concert! Also, thanks to the many volunteers and all who attended that helped make this concert a success. We couldn't do it without you!



## Congregational Relationships

Heather Baumann - Congregation Relationship Coordinator; baumann@trinitybismarck.com, ext. 9

### Ministry Opportunities

Ministry Opportunities at Trinity are available digitally. Please sign up to serve as Scripture Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Communion Servers and Tech online. **Sunday Readers should sign up by the Thursday before @ 10 a.m.** (Holiday weeks may vary.) Click below to sign up.

If you haven't served before or are not sure what type of opportunities are there for you, please fill out the "Ministry Opportunity Form." Click below and you will be contacted about serving.

[Sign Up](#)

[Ministry Opportunity Form](#)



## Radio Broadcast/Livestream Sign-Up

We are currently accepting sponsorship donations for 2023. The sign-up sheet for specific dates and information forms are located in the Narthex. The cost is \$250 for each Sunday. It does help the office if you are able to pay right away and fully complete the information. This has been a great blessing for people to stay connected with worship at Trinity when they aren't able to be here in person. Thank you for the many people that have supported this ministry. Please contact Klarissa if you have any questions.



## Poinsettia Donations

We are now receiving donations for our Christmas display of poinsettias. We will be purchasing 36 poinsettias this year. Poinsettias can be ordered for Trinity shut-ins, as well as for those who wish to take a plant home after Christmas worship. If there are more than 36 poinsettia donations, the funds will go to our 2023 offering benevolence, Ministry on the Margins.

Poinsettia donations are \$15. All donations and accompanying dedications will be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Forms are available in the Narthex. Turn in a form and payment to the office or offering basket **by Friday, December 16th**. Contact Klarissa if you have any questions. THANK YOU!

## Loaves and Fishes

Watch here for next fill date.  
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
- spoons

**\*\*\*We are not currently collecting any more bags or fruit cups.\*\*\***

We get together about once a month to pack bags. Thanks for your generosity as we follow Jesus’ command to feed the hungry.



## Collection Items



### Dan's Receipts

Receipts can be placed in the box in the Narthex or dropped off at the office. Proceeds will go towards Trinity's Children & Youth Programs.



### Lions Glasses

Drop off prescription glasses at the office. We will contact Bismarck Lions to come and collect them.



### RMHC Pull Tabs

Pull tabs can be dropped off at the office or placed in this house near the entryway. We will deliver them to the Ronald McDonald House.

## Trust Fund Spotlight

*Submitted By: Dwight Offerman*

### Enhancing Worship Through Music

How does the Word of God reach you most successfully? Is it through the sermon? Through discussion with others, perhaps in a Bible study? In your own reading of the 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. The account may also pay for musicians, such as members of the bell choir, to attend workshops to learn new techniques or increase their enthusiasm by sharing the experience with other musicians.

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

Heather Baumann - Financial Director; [finance@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:finance@trinitybismarck.com), ext. 8

## YOUR GIFTS

### October 2022

	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Year-to-date Actual</u>
Income		
Contributions	\$ 99,149.17	\$891,765.84
Other Income	5,216.00	88,332.42
Transfer	200.00	2,000.00
Total Income	<u>\$104,565.17</u>	<u>\$982,098.26</u>
Expenses	<u>\$ 78,690.59</u>	<u>\$969,154.52</u>
Income less expenses	<u>\$ (25,874.58)</u>	<u>\$ (12,943.74) *</u>

**\*Due to the transition of systems and Financial Directors our benevolence had not been paid since March. We have begun to catch up however, we still have \$8,779.43 left to pay. The final payment of Benevolences was made at the beginning of November. We are now caught up, however these number do not show that \$8,779.43 removed from our income as it happened in November and not October. With that being said, it leaves us in the positive \$5,164.31.**

**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 Welcome Center 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 GIVE PLUS area on the right allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation using a credit card. If you have questions or need assistance with electronic giving, please feel free to call Heather Baumann @ 223-3560. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

Donate

End of year giving: Just a quick reminder if you would like to give and have the deduction on your 2022 taxes make sure you do one of the following things:

1. Mail in your donation with the envelope being postmarked no later than December 31st, 2022.
2. Give online no later than 11:59 p.m. on December 31st, 2022.
3. Set up a bank withdrawal to go out no later than December 31st, 2022.



## Vanco Mobile App

Another means of electronic giving is downloading Vanco's 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 Heather.

## 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

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

### Funerals

Louise Walker  
Annie Leno

family member.

If you would like your name added to this list, please let Klarissa or one of the pastors know.

**Please pray for:** Donna Burns, Brenda Morgan, Mike Baltzer, Steve Leibel, Don Peterson, Jim Borseth, Melissa Lewis, Annette, Jan & Cathy.

## Weddings

## Gifts & Memorials

**In memory of Michael Hove** given by Rita Bosworth (Music & Choir Fund.)

**In memory of Louise Walker** given by Rick & Jane Clayburgh, Stephen & Paula Schilling (Memorial Fund.)

## Birthday & Holidays Delivery Ministry

### Thanksgiving Cards

Some handmade Thanksgiving cards were mailed out to people on our Birthday and Holiday Delivery List. They were handmade and personalized by Terri Lang. She has dedicated many years to this ministry blessing people at home or in care facilities. She even keeps track of their birthdays so they receive a special birthday greeting during the year also. We are grateful for the time Terri has put into this ministry! Please contact Klarissa if you would like to add someone to this list. The next round of deliveries will be Christmas baked goods.



## Study with Rabbi Ullman

*Past Event: Friday, November 18th @ 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall*

Trinity hosted a study with Rabi Noah Ullman on Friday, November 18th, with people throughout the area. About 40 people shared a lunch and many great discussions throughout the day.



## Missouri Slope

### Christmas Ornament Fundraiser

This Christmas, our hope is to have the tree in our new Chapel be something truly special.



## Ministry on the Margins

Ministry on the Margins is always looking for volunteers to help at their food pantry and ice cream social.

For information and to sign up



With a minimum \$100 donation, you can honor a loved one by placing a custom-made ornament on the tree in their name. After Christmas, you may keep, or donate your ornament to decorate our tree for years to come. The ornament can be replicated for \$50 per additional ornament.

Click here for more information:

<https://mslcc.salsalabs.org/ornamentdonations/index.html>

visit:

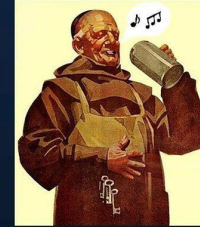
[www.ministryonthemargins.com/volunteer](http://www.ministryonthemargins.com/volunteer)

## Beer & Hymns

*Next Meeting: No meeting in December  
Bismarck Amvets*

Beer & Hymns group meets one Monday evening a month. They meet at the Bismarck Amvets at 2402 Railroad Ave. This event is open to all ages. Click here to check them out on their [Facebook Page](#)!

## Beer & Hymns



## Bible Journaling

*Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13th @ 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Lynne Center*

Bible journaling is a devotional practice of responding to the Biblical text in a creative way in the pages of your Bible (or a piece of paper) — with art, prayers, or notes.

This is a joint group with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church that meets once a month. We provide shared art supplies and helpful hints to get you started if you're new to the practice. Contact Gracia for more info.

\*All ages are welcome & free childcare provided!  
Check out their [Facebook Page](#) here.



## Just For Kix

*Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays during the school year  
Community Center*

Just For Kix dance team has been renting space from Trinity Lutheran Church for 18 years. Just For Kix provides dance classes for youth Pre K-12th grade. Bismarck North Director, Michele Stockert's goals for her program are to build character and confidence in youth through teamwork and performances.

Info and registration available at <https://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/bismarck-north-nd/>.



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

The Gospel Seeds are typically written by the Synod Staff or something they would like to share. Click the link below to check out the latest version available on the Synod site.

## ELCA Daily Discipleship

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

**word of life**  
In the Bible, John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, preaching repentance for the Kingdom of Heaven has come near. This is the time of when the prophet Isaiah spoke about the Lord. The word of John is prophetic as the words of the Lord. Please the way of the Lord. (Matthew 3:1-12)

**John the Baptist** 3:1-12  
John the Baptist is well-known personality of the New Testament. He was a prophet and a messenger who came to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. He was the forerunner of Jesus. (Matthew 3:1-12)

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## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:30 a.m. Blended Worship

### Wednesdays

Dinners served before worship @ 5:15 p.m.

6 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
- Trinity To Go posted weekly by a pastor.



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