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Holy Week

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 2 @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
+Breakfast served @ 9 - 10:30 a.m.
+Holy Communion

Wednesday, April 5 - No Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 6 @ 12:15 & 6 p.m.
+Soup served @ 11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
& 5:15 - 5:50 p.m.
+Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 7 @ 12:15 & 6 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9
Sunrise Service @ 7 a.m.
+Holy Communion
Festival Worship @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
+Holy Communion

(Office Closed: Friday, April 7 & Monday, April 10)

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST APRIL 2

Menu
Pancakes
Sausage
Fresh Fruit
Juice & Coffee

Serving from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall.

Proceeds will go towards Trinity's
Building Maintenance Fund.



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Recent Announcements

Installation

Sunday, March 19th & Wednesday, March 22nd
Sanctuary
Potluck: Fellowship hall @ 11:30 a.m.

Reminder

Pastor Martha will be installed this Sunday, March, 19th, at both services and Wednesday, March 22nd, at the evening worship service. Bishop Craig Schweitzer will be with us for all three services. We will celebrate with a potluck meal on Sunday, March 19th @ 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We would love for you to bring a dish to share! Click on image to enlarge.

Stigma and Compassion Conversation

Sunday, March 19th @ 9:35 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



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Meet the Pastor

Pastor Martha would love to connect! Stop in or schedule a time to grab some coffee.

harrison@trinitybismarck.com
C: 701.833.1701

Pastor Martha Harrison

Join us Sunday, March 19th @ 9:35 a.m. in Fellowship Hall as Dr. Melissa Henke talks about combatting the stigma of substance abuse and mental health issues. Dr. Henke, a Trinity member, is the Medical Director at Heartview. Just a note, the Community Center is not available for use that day, it will be set up for an afternoon concert. Come downstairs, grab a cup of coffee and learn how each of us can make a difference in other people's lives.

Planting Seeds for Ministry Sunday

Sunday, March 26th @ 9:35 a.m.
Community Center

Sunday, March 26th, we will welcome Faith Simonieg as our special guest preacher at both services. At 9:35 a.m. she will lead a conversation in the Community Center about the impact Trinity's Trust Fund is having on our ministry now and into the future.

Snow Removal

Thank you to those who helped move snow these past couple weeks or even reached out offering to help. We appreciate you!

Lend a Hand Ministry

Thank you to the Lend a Hand ministry group. Not only did they enjoy some fellowship and learning about new skills, they were able to fix some items around the church. If anyone would like to help out but cannot make it during the weekday we could set up a Saturday morning meeting. Please call John to discuss.



Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson - Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator; gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com, ext. 5

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



a ministry for middle school girls

January 8 - Trinity
February 12 - Good Shepherd
March 12 - Trinity
April 16 - Good Shepherd

1 - 3 p.m.



Campership Update

Please note the change in our campership amount. Because we believe in the value of Christian Camping, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of **half the cost of camp** to anyone enrolled in Trinity programs wishing to attend Bible Camp. This is half the cost you are

required to pay to attend so if you get an early bird discount it's half of the cost you actually pay. If you require additional financial assistance to attend camp, please let us know. To receive your campership, contact Gracia. Click here to check out [Camp of the Cross](#) this summer.

Click on images to enlarge.



Camperships

Trinity provides financial assistance for kids who are active in church school & confirmation to attend Bible Camp. See Gracia for more info!



Vacation Bible School

June 11-14 ● 5:45-7:45 p.m.
Age 4 - Grade 5

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Vacation Bible School

June 11th - 14th @ 5:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Reminder

Save the Date for VBS at Trinity! June 11th - 14th from 5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. for kids age 4 to grade 5. Register for Vacation Bible School by clicking the button below or by visiting our website.

VBS Registration

TWIN CITIES
Youth Trip!

July 20-23, 2023

- Join us for service projects, high & low ropes course, Valleyfair, and more!
- Our group will stay at Camp Eden Wood right in the Twin Cities area.
- For youth currently in Grades 8-12.
- \$100 deposit due by March 31 to register.
- Fundraising opportunities available.
- See Gracia with questions.



Trust Fund Scholarships

We are now accepting scholarship applications for the upcoming Fall '23/Spring '24 school year. These Scholarships are meant to honor the dedication of students who have shown a desire to grow in their faith and serve God by serving their neighbor. Eligible applicants are members of Trinity who are either:

- High school seniors preparing to graduate
- Post-secondary students in a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree program
- Seminary students

Check out further information on our website under Trust Fund Scholarship. You can print a form there or pick-up one in the office. **Deadline to apply is Friday, March 31st.**

Scholarship Application

Chili & Soup Cook-Off & Silent Auction

Past Event: Wednesday, March 8th @ 5:15 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who joined us, participated and donated items for our Annual Chili/Soup Cook-Off & Silent Auction! Congratulations to our winners that were voted on for the chili and soup: Kids Choice Winner was soup #3 made by Missy Kopp and the Adult Choice Winner was soup

#4 made by Marci Silrum. We raised a total of \$1794 from the Silent Auction plus the additional funds that were given for the meal. We had a great turnout and appreciated your support of Trinity's Youth!

24 Hour Online Silent Auction

Wednesday, March 15th @ 12 p.m. - Thursday March 16th @ 12 p.m.

[Trinity's Facebook page](#)

A heads up that the Silent Auction is NOT OVER! We are trying something new this year and chose a few items that will ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO BE BID ON ONLINE! Check out our Facebook page where we will post the items to be available to be bid on for 24 hours starting TODAY, March 15th @ 12 p.m. central time and ending @ 12 p.m. Thursday, March 16th. This should be a fun way to include the people who weren't able to be there in person. Again, thanks for your continued support!



Camp of the Cross Visit

Past Event: Sunday, March 5th & Wednesday March 8th

It was fun to have Deacon Janie Hague & Sam Wolf from Camp of the Cross visit Trinity. They shared greetings & a short camp update during worship as well as a song & game during church school. Thanks Janie & Sam!



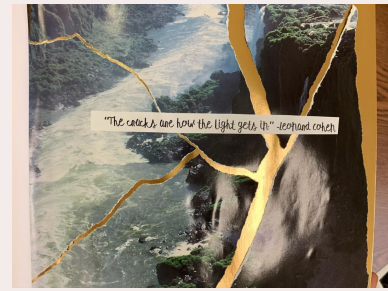
Soul Sisterhood

Past Event: Sunday, March 12th @ 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

At our March Soul Sisterhood meeting for middle school girls we talked about how Jesus heals our

hearts and forgives our sins. There is beauty even in our brokenness and God's light still shines through.



Youth Event

Sunday, March 26th; 3rd – 5th Graders @ 2 - 3 p.m.; Middle Schoolers @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Use North Doors

All youth are invited to come for a fun time of games, faith talk and pretzel making here at Trinity. We'll meet on Sunday, March 26th. Please use the North Doors. Hope to see you there! Click on image to enlarge.

- 3rd – 5th Graders @ 2 - 3 p.m.
- Middle Schoolers @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Games,
Faith Talk &
Pretzel Making!

3rd – 5th Grade
@ 2 - 3 p.m.

Middle School
@ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 26

Use North Doors
See Gracia with questions.

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Worship & Music Notes

Pastor Mary Lou Aune - Director of Worship & Music; aune@trinitybismarck.com, ext. 3

"A Baroque Tenebrae" Concert by Dakota Pro Musica

Sunday, March 19th @ 3 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck

Reminder

A concert of choral and vocal music telling the story of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The concert will feature selections from Pergolesi's famous Stabat Mater and Buxtehude's Jesu Membra Nostri, and a variety of motets connected to the traditional Tenebrae and the veneration of the Cross services.

Tickets are now available online or at the door for the Bismarck concert on Sunday, March 19th, 2023 @ 3 p.m. Reserved Seating is available for \$25 and General Admission for \$15. You can check out the [Facebook Event](#) or [Dakota Pro Musica's website](#) by clicking here.



"Voices from the Edge..."

Inviting us to the Center"

Wednesday Lenten Worship Services:
("Ash Wednesday" February 22nd - March 29)

Soup & Sandwich Lunch @ 11:45 a.m.
Worship @ 12:15 p.m.
in the Community Center

Soup & Sandwich Supper @ 5:15 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Worship @ 6 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

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Lenten Soup Menu Schedule

Reminder

March 15: Knoephla Soup

March 22: Zuppa Toscana

March 29: Chicken Noodle

April 7, Maundy Thursday:
Chicken Wild Rice Soup

Calling all Brass Players!

Dust off your horn! Blow out the cobwebs! Get ready to join the ensemble who will accompany hymns at the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Easter worship services. Players from middle school to adult are all invited to come and play. We'll have ONE rehearsal on Saturday, March 8th @ 11 a.m. Please send an email or voicemail to Pastor Mary Lou: aune@trinitybismarck.com, or 223-3560. We're counting on you!

Summer Outdoor Setup Help

Every musical group needs some non-musicians they can lean on for help before the music begins and after the music ends. We're looking for folks this summer to help take the sound/music equipment out to the Peace Chapel each Wednesday evening (5 p.m.) and Sunday morning (9 a.m.) Set it up, then tear down following the service. As some folks (like my momma) would say, "Many hands makes light work." Whether you can help a few times, or many times, please sign up at the welcome desk, contact one of the pastors, or leave a message on Pastor Mary Lou's voicemail.

Congregational Relationships

Heather Baumann - Congregation Relationship Coordinator; baumann@trinitybismarck.com, ext. 7

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.

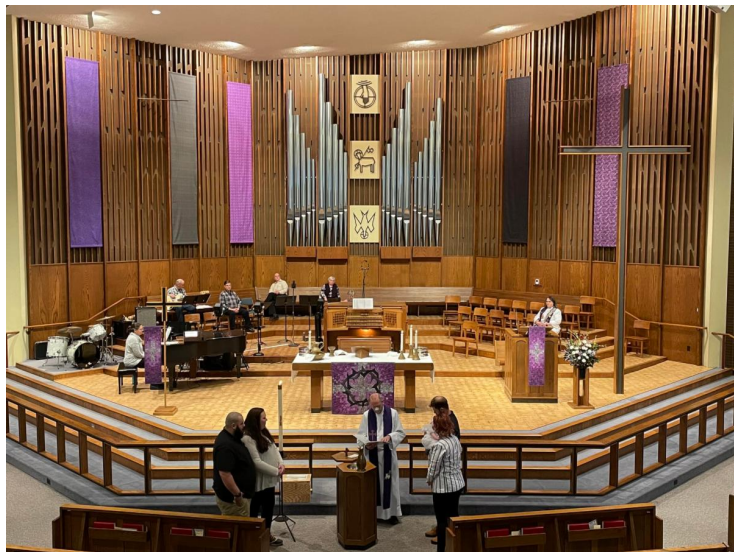
Sign Up

Ministry Opportunity Form

Service Ministry Spotlight

Lenten Sanctuary Banners

Scott Houser



Thank you to Scott Houser for creating the long banners to coordinate with Brenda Hove's paraments during this Lenten season at Trinity.

We are grateful for you sharing your talents with us! The colors add so much to our Sanctuary worship space!

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.

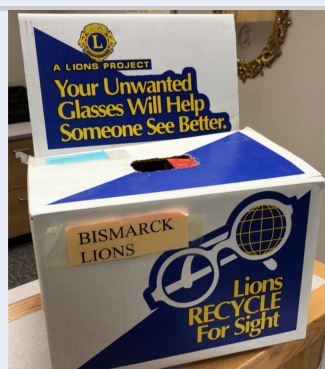


RMHC Pull Tabs

We dropped off the pop tabs at [Ronald McDonald House](#) on Friday, March 3rd! We are thankful for those of you who have been helping collect these as we have been able to deliver to them several times now. We are still collecting so feel to drop some by the office anytime! Thank you for all your help! You can learn more about this program by visiting [their website](#).



Collection Items



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.

Stephen Ministry

Submitted By: Karen Botine

It's not a big deal... or is it?

You know someone who is going through a tough time, and you are in a position to provide care and support. In the back of your mind, however, you are thinking "why is he/she bothered so much by this

situation?" Perhaps you went through something similar and got through it with little difficulty, so why is this potential care receiver's reaction so much stronger than what you had?

The most important thing to remember as a caregiver is that **it's not about you** and how you perceive (or handle) a situation. It's about how your care receiver perceives the situation and also about what else is going on in that person's life that affects how the care receiver can respond to the challenges of this new "tough time". Your role as a caregiver is not to judge the value or seriousness of the situation, but to accept what the care receiver perceives or believes. First – LISTEN. Second – put your judge's robe back in the closet. You are called to care, not to decide whether caring is needed (the care receiver has already made that determination).

Begin the caregiving relationship by accepting the care receiver's feelings and point of view. By doing this, you create a safe place for your care receiver to share even more of what is going on. Sometimes, as a result of this sharing, the care receiver sees ways to handle the situation that weren't identified before. Sometimes the care receiver feels less stressed just because he/she had the opportunity to express feelings out loud to someone who accepts those feelings. And sometimes, you might even find that the care receiver decides *"this isn't as big a problem as I thought it was."*

God works in many ways within a caregiver – care receiver relationship. Your part in the process is to be present as an accepting and non-judgmental listener, to pray for your care receiver, and to celebrate as your care receiver finds peace, even in the tough times.

Your Gifts

Heather Baumann - Financial Director; finance@trinitybismarck.com, ext. 7

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 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 ext. 7. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

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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 family member.

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

Please pray for: Linda Everding, James

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Andi Lee Vitez-Urbaneck

Funerals

Evelyn Patton

Mavis Anderson (funeral pending)

Weddings

Gifts & Memorials

Kalbfleisch, Ellen Jackson, Morgan
Christianson, Annette, Jan, Cathy, Mardell,
Linda, John and Wilbur.

In memory of Evelyn Patton given by Joel &
Karen Anderson, Sharron A.K. Fritz, Steven &
Juliann Orman, Thomas Kolden (Memorial
Fund).



Missouri Slope

Check out available job openings here:
www.missourislope.com/careers

Check out their digital newsletter here:
<https://missourislope.com/hilltopper/>



Ministry on the Margins

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

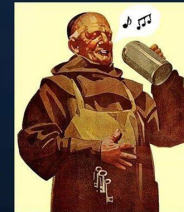
For information and to sign up visit:
www.ministryonthemargins.com/volunteer

Beer & Hymns

Next Meeting: Monday, March 20th @ 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
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, March 28th @ 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.

Lend a Hand Ministry

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13th @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Lend a Hand Ministry enjoys some coffee and fellowship before breaking out into small groups to help with projects that care for the building. No special skills are required.

They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested or that time does not work for you, please contact our Facility Manager, John Brintnell, at brintnell@trinitybismarck.com. We welcome helping hands!





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.

Gospel Seeds

ELCA Daily Discipleship

Click on the image below to open the Daily Discipleship PDF. These are written by John and Robin McCullough-Bade and shared on the ELCA's [website](#).

Daily Discipleship

Fourth Sunday in Lent (A) – John 9:1-41

Discipleship: An instrument of joy and consolation

Focus Question: This week how might you be an instrument of God's joy and consolation?

Word of life
Is someone in this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind? John 9:39 (NRSV)

Read John 9:1-41
A man who was born blind is given the gift of sight by Jesus. Amazing! Such joy! Jesus not only says, "I am the light of the world!" but also is being light. In the case of the blind man, Jesus not only gives light, but illuminates this man's life with colors, shapes, and images to discern.

1. Describe how the blind man's life might have changed after receiving sight.
2. Describe the joy of his family and friends.
What follows is a series of interrogations beginning with the healed man's neighbors and those who knew him. They are filled with disbelief about the transformation of this unknown to them as a blind beggar. Some wonder if the healed man is only someone who looks like him. At this point, the healed man says only, "I tell you the same about this man named Jesus. I like him. He gives me sight and life." The neighbors are not able to believe the man's testimony for their hearts.

3. What prevents the neighbors from sharing the joy of the healing?
4. What is your impression of the healed man at the point of the story?
The second interrogation is by the Pharisees. Although the healing is on the Sabbath, this does not appear to be the primary concern of the Pharisees. They are concerned with the issue of healing and the identity of the One who heals. How could the healed man have seen nothing but the way of darkness and now see? His faith is completely shaken with this healing. "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see!" (John 9:25 NRSV) After more questions, the healed man continues, Jesus is the prophet.

The Jews turn on the healed man, vilifying him. They do not believe he was truly blind. The parents are brought to testify as the identity of their son as one born blind. They can do no understanding the process of healing or know the healing, so they refuse to turn in part out of their own fear.
5. What is your impression of the parents?
6. What seems to be the underlying issue with the Jews and the Pharisees?

The third interrogation is of the healed man by the Pharisees. Frustration is mounting, especially for this man who was once a blind beggar to begin with. He who is blind is asked to testify to the one who gave him sight. The healed man responds to the investigation and asks the Pharisees, "Do you also want to become his disciples?" (John 9:27 NRSV). Later, he adds, "If only now were not from God, he could do nothing." (John 9:28 NRSV) The reaction by the Pharisees is doing. They are irritated at his healing, and after this last, Jesus responds by asking him for conversation and consolation. At this time, the healed man takes the opportunity to confirm his faith in Jesus, offering his own physical and spiritual transformation.

Through their words and actions, it is clear the Pharisees are the ones blind.
7. Where do you find yourself in the story?

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Worship Schedule

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

Lenten Lunch served @ 11:45 p.m.
12:15 p.m. Lenten Worship
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.
- Livestream available for worship services.

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