



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

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## September 15th, 2023 E-Newsletter

### Note from the Pastor

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#### **Baptized and Set Free – ELW Hymn # 453**

We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

*(text and music by Cathy Skogen-Soldner – copyright Augsburg Fortress).*



At a baptismal font once upon a time, you were set free. In the splashing of water, in the marking of the cross you became a beloved child of God who no longer needs to worry about sin, death or evil. Through those waters you have been freed to live, love and serve your neighbor. This freedom is a cause for celebration.

In the next few days you will receive the kick-off letter for our Fall Stewardship Campaign we are calling **The Freedom Campaign**. This year's campaign is a bit different though – it is a joint Fall Stewardship Campaign about the annual budget and funding our Christ-centered daily ministry but it also includes Phase Two of our Capital Campaign.

To explain, the coming letter have a "Giving Intent Card" for the annual budget and a Capital Campaign Pledge sheet. Why both at the same time? Because we felt it would be the most transparent way to come to the congregation. All of us know that the congregation is only able to engage in Christ-centered ministry because of the generosity of each and every member. As members, we also know that a Special Congregational Meeting approved the installation of a Fire Detection/Alarm System and a Capital Campaign to pay the \$358,000 expense. Giving our members the opportunity to prayerfully consider what they might financially share out of what God has first given seemed like the right thing to do.

Realize there is a big difference between the Giving Intent and the Capital Campaign Pledge. The Giving Intent is what you plan to be able to share with Trinity through regular offering – whether you place it in the offering plate, have it electronically transferred from your bank to Trinity's or by using our VANCO app – these funds pay for staff, ministry activities like Church School, Confirmation and Bible Study. The Capital Campaign Pledge is the amount you plan to give over the next several years to help fund the installation of the Fire Detection/Alarm System.

To help kick off Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign, a Trinity couple has come forward with a challenge gift of \$50,000. They are offering to match dollar for dollar every financial gift given to the Capital Campaign before the end of October. Their desire is to ensure we have the cash in hand to pay for the cost of the fire detection system and its installation without taking out a loan.

Heather Baumann, our Financial Administrator, is willing to have a confidential conversation to answer any questions. More general questions can be asked of members of Council, Stewardship Committee and the Capital Campaign Committee after our worship services.

The bottom line is God has generously blessed us. Trinity members have a history of generosity – it is part of our culture as a congregation. The ministry we do happens because of that generosity. Each day we are thankful for that generosity because it means we are able to boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## Trinity's Vendor Fair & Family Fun

Saturday, September 30th @ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Indoors & Outside

### Update

Please join us and help spread the word about this family event! There will be so much to do for all ages! People can also learn about the event by checking out our [Facebook Event](#). All are welcome!

### Items Needed for Vendor Fair

As part of the Vendor Event, Trinity will have a Baked Good + Gifts Table & Cake Walks. Items we are collecting:

- Baked Goods - packaged in individual or small servings. Do not need to be priced.
- Handmade Gifts - priced and ready to be sold.
- Cakes - packaged. Do not need to be priced for Cake Walks.



The poster for Trinity Lutheran's Vendor Fair + Family Fun features a vibrant purple background. At the top, three women are smiling and looking at something off-camera. Below them, a circular inset shows two children playing in a colorful playhouse. The text 'Trinity Lutheran's' is in a small, white, sans-serif font, followed by 'VENDOR FAIR' in large, bold, yellow, block letters. Below that, '+ Family Fun!' is written in a white, cursive script. To the left of the text are illustrations of a pink balloon animal and a yellow giraffe. On the right side, a white box contains the date and time: 'September 30 @ 10am-2pm'. Below this, a list of vendors and activities is provided in a small, white, sans-serif font: 'Vendors Bounce House Balloon Animals Yard Games Cake Walks Face Painting Live Music Lunch Served Immunizations Offered'. A QR code is located to the right of this list. At the bottom, two yellow boxes contain the text 'Free Admission!' and 'All are welcome!'.

Trinity Lutheran's  
**VENDOR FAIR**  
+ Family Fun!

September 30  
@ 10am-2pm

Vendors  
Bounce House  
Balloon Animals  
Yard Games  
Cake Walks  
Face Painting  
Live Music  
Lunch Served  
Immunizations Offered

Free Admission! All are welcome!

All proceeds from the table and cake walks will go to Trinity. Last year we raised almost \$600 from the table alone! Items can be dropped off to the office anytime Thursday, September 28th between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Friday, September 29th by 10 a.m. Thank you for helping with this project!

### Volunteers Needed

We are planning another great event with about 40 vendors and community groups signed up! We need **many volunteers** to help out with different parts of the event such as:

- Set up Thursday, September 28th @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Decorating & organizing Friday, September 29th @ 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. & helping vendors unload @ 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- At the event Saturday, September 30th - many options all day!

Please sign up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or contact Klarissa if you are willing to help!

### Vendors & Information Booths signed up are:

FOREVER, Scentsy, Purrfectly Pleasant Pieces, The Avon Company, Norwex, Tastefully Simple, Rocky Therapy Dog Books, Lilla Rose, Tammy's Trinkets, L & J Re-Creations, Resinary LLC, Milk & Hunny, ThunderHawk Arts, Crafty Mama, Kutie Nails with Kim, Amethyst Attic, Mary Kay, Fitteam Global, CYA Consultants dba The Sneaker Plug 701, Steve's Art, Leap of Faith Creations, Hang With Marci & David, Dan's Garden and More, Trix & Mavie, Serenity Soaps & Lotions, Trinity Quilters, Theo Art School, BHS Demonettes, Hospice of the Red River Valley, Dakota Home Care, Bis-Man Mentor Squad, Missouri Slope at Home, Camp of the Cross, MSA United Way.

## Recent Announcements

### Loaves & Fishes Bags

We could use some more bags for our Loaves & Fishes program. If you are willing to drop some off please do so at the office. This is not something we collect year round as it can reach an overwhelming amount quickly.

### Designer Genes Walk

Saturday, September 23rd; Registration Opens @ 10 a.m.; Walk @ 11 a.m.  
ND Capitol Grounds

The McMerty family invites you to join them in walking in support of individuals with Down syndrome, like their son, Cristian, in our community at the 20th Designer Genes Walk for Down Syndrome on Saturday, September 23rd. Registration opens @ 10 a.m., walk @ 11 a.m., or learn more at [www.designergenesnd.com](http://www.designergenesnd.com).

## Grace Lutheran Ham Dinner

Sunday, October 15th @ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Driscoll, ND

Grace Lutheran in Driscoll will host their Annual Ham Dinner on Sunday, October 15th @ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dinner prices are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5-12, children 4 and under are free! Everyone welcome!

## Grief Support Group

Saturday, October 7th @ 10 a.m.  
Conference Room

### Reminder

We will be starting a Grief Support Group that will meet for the first time on Saturday, October 7th @ 10 a.m. in the Conference Room. This group is for any adult who is struggling with grief. You could be grieving someone who passed away recently, or it could be grief that you have had for a long time. We believe that you never "get over" losing someone you love. This will be a discussion-based group and a confidential group. All are welcome. Please bring a memento that reminds you of your loved one to the first session to introduce yourself. This group will be led by Pastor Martha and some of our Stephen Ministers.

## Funeral

We extend our congregation's sympathy to the family of Lillian Dobler. Please keep her family in your prayers.

## Banquet Volunteers

Trinity member, Bev Blumhagen, helps coordinate volunteers for The Banquet at the Dream Center. We have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex where you can sign up to help serve from **4:30 - 7 p.m.** for Friday, September 15th, or Monday, September 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Bev at (701) 885-1605.

## Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson - Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator; [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com), ext. 5

### Rally Day Carnival

Past Events: Sunday, September 10th & Wednesday, September 13th

What a fun way to kick-off the year! Thanks to all who helped with our Rally Day Carnivals! There was popcorn, face painting, games, rock painting, photo booth, a special art project and even Camp of the Cross joined us!







### 3rd Graders Receive Bibles

Past Event: Sunday, September 10th & Wednesday, September 13th



## Upcoming Youth Happenings

We have many fun youth opportunities coming up this fall! Save the dates & watch for more info. Questions? See Gracia.

- **Club 316** for grades 3-5 & 6-8 meets the 3rd Sunday of the month @ 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. starting September 17th.
- **High School Youth Group** will meet Wednesdays @ 6:40 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. in the youth room starting September 20th.
- **Soul Sisterhood** for Middle School girls starts Sunday, October 8th.
- Western ND Youth Gathering in Mandan: October 19th & 20th for Grades 9-12; October 20th - 21st for Grades 6-8.
- **Youth Mega Bash** at Camp of the Cross for Grades 4-9: October 27th - 29th.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAYS  
6:40-7:45 P.M.  
YOUTH ROOM

Starts  
September 20

Faith  
Talk

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Space

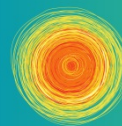
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### CLUB 316

ADVENTURES IN FAITH  
FOR KIDS & YOUTH

Sundays

2:00 - 3:30 p.m

Grades 3-5 & 6-8

Sept. 19 | Oct. 15 | Nov. 19 | Dec. 17  
Watch for more info!

## Frolic

Sundays @ 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.  
Nursery

New! We are starting a new opportunity for infants to 3-year-olds and their parents! We'll meet on Sundays in the church nursery from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. starting October 1st.

Join us as we share a Bible story & little activity followed by playtime for the kids and time to chat with fellow parents. See Gracia with questions.

## NEW! FOR INFANTS - 3 YEAR OLDS & THEIR PARENTS!



**Sundays**  
**9:45-10:15 a.m.**  
**Church Nursery**  
**Starts October 1**

Join us in the church nursery!

- Bible Story
- Activity
- Playtime for Kids
- Time to Chat with Fellow Parents



## 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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the table Young Adult Gathering

## ELCA Youth Gathering - Summer 2024

July 16th - 20th, 2024  
New Orleans, LA

We're going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Summer 2024! Youth who will be in grades 8-12 this fall are able to join us for this exciting faith event with thousands of youth from across the country.

More information is available on [Trinity's website](#).

## Worship & Music Notes

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

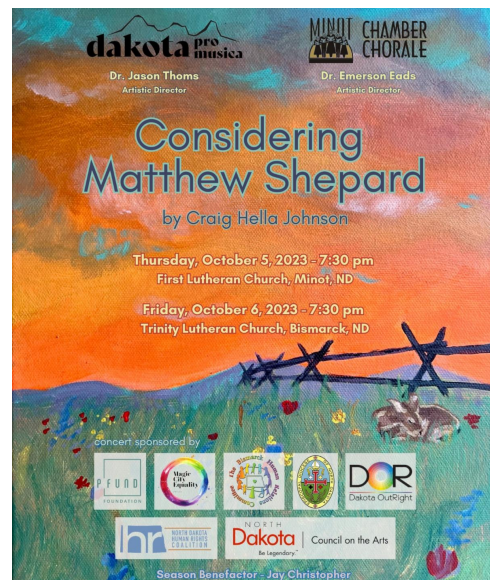
### "Considering Matthew Shepard" Concert by Dakota Pro Musica

Friday, October 6th @ 7:30 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church

#### Reminder

Dakota Pro Musica and the Minot Chamber Chorale present "Considering Matthew Shepard" a 90-minute concert musical to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Matthew Shepard's kidnapping and murder.

More information will be coming. Click here to check out the [Facebook event](#).



## Congregational Relationships

Heather Baumann - Congregation Relationship Coordinator; [baumann@trinitybismarck.com](mailto: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](#)



# Loaves and Fishes

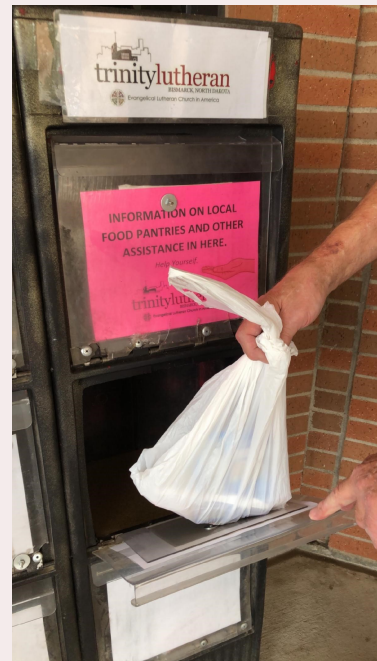
Watch here for next fill date.  
Quilters' Room

Scripture calls us to feed the hungry. Our "Loaves and Fishes" ministry does just that! Each weekday 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 get together about once a month to pack bags. Thanks for your generosity as we follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry.



## 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.

## Trust Fund Spotlight

Submitted By: Faith Simonieg, Trinity's Trust Fund Consultant

### Giving From Your IRA May SAVE You Money!

**Are you age 72 or older** and required to take your IRA minimum distribution (RMD)? If you have reached that magic age when the IRS requires you to take annual IRA withdrawals (which will mean new income that is taxable) you should know about qualified charitable distributions (QCD). A qualified charitable distribution is a way you can give to the Trinity Lutheran Trust Fund to strengthen ministry and produce tax savings for you!



**Avoid income tax by giving directly to Trinity Lutheran Church Trust Fund from your IRA—never in your pocket!** With a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), a check goes directly from your IRA to the trust fund. Many people who are facing RMDs that will have tax implications could make a gift to the Trust Fund through their QCD and never have to show it as income. The assets **MUST** go directly to the Trust Fund.

Here is an important distinction: these are NOT tax deductions. They do not provide a charitable deduction regardless of whether you itemize deductions. The tax benefit is the ability to exclude the donated distribution from taxable income!

We encourage everyone to discuss this with their financial planner or tax consultant, - and be sure to let your family know! It could be a savings for you and a blessing to the Trinity Lutheran Church Trust Fund.

What one contributor had to say: *"I cannot believe I haven't taken advantage of this before now!! I like saving on taxes!"*

## Your Gifts

Heather Baumann - Financial Director; [finance@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:finance@trinitybismarck.com), ext. 7

<u>Aug-23</u>	Month Actual	Year-to- date Actual
<b>INCOME</b>		
Contributions	\$53,166.00	\$454,760.00
Other Income	\$7,919.00	\$71,375.00
Transfer	\$300.00	\$2,297.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$61,385.00</b>	<b>\$528,432.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Income less expenses	\$63,084.00	\$513,460.00
	(\$1,699.00)	\$14,972.00

**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. 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 left 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

Giving Intention

### Matching Gift Made Available

A couple within our congregation has decided to put forward a challenge to all congregational members – they will match dollar for dollar every cash donation to Phase Two of the Capital Campaign – up to \$50,000. This gift is being given to encourage members to give cash donations, so that we have the funds available to pay for the purchase of the Fire Detection/Alarm System as it arrives. To make a donation, mail a check to Trinity Lutheran and in the memo line write, "Campaign Phase 2." We are thankful for this generous challenge and your consideration of it!

Capital Campaign Phase 2



## 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

## 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 contact the office or let one of the pastors know.

**Please pray for:** James Kalbfleisch, Ellen Jackson, Morgan Christianson, Annette, Tom, Denell, Terry, Rhonda and Joyce.

## Pastoral Acts

**Baptisms**

**Funerals**

**Weddings**

## Gifts & Memorials

**In memory of Anita Erickson** given by Norman & Darlene Ostboe, Timothy & Kirsten McIntyre, Carolyn & Gary Schulz (Memorial Fund). Given by Michael & Renae Baltzer (Maintenance Fund).

**In memory of Jan Baumann** given by David & Joanne Swonger (Messiah Fund).

## Out of the Darkness Walk

*Past Event: Sunday, September 10th @ 12 p.m.  
ND Capitol Grounds*

Trinity's Mental Health Task Force was a sponsor for this year's "Out of the Darkness Walk." The walk was September 10th at the Capital Grounds. The team name, "Into the Light: Trinity Lutheran" raised over \$3000 for suicide awareness and prevention. We handed out hand painted rocks hoping to spread a little hope and light in the community. Thank you to all who were involved!



## Missouri Slope

Check out available job openings here:

[www.missourislope.com/careers](http://www.missourislope.com/careers)



## Ministry on the Margins

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



<https://missourislope.com/hilltopper/>

For information and to sign up visit:  
[www.ministryonthemargins.com/volunteer](http://www.ministryonthemargins.com/volunteer)



# Bible Journaling

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September  
19th @ 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Lynne  
Center

Join us as we spend 4 sessions in "Hope is Here," a Bible Journaling devotion. We have a joint group with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church that meets once a month.

Bible Journaling is a creative devotional practice. It's the practice of responding to a Bible verse or passage in a creative way in the pages of your Bible (or journal or a piece of paper) — with art, scrapbooking, prayers, doodling, notes, etc. We provide shared art supplies and helpful hints to get you started. Contact Gracia Johnson for more info.

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

## Lend a Hand Ministry

*Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12th @ 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](mailto:brintnell@trinitybismarck.com). We welcome helping hands!



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# ELCA Gospel Seeds

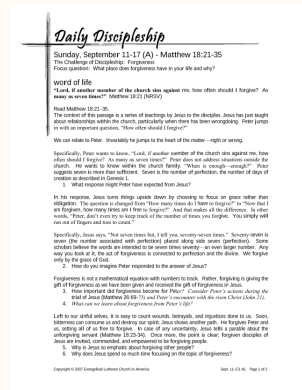
The Gospel Seeds are typically written by the Synod Staff or something they would like to share. Click the link below to check out the latest version available on the Synod site.

# Gospel Seeds

# ELCA Daily Discipleship

*(Taking Faith Home)*

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](#).





# Worship Schedule

## Sundays

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

10:30 a.m. Blended Worship

## Wednesdays

\*Dinner served before worship.

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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