

November 15th, 2023 E-Newsletter

Fall Treat Bags

Past Event: Saturday, November 4th

The 10:30 Praise Team delivered nearly 25 treat bags to our members who are residing in care centers and to those in their homes who have difficulty attending church services and events.

These treat bags were festively decorated by Julie Christian's grandchildren, Emma, Maylin and Brody (pictured) and Amanda Samuelson's children, Dakota, Eden and Jonah (not present for the photo). Praise Team members in the photo are, left to right, Marlene Seaworth, Bob Baumann, Julie Christian, Karen and Steve Helgeson.



The Halloween bags were full of treats, suckers decorated by Brenda Hove, homemade party mix made by percussionist, Genna Gierke, and homemade cookies by Terri Lang. The residents really enjoy these bags and look forward to the visits made by the Praise Team, who equally enjoy them!

We have 2 recipients featured in the photos this time: Jeannette Radig, who sent us a message and thanked us for the treats. "Thank you for everyone involved," she said. "How good it was to see someone from the outside. God loves you and so do I."

Also, Marilyn Kristensen, who generously shared her talents with Trinity by making baptismal cloths for baptisms for almost 25 years! She made approximately 50 a year... So, if you've had a baptism at Trinity recently, chances are that you have a cloth made by her. Her current hobbies include: knitting, watching movies, and keeping up with the numerous activities of her 13 grandchildren. She proudly celebrates her heritage by displaying her collection of Norwegian dolls in her home.



Homemade, festive treats.



Jeannette Radig; Terri Lang.



Marilyn Kristensen.

Recent Announcements

Funerals

We extend our congregation's sympathy to the families of:

- Anna Feist, mother of Ed Feist - her funeral was October 31st.
- Maren Swenson Waxenberg - her funeral will be Thursday, November 16th @ 3 p.m. EST. A livestream link has been shared with us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnoCSBVdylQ>.
- Roger Branning - his funeral will be at Trinity on Friday, November 17th @ 11 a.m. Visitation will begin that day @ 10 a.m.
- Gregory Bohrer - his funeral will be at Trinity on Saturday, November 18th @ 11 a.m.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

Office Closed

A reminder that the office will be closed Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th for Thanksgiving. We hope you all have a nice holiday weekend!

Fall Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped out with making this sale a huge success once again! We were able to raise a total of **\$5668.32** that will go toward the Trinity Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer!

Thursday Bible Study

*3rd Thursday of each month @ 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room*

This connect group is meeting again on Thursday, November 16th @ 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. They will continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact Margaret Laib at (701) 390-7672 for more info.

Men's Bible Study

*Saturday, November 18th @ 8 a.m.
Fellowship Hall*

A men's group will be meeting this Saturday for breakfast and devotion. It is open to all men. They will continue to meet the 3rd Saturday of each month. Invite a friend.

Trinity Lutheran's
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

SATURDAY NOV. 18TH
@ 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room

INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

Come and learn:

- more about Trinity Lutheran
- the mission we believe God is calling us to
- how you can be a part of this ministry

New Member Orientation

*Saturday November 18th @ 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room*

Join us in the Conference Room and learn:

- more about Trinity Lutheran
- the mission God is calling us to
- how you can be a part of this ministry

If possible, we would like to take a photo at the meeting or at a worship service where you are welcomed to the congregation. This is used to share with current members and staff to get to know you better and help welcome you.

We will have information on how to get set up with ways to give and how to get involved in different ministries that Trinity offers and partners with.

We look forward to learning more about you and welcoming you! Click on image to enlarge.

Food Drive

Throughout November
Reminder

Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting non-perishable food for Ministry on the Margins. Here are some items that are always needed: canned vegetables, canned meat, canned fruit, small bags of flour, small bags of sugar, macaroni, boxed dinners like mac & cheese, canned beans like kidney, chili or white beans, dried beans or rice.

If you would rather make a monetary donation – write the check to Trinity with “Food Drive” in the memo line. All cash will be given to Ministry on the Margins to help them purchase food items.



Fall Cleanup Helpers

Past Event: Wednesday, November 8th @ 9 a.m.

Since we had to reschedule our Fall Cleanup Date... We were so thankful that last week, Wednesday, we had a great crew show up to help us rake up leaves all around the property and trim some branches! Even Pastor Mark's grandkids showed up to support the cause! They all enjoyed some donuts and refreshments after the chilly day of work. Thanks for all the help!



Children & Youth

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

Confirmation Small Groups

Past Events: Throughout early November

Confirmation Small Groups were busy carving pumpkins, cleaning our main kitchen here at the church, and crafting with residents at Touchmark!



Soul Sisterhood

Past Event: Sunday, November 5th @ 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

At Soul Sisterhood, we looked at Romans 8:38-39, "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." As a reminder that God is always with us we created 'Footprints in the Sand' poem paintings.



Middle School Fun Night

Past Event: Thursday, November 9th @ 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

First Lutheran Church, Mandan

6th - 8th grade youth got together with other Bis-Man area churches for a night of fun and devotion!



Family Faith Event

Past Event: Wednesday, November 8th & Sunday, November 12th

Last week we invited families to join us at church school. With Thanksgiving coming up, we talked about memories, people, and places we are thankful for and then created little family totem poles.



Youth Happenings

We have many fun youth opportunities coming up this fall! Information also available on our website. Click images to enlarge. Questions? See Gracia.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

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

Starts September 20

Faith Talk Safe Space fun with friends service projects

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Trinity Lutheran Church

GIRLS MINISTRY

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul firm & secure. Hebrews 6:19

ROLLIN' IN THE DEEP

Soul Sisterhood Girls Ministry will provide a monthly adventure for 6th & 7th & 8th grade girls. Our time together will be spent creating, cooking, crafting, baking, drawing, and painting all in a Christ centered, supportive environment.

ATTENTION:
All Middle School Girls
COME & JOIN US FOR FUN FILLED AFTERNOONS ~
*Middle School Girls
*Meet Once A Month @ 1-2:30 pm
*\$10 Supply Fee
*This is a combined ministry with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The calendar below will show you which building we will be meeting at each month
GSLC = Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
TLC = Trinity Lutheran Church

DATES WE MEET:
OCTOBER 8 GSLC
NOVEMBER 5 TLC
DECEMBER 17 GSLC
JANUARY 28 TLC
FEBRUARY 25 GSLC
MARCH 10 TLC
APRIL 14 GSLC
MAY 3 - END OF YEAR PARTY



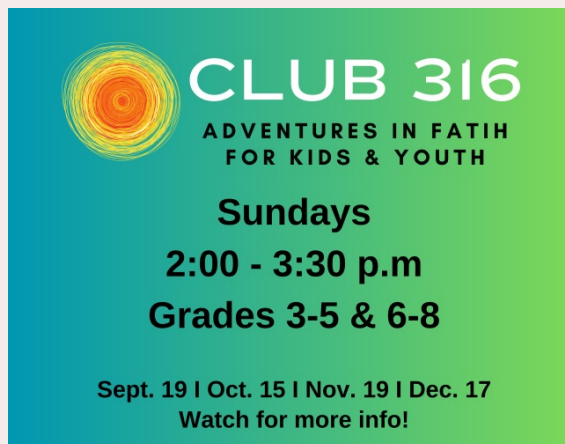
NEW! FOR INFANTS - 3 YEAR OLDS & THEIR PARENTS!

frolic
LITTLE STEPS. BIG FAITH.

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



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!

Worship & Music Notes

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

93rd Performance of Handel's "Messiah" at Trinity

Performance: Sunday, November 19th @ 7 p.m. Sanctuary

Reminder

Musicians from across the region will come together at Trinity to present G.F. Handel's most famous work, Messiah. Our conductor this year is Dr. Jason Thoms, Director of Choral Activities, Bismarck State College, and director of Dakota Pro Musica. The chorus is comprised of members of the Bismarck-Mandan area. The Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra will provide orchestral accompaniment. Check out the [Facebook event](#) here.



BISMARCK-MANDAN PRESENTS
HANDEL'S MESSIAH
CONDUCTOR
DR. JASON THOMS

We are excited to announce the soloists for 2023:

- Soprano, Heather Aune
- Alto, Caitlin Stevens
- Tenor, Dr. Sebastian Haboczki
- Bass, Dr. Dean Jilek

Come to the concert! Begin the holiday season with this 93-year-old Bismarck-Mandan tradition with a reception to follow. Tickets will be available at the door. Adults \$10, students \$5.

Many thanks to the musicians who have invested in gathering to prepare, and to the congregation members who will be helping provide hospitality by greeting, ushering, baking, decorating, and serving treats.

Christ the King Worship

Sunday, November 26th & Wednesday, 29th

We look back on the year by hearing an overview of the good news of Jesus through the eyes of Matthew! Scripture and Song will be our focus on this day as we sing and read our way through the year just ending.

Decorating for Advent and Christmas

Wednesday, November 29th @ 6:35 p.m.

Many hands are needed to set up, fluff, light and decorate the many Christmas trees in our church building! Thankfully, there are already a number of folks who have indicated willingness to share their hands and time.

If you are able to help that evening or in the days just ahead of the 29th, **PLEASE call Pastor Mary Lou** to offer your help to prepare the trees to be decorated (setting up the tree, checking that the lights work, moving the boxes of decorations to each tree). Tell me when you're available, and I'll do my best to provide guidance to you! (Or perhaps you'd be willing to coach others?)

All Saints Day

Past Events: Sunday, November 5th, & Wednesday, November 8th during Worship Services Sanctuary

We remember these saints who have passed into the company of those giving continuous praise to God:

*Louise Walker
Annie Leno
Dietrich "Diede" Kapsch
Francis "Mick" Scharosch
Curtis Broderick
Duane Fredricks
Evelyn Patton
Arlys Fowler
Mavis Anderson
Taya Swenson Schmid
Linda Delzer*

*Robert "Yabo" Gjellstad
Helen Rivinius
Loretta "Whitey" Schiermeister
Jan Baumann
Tammy Schwab
Richard Simpson
Bernice Houser
Harold "Hal" Rolfson
Violet Ohlhauser
Anita Erickson*

*Herman Munsch
Doug Larsen
Amy Larsen
Christian Larsen
Everett Larsen
John Lucier
Stanley Vitez Jr.
Ruth Lund
Erna Engelbretson
Maren Swenson Waxenberg*



Congregational Relationships

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 signup 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

Stephen Ministry

Submitted By: Karen Botine

Thank You!

It's the time of the year when we focus on giving thanks – we even have a day set aside to do this. But what about the other 364 days of the year? What are you thankful for on a “regular” day? On a day when nothing seems to be going right?

If you spend some time reading the book of Psalms, you will see that giving thanks can take many forms, and that this “thank you” can even appear when the writer of a particular Psalm is asking, “*God, why are you letting this happen to me? Where are you when I need you?*”

Someone who is going through a bad time may have difficulty recognizing that there is anything in life to be thankful for. If you are a friend or family member trying to provide loving care to that person, you may find it challenging to listen to the list of “bad things I have to deal with.” You may want to point out that your friend/family member still has much to be thankful for, but the first step in getting to the “thank you” stage is listening to what your care receiver is saying about the “bad things” and accepting those feelings (even if you don’t agree with them).

Getting to “thank you” can take time. It may be helpful to look for the little things to be thankful for, so thank you to the person in the grocery store who let me and my gallon of milk go through the check-out before her full grocery cart. Thank you for air that doesn’t have the tinge of smoke we smelled all summer. Thank you for sending a wellness text or making a phone call if you haven’t seen me in my usual haunts for a while. And if you are the person on whom I am unloading all my “bad things” today, thank you for listening, and for being you!

Your Gifts

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

<u>Oct-23</u>	Month Actual	Year-to- date Actual
INCOME		
Contributions	\$55,408.00	\$566,215.00
Other Income	\$4,517.00	\$81,957.00
Transfer	\$300.00	\$2,800.00
Total Income	\$60,225.00	\$650,972.00
EXPENSES		
Income less expenses	(\$5,876.00)	\$758.00

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 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](#)

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 Mike.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Funerals

Weddings

Gifts & Memorials

In memory of Maren Swenson Waxenberg
given by Marlene Seaworth, Robert & Bonnie Johnson (Music Fund); Stephen & Paula Schilling (Messiah Fund).

Pie and Worship

*Wednesday, November 22nd
Fellowship Hall*

Reminder

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22nd, we will gather for a special worship service of Thanksgiving to God. Our normal dinner will be served @ 5:15 p.m. with worship @ 6 p.m. After worship, we will gather around homemade pie and coffee. Would you like to help bake pies? We will bake Wednesday morning beginning @ 9 a.m.



Serving Hands Group

*Saturday, December 2nd @ 11 a.m.
Fellowship Hall Kitchen*

Saturday, December 2nd @ 11 a.m. in the church kitchen by Fellowship Hall. We will be making freezer meals for Ronald McDonald House and baking cookies for the Veterans' Cemetery staff.

All are welcome! Contact Pastor Martha for any questions. Click on the image to enlarge.

Advent Wreath-Making Event

*Sunday, December 3rd @ 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall*

We will be having a Kick-off Event for Advent! This will take place on Sunday,

December 3rd @ 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be creating Advent Wreath Centerpieces with candles for you to take home to use this year and in the future. All wreath supplies will be provided.

We will also be serving lunch and decorating cookies. All ages are welcome! **Please bring a hot glue gun if you are able.*



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.

For information and to sign up visit:

www.ministryonthemargins.com/volunteer

Lend a Hand Ministry

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 14th @ 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!



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God's work. Our 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.

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](http://www.elca.org).

word of life
"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'" (Matthew 25:21) (NIV2011)

Read Matthew 25:14-30
The parable of the talents follows immediately after the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. A point was the larger economy and of the present world. The talents were used in 1000 talents. The amount entrusted to the servants is huge, implying a great deal of trust on behalf of the master.

The servants in the parable do not know how long the master will be gone, but they are to be vigilant and faithful until the master returns. "The servants will be held accountable for how they use the resources entrusted to them while the master is gone."

1. When the servants awoke early in the morning, what did they do?

2. Why would the master trust the servants with so much money?

Note the familiar theme of grace in the parable. All are given the gift of talents; none is left without the gift of grace. The challenge to the parable is in all of them: for the disciples to

1. How would you describe the assembling practices of each of the servants?

2. Should all of the servants have been given the same amount of talents? Why or why not?

The first two servants "went off at once" to multiply the gift (vs. 16-17). They traded in their

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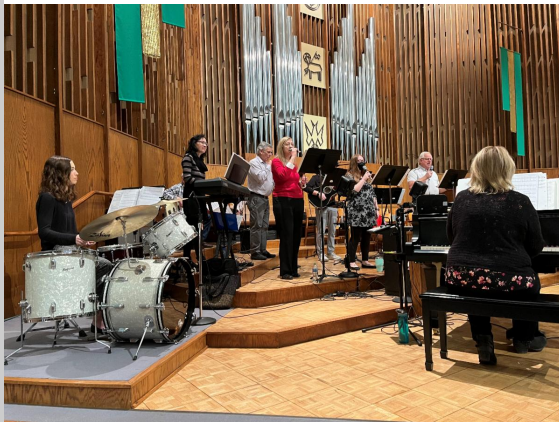
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Worship Schedule

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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