

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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March 15th, 2024 E-Newsletter

Amazing Puzzle Races Past Event: Sunday, March 3rd @ 11:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Plenty of fun and fellowship happened during our puzzle racing event! We had 13 teams register to put together a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle. Let's just say we definitely got to see some of your competitive sides come out... We had an appetizer potluck so we were all well fed during the event. Congrats to the winners and better luck to the rest of you next time!





Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesdays during Lent

Wednesday Schedule:

Lunch @ 11:45 a.m. Worship @ 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. in person the Community Center

Supper @ 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Worship @ 6 p.m. - 6:35 p.m. in person in the Sanctuary livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube



There is one Wednesday left of our Lenten series "Stories to tell... Nurturing a Living Faith" featuring 5 different Trinity members' faith journeys. Thank you to those that have shared their faith sotires. Click on the images to enlarge.

Soup Menu for Lenten Lunch & Suppers

Sandwiches are served with 2 kinds of soup each week. (Menu is subject to change). March 20: Chicken Wild Rice and Bean & Ham Maundy Thursday, March 28: Beef Barley and Zuppa Toscana

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet to be available in the Narthex.

Recent Announcements

Funerals

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

- Bill Kirk His funeral was at Trinity on Saturday, March 2nd @ 10:30 a.m.
- Gary Howard His funeral will be on Friday, March 15th @ 10 a.m. at Trinity.
- Kyle Bergquist his funeral will be Thursday, March 21st, @ 11 a.m. at Parkway Funeral Service.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

Egg Collections

We need your help! We are collecting egg cartons and empty plastic easter eggs for a Palm Sunday project we're doing. Please drop any donations off in the church office with Gracia by March 21st. Thank you!

Confirmation Youth and Older

Are you interested in canoeing/kayaking the Missouri? Youth(and parents please) we will meet Wednesday, March 20th immediately after worship. I will share options for length of trip and together we will decide on dates. Come with questions about this adventure...

Men's Group

Men's Group is this Saturday @ 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Holy Communion Prep

We are looking for people willing to set-up Holy Communion for Wednesday evening worship. It would take about a half hour prior to worship and the same after worship. Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Any questions ask Pastor Mark or Pastor Martha.

Funeral Lunch Servers Needed

If you are willing to join a list of helpers for funeral lunches, please contact Klarissa. This group helps set up the lunch, helps serves, then cleans up afterwards. They do not make any of the food as it is catered. Please call Klarissa in the office or email her at pudwill@trinitybismarck.com.

Special Easter Offering *Reminder*

Our Special Easter Offering will go to supporting Soul 57, a local non-profit that works to help youth who are experiencing grief. According to their website, "Soul 57 strives to provide a community for youth who've experienced the tragedy of losing a parent, sibling, or primary caregiver. With the help of mental health professionals, as well as trained individuals who provide tools in the grieving process, Soul 57 offers a setting where youth can connect, communicate, and navigate their grief with peers who have experienced similar loss." This gift to Soul 57 is being gathered in memory of Doug, Amy, Christian, and Everett Larsen. You can mark your donation as "Soul 57" or "Special Easter Offering."



Easter Flower Donations

We are now receiving donations for our beautiful Easter display of spring plants. We purchase the number of plants ahead of time. If there are more donations than plants, the remainder of the Easter flower donations will be shared with our 2024 offering benevolence, Soul 57. **The Easter flower donations are \$17**. All donations and accompanying dedications will be listed in the Easter bulletin & E-News. Thank you! *Turn in a form and your payment to the office by Friday, March 22nd.* (Please note this due date is BEFORE HOLY WEEK).

Flower Form

Children & Youth

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

5th Grade First Communion Class

Past Event: Saturday, March 2nd

5th graders and their parents gathered to learn about communion, bake bread, and paint their chalices in preparation to receive their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.



2nd Grade Prayer Partners Past Events: Wednesday, March 6th & Sunday, March 10th

We launched a new Faith Milestone at Trinity with our 2nd Grade Prayer Partners!



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.



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

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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.



Ministry Opportunity Form

Stephen Ministry

Submitted By: Karen Botine

Let me know if I can help...

It's one of those things we say to someone who is going through a tough time. We are sincere when we make the statement, but what happens?

Most of us don't like to ask for help, but the person who received the offer finally gets brave enough to ask for help – and too often the response is *"I'm sorry, but I can't do that today."* After a couple of these episodes, the asker decides to forget about making another request – and the person who made the initial offer probably feels guilty about not being able to say "yes" when asked.

Most of us aren't sitting around with blank calendars, just waiting for an activity to "pop up", so it's likely that we won't always be able to say "yes" to a request on short notice, no matter how much we really want to help. What's the alternative?

It's OK to set limits (or guides) on your offer to help. For example...

- "Monday usually isn't a good day, because we have to deal with anything that happened on the weekend, but I have more flexibility on Tuesdays and Fridays, and can often get away for an hour."
- "If you can contact me the day before you need transportation, I can usually make it work."
- "Could we set a regular day/time to meet for coffee? It could go on our calendars and be something for both of us to look forward to."
- "Most days I can stop at the grocery store after work, if you need something."

If you are the potential caregiver, being somewhat specific about the kind of assistance you can give (and when you can give it) can be a loving way to offer help. That specificity can make it more likely that the potential care receiver will ask for help when it is needed. It's a win-win situation!

Your Gifts

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

Feb-24		Month Actual	Year-to- date Actual
	INCOME		
	Contributions	\$62,575.22	\$116,884.92
	Other Income	\$18,585.81	\$25,737.81
	Transfer	\$300.00	\$600.00
	Total Income	\$81,461.03	\$143,222.73
	EXPENSES Income less	\$74,844.30	\$136,571.55
	expenses	\$6,616.73	\$6,651.18

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 <u>www.trinitybismarck.com</u> 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

Pastoral Acts

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, Tom, Denell, Terry, Michelle, Julie, Lynette, Joan, Mike, Martin, George, Leona & Knut.

Baptisms

Patrisha Ann Chavez

Funerals

Bill Kirk Gary Howard

Weddings

Gifts & Memorials

In memory of Bev Meyer given by Bonnie Schneider (Memorial Fund).

In memory of Valarie Timm given by Robert & Bonnie Johnson (Trust Fund); Ken & Karen Halldorson (Memorial Fund).

In memory of Eric Hardmeyer given by Hal & Sheila Peterson (Capital Campaign); Ken & Linda Evenson (Quilters' Fund); Cheryl Storhaug Grondahl, Mark & Jill Anderson, Tom & Paula Redmann, Becky Steckler, Julie Hardmeyer & families, John & Ellen Lamale (Memorial Fund).

The Concordia Choir Concert

Past Event: Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 @ 4 p.m. Sanctuary

It was a full house when Michael Culloton conducted the 66-voice a cappella choir, including Trinity member, Ava Pfeifer, in a varied concert ranging from Renaissance motets to contemporary choral works. They also performed some music from "Considering Matthew Shepherd" which was performed at Trinity last year by Dakota Pro Musica.

This concert was performed in collaboration with the Central Dakota Children's Choir, under the direction of Mike Seil. The current Concordia Choir includes 4 members that formerly sang with CDCC. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great concert!

A note from The Concordia Choir:

"Thank you, Bismarck, for a memorable concert! It was a joy to collaborate with the Central Dakota Children's Choir Cantus Ensemble and to sing for another great crowd."







Missouri Slope

Check out available job openings here:

www.missourislope.com/careers

Check out their digital newsletter here: <u>https://missourislope.com/hilltoppe</u>r/

Lend a Hand Ministry

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11th @ 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!

Upcoming Events



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/volunte er

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Blood Drive

Friday, March 15th, 2024 @ 2:30 - 5 p.m.

Trinity will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, March 15th @ 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Thanks to the 15 people who signed up to donate blood as now we are full.

Trinity's Semi-Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, April 26th @ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. & Saturday, April 27th @ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Community Center

Trinity's Rummage Sale is coming up next month! We will start accepting donations on Thursday, April 18th, during office hours. Stay tuned for more information to come about volunteers.

Click on the image to enlarge.



New On-Going Groups

Men's Group

3rd Saturday of each month @ 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Mark if you have any questions.





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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 <u>website.</u>







Worship Schedule

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

<u>Wednesdays</u> *Dinner served before worship. 6 p.m. Contemporary Worship

We are happy to partner with Grace Lutheran in Driscoll.

Bulletins are posted on our <u>website</u> under <u>Bulletins</u> or click below:

Bulletins



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