

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Funeral Pall Blessing

Past Events: Sunday, April 7th & Wednesday, April 10th During worship services

We blessed this new funeral pall in worship recently. This beautiful pall was created by Brenda Hove and was given in memory of Reverend Muriel Jean Lippert. Before she got sick with lung cancer, Pastor Muriel had wanted to find a funeral pall for Trinity. She began conversations about this project. The project, unfortunately, did not come to fruition before Pastor Muriel passed away.

Her family was interested in making this wish of Pastor Muriel's come true, and they feel that it is the perfect way to honor her memory and her passion for making worship meaningful and the worship space beautiful. According to her daughter, Emma, "My mother was a gifted seamstress, and I feel she would definitely approve of the project!" Thank you to Brenda Hove for making this project a reality by sharing her creativity, skill, and vision.



Explanation of Faith Symbolized in the Pall

- The funeral pall is white overall, to remind us of our white baptismal garment. White is a sign of Christian dignity, and symbolizes our life in Christ. In death our baptism comes to completion, and we are clothed in the glory of God.
- Many funeral palls have a cross on them. The cross, running the whole length, end to end, all four directions, signifies the never-ending sovereignty of Christ's triumph over sin and death. The cross on this pall is a resurrection cross, with gold rays coming out from it.
- The design of the Trinity symbol in the center of the cross is because we are Trinity Lutheran Church, and because we are baptized in the name of Father, Son, and Spirit.
- The wavy water lines and the silver colors around the perimeter represent the baptismal waters.
- The 10 ft. by 6 ft. quilt is made up of nearly 3,500 pieces (there is also a smaller one available for an urn). These small pieces that come together to make the quilt represent the individual people who come together to form the Body of Christ.

• The use of the pall treats every Christian the same, whether a costly casket or a simple box underneath.

Recent Announcements

Project Updates funded by the Capital Campaign

As of April 11th, the crews installing the fire detection system estimate they have completed half of the installation. The new panel is operational at this point. Detectors and alarms have been installed in the office area, the second floor education area, the quilters' room, and the lower youth room. The crew is currently working to run conduit in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, bathrooms and hallways in that area. Once those areas are complete, the crew will move into the Community Center and Sanctuary. Thanks again for your support of this project!

Another Capital Campaign funded project has taken a huge step forward. Crews have completed installing almost 300 LED lights in the Fellowship Hall, kitchen, quilters' room, lower youth room and various hallways. Thanks to volunteer labor from an electrician and numerous helpers, the project which was initially estimated to cost \$40,000, will cost about \$3,500. The huge savings came as we realized we did not need to replace the light fixtures just the bulbs. Add to this, the fact that there were no labor costs and you end up with significant financial savings. Savings like this are hopefully going to allow us to complete all of the projects identified in the capital campaign.

Vendor Fair Brainstorming

Monday, April 22nd @ 5:15 p.m. Conference Room

Trinity has hosted a Vendor Fair & Family Fun event for the past 2 years. There is plenty of room to grow or reimagine this event. We would like to hear from you if you hope to see us do this again or if you have ideas on how we might better engage with the community in a similar type of event. A brainstorming group will meet on Monday, April 22nd @ 5:15 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please see Klarissa if you have any questions or input.

Tamale Making

Sunday, May 5th @ 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Come join us in learning how to make tamales. The class will be on Sunday, May 5th (Cinco de Mayo) following the 10:30 am service. There is room for 20 participants, and you will get to take some tamales home! The class is free. Please sign-up in the narthex or email Pastor Martha if you would like to sign up.

Children & Youth

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

Club 316

Past Event: Sunday, April 7th Heritage Center

Club 316 met at the Heritage Center for an afternoon filled with a scavenger hunt, snacks, a devotion and fun!







Confirmation Service Project Past Event: Wednesday, April 3rd Fellowship Hall

Several Confirmation Small Groups made tie blankets last week for a service project! Some of the blankets were given to Heartview and a few will remain at the church to be given out as needed.



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.





Vacation Bible School

June 9th - 12th @ 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

It's time for a summer camp adventure with God! Explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.

You can now register kids ages 4 - grade 5 for Vacation Bible School. Click on this link to sign u p : <u>https://trinitybismarck.com/children-and-youth/vacation-bible-school/</u>



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.

Ministry Opportunity Form

Sign Up

Trust Fund Spotlight

Scholarship Applications

The Purpose of the Trinity Lutheran Scholarship is meant to honor the dedication of students who have shown a desire to grow in their faith and serve God by serving their neighbor. These scholarships are meant to encourage educational growth as well as growth in faith in Jesus Christ and service of the neighbor.

Eligible Applicants are members of Trinity Lutheran Church who are either:

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

Applications are available below and in the church office. **Applications are due Tuesday, April 30.** Contact Heather at baumann@trinitybismarck.com with questions.

Scholarship Application

Your Gifts

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

<u>Mar-24</u>	INCOME	Month Actual	Year-to- date Actual
	Contributions	\$57,609.00	\$174,544.00
	Other Income	\$2,473.00	\$28,211.00
	Transfer	\$300.00	\$900.00
	Total Income	\$60,382.00	\$203,655.00
	EXPENSES Income less	\$60,018.00	\$196,588.00
	expenses	\$364.00	\$7,067.00

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 <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

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, George, Leona, Knut, Kaitlyn, Joyce, Larry & Jan.

Upcoming Events

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

All are invited to help with our Spring Rummage Sale! Funds raised will go to our youth ministry.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms Isla Mary Macdonald

Funerals

Weddings

Gifts & Memorials

In memory of Gary Howard given by Ray & Sandy Anderson (Memorial Fund).

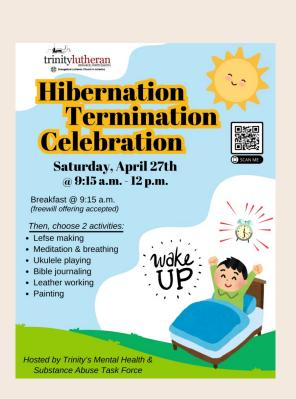
In memory of Dale Murschel given by family of Dale (Memorial Fund).



- We start accepting donations Thursday, April 18th.
- Help unpack items/set-up Thursday, April 18th

 Thursday, April 25th. Just stop on by and unpack a box or 10!
- Help bag items people purchase during the sale Friday, April 26th (8a-5p) & Saturday, April 27th (10a-2p). Please let Gracia know if you can help.
- Help pack up the leftovers starting @ 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27th. Please let Gracia know if you can help or just come on by & help.

Click here to check out the <u>Facebook Event</u>. Click on the image to enlarge.



Online Silent Auction

Sunday, April 28th @ 12 p.m. - Tuesday, April 30th @ 12 p.m. Online

We are excited to put on our second online silent auction. We tried this out last year and it was a fun option so we decided to do it again!

The bidding will be from Sunday, April 28th @ 12 p.m. - Tuesday, April 30th @ 12 p.m.

A link to the silent auction will posted be posted on our <u>website</u>. Proceeds will go to Trinity Youth. Watch for more information.

Click on the image to enlarge.



Hibernation Termination Celebration

Saturday, April 27th @ 9:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Our Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force is sponsoring a morning of fun on April 27th. Come meet new people and learn a new hobby or skill. The event starts @ 9:15 a.m. with breakfast.

You will have the chance to go to two different hobby/skill workshops including:

- lefse making
- self-defense
- knitting/crocheting
- ukulele playing
- painting.

Come join us! All ages are welcome! Invite your friends, family, neighbors, and more! Click here to check out the **Facebook Event**.





"My Favorite Things" A Mother's Day Concert by Dakota Pro Musica

Sunday, May 12th @ 3 p.m. Community Center

Dakota Pro Musica presents a special Mother's Day weekend concert to celebrate some of the "Favorite Things" mothers love this year at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The concert will feature the fun and enjoyable "Coffee Cantata" of J.S. Bach as well as a varied and beautiful repertoire of choral music, solos, duets, and both vocal and instrumental music.

"My Favorite Things" is a perfect gift to give to your mother or to yourself!! Click here to check out the **Facebook Event**.

Lend a Hand Ministry

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9th @ 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!



New On-Going Groups









Western North Dakota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God'swork. Ourhands.

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

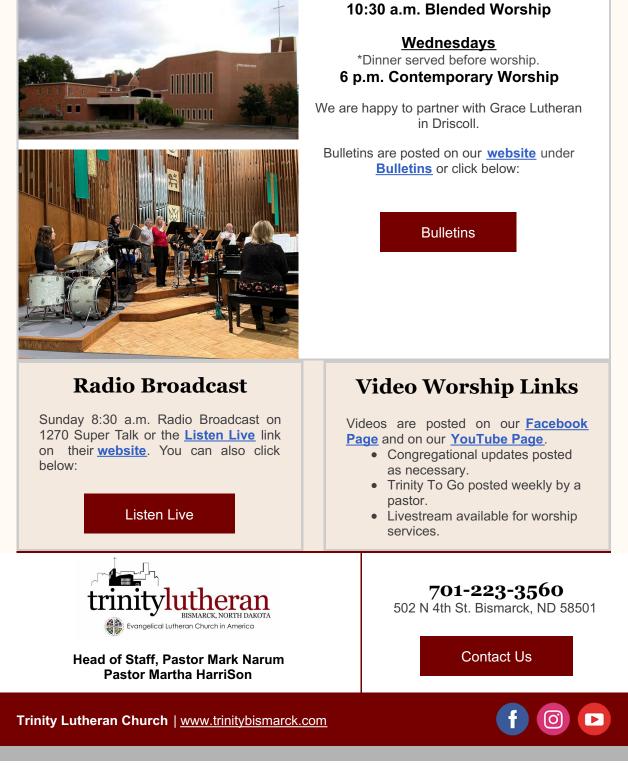
(Taking Faith Home)

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



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