

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

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# October 18th, 2024 E-Newsletter

# **Members Sharing Their Faith**

#### **Canon Schatz**

Canon Schatz (9th grade) moved to the East Coast this fall to attend school and play hockey. Recently, his mom, Kiki, shared with us photos of the impact Canon's faith is making on others. After games, Canon started praying at center ice. At first, it was just one other player who joined him, and now it has grown. Often the whole team will join him, and, sometimes, even the opposing team. When Kiki asked Canon who prays, he responded, "Well, I do, Mom."

As we are reminded when we are baptized, "Let you light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Thanks for sharing your faith with others and making an impact, Canon! (If you have a story of a Trinity member making an impact in our world, please let us know. We would love to share their story.)





# **Recent Announcement**

#### Rummage Sale - Thank You!

Past Event: Friday, October 11th & Saturday, October 12th Community Center

Thank you for everyone who donated, helped, and shopped at our Fall Rummage Sale! Together, we raised \$6,633 which will be divided between our youth ministry and our church school refurbishment funds. Fun fact, it took at least 130 volunteer hours to pull off the rummage sale! Thank you again!





# **Founders' Day Celebration**

Past Event: Thursday, October 10th Dream Center

Founders: Pastor Steve Sathre & Tudy Fennern

First Executive Director: Tudy Fennern

Longtime Executive Director: Karal Eisenbeisz

First Dishwasher: Mike Baltzer (Dream Center Board Member)

First Kitchen Cook: Margo Riskedahl First Beverage: Lois Kalbfleisch

First Elevator Operator: Grant Kalbfleisch

First Door: Jan Sparrow First Server: Renae Baltzer First Music: Lois Swenson

First Food Give Away: Clarence Bauman, Leonard Fritz, Francis Miller

On October 10th, over 20 volunteers from Trinity served a meal at the Banquet and participated in a Founders Day Celebration. The Dream Center was honoring Trinity and its members who were the driving force behind starting the Banquet. We were even given a plaque in honor of our partnership in ministry. The volunteers had a great time! Some of the original volunteers joined us as well. Over 300 meals were served, and we even got to enjoy some lovely music by Lois Swenson on the piano throughout the meal. Thank you for all who volunteered and to Marion Kiefer for helping organize.







#### **Children & Youth**

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

#### Noah & The Ark Bible Study

The last few weeks at Church School we've been learning about the story of Noah & the Ark! As part of lessons, we had an ark downstairs at opening music that changed weekly to go through the story with us. A special thanks to JenaLee Narum for her work on the ark! Kids brought new stuffed animals to add to the ark that will go to Ministry on the Margins to hand out to kids who come with

their families to the food bank.





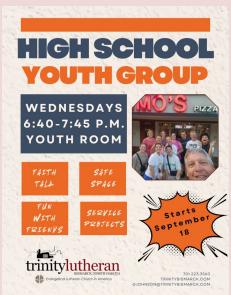


# **Youth Happenings**

We have many fun youth opportunities throughout the year! Information is also available on our website. Click on images to enlarge. Questions? See Gracia.









#### **Soul Sisterhood Middle School Girls Ministry**

Next meeting: Sunday, November 24th @ 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Trinity

All middle school girls are invited to join us once a month for a fun afternoon of digging deeper into our faith through scripture, friendship, creating, and crafting.

Please use North doors. There is a one-time fee of \$10 for the year to help cover some supply costs.

This is a joint ministry with Good Shepherd Lutheran. See Gracia with questions. Click on the image to enlarge.



#### **Keeping Love in the Circle Around Me Concert**

Past Event: Sunday, October 6th @ 3 p.m. Sanctuary

Dakota Pro Musica presented a concert of music on prayer, grief, hope, and love on the theme of mental health and wellbeing. The concert was commissioned by Trinity's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force in partnership with ELCA congregations in Minot and Turtle Lake.

Special guest ensemble AVORA, a professional a cappella ensemble from Bismarck, joined Dakota Pro Musica for the concert. A resource fair was also available at the concert.





# **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 by 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





# **Your Gifts**

Chelsa Kinsella - Financial Director; kinsella@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. Giving forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center or on Trinity's website.

We have also updated and simplified our website <a href="www.trinitybismarck.com">www.trinitybismarck.com</a> 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 Chelsa @ 223-3560. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Donate

# **Stephen Ministry**

Submitted by: Karen Botine

#### Why?

How old were you when you asked your first "Why?" question? You probably don't remember, but others in your family might. They probably also remember trying to come up with answers to satisfy your curiosity – generally a hopeless task.

Children's "why?" questions can be about anything, whatever interests them at the moment. As adults, our "why?" questions are usually more focused and are frequently about a specific happening, generally about something that affects us. And the question most often comes up when we've had a negative experience. We cry, "why did this happen?" and more specifically, "why did this happen to ME?"

The Psalms are full of "why?" questions – and most of those questions do not have a specific answer. Instead, the Psalm writer does a self-reminder that God is at work and that at some point (just when isn't specified) all of the wrongs will be righted, and both the faithful and the wicked will receive their just "rewards."

The disciples must have asked more "why?" questions of Jesus than are recorded in the Bible. Even though they were with Jesus constantly for about three years and were witnesses to what he was doing and saying, they still had questions. Sometimes Jesus did give them an explanation (remember the sower and the seeds that fell on different types of ground?). But at least once he explained quite specifically why he didn't give them an answer. In John 16:12 he says, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." He goes on to promise that understanding will come with the Holy Spirit. Are the answers we want for our "why?" questions also beyond our understanding right now?

And one final thought: Do we ever ask God "why?" when everything is going right for us?

#### **Retirement Announcement**

We regret to announce the retirement of a familiar face, one of our long-time staff members, Bob Nelson. Bob is retiring at the end of the month. Bob has worked for the church for 12 years as a part-time custodian and event host for Trinity. When hired, his main job was to help with The Banquet, setting up and locking up the church along with cleaning duties. Since the Banquet's departure, he has become a steadfast person helping on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Thank you, Bob, for your dedication, commitment and friendly smile. He has offered to stay until we find another person or until Thanksgiving. Please wish him a happy retirement. We will miss him.





#### **Hiring Part-Time Custodian**

We are looking for a self-motivated person to fill this part-time custodial/maintenance roll. We are open to some flexibility. Duties include vacuuming, wiping down walls, chairs and shelves, emptying trash, cleaning windows, securing the building at times, possibly some outside cleanup work.

If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more information about the position, please have them contact John at Trinity 701-223-3560 or cell 701-319-0319. Click the button to see the job description listed on our website.

Job Description

# **Collection Items**



#### **Bismarck 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 these houses to be delivered to Ronald McDonald House.

# **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,

# **Pastoral Acts**

**Baptisms** 

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, Morgan Christianson, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Jan & Alan.

#### Funerals

Joyce Baldwin

#### Weddings

Spencer Marchus & McKenna O'Brien

#### Gifts & Memorials

In memory of Joyce Baldwin given by Barb Reister, Julie Leer, Steve & Paula Schilling, Ramona Wanner, Dan Donlin, Sue Kadrmas, Kayla & Andrew Duncan, Bob & Susan Wefald, Lois Swenson, Al & Wanda Klipfel, Karen Botine, Richard Lucas (Loaves & Fishes Fund).

# **Upcoming Events**



#### Re-Entry Meal & Support

1st Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Over the summer, we revamped our Stay Out of Jail Supper Club. We now will be holding a re-entry meal with time for fellowship and support for people who are in re-entry and their families once a month.

We will meet on the first Thursday of every month. We will continue to partner with Ministry on the Margins on this project. Our first meal is October 3rd @ 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. If you would like to help with this project, contact Pastor Martha.





#### Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, October 26th, 2024 @ 9 a.m. Meet at North Door

Please join us for our annual Fall Clean-Up. Coffee & snacks will be provided. Please bring any:

- Gloves
- Rakes
- Sidewalk Edgers
- Leaf Blowers
- Buckets

Inclement weather, we will reschedule. Click on image to enlarge. Contact John with questions.

#### The 94th Bismarck-Mandan Messiah

Registration: Sunday October 20th @ 3:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin: Sunday, October 20th, 2024 @ 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Sanctuary

Dr. Jason Thoms is the guest conductor for the 94th Annual Bismarck-Mandan Community Messiah this year. All are welcome to audition. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons beginning on October 20th. The performance is November 24th @ 7 p.m. Contact Jason for more information at thoms@trinitybismarck.com.





#### **Sunday Evening Community Worship**

All Saints Remembrance: November 3rd @ 6 p.m. Community Center

Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck is creating special Sunday evening worship experiences to help gather the wider community together. The goal is to create experiences that are contemplative and beautiful and allow us to take time for prayer, silent reflection, and singing.

These services will happen in the Community Center at Trinity and often include candlelight, Taizé songs, liturgy, and guided prayer. The services will last about one hour.

Click on the image to enlarge. Contact Dr. Jason Thoms, Director of Worship and Music, for more info.

# **Lend a Hand Ministry**

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 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. All are welcome!

They meet the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please contact our Facility Manager, John Brintnell, at brintnell@trinitybismarck.com if interested.



# BIBLE JOURNALING IS A WAY TO COMBINE YOUR LOVE OF SCRIPTURE WITH YOUR CREATIVE TALENTS. ALL ARE WELCOME: GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

# **Bible Journaling**

3rd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Join us for Bible Journaling – where scripture & creative expression meet. We meet at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. All ages are welcome! Come & check it out! See Gracia with questions.











# **Missouri Slope**

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

Check out their digital newsletter here: <a href="https://missourislope.com/hilltopper/">https://missourislope.com/hilltopper/</a>



# Ministry on the Margins

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

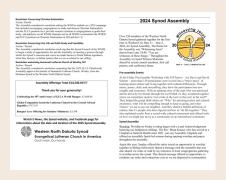
For information and to sign up visit: www.ministryonthemargins.org



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# **Synod Recap**

Click on the image to check out the recap of this year's Synod Assembly in Watford City.



# **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.



# **Worship Schedule**

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





#### **Wednesdays**

\*Dinner is served @ 5:15 p.m. 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** 

# **Radio Broadcast**

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast on 1270 Super Talk or the <u>Listen Live</u> link on their <u>website</u>. You can also click below:

Listen Live

# **Video Worship Links**

Videos are posted on our <u>Facebook</u> <u>Page</u> and on our <u>YouTube Page</u>.

- Congregational updates posted as necessary.
- Trinity To Go posted weekly by a pastor.
- Livestream available for worship services.



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