



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

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## November 15th, 2024 E-Newsletter

### Worship & Music Notes

*Dr. Jason Thoms - Director of Worship & Music;  
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#### The 94th Bismarck-Mandan Messiah

*Performance: Sunday, November 24th @ 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary*

We are excited to announce the soloists for 2024:

- Soprano, Hannah Rae
- Alto, Elizabeth Wilhelmi
- Tenor, Jacob Hoefer
- Bass, Benjamin Cleary



Musicians from across the region will come together at Trinity to present G.F. Handel's most famous work, Messiah. We are excited to welcome back Dr. Jason Thoms as the conductor this year. The chorus is comprised of members of the Bismarck-Mandan area. The Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra will provide orchestral accompaniment.

Come to the concert! Begin the holiday season with this 94-year-old Bismarck-Mandan tradition with a reception to follow. Tickets will be available at the door. Adults \$10, students \$5. Click here to check out the [Facebook event](#).

#### Messiah Reception Helpers Needed:

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex to bring treats or to help with the reception. 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.

## Recent Announcements

### Funeral

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

- Frank Hook - his funeral was at Parkway on Thursday, November 14th.
- Wayne Hervey - his funeral will be at Trinity on Friday, November 15th @ 11 a.m.
- Julie Roe - her funeral will be at Trinity on Saturday, November 16th @ 11 a.m.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

### Office Closed

*Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th*

A reminder that the office will be closed on Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th for Thanksgiving. We hope you enjoy the holiday!

### Decorating for Advent and Christmas

*Wednesday, December 4th @ 6:35 p.m.*

Many hands are needed to help set up and decorate the many Christmas trees, mangers, wreaths, lights & poinsettia displays around our church building! We will decorate after worship on Wednesday, December 4th and could use all the help we can get. We appreciate your consideration!

## All Saints Day

*Past Events: Sunday, November 3rd, & Wednesday, November 6th during Worship Services*

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

Roger Branning  
Gregory Bohrer  
Henry Gayton  
Beverly Miller  
Beverly Meyer  
Jeannette Radig  
Floyd Seibel  
Patricia Schneider  
Valarie Timm  
Eric Hardmeyer  
Lester "Les" Neff  
Bill Kirk

Gary Howard  
Kyle Bergquist  
Dale Murschel Sr.  
Steven Dirk Thompson  
Ev Miller  
Alice Arnts  
Brent Gatzke  
Alan Hervey  
Lois Seelye  
Bruce Lovdal  
Mary Jane Sanstead  
Rudolph "Rudy" Wolf

Thomas Roe  
Art & Cherie Merkel  
George Jorgenson  
Charles Hitchcock  
Dr. Wayne Swenson  
Larry Schwartz  
Kim Scholl  
Larry Dennis  
Joyce Baldwin  
Maxine Bergquist  
Ellen Jackson  
Julie Roe



## United Way Backpack Event

*Past Event: Wednesday, November 6th & Thursday, November 7th*

Thank you to all who helped with the United Way Backpack Event last week! We packed 1,612 bags of food that were delivered to 36 schools in Bismarck-Mandan. Since it was a long weekend, we also packed bread, peanut butter & jelly so kids had enough to eat. This was made possible by your gifts to Trinity's Trust Fund which supplied the grant for this project. Thanks again!







## Children & Youth

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

### Church School & Confirmation Small Group Projects

Past Events: Wednesday, October 6th

2nd Graders made their own 'coats of many colors' while learning about the story of Joseph and Confirmation Small Groups made tie blankets to donate.



## 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.



# CLUB 316

ADVENTURES IN FAITH  
GRADES 2-5 & 6-8

## ALL OVER THE CHURCH SCAVENGER HUNT!

We're going all over the church for this scavenger hunt from the tower to the basement corners!  
Join us for the hunt, snacks, and a devotion!

**Sunday, November 17**  
**2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**  
**Use North Doors**

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK-IN

Friday, November 15  
6-10 p.m.  
at McCabe United Methodist Church  
1030 N 6th St, Bismarck

Register Here



Games  
Friends  
Food  
& More!



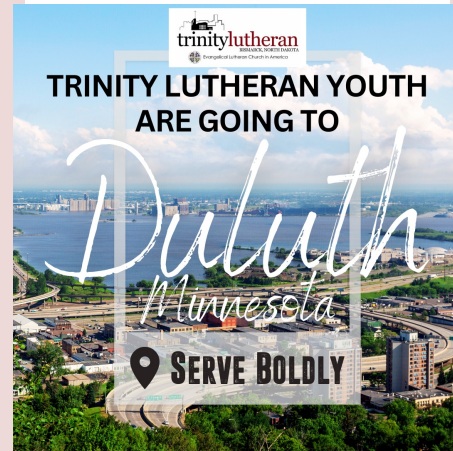


## Mission Trip 2025

July 27th - August 2nd  
Duluth, MN

High School Mission Trip 2025! We're headed to Duluth for a week of service, faith, and fun July 27th – August 2nd! We'll be fundraising to help cover the cost.

This trip is for youth currently in grades 8-12. Registration form with \$150 deposit is **due by January 15th**. See Gracia for more info.



## Food Drive

Submitted by: Pastor Mark Narum

### Reminder

Collection items:

- Canned meat with either pop tops or pouches (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, etc.)
- Individual soups – especially those with pop tops
- Dry Pasta
- White or Brown Rice
- Canned Soups
- Granola Bars or Protein Bars
- Can Openers



Throughout the month of November, you are invited to help us gather food for Ministry on the Margin's Food Pantry. Every week, 850 to 1,000 families are served through the pantry. Staff at the Ministry tell us that the items listed above are especially helpful. Thanks for your generosity as we work to care for our neighbors.

## Thank You, Bob

Past Event: Tuesday, November 12th

Staff had lunch with Bob Nelson and his wife to celebrate his retirement. Bob has been a part-time custodian at Trinity for many years working mainly Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. The Quilters gifted a quilt to Bob for his years at Trinity as well. Blessings to you, Bob! We will miss you!



## Your Gifts



**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 Chelsa @ 223-3560. Thank you for your continued financial support.

Donate

## Stephen Ministry

*Submitted by: Karen Botine*

### Riding the Roller Coaster of Grief

Grieving is not a smooth process. It's full of ups and downs. One minute you feel as though you've worked through the worst of your grief, and then ... BAM! ... it hits you again. Perhaps the trigger for the down time was something specific, such as a song or a photograph, an event or a place that was special to you and your loved one, even one of those "inside the family" jokes.

When bad things happen, we often turn to family for support and comfort. A gathering of those who are important to you – family and friends – can be helpful when you are grieving. BUT – those times we consider family events can also generate "down times" for a person who is grieving, and two of the most family-oriented times, Thanksgiving and Christmas, are just around the corner. You will be putting one less plate on the table. A prospective new family member, or a new baby, may be introduced – and one person will not be there to extend a welcome. Someone new must be recruited to give the dinner prayer, whip the potatoes, or carve the turkey.

So, what can you do to prepare for these "triggers"?

If you are the grieving person, expect some ups and downs in your emotions, and attend to your own needs. You may want to take a "time out" when the emotions get too strong. Alert one or two of your closest family members to your need for a few minutes alone so they can see that you get that undisturbed time. If you are the family member or close friend of the grieving person, be alert for signs that the griever is stressed and suggest that he or she take a walk, sit down (or lie down) for a few minutes, or find some other way to get away from the hustle, bustle, and noise.

You might find another source of support in Trinity's new Sunday evening community worship services in the Community Center. These services will be contemplative, and will focus on prayer, silent reflection, and singing. The service planned for December 1 will be a "Blue Christmas" service designed for those who are grieving their way through the holidays (but anyone is welcome!). Note – there is an afternoon activity in the Community Center, but it will end at 5:30, so there should be parking spaces available by the time you arrive for the 6:00 p.m. service.

## 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 sign up 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

# 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, 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, Alan & Harriet.

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

Jacob Harley Olson

### Funerals

Luke Walther

### Weddings

## Gifts & Memorials

None at this time.

## Upcoming Events

### Re-Entry Meal & Support

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

We hold a re-entry meal with time for fellowship and support for people who are in re-entry and their families once a month.

We meet on the first Thursday of every month. We will continue to partner with Ministry on the Margins for this project. If you would like to help with this project, contact Pastor Martha.



### The 94th Bismarck-Mandan Messiah

*Performance: Sunday, November 24th @ 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary*

Dr. Jason Thoms is the guest conductor for the



94th Annual Bismarck-Mandan Community Messiah this year.

Tickets are available at the door:

- Adults: \$10
- Students: \$5

Click here to check out the [Facebook event](#). Contact Jason for more information at [thoms@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:thoms@trinitybismarck.com). Click image to enlarge.

### Advent Kick-Off Event

Sunday, November 24th @ 11:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Join us on Sunday, November 24th, for our Annual Advent Kick-Off Event. There will be food and activities for all ages. We will be making Mini-Advent Wreaths that you can use on the go. You will get a devotion to use with them.

There will be other activities like cookie decorating, ornament making, and more. All ages are welcome to join in this fun activity to get ready for the season of Advent.



### Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

**Wednesday, November 27**  
Worship @ 6 p.m.  
Pie Social to follow in the  
Community Center  
*Pie will be provided.  
Freewill offering accepted.*



### Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social

Wednesday, November 27th  
Sanctuary

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27th, 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. Contact Pastor Mark to help out.

### Lend a Hand Ministry

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 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. 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](mailto:brintnell@trinitybismarck.com) if interested.



### Bible Journaling

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





## Bible Journaling

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

5:30 - 7:00

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.



### Grief Support Group

1st Saturday of the month  
@ 10 a.m.  
in Conference Room

Contact Pastor Martha with questions  
at [HarriSon@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:HarriSon@trinitybismarck.com)



### Support Group

for Parents of  
Children  
Struggling  
with Mental  
Health Issues

2nd Saturday of the month  
@ 9:30 a.m.  
in Conference Room

Contact Pastor Martha for questions  
at [HarriSon@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:HarriSon@trinitybismarck.com)




### MEN'S GROUP

3rd Saturday of the month  
@ 8 a.m.  
in Fellowship Hall

- Faith
- Fellowship
- Breakfast
- All are Welcome



Contact Pastor Mark with questions at [Narum@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:Narum@trinitybismarck.com)




### Serving Hands Group

- Service group that meets once a month
- Gather to do small projects that help our surrounding community
- All ages are welcome

Contact Pastor Martha for more information.




## Missouri Slope

Check out available job openings here:

[www.missourislope.com/careers](http://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 for their food pantry.

For information and to sign up visit:

[www.ministryonthemargins.org](http://www.ministryonthemargins.org)

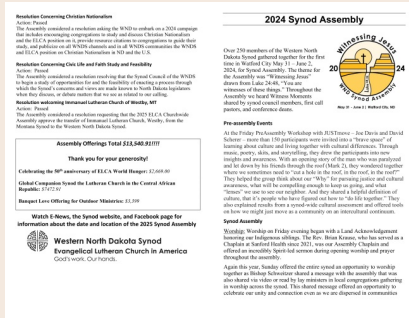


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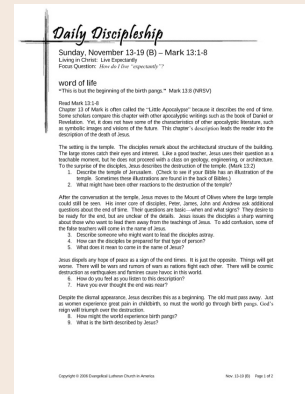
# Synod Recap

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 [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.



**Head of Staff, Pastor Mark Narum**  
**Pastor Martha HarriSon**

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