



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

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January 1st, 2025 E-Newsletter

Note from the Pastor

Pastor Mark Narum - Head of Staff, narum@trinitybismarck.com, ext.4

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." - John 14:27

It was not a peaceful end to the year for me. Telling an employee their time on staff has come to an end is never pleasant. Uncovering a financial mess and then having to involve police is overwhelming. I was not alone. It was not a peaceful process for the Council Executive Committee or the Council. It has not been a peaceful process for members of the congregation, some who have written checks that are missing (but have not been cashed), or were just saddened by what has appeared in the newspaper. For those who do not know – Trinity's former financial administrator was arrested just days before Christmas and has been charged with fraud, theft and unauthorized use of personal information. Peace was a precious commodity in those days.

Life is not always easy. Things happen, people take silly actions, life gets messy and it is right into the midst of all of that Jesus' word is meant to be heard. His gifting of peace is spoken just hours before he is arrested, beaten and eventually killed. He knows how difficult what lies ahead will be on his followers. So, he gives them this word.

Trinity is blessed. Members who care, a council who is willing to do the hard work, staff that have passion for the Gospel and more. We are blessed that God has provided us with a new finance person who knows accounting and knows the church management software Trinity uses. Brent Winkelman is digging his way through this mess, he is asking lots of questions and together we are putting the pieces together. It will take time but we will be able to get our finances in order.

What has given me comfort, strength and hope is the way you all have reacted. Words of support, hugs, offers of help in any way possible, by your asking good questions in constructive ways (even when we don't have answers or couldn't answer). Council members not hiding from the situation and willing to lead. I am thankful and grateful. Peace will come as a gift from the Savior. Peace will be with us as we focus on Jesus and his desire that all people rest in him.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark Narum



Recent Announcements

Christmas Season Worship Information & Office Closed Date

Wednesday, January 1st, the office is closed and there will be no worship service. Sunday will be back to normal.

Funeral

We extend our congregation's sympathy to the family of Alan Trauger. His funeral was at Trinity on

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion & Candlelight

*Past Events: Tuesday, December 24th & Wednesday, December 25th
Sanctuary*

Thank you for joining us for Christmas Eve & Cozy Christmas Day worship services! We are so thankful for everyone who helped with worship as well. We couldn't have done this without our tech team, ushers, communion servers, musicians, planning team, etc. There was special music and candlelight throughout all of the Christmas Eve services and brass ensemble at 3 & 5. What a day!

For our Cozy Christmas worship we enjoyed hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies in our comfy clothes! A short hymn sing during worship completed the morning. Merry Christmas! A Savior is born!



Radio Broadcast/Livestream Sign-Up

We are currently accepting sponsorship donations for 2025. The sign-up sheet with open dates and information forms are located in the Narthex. The cost is \$250 for each Sunday. Please turn in the additional form with your payment - *it is helpful to receive payment up front*. This has been a great blessing for people to stay connected with worship at Trinity when they aren't able to be here in person. Thank you for the many people that have supported this ministry. Please contact Klarissa if you have any questions.

Children & Youth

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

Christmas Helpers & Fun

Past Events

A little Christmas fun with a few of our Confirmation small groups! Thanks to a

couple groups for a putting together the baked goods plates to be delivered and serving hot chocolate and treats after worship.

Thank you to all who helped donate baked goods, made homemade ornaments and delivered to shut-ins!



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.



Sunday, January 12
Grades 2-5 & 6-8

Mark your calendar!
Watch for more info!

HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP

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



FAITH
TALK

SAFE
SPACE

FUN
WITH
FRIENDS

SERVICE
PROJECTS





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Soul Sisterhood

Girls Ministry

"Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'"
-C.S. Lewis

FOR ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS

Join us once a month for a fun filled afternoon where we dig deeper into our faith through scripture, friendship, creating and crafting.

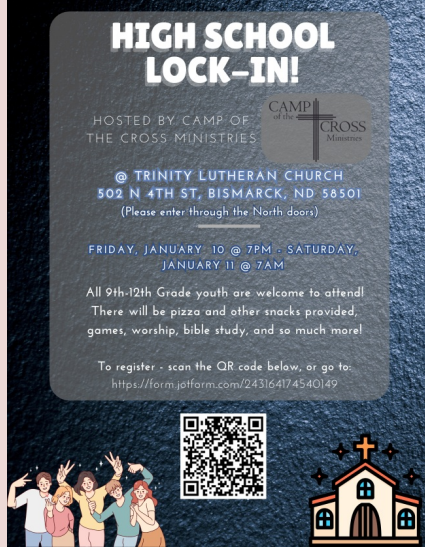
Time:
100- 2:30

Trinity Lutheran Food Shepherd Ministry \$10 one time supply fee

WHEN & WHERE:

September 22	Trinity
October 13	Trinity
November 24	Trinity
January 15	OSLC
February 9	OSLC
March 23	OSLC
April 27	OSLC

High School Lock-In
Friday, January 10th @ 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.



High School Lock-In with Camp of the Cross at Trinity! All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to join us January 10th for a fun over-night event. Youth from other churches will join us and all are welcome.

We'll start at 7 p.m. on Friday night and end at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning. Please see our [website](#) or the poster on the youth board in the lobby for a registration link. There is no cost. We're just trying to get an idea of numbers for planning purposes. See you there!

Camperships 2025

Camperships for Summer Bible Camp - Because we believe in the value of Bible Camp, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of half the cost of camp to anyone enrolled in Trinity Church School, Confirmation, or Youth Group attending an ELCA Bible Camp.

See Gracia for more info. Check out the summer options at Camp of the Cross at their website: www.campofthecross.com. Click on the image to enlarge.



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Camp of the Cross Summer Camps

Check out the options at Camp of the Cross near Garrison, ND has to offer this summer! There are great options for kids & youth of all ages! Scan the QR Code to go to the Camp of the Cross website.



Mission Trip 2025

July 27th - August 2nd

Duluth, MN

Reminder

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.



Poinsettia Donations

Poinsettias for the 2024 Christmas display were given by:

- Matt & Sandy McMerty in memory of Laurie McMerty, Floyd Seibel & Wesley Seibel (2)
- Valerie Kirk & family in memory of William R. Kirk, William & Elvan Kirk, Joseph & Ellen Johnson.
- Gracia Johnson in memory of her brother, Rev. Justin Johnson.
- Larry & Faye Rolfson family in memory of Lilly & Norman Rolfson, Viola Bohn Rolfson, Alpha & Alvin Halvorson, Harold M. Rolfson. (4)
- Hal & Sheila Peterson in memory of Harold & Caroline Peterson, Robert & Norma Miedema;

- in honor of Hal Peterson's 85th Birthday on Christmas Day. (3)
- Steve & Sue Roe in memory of Richard, Julie, & Tom Roe.
- Myrna Hanson in memory of her brother, Michael Hanson.
- Susan & Bob Wefald in memory of Tom Wefald, John & Irma Benschop, Olav & Walma Wefald. (3)
- Margaret, Clint, Jill & families in memory of Stan Vitez.
- Edon & Helen Nelson in memory of grandson, Matthew.
- Marcus & Margaret Fiechtner in memory of Rev. & Mrs. G.H. Fiechtner, Hazel Shaw & James Caird. (2)
- Bob & Bonnie Johnson in memory of Mabel & Martin Johnson, Dick Johnson, Gena & Bennie Christianson, Joan & Ellis Christianson. (2)
- Harley & Margaret Swenson in memory of George & Carloyn Gowan, Jake & Emma Swenson.(2)
- Mike & Renae Baltzer in memory of E.P. & Anna Rosendahl, Vernon & Barb Baltzer.
- Judy Schnaidt in memory of Lloyd Schnaidt.
- Jarrod & Ashlee Schwark in memory of Gary Gross.
- Family in memory of Les Christian, Verna & Albert Dronen, Harold Hanson.
- Carl and Margaret Laib.
- Steve & Marijke Leibel in memory of Betty Workman, Lizzie Leibel, Amelia Pfitzer, Yvonne Malone. (4)
- David, Beth, Erica & Joel Thune in memory of Russell & Jane Thune.
- Finn, Ellie & Nora Wahl in memory of their great-grandparents.
- Erik & Kathryn Johnson in memory of their son, Justin Johnson.
- Cal & Sue Kolling in memory of their parents.
- Jane Clayburgh in memory of Mark Clayburgh.
- Lance & Darcy Schmidt Family in memory of Carl & Fern Person & Ella Sayler.
- Dale & Linda Thomsen, Annette & Blair Backes, Angela Moch, Lori Thomsen, McKayla & Paxton Thomsen, Kim Lucier, Danielle & Matt Munsch & family, Kristina & Jayden Prill in memory of Joe & Irene Victor, Otto & Zelle Thomsen, Alan Moch, Amanda & Bobby Kershaw.
- Vern & Kami Yri in memory of Edward Tollefson, Maxine Yri, Kristi Sackett, Karen Roemer.
- Pat, Mary Lou & Beth in memory of their parents Eugene & Eleanore Aune.
- Ray Hegle in memory of Dianna Hegle.
- Kari Schoenhard in memory of Ruth Schoenhard & Borghild Culp.
- Steve & Paula Schilling and Chrys in memory of loved ones.
- Karen & Arlyn Ohlhauser in memory of parents, Velma & Harlin Ohlhauser, Hazel & Don Sinness; Gary Bracht & Curt Bracht; in honor of their nieces & nephews. (2)
- Larry & Susan Weiand, Lanette & family, Jennifer & family in memory of Charles & Minnie Walker, Lucas & Maggie Weiand, LeRoy & Louise Walker. (2)
- Sydney, Billy & Britta Bauman. (2)
- Anonymous in honor of the church musicians. (2)
- Tim & Anne Herman in memory of Grandma Annie Kleppe; Elroy, Mabel & Todd Herman. (2)
- Dennis Erickson in memory of Anita Erickson.
- LuAnn Hanson in memory of Michael Hanson, James & Harriet Hanson.
- Dr. Jason Thoms in gratitude to the ministry partners in worship and music who make our services so beautiful; in honor of Scott Houser, Amanda Samuelson, Marlene Seaworth, and Brenda Hove; Jim Lewis, Colleen Peterson, and all of the technology team.

**Thank you all for the donations and dedications, it was a beautiful display!
Also, thank you to those who helped deliver flowers.*

Christmas Caroling

Past Event: Saturday, December 21st

Various Nursing Homes/Assisted Living Facilities

We had an eventful day of Christmas Caroling at 3 nursing homes/assisted living places. We were even able to see a few Trinity members at each place. Pictured is Norman & Darlene Ostboe at Missouri Slope. Susan Wefald shared her gifts on the violin and we shared some special music at Baptist Health in the Chapel. We met some new, talented friends who joined us in singing and ringing some jingle bells. It was a nice time hearing so many of the residents join in singing with us as well! We wish you a Merry Christmas!



Your Gifts

Brent Winkelman - Financial Director; winkelman@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 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

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, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Louise, Amy & Barb.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Funerals

Alan Trauger

Weddings

Gifts & Memorials

In memory of Reeta Maniktala given by Diane Smith (New Chair Fund).

In memory of Tony & Sterling Schaffner given by Schaffner Family (Memorial Fund).

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.



Lend a Hand Ministry

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 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. 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

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.



Support Group

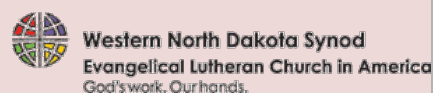
for Parents of Children Struggling with Mental Health Issues

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

Contact Pastor Martha for questions
at HarriSon@trinitybismarck.com



Ministry Partners



ELCA Daily Discipleship
Click on the image to open the

Missouri Slope

Check out available job openings here:

www.missourislope.com/careers

Check out their digital newsletter here:

<https://missourislope.com/hilltopper/>

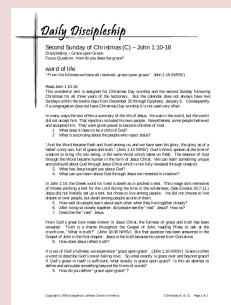
Ministry on the Margins

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

For information and to sign up visit:

www.ministryonthemargins.org

Daily Discipleship 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.



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