

January 15th, 2025 E-Newsletter

Note from the Pastor

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

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." -Romans 8:28

This past Thursday, the Executive Committee of the Church Council had their monthly meeting to prep for this week's Council meeting. They were given an update on the work to create and correct financial reports. They heard an update on what is happening in the legal process (not much). In the end one of the members, I honestly don't remember who, gave us a wise reminder – we can't dwell on the negative here because we really aren't victims.

Those words made me stop and think. There are some people who are victims – I won't take time to name, but as a congregation we really aren't. The loss of checks has cost some members money – cancelling a check isn't cheap these days. We will be out some cash – we are not sure how much but it is probably in the hundreds of dollars. It has cost staff, council and members time as we have all been tracking finances. In the end we can walk away from this painful situation wiser for it.

In the 8th Chapter of Romans, Paul is writing about how God works to bring about salvation. How God is with humans even in the midst of suffering. For me – and I will only claim it for myself – our Executive Committee conversation has pushed me to think about what we have learned and how Trinity will function better in the future.

For years we have done background checks when a new staff person is hired, we will continue that process but we have learned to add a step or two. About two years ago, in conjunction with the Audit Committee and the Council, we enacted new procedures for handling offering. Those procedures protected us in this process but we have added more pieces to our procedures. I have come away with a new thought or two about our hiring process. In my time with Trinity, all hiring for central positions has happened with an interview team which includes at least one staff member and several congregational members (often at least one person from council), we will review that process.

Once again, I have realized how special a place Trinity Lutheran is. A council and Executive Committee which acted quickly and have been deeply involved. A congregation who received the news of our situation with shock but strong support for leadership and staff. *(I am blown away by the words of affirmation council members and staff have received from our congregational members – you need to know how important that has been.)* A staff who, even though we were in the midst of the holidays were able to lead faith-filled worship services while at the same time spending endless hours helping to figure out Trinity's finances. In the midst of all of it, Christ-centered ministry continued and continues because that is what is most important. We are called at all times to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Blessings All. God does indeed work to bring good even in difficult times.
Pastor Mark



Recent Announcements

Pocket Crosses

Last fall, we had some small pocket crosses available for people to take and to give away randomly to folks as a way to share God's love. We were able to restock them and plan to have them at the welcome center for folks to grab as needed. They come in packs of 3 with a card that can be passed along with the cross.

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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. **WE STILL NEED 15 MORE SPONSORSHIPS FOR 2025.** 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.

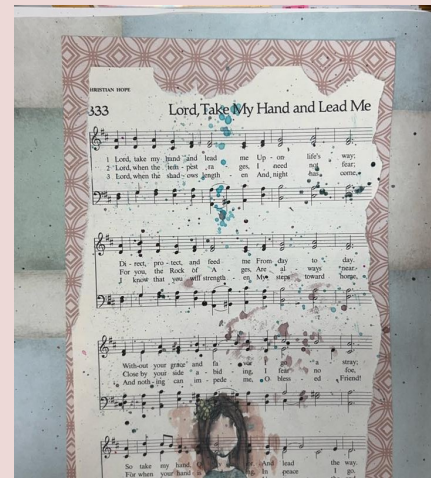
Children & Youth

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

Soul Sisterhood

Past Event: Sunday, January 12th
Good Shepherd

Our Soul Sisterhood Ministry for Middle School girls met Sunday, January 12th. They talked about how they can make God a priority in their lives and not idolize other things or people. Then they worked on a fun mixed media piece using our old green LBW hymnals! This is a partner ministry group with Good Shepherd.



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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

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

FAITH TALK

SAFE SPACE

FUN WITH FRIENDS

SERVICE PROJECTS



Starts September 18

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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: 1:00-2:30

WHEN & WHERE:

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

Trinity Lutheran/Good Shepherd Ministry \$10 one time supply fee

**MIDDLE & HIGH
SCHOOL HoCK-IN**
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
6 PM To 10 PM
6TH -12TH GRADE WELCOME!
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
502 N 4TH ST, BISMARCK
ENTER THROUGH THE NORTH DOORS
REGISTER HERE
INVITE FRIENDS!



Join Camp of the Cross for a
**CAMP FUN
Day**

Grades K-5
Saturday, March 1, 2025
10 am – 2 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church
502 N 4th St, Bismarck
Please enter through the
North doors



**REGISTER USING QR CODE
INVITE FRIENDS!**



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.



Stephen Ministry

Submitted by: Karen Botine

Forward, backward, or stalled?

How do you react when you are hit with a “tough time”?

You have choices:

- You can grieve what you’ve lost – a relationship, a position or standing in the community, financial security, etc., and wish you could get it back.
- You can look at all the possible challenges that lie ahead and find yourself spending too much time in the “hamster wheel” of continually worrying about the “what ifs”.
- You can get stuck in the “snowbank” of not doing anything.

All of these are normal reactions at the beginning of a tough time, and none of them is a long-term solution.

In an interview I heard recently, singer Amy Grant discussed challenges she faced during her recovery from a serious bicycle accident. She stated that one of the most helpful activities for her was learning to focus on the “right now”, and especially to acknowledge any positive experiences in the day, no matter how small. Sometimes she really had to look for the positives, but those little rays of sunshine helped her to believe that things could get better, and she would eventually be able to move forward.

As we travel the road of life, we are likely to encounter obstacles of one sort or another – road construction that reduces forward speed or even requires a detour in our life plans; a missed turn-off that adds extra miles to the trip or extra time to reach a life goal, drowsiness that calls for a rest stop or coffee break as soon as possible or a need to pause and re-think/re-write life goals. Setting up permanent residence at a highway rest stop is a no-no and doesn’t get you any closer to your

destination. Wishing for the past or fearing the future won't change anything either. What will you do to re-think and re-set the direction of your life?

No one can make the decisions for you, but sometimes it's helpful to talk your feelings and ideas out with someone who is a good listener, accepts what you are saying, and perhaps asks a question or two that will help you see your situation from another angle. Do you know someone like that? Or can you be that person for someone else?

There is a song that goes back more than a few years and includes the line *"I beg your pardon. I never promised you a rose garden."* Life is like that, but even on the gloomiest days there can be a glimmer of sunshine. Can you find that glimmer on your dark days?

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.

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Congregational Relationships

Ministry Opportunities

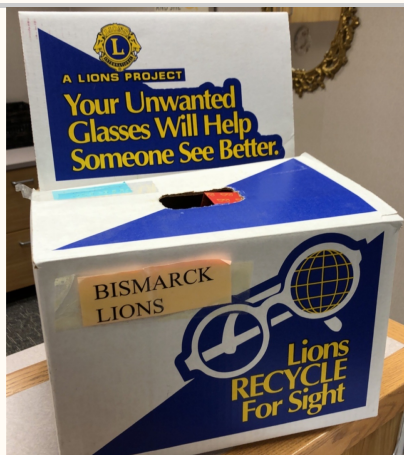
Ministry Opportunities at Trinity are available digitally. Please sign up to serve as Scripture Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Communion Servers and Tech online. **Sunday Readers should sign up by the Thursday before by 10 a.m.** (Holiday weeks may vary). Click below to sign up.

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



RMHC Pull Tabs

Drop off prescription glasses at the office. We will contact Bismarck Lions to come and collect them.

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, Karen Pickart, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Louise, Judy, Amy, Barb, Darrell & Edward.

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Funerals

Weddings

Gifts & Memorials

None at this time.

Upcoming Events

Click on the images to enlarge.



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.

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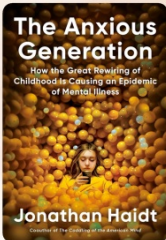


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Lend a Hand Ministry

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 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

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.



Grief Support Group



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

Contact Pastor Martha with questions at 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





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



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.

Ministry Partners



Missouri Slope

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

Check out their digital newsletter here:
<https://missourislope.com/hilltopper/>



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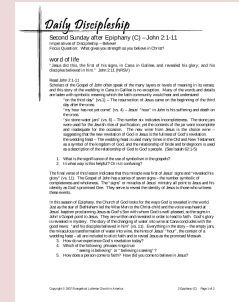
Ministry on the Margins is always looking for volunteers for their food pantry.

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



ELCA Daily Discipleship

Click on the image to open the 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

Video Worship Links

Videos are posted on our [Facebook Page](#) and on our [YouTube Page](#).

on their [website](#). You can also click below:

Listen Live

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



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