



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

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## September 1st, 2025 E-Newsletter

### Note from the Pastor

Pastor Martha HarriSon, [harrison@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:harrison@trinitybismarck.com), ext.6

Dear friends,

Can you believe that it is September already? School has started. Fall activities are underway. It is time for our Rally Day Celebrations. We will be having Rally Day on Wednesday, September 3rd, and Sunday September 7th. All are welcome to join in on the fun activities that day! Also, keep an eye out for information about the various mission projects that our Mission and Outreach Committee sponsor and will be sponsoring in the months ahead.

Our mission statement here at Trinity is "Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands." Our Mission and Outreach Committee provides information and opportunities for service each month through our monthly Serving Hands project, other projects like the Reentry Meal and the Fresh Start Kits, and more.

In September, we are encouraging people to sign up to serve at the Bismarck Cancer Center's "Apple Jam." All the proceeds from this event go to support the work that the Bismarck Cancer Center is doing each and every day. Click the link below to sign up.

You might be wondering why we do all these projects. We believe that we are called by Christ to love God and to love and serve our neighbor. These projects are opportunities for all of us to live our faith in a very concrete way.

Connecting with a community of faith like Trinity helps us to grow in our faith and to love and support one another. We encourage you this fall to find new ways to connect – maybe it's in worship by reading, ushering, serving communion, or even becoming a part of the tech team. Maybe it's in our Faith Formation program. Maybe it's through these projects I mentioned above. Maybe it's in faithful prayer for one another or in Bible study with one another. If you're not sure where you can connect, come talk to Pastor Mark or me, and we can help you figure that out. If you have ideas for new ministries or projects, let us know that too.

Blessings,  
Pastor Martha



[Apple Jam Volunteers](#)

## Recent Announcements

### Office Closed

*Monday, September 1st*

The office will be closed Monday, September 1st for Labor Day. Blessings over the long weekend!

## Coffee Fellowship

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays during September @ 10 a.m.

We are looking to start a Coffee Fellowship centered around coffee and conversation. If you are free around 10 am, we invite you to join us for about 20 minutes. Feel free to come a little early or relax and stay a bit longer. We are meeting Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays during September starting this Tuesday, September 2nd. Please stop by and have a cup of coffee and a conversation.

## Thank You from Lois & Grant

We wish to thank Trinity members for the extended prayers for our son, Jim, as he fought a hard battle with Glioblastoma... Cancer is so wicked. We miss him profoundly and were not prepared to say goodbye yet. His courage, love and the strength embodied in his "Hard-fought hallelujah" will forever inspire us. We find comfort in knowing he is now free at eternal peace with our Heavenly Father.

-Grant, Lois, Jason, John & families

## Suicide Prevention Events

*September is Suicide Prevention month*

### 2nd Annual Block Party on 4th for Suicide Prevention

*Saturday, September 6th @ 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

Get ready to have fun and soak up the sun! Join us for our Block Party on 4th! All funds are given to help suicide prevention and mental health. Together we can make a difference and support those in need. save the date! ✨

- ☐ LIVE MUSIC
- ☐ FOOD TRUCKS
- ☐ BEER GARDEN
- ☐ INFLATABLES & FAMILY FUN
- ☐ NO COST (Free Will Donation)



Trinity will be serving root beer floats at this event. Bring your friends, your family, and your festive spirit – it's going to be a party you won't want to miss! ☐ Click here for the [Facebook Event](#).

### "Out of the Darkness" Walk

*Sunday, September 14th*

*Registration @ 1:30 p.m.; Walk @ 2 p.m.-3 p.m.*

*Bismarck Capitol Grounds*

Join the Trinity Lutheran Team, "Into the Light" in walking the Out of the Darkness event to spread awareness and support to those who have been impacted and affected by suicide.

**Our team has been asked to lead the walk this year. We would love to get as many walkers as we can to join us for this worthwhile event.** If you would like to join our team and fundraise with us that would be appreciated, but not necessary. Click here to check out the [Facebook Event](#).



Trinity Church has a donation link specifically for OUR walk. All donations are 100% tax deductible and benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), funding research, education, advocacy, and support for those affected by suicide. You can donate up until the day of the walk on September 14th. If you are interested in financially supporting the cause, feel free to go to this link: <https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/participant/3289353>

We sincerely hope you will join us in the walk for a great cause! Your support is greatly appreciated!

## Trinity Trivia

Each E-News, we will share some Trinity-related or scripture-related random facts. A question will be posed here and the answer revealed in the next E-News. Work together with your friends and family to try and figure it out!



**Q. True or False. The Great Seal of ND is imprinted somewhere in the building of Trinity.**

True

False

This is a trick question

### **Results from Last E-News:**

**Q. Which Altar Parament color represents "Hope"?**

**A. Blue**

Blue is the color of hope, a primary theme of Advent. Blue replaced purple for Advent so that Advent can be distinguished from the somberness of Lent.

*There were 21 people who answered this one correctly - congrats!*

Check back next E-News for the answer and for a new question! You can submit any suggestions to Klarissa in the office. Thanks!

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## **Children & Youth**

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

### **Updates on our Wednesday Supper**

For the past few years, we have offered a simple supper on Wednesday nights before worship. We hope this meal is helpful to our members with how busy life is. While we do not charge for this meal, we do accept a free will offering. Due to other projects here at the church, we really need this meal to be self-funded with the funds we receive from this free will offering. The last couple years it has fallen a bit short of being self-funded so we have had to pull funds which could be used for other projects at the church. If you can help us with an extra donation or by increasing your free will offering a bit when you eat, that would be amazing!

We have a few very dedicated volunteers and are also looking for some additional folks to add to a couple lists. First, people to help prep food (chop veggies, wash potatoes, etc.). The second list is folks who would be available to help grill around 4:00 pm on Wednesdays. Neither of these lists would be called every week. If you are willing to help with food prep or grilling, please contact Gracia. Thanks for your help!

Here is a sign-up from our website to help with serving: [Trinity Bismarck: Wednesday Night Meal Helpers](#)

### **Art Mural in Youth Stairwell**

Trinity member, Steve Schilling, is working on a hand-painted art mural for our church school kids. These paintings are in the staircase that goes down to the stage in our lower youth room and up to the church school area on the top floor. Currently, he is working on "Day 3." Be sure to stop by this staircase to check it out!



## Register for Church School

Join us for a fun year of growing in faith! Church School (Sunday School) begins with Rally Day on September 3rd & 7th. It is open to kids age 3 to grade 5. Children must be 3 by August 1st for to start. Choose from 2 sessions: Sundays 9:35 —10:20 a.m. or Wednesdays 6:40—7:25 p.m. Register at [trinitybismarck.com](http://trinitybismarck.com). See Gracia with questions.

Register for Church School

**JOIN US FOR A FUN YEAR OF GROWING IN FAITH AT CHURCH SCHOOL!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

- Offered Sundays & Wednesdays
- Age 3 through Grade 5
- No Cost
- Register at [trinitybismarck.com](http://trinitybismarck.com)

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## 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.

**MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL Mock-In! BISMAN 6-12 GRADERS**

**Peace Lutheran Church Friday, September 5, 2025 6-10pm**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**JOIN US FOR:**

- PIZZA
- GAMES
- CRAFTS
- AND FUN!

**SIGN UP >>**

**RALLY DAY!**

**Wednesday, September 3**

- 5:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Worship
- 6:40 p.m. Rally Day Fun

**Sunday, September 7**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:35 a.m. Rally Day Fun
- 10:30 a.m. Worship

- Congregational Art Project
- Games - Treats - Fun
- Kids - Go around the church to complete the challenges & earn a free meal to Texas Roadhouse!

## United Way Day of Caring

Thank you to the amazing crew from HDR Engineering who helped out at Trinity for MSA United Way's Day of Caring event last week. They cleaned up the 3rd Street lot trees where we were able to take out 9 full trailer loads of overgrown branches, washed the sand out of the rocks and replaced landscaping fabric by the garage and near 4th St. Also, a special thank you to some of the members from Trinity who helped oversee these projects, including Eric Veidel for bringing one of the Bobcat Engineering machines out to help make the job a little less labor intensive.



## Your Gifts

Brent Winkelman - Financial Director; [winkelman@trinitybismarck.com](mailto: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.

At [www.trinitybismarck.com](http://www.trinitybismarck.com), you can give electronically to the general fund, Capital Campaign and others. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact our Financial Director, Brent Winkelman at [winkelman@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:winkelman@trinitybismarck.com). Thank you again for your continued financial support.

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## Congregational Relationships

### Ministry Opportunities

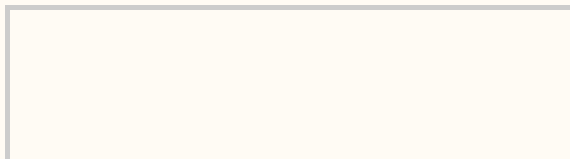
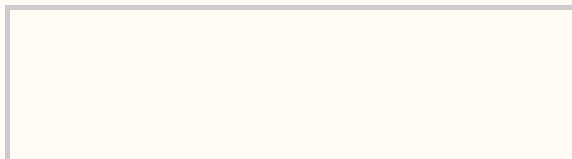
Ministry Opportunities at Trinity are available digitally. Please sign up to serve as Scripture Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Communion Servers and Tech online. **Sunday Readers should sign up by the Thursday before by 10 a.m.** (Holiday weeks may vary). Click below to sign up.

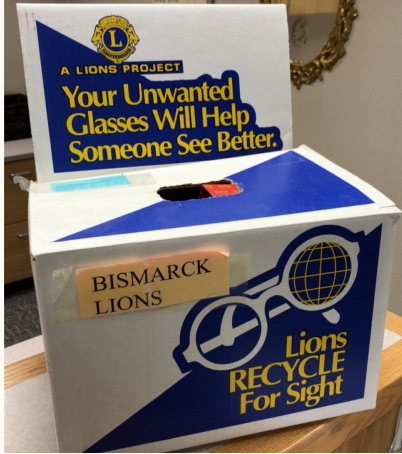
If you haven't served before or are not sure what type of opportunities are there for you, please fill out the "Ministry Opportunity Form." Click below and you will be contacted about serving.

Sign Up

Ministry Opportunity Form

## Collection Items





### Bismarck Lions Glasses

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:** Dick, Wendy, Amy, Dennis, Rod, Jim, Hal, Melissa, Donna, Cathy, Marsha, Sharon & Mary.

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

### Funerals

Norman Ostboe

### Weddings

## Gifts & Memorials

**In memory of James Kalbfleisch** given by Cathy Kristensen (Music Fund).

**In memory of Norman Ostboe** given by Kirsten & Tim McIntyre (Memorial Fund).

## 20 Years of The Banquet

*Past Event: Thursday, August 14th  
The Dream Center*

The 20th Anniversary of The Banquet, a meal ministry that began at Trinity Lutheran Church in 2005, was celebrated recently. The Banquet started at one day a week and moved to two days, then three days, then a fourth day was added at the Salvation Army, finally moving into the Dream Center in 2022, and going to serving seven days a week. Thank you to all of the Trinity members who have contributed and volunteered over the years. Special thanks to Marion Kiefer for helping organize this anniversary event along with The Dream Center.





## 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.

You are invited to join the choir for the  
**95th Annual Bismarck-Mandan Community Messiah**  
Dr. Jason Thoms, Conductor



*You can bring your own score, or  
borrow one of ours!*  
Registration is November 2 at 3:30 pm

**Rehearsals**  
November 2, 9, 16, and 23

**Dress Rehearsal**  
November 29  
7:00 to 9:30 pm

**Performance**  
November 30 at 7:00 pm

*more for information email  
dr.jason.thoms@gmail.com or call  
479-445-3795*

### 95th Annual "Messiah" Performance

*Sunday, November 30, 2025 @ 7 p.m.  
Sanctuary*

Trinity Lutheran Church will be hosting the 95th Annual Bismarck-Mandan Community Messiah performance on Sunday, November 30, 2025 @ 7 p.m. This year we will have a number of local area singers as our soloists including soprano, Lexi Birnbaum and bass, Andrew Baumann.

Rehearsals for Messiah will begin on Sunday, November 2nd from @ 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. and will continue each Sunday of November at the same time. This year we will be performing all of the Christmas portion and the Hallelujah Chorus! We

invite all the singers in our community to join us this November for rehearsals and everyone else to attend the performance on November 30th! Click on the image to enlarge.



## SCRIPTURE CIRCLES

Come share in a transformative method of studying the Bible that is accessible to all! No prior experience or knowledge needed; led by scripture teacher U.S. Jones, II. Light supper will be served starting at 5:00 pm, study begins at 5:45pm. A free will offering will be collected, but the events are FREE.

**THURSDAYS FROM 5:00-8:00PM ON:**

**JULY 17 @ McCabe United Methodist Church (1030 N 6th St, Bismarck)**

**AUGUST 14 @ Missouri Slope North Campus Chapel (4916 N Washington St, Bismarck)**

**SEPTEMBER 11 @ Lord of Life (1143 N 26<sup>th</sup> St, Bismarck)**

**OCTOBER 9 @ Trinity Lutheran (502 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, Bismarck)**



Questions? Call 701-223-2236 for more information

## Lend a Hand Ministry

*Next Meeting: Thursday, September 11th @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Break Room*

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.



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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.



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

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



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)




**Church Musicians WANTED**

We are always looking for instrumentalists & vocalists to help lead worship!

**Interested?**  
Contact the church office to get involved.

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**THEOLOGY & COFFEE**

Pastor Martha is starting a new study/discussion group that will discuss and debate various topics of faith and current topics important in our world today.

**FRIDAYS | 10:00 AM**

In the Conference Room

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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## Partners in Ministry



### 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:

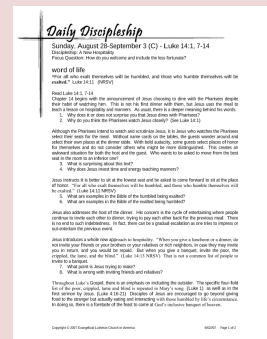
[www.ministryonthemargins.org](http://www.ministryonthemargins.org)



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### 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 served before worship @ 5:15 p.m.

**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

## Video Worship Links

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

- Congregational updates posted

below:

Listen Live

as necessary.

- Trinity To Go posted weekly by a pastor.
- Livestream available for worship services.



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