

## October 1st, 2025 E-Newsletter

### Fall Stewardship

*Submitted by: Effie Carr, Stewardship Committee*

#### Count Your Blessings

Trinity Lutheran Church invites us all to Count Your Blessings during the Fall Stewardship drive this October focusing on the hymn of the same name, and Bible passages from Romans 8:31-35, 37-38 and 2nd Kings 4:1-7.

Johnson Oatman, Jr. wrote *Count Your Blessings* in 1897 and was a Methodist Episcopal minister who wrote over 5,000 songs in his lifetime.

The tune is catchy and upbeat but also recognizes that life isn't always easy with lyrics like:

- "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed." (Pounded or hit repeatedly by storms or adversities.)
- "Are you ever burdened with a load of care?" (A lot of responsibility, worry or emotional concerns.)
- "Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear." (An unpleasant or painful situation or person that you must accept and deal with although difficult.)

It is an excellent reminder that when we are pounded by storms, adversities, worries or sadness, God assures us with promises in his Word. And, while harder to see, there are still many blessings worth counting in those uncertain moments throughout our lives.



#### Romans 8:31-35, 37-38

<sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?<sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else?<sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.<sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.<sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,<sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### What a blessing!

The chorus of Count Your Blessings tells us how to find comfort in those uncertain times ...

**Chorus:** Count your blessings, name them **one by one**.

Count your blessings and **see what God has done**.

There have been times when I didn't recognize or understand the blessings along the way. Only later did I see they were part of the something greater as in the widow's story shared in 2 Kings.

#### 2 Kings 4:1-7

<sup>1</sup> The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his

slaves.”

<sup>2</sup> Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?”

“Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a small jar of olive oil.”

<sup>3</sup> Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. <sup>4</sup> Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.”

<sup>5</sup> She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her, and she kept pouring. <sup>6</sup> When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.” But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.

<sup>7</sup> She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.”

This story reminds us that like the individuals in the story, God had blessed each of us with gifts so we can help others grow, just like the widow. The husband shared his gift of reverence for the Lord; the prophet his gift of wisdom; and the neighbors their gift of possessions. In turn, each had shared their blessings and created a brighter path.

Thanks be to God for the blessing of his son, Jesus Christ. May we truly count our blessings during this time of stewardship and honor God by sharing what he has first given us – ourselves, our time, our talents, and our possessions. You can turn in your 2026 Giving Intent Card to the office or fill out the google form online by clicking below. Thanks!

[Google Form](#)

## Recent Announcements

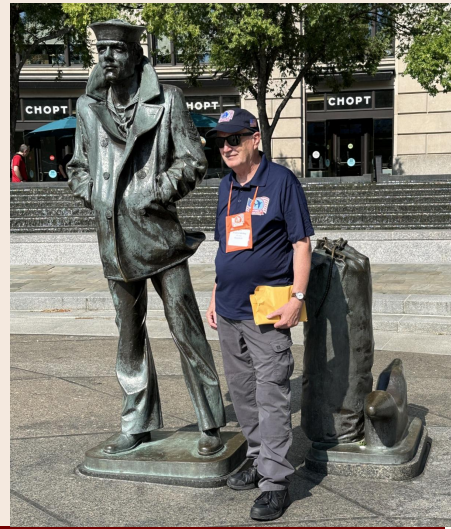
### Funeral

We extend our congregation's sympathy to the family of Iona Hegel. Her funeral will be at Trinity on Friday, October 3rd @ 10 a.m. Please keep her family in your prayers.

### Honor Flight with Trinity Members

*Past Events: Sunday, September 21st Leave; Monday, September 22nd Welcome Home*

A few Trinity members went on the honor flight last week. Rich Dunn, Steve Schilling & Bill Rogers were on the flight - thank you for your service! Thank you to those who were able to be there to help welcome them home at the Bismarck Airport! They shared these photos of their trip with us:



## Trinity Trivia

Each E-News, we are sharing 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. Prior to the 3rd St. Sanctuary, how many years was worship held in the 4th St. Sanctuary?**

37 years

38 years

39 years

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

**Q. What year did Trinity celebrate its centennial?**

**A. 2008**

Trinity became officially incorporated in 1908.

*There were 17 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!

## **Children & Youth**

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

### **United Way Backpack Event**

*TODAY, October 1st*

Trinity is once again sponsoring a week of the 'United Way Backpack Program' this school year. The United Way Backpack Program sends a backpack of meals home with the kids who need it over the weekend. To pull this off, we need your help!

- 5-10 people willing to meet at Trinity at 4:15 p.m. to unload the food from the vehicles and bring it downstairs on carts.
- All are welcome to join our confirmation youth as we pack up the bags of food down in Fellowship Hall at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday and get them organized into tubs.
- Drivers to deliver the tubs of food bags to the schools on Thursday morning. Food is delivered to most public schools in the Bismarck-Mandan area.



Just show up if you are able to help or contact Gracia about Thursday! Thanks.

## **Out of the Darkness**

### **Out of the Darkness Walk**

*Past Event: Sunday, September 14th  
ND Capitol Grounds*

Thank you to all the people who supported Trinity in the Out of Darkness walk. Whether you walked with us, supported us with a donation or prayer, it was much appreciated! There were 69 teams registered to take part in the event. Trinity was asked to lead the walk this year and we were able to raise over \$6,600 as a team which was more than any other team this year.

The walk was cut short because of the weather but the turnout was amazing. We all got a little wet during the walk, but it was a worthwhile cause!!



## Lighting Project

Speaking of Out of the Darkness... (See what I did there?) A while back, we shared a photo and asked the question, "How many Lend a Hand members does it take to screw in a lightbulb?" Now we have the answer: 5. A carefully assembled group of 5 volunteers spent the better part of 2 days this week replacing all the burnt-out bulbs for the altar lighting, updating the fan horns, and switching out lights in the community center.

Because of their efforts, we were able to save well over \$5,000. Also, thanks to the Trust Fund for approving the grant request to use the lift and purchase the lights. It is because of your generosity that we were able to do this. Thank you for your continued support!



## 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.

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.

[Sign Up](#)

## 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, Mary, Lester, Cortney, Kathryn, Jim & Russ.

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

Evelyn Lucille Martin  
Zayn Richard Schooler

### Funerals

### Weddings

Kennedy Kovar & Lakin Grahl

## Gifts & Memorials

**In memory of James Kalbfleisch** given by  
Michael & Renae Baltzer (Trust Fund).

## 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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## RE-ENTRY MEAL AND SUPPORT

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

Families are welcome to join  
(18 yrs old and older)


All Are Welcome

Dakota Pro Musica presents



## Uñchí Makxá, our Sacred Place

A Concert exploring our relationship with Nature and Creation

Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 5:00 pm  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Bismarck, ND  
\$25 GA tickets, \$5 Student tickets at the door



Concert Sponsors





Friday, November 7  
@ 8 am - 5 pm &  
Saturday, November 8  
@ 10 am - 2 pm

## Semi-Annual TRINITY'S RUMMAGE SALE

In the Community Center

**Drop Off Items:**  
Thursday, October 30 -  
Friday, October 31  
&  
Monday, November 3 -  
Tuesday, November 4  
during office hours  
(8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm)

**Not Accepting:**  
Electronics, TVs  
Opened Makeup  
Sensitizer  
Exercise Equipment  
Food  
Car Seats  
Medical Devices  
Textbooks

Funds raised will support  
Trinity's Youth Ministry.



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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.

## Lend a Hand Ministry

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9th @ 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.



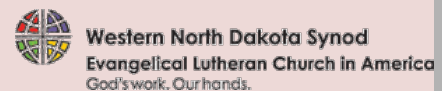
## Bible Journaling

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.



## Partners in Ministry



### ELCA Daily Discipleship

Click on the image to open the Daily Discipleship shared on

## 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/>

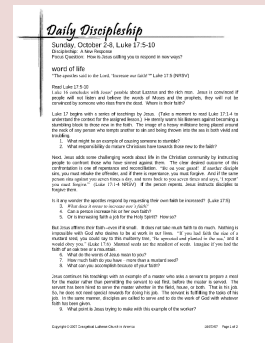
## Ministry on the Margins

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)

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 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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