



COME  
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2022

OUR MISSION

SHARING THE  
GRACE AND TRUTH  
IN JESUS CHRIST  
AS HE'S CHANGING  
OUR LIVES.



# A Note From Doug

How do you measure a year? Do you count off the weeks or months? Maybe it revolves around your birthday, anniversary, or holiday. Perhaps it is the start of the school year or the first snowflakes of winter. How do you measure a year?

At Triumph, one of the measurements is a date on the calendar. May 1. That is the end of one Fiscal Year and the start of the next. As so, on May 1, 2022, we turned the calendar from the 2021-22 ministry year to the 2022-23 ministry year.

Each year, as a part of the turn of that calendar, we stop as a congregation and remember all that God has done.

Psalm 66:5 – “Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!”

The Psalmist reminded, and implored, his readers in chapter 66 that God’s people are called to remember, and celebrate, all God had done for them. There are called to pause and reflect on the ‘awesome deeds’ He had done.

This certainly includes us, doesn’t it? Days and weeks fly by, often with us in a whirlwind, not noticing God’s goodness. We too, are called to pause long enough to remember, to see, and to reflect on His goodness to us.

Psalm 66 goes on to recount and list all the ‘awesome deeds’ God has done for his people. Which is why God’s people were to be a people of joy! They could look and see what God had done for them and look ahead with the sure hope of what He would do for them in the future.

***He was their God, and they were his people. And that was a cause for great joy!***

This year, we have the new Annual Ministry Update that serves as a reflection point ... a time for us to “see what God has done.”

This report tells a part of the story of God’s faithfulness through numbers, names, and stories of individuals impacted by Triumph’s ministry.

Yet we realize that so much of our ministry is carried out daily by all of you as you minister to the people God has placed in your life—in conversations, acts of hospitality, shared meals, acts of service, generosity, accountability. These things happen regularly over the course of a year. And they matter more than we will probably ever know.

One thing I deeply appreciate about our church family is seeing how many people give sacrificially of their time and energy and finances to help make our ministry possible. To all of you who played a role in supporting the many ministries of this congregation, particularly those in leadership, I give you my most sincere and profound THANKS. May the Lord continue to bless you for your service to Him and His church. So, I’d like to ask you a question. A question we all should answer. Journal it down. Add a note to your phone. Write it on a piece a paper and frame it on the wall...

***“What has God done in your life?”***

If we pause long enough to give a thoughtful answer, I bet we come up with a list of some pretty “awesome deeds.”

How do you measure a year?

***Come and see what God has done!***



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Doug Rogness, Lead Pastor

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity in giving to Triumph this past year!

We have seen God meet all of our needs through your gifts. By the end of our fiscal year, we did end up short on our giving goal, however, our team matched that challenge by underspending in many areas.

As we look back over this past year and reflect on God's faithfulness, our team was very concerned about our giving needs at the start of the year. Through the first six months of the fiscal year we were considerably behind our giving goals. However, we got to see our giving meet or exceed these goals in big ways which allowed us to finish where we did! Praise the Lord!

We are so thankful for the staff and those who attend and give to our church. Triumph's ministry wouldn't be what it is without your support – in finances, in prayer, and in your time.

As we look forward to this next year, we would love for you to continue making Triumph a major part of your giving plan. Our goals for this next year are big and exciting!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DR', with a stylized flourish at the end.

*Darren Rogness, Treasurer*

## GIVING SUMMARY

# \$1,655,129

*GENERAL FUND GIVING*

# \$142,825

*NON GENERAL FUND GIVING*

## EXPENSE COMPARISON

<i>Operations</i>	<i>\$1,499,863</i>
<i>Missions + Outreach</i>	<i>\$166,848</i>
<i>Adult Ministries</i>	<i>\$32,087</i>
<i>Kids + Youth Ministries</i>	<i>\$29,947</i>
<i>Communications</i>	<i>\$7,691</i>

TO SEE THE LIFE AND  
MESSAGE OF JESUS  
TRANSFORM  
HEARTS, HOMES,  
AND CITIES...

**91**

Bibles Given



**776**  
NEW  
to Triumph!



**32,906**

Service Attendance

**14,070**

Digital Streams + Downloads



**4,000**

Hungry Hearts Meals Served at East



**796**

Attended 2021 VBS





**648**

"I'm New Here" Web Page Visits



**45,000**

Friday Emails Read



**26**

Baptisms at West



**2,213**

**197**

People impacted by Triumph Ministries at a Campus



Little Lights Students

**182**

Kids involved in Club3:16 at East



**160+**

Students involved in Youth Ministry at West

# Mark Hintermeister | A Heart Transformed

I started coming to Triumph over 10 years ago. My wife was Christian but I had lost my faith years before that. This was a major point of contention in our marriage.

I agreed to come to church and raise our children with faith but I didn't myself believe.

After several years I began to appreciate some of the messages and lessons I learned at Triumph. I saw my children raised in Christ and I realized I was thankful for the part God was playing in forming them into being such great little people. We met new friends there and I appreciated the role God played in their lives. But I always felt so apart from it all.

The last few years I spent at odds with myself over what I believed. I felt a growing sense of guilt from how I had lived my life.

I felt lonely and apart from my family at times.

I wanted my kids to have a father worth having. I wanted to live a life worth living.

I was baptized at Triumph this year. It took me years to work up to it but I finally did it. It was a great experience and it still is. I realize that I really do repent my sins and that I really do believe in Jesus. I don't feel alone anymore.

I share my faith with my family and I live in a new way. My relationships in my family are as good as they've ever been. I'm so thankful to share this with them finally.



**Thank you to Jesus, my family and friends, and to Triumph.**



# Homes transformed

*through the work of the*



# DEACON MINISTRY

# \$46,000

was given generously to the work of the Deacons this last year!

## Your Generosity in Action

- \$35,000 was given to 30+ families and individuals that were approved for assistance. this year!
- Partnered with Valley Christian to provide scholarships that helps supplement more than 120 visits from those in our congregation.
- Giving Tree gifts blessed 120 people last Christmas
- Winterize Your Car helped nearly 20 ladies in our congregation with their car.

## Tangible Needs Met

- Provided gas cards to allow a family to travel to their appointments for cancer treatment
- Helped a member of our congregation on a limited income to get help with rent when they had an unexpected large car repair bill
- Helped a young family with unexpected expenses when their newborn was placed in the NICU
- Provided assistance to someone who was going through a medical challenge and couldn't work for several months, but didn't have short term disability.
- Helped with living expenses for several in our congregation who have been going through significant medical crisis (cancer, injuries, long-term hospitalizations...)

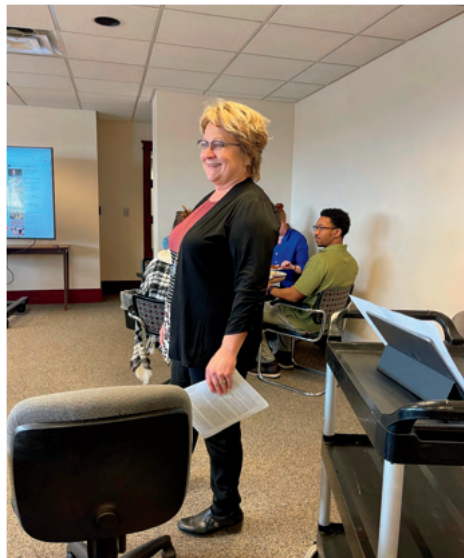
# Deb Hanson | The Gospel at Work in our City

Somehow, through the “Resolute” sermon series offered at Triumph at the start of the new year, God began a work in my heart to take inventory of the resources, talents and opportunities available to me and to be intentional about reaching out to the occupational therapy students that I teach as a faculty member at the Fargo Satellite campus of the University of Mary.

So, one Monday morning in late January, (after a particularly moving sermon on Sunday regarding the need to use our talents for His kingdom, I prayed and asked God to work in me to reach students, still not having any idea what I could do. Right away, I had an inspiration to put two elements emphasized in our curriculum and in the University together. The Holy Spirit pointed out to me that the Lenten season was already highlighted in the mission of the college and sponsoring church, so would be a good season to gather students together. And since all of the students were occupational therapists in the making, they were already learning about how to help individuals with disabilities to participate in everyday life activities, so they naturally had an interest in the topic of how to best help others, and ourselves, participate in everyday life activities.

With that the “Live Your Best Life” Lenten series was launched and we met together for 7 weeks for one hour per session to explore what the Bible had to say about the topics of leisure, work, social participation, education, self-care, play and rest/sleep. We decided to study both the ideals to pursue and the pitfalls to avoid. I worked in tandem with our campus intern, Tom Houle and my program coordinator, Kevin Anderson to clear the students schedule for one hour a week, over lunch, when no one had any conflicts. We set the time for our first session, hoping that 5 – 8 students might show up.

But to our surprise, everyone came! All of the students in both classes, plus a few online and a staff member and an adjunct faculty, 24 people in total!



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of faith.***

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Every session began with food and prayer, as students and faculty were dispersed into small groups of 4 – 5 people to search the scripture and to answer basic discussion questions. From there, representatives from small groups shared key insights with one another on the topic, and we left time at the end for personal reflection and prayer. We did not have full attendance every session, but everyone came back at least 4 – 5 times of the 7 week series. Although I led some of the sessions, our student intern and one of his peers also led, which helped other students to see that they could also step up to take a leadership role.

Not everyone attending was a Christian, but everyone had the opportunity to participate equally in the discussions which led to interesting dynamics. Those who were Christian had opportunity to share their perspectives with their classmates, hopefully setting the stage for other conversations after the study.

Faculty could also see the positive benefit of the study in drawing students together in community. And yes, we did have some gaps, some things we would not do again, but we learned from our mistakes. As a result, there is now a core of students and faculty on the Fargo campus who are excited to extend the series into the fall, with a new emphasis area...and hopefully Pastor Jay, with his background in Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, will help us to raise up student leaders to carry on this work.

As I close, I want to emphasize that I share this not to say “look what I did” but to say,  
**“look what God did when I took a step of faith”.**



**It makes me wonder what God has put on your heart to do...  
and will you do it?**

# Staff Ministry Highlights

## Janelle Steinberg

*Triumph Kids Director, East Campus*

Our first goal with the kids is to show them God and His love. Volunteers are creating relationships with kids to learn that the most important relationship is the one they need to have with God. We want to have fun with a purpose. Fun that makes Jesus irresistible to kids. It's working. Instead of seeing attendance dwindle as spring approaches, we had our biggest Sunday and Wednesday of the year. Kids are still coming through the doors, bringing their friends. I am excited to see what this energy and growth mean for next year. Our job is to faithfully keep up with our Big God and His Big Plans!



## Pastor Jay Price

*West Campus Pastor*

I'm really encouraged and excited about all the new folks walking through our doors—at both campuses. I don't think this is something that can be attributed to any particular planning or strategy, per se. It seems like God is moving and stirring. And believe me, I'm here for that.



## Sawyer Brunkow

*Student & Young Adult Ministries Director, East Campus*

This year in Youth Ministry we saw so much growth in our students. Many of them are beginning to look at the church as more than just a place they go, but as something they are a part of. They are eager to be involved and to contribute to the ministry of discipleship and expanding God's Kingdom! This next year, we are so excited to see God continue work in their lives and to help them follow the call He has placed on each of their lives.





# What's Next?

Annual business meetings and reports give us a wonderful opportunity to reflect not only on “what God has done”, but also on what we can look for God to do next. So what’s next? Here’s a sneak peek at a couple exciting things to look forward to:

## **A Summer in the Psalms:**

This summer, we will be spending our time in the book of Psalms. To go along with that preaching series, we’ve developed a 90-Day church-wide reading plan that will walk you through the entire book of Psalms in 90 days. The days on this plan aren’t specifically dated, which means you can basically choose any way you want to tackle the reading plan. Why? Because the “win” is not completing the plan in 90 days, but simply reading God’s Word!

And this includes the kids! Our Triumph Kids staff have developed an entire summer reading plan (complete with bonus challenges and reading pals!) for kids of all ages. They too can read along for the summer...or you can read to them!



## **A Year with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark: (Coming this Fall!)**

In a world that seems to be spinning further and further out of control, we can be comforted by being reminded that our Lord Jesus is in control of the forces of sin, disease, nature, fear and death.

In a world that seems to be becoming more divided and cruel, our people may be challenged by being reminded that we have a king who purposely comes in weakness and service, not in strength and force, in order to give his life as a ransom for us. And that we, too, are invited to follow after our king and live lives of sacrifice and service.

Spending a year taking a long and careful look at the life and person of Jesus Christ will help us all fall in love with Jesus all over again; or for some of us, maybe for the very first time.

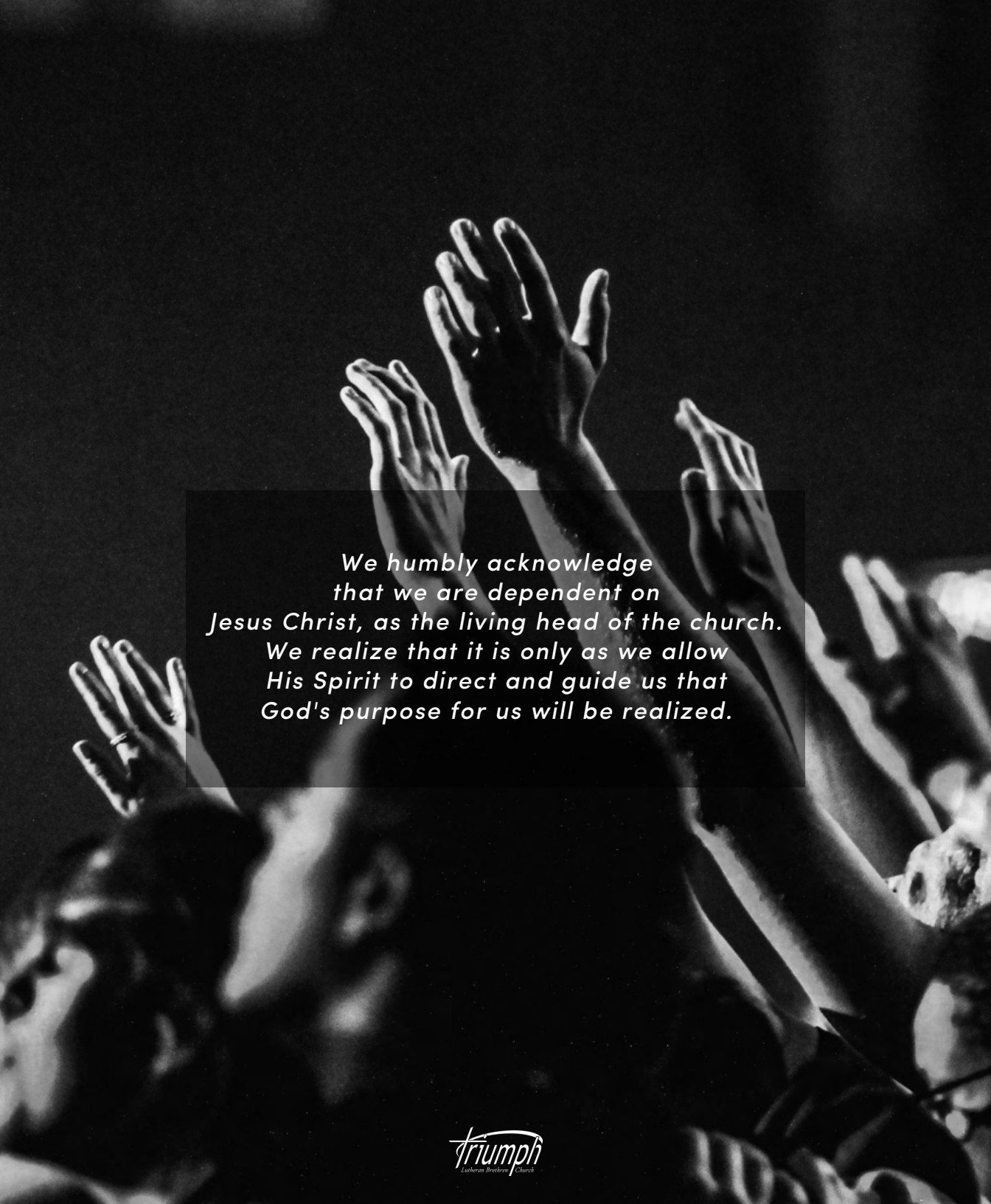
“Jesus’ life, death and resurrection form the central event of cosmic and human history as well as the central organizing principle of our own lives. Said another way, the whole story of the world--and how we fit into it--is most clearly understood through a careful, direct look at the story of Jesus. His words and actions show us how beautifully his life makes sense of ours.” (Tim Keller)

So, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as we look toward the next year and make our plans, remember that we get to do so with great hope. But not just because we hope that something good will happen to us in the coming year. Our hope doesn't come from having confidence in what's going to happen. Our hope comes because something wonderful has already happened: Our Lord Jesus left his heavenly throne, took on human flesh, was born of a virgin, lived this same difficult and exhausting life as we do, faced the same worries and fears that we do, suffered and died in our place so that our sins would be forgiven, and rose again from the dead so that we can live with hope as we look to the future.

That's why we live with such great hope. Because of "what God has done" in Jesus Christ. And that's why we can put our full trust in our Lord who spoke through the prophet Jeremiah all those years ago and said: For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

**So here's to another year of hoping and rejoicing in all that the Lord has done, and all that he has planned for us!**





*We humbly acknowledge  
that we are dependent on  
Jesus Christ, as the living head of the church.  
We realize that it is only as we allow  
His Spirit to direct and guide us that  
God's purpose for us will be realized.*