

TRINITY TODAY

OUR CHURCH EXISTS TO **WELCOME** ALL PEOPLE INTO
RELATIONSHIP WITH **JESUS CHRIST** **EQUIP** PEOPLE WITH A
VITAL, LIVING FAITH **SEND** US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE
IN **JESUS' NAME**

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NOT DEAD YET

On the front page of the Bismarck Tribune today was an article about an innovative new church that was started because the typical church . the brick and mortar, the minister, the congregation and the offering basket . is as good as gone.

Well, I thought, Guess we might as well shut the doors right now. No point in going on.

Turns out the new church is a smart phone app! This way young people and others can experience God and the Bible, blogs, sermons and songs on their favorite device. They could be at Starbucks and have a little quiet time together.

It all sounded good, but I felt like there was something missing. I enjoy listening to religious podcasts and reading religious blogs and taking part in religious conversations on Facebook groups. They are all enriching and convenient, but I never think of them as church or as a replacement for church because church is people. More and more, I trust Jesus' promise that where two or three are gathered in his name, THERE is where he is actually going to be.

On Saturday I got a call from the hospital chaplain saying someone was dying in the emergency room and could I come and pray. There's no app for that.

The other week I got an email requesting a baptism for a baby born with birth defects who might not live long. There's no app for that.

Sunday morning a hungry person stopped by to ask for some food and I could give him a bag of goodies from our food pantry. There's no app for that.

Today I went to the funeral home to comfort a grieving widow and prepare a meaningful funeral service for her husband. There's no app for that.

This week our confirmation students will dedicate a tree they bought and planted in our green space in memory of one of their classmates who died. There is no app for that.

For decades now people have been predicting that the church is nothing but a dying institution, but I know that even though the church has its faults and needs to change and adapt, it is still the very Body of Christ on this earth. In my times of greatest need and my greatest joy, I need the people of God, my brothers and sisters in Christ. Technology can connect us in new and wonderful ways, but at the end of the day nothing can replace the communion of saints.

There's no app for that.

So we're not dead yet!

· Pastor Steve

Summer worship schedule

Effective Sunday, May 28, we will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday worship continues at 6:30 p.m.

Musical Moments

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Director of Music and Worship

While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him ... Luke, Chapter 24.

Two disciples are on the Emmaus road, hearts and minds still reeling with scenes from their Master's suffering and death. Jesus draws near and walks beside them. Although they do not recognize him, their hearts begin to burn as they listen to his interpretation of the events they had just witnessed. So captivated are they by this stranger, they invite him to share the evening meal. Then, as Christ breaks the bread and blesses it, their eyes are opened and they realize it is Jesus himself.

How intriguing they do not recognize Jesus until the breaking of bread! It is in Christ's blessing and sharing the bread that they are fully drawn to Him. In these weeks following Easter, can our eyes be open to seeing Jesus wherever he meets us? The resurrected Lord Jesus is very near. Even now, he waits for you in moments of worship, prayer, meditation on His Word, acts of love and service, and receiving his own Body and Blood, broken and shed for you on the cross. *Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!*

CARETAKERS OF THE EARTH

Trinity Lutheran ~ May 2017

As Spring arrives, we celebrate the new life God opens right before our eyes. In May, Trinity celebrates our role as caretakers of God's creation!

May 3/7 . The Church school kids will do a fun art project.

May 10/14 – All women will receive a flower in recognition of their role as nurturers and in celebration of Mother's Day.

May 17/21 - Our worship services will be bursting with songs that celebrate Creation and the glory of the Creator!

Sun, May 21, 9:45 AM – Trinity members, Jerry and Renae Doan share about their family's 3-generation relationship with Blackleg Ranch and the national conservation recognition they have received as stewards of land and animals. Join us in the Fellowship Hall to hear their story.



Children & Youth

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Youth, Family Life, and Christian Education Coordinator

Bismarck Larks Baseball Game



Celebrate Father's Day with us at a baseball game! Sunday, June 18 at 3:05 pm at the Bismarck Municipal Ballpark. Tickets are \$12 and include a free hat. To reserve your tickets with Trinity, sign up and pay by May 25 at the welcome center or by contacting the church office. Questions? See Gracia. Hope you can join us!

Trinity Camperships

Because we believe in the value of Christian Camping, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of half the price of camp (not to exceed \$100) to anyone enrolled in Trinity ministries attending Bible Camp. To receive your campership, contact Gracia at Trinity: gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com or 223.3560.



Check out Camp of the Cross summer camps at www.campofthecross.com.

Vacation Bible School

Join us for Maker Fun Factory VBS this summer where kids will discover God made them and loves them just the way they are! June 4-8, 2017 from 6 to 8 pm for kids age 3 to grade 5. Pick up a registration form at the youth board in the lobby or register online by going to the Trinity website www.trinitybismarck.com, click on the children and youth tab on top and then vacation bible school. We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS. If interested, please see Gracia.



The Banquet

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Banquet Director



Stephen Ministry



What makes caregiving Christian?

Many people take on a caregiving role at some time in their lives. Some of these caregivers are professionals who are paid for the care they provide. Many more caregivers are family members who care for a loved one who can no longer function independently because of disability, illness, or age. So what makes the care given by a Stephen Minister different from the caregiving provided by others?

The Stephen Minister (or other Christian caregiver) provides care because he or she recognizes what God has done for him/her and wants to follow the example of servanthood set by Jesus. This is stated so clearly in 1 John 4:19. *"We love because He first loved us."* Perhaps you have even sung about this great gift at Bible camp, *"The Lord of love has come to me. I want to pass it on."*

Like many other caregivers, Christian caregivers provide care to family members, but they may define *family+* differently. The Christian caregiver recognizes that the care receiver, whoever he or she is, is also a child of God. That makes the care receiver *family+* even when there are no relationship ties by blood, adoption, or marriage.

Most importantly, the Christian caregiver recognizes that his/her role is to provide accepting and non-judgmental care, but accepts that only God can provide a cure. The Christian caregiver is confident that God is working in the life of the care receiver and will accomplish His purpose in His own time.

If you could benefit from Christian care now, talk to one of the pastors, to a Stephen Leader (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechter), or fill out the green Confidential Care Request card in the pew rack and drop it in the Confidential Care box at the Welcome desk in the lobby. If you know someone who would benefit from a Stephen Minister's care, please encourage that person to request a Stephen Minister, or make a referral (with the person's permission, of course).

The Banquet is expanding!

The Banquet has been consistently serving 450-500 meals on Thursday's and 150-200 meals every Saturday. Therefore, the Board of Directors has approved to add an additional nightly meal at TLC. We will start serving on Tuesday evening (5:30pm-7:00pm) in September 2017. We are honored and blessed to add another meal as it is definitely needed in our community.

With the Saturday and now Tuesday expansion in service, comes the expanded need for support by local volunteers. This growth will require more volunteers and their donated time, effort and financial support in order to provide physical and spiritual nourishment to those that seek it.

People like you are the force that makes The Banquet a possibility and we will always need your help. If you are looking to give your time to the people of Bismarck and Mandan, please contact Karla Eisenbeisz at 701-202-4749.

Luther 500th Joint Service and Celebration! Bismarck Event Center- Reformation

Day, Oct 31:

This coming Reformation Day, local ELCA churches will join together in celebrating the 500th anniversary of the reformation through a joint service and celebration. While the event is still in the planning stages, it looks like ELCA churches around Bismarck are agreeing to cancel their normally held services so that we can come together at the Bismarck Event Center to celebrate this remarkable occasion. Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

Pastoral ministries

Baptisms

Jaymeson Verlin Dutchuk, Lennon James Deyle, Ava Sutton Doll, Kevin Schmitzke (Adult)

Funerals

R. Terry Strand, Robin Ostboe, Darrell Williams

Beer & Hymns

Beer & Hymns will not meet during the summer. Stay tuned for their meeting dates in the fall.

Your gifts

Julie Schaffner · Schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 55,008.19	\$169,125.31
Expenses	\$ 55,248.41	\$190,501.81
Income less expenses	\$ (240.22)	\$ (21,376.50)

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Women's Ministries



Bible Study leaders

- The leaders meet with a pastor the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. If you plan to attend, please call Jan in the church office prior to that day.

Artists Celebrating Christ



This event will be held at Trinity May 5-7. Highlights include a juried Christian themed art show, student classes art entries, a church banner and liturgical art display and silent auction to benefit The Banquet.

An opening reception will be held Friday May 5, 5:00-7:30 p.m. including a quick draw competition in which spectators can observe artists complete an art piece in an hour. Hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment will be provided.

Art workshops for all ages will be offered Saturday, May 6 between noon and 4:00 p.m. For a complete schedule, Saturday workshops and more information, visit www.accartshow.com.

Trinity orientation classes scheduled

New members will be accepted on Sunday, May 21 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. It includes those being confirmed and those transferring from other Lutheran congregations.

We extend an invitation to all of you to take part in our new member classes from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Triniteen Room downstairs. (in the elevator push **BR**.) The classes will be held on Tuesday, May 2 and Tuesday, May 9.

We urge you to attend at least one of these classes in order to join Trinity this spring. Classes will be offered again in the fall. For questions please call the church office at 223.3560.

Summer office hours

The office will be closed on Fridays during June, July, and August. We are open Mon-Thurs. 8-12 and 1-5.

Trust Fund Spotlight



Where Do I Start?

Perhaps you are well aware that you haven't made the necessary plans for what will happen to your family, your assets, or anything else you are responsible for (or want to support) when you are not here to make the decisions. The task of putting all this in place may be overwhelming. Perhaps you don't even know where to start.

If this describes you at all, plan to attend a legacy-planning workshop between worship services on Sunday, May 7, to help you begin thinking about the starting point for your planning. Faith Simonieg, Assistant to the WND Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity will provide guidance on where and how to begin your plan. You will also be able to schedule a follow-up conference with Faith to take the next step in your planning and to prepare for discussion with your own legal and/or financial advisors.

Perhaps you have already made plans for your legacy. How long ago was this done? Do your plans accurately reflect your current circumstances or priorities? Attending this workshop may be an opportunity to do a review of what you have in place and to identify any needed changes.

If you have questions about the workshop or about anything related to the Trust Fund or Endowment Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Karen Botine, Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiland.

Clean-up day

Clean-up day for our church grounds has been scheduled for Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 a.m.-noon.

Please consider setting aside that morning to come help clean up the grounds and wash windows. If possible, please bring a rake. **Many hands make light work!**

Rummage Sale

The annual spring Rummage Sale will be held in the Community Center on Friday, May 12 from 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 13 from 8:00 a.m.-Noon. **Please note:** Electronics and exercise equipment will not be accepted.