

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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Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12

In the picture below you can see Trinity's latest group of young people who were recently confirmed. Along with many others, I was so privileged to get to be part of their faith formation. And I was especially inspired by the maturity and thoughtfulness present in their faith statements. Some of them spoke beautifully about the loving God who they grew closer to through confirmation. Others highlighted how confirmation had given them the chance to form some truly meaningful relationships with other students and their adult guides. Still others spoke about their ongoing commitment (even after confirmation!) to practices that keep their faith alive—like prayer, worship, and service to others.

At the conclusion of confirmation, we commission our young people to live as people of faith, so that their faith might make a difference in the world. At this point none of us can say exactly how their faith will make a difference—we just know that it will. And we know that God will do great things through their faith not just because they are gifted individuals, though of course they are indeed gifted. We know that their faith will make a difference because we have seen this story before. When we open our eyes to God's action through people of faith, we can see God's fingerprints all over the place.

For instance, right now there are a group of members from Trinity who are working with young people who are transitioning out of the youth correctional facility. The plan is to meet with them weekly for a year, to support these young adults in rebuilding their lives. It's a big commitment, but these members are totally committed to this ministry and these kids, because faith makes a difference in the world!

Another example! Over the last few months Trinity members and others have been working towards a major expansion of the Banquet, a program that brings food and fellowship to thousands each year. In the fall, we hope to add a Tuesday night meal. In the next few years we hope to offer meals every day of the week. Again, this ministry will be a huge undertaking, but people are fired up and committed, because faith makes a difference in the world!

These are just two examples of how faith is making a difference, but I could easily have listed twenty more. When we heed the words of Jesus, faith makes a difference—just like faith will make a difference in the lives of those who were recently confirmed.

So praise God for the ways that the Holy Spirit does great things through people of faith!
ô Yours in Christ, Pastor Paul



Summer worship schedule

During the summer, we now 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

vesper

[ves-per] noun

1. a sunset evening prayer service

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² O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. ³ But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. PSALM 131:2-3

Psalm 131 only has four verses, but what wonderful verses they are! The verses quoted above put the story of faith in a nutshell. There is much in life we cannot understand. What better response than to trust and draw closer to our loving Creator God!

This summer at Trinity, we are offering a new worship opportunity. On the second Sunday of every month, we will be having a simple 30 minute vesper service in our beautiful Community Center. This quiet time of worship will include a scripture reading, a few reflective songs, and an opportunity to light a candle and sit in quiet, personal prayer.

We invite you to join us for Trinity's summer vesper services on Sunday, June 11, July 9, and August 13. These services will be held at 7 PM.

Save the date

Trinity is having outdoor worship services on the 4th Street lawn on Wednesday, July 19th and Sunday, July 23rd. Put the dates on your calendar and plan to worship with us in our beautiful Peace Sanctuary this summer!

Rootbeer & Hymns

June 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Bring your family, your voice, and you thirst and join us on the 4th street lawn for this family friendly version of Beer (Rootbeer) and Hymns, a time of sharing in song and delicious root beer floats in the beauty of nature. Songs will be led by Rev'd Up, a band consisting of four Lutheran pastors who serve ELCA congregations in the Bismarck/Mandan area. Enjoy Christian music from a wide range of genres from contemporary praise to African-American Spirituals, from traditional to global hymns and requests are welcome. Don't miss this great event!

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!

Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson · gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com
Youth, Family Life, and Christian Education Coordinator

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.



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.

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The Banquet

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Banquet Director



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 29

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

Avriana Amber Doan

Piper Lee Roller

Kallan Herbert Thune

Stephen Ministry



It won't change anything...

Sometimes people reject care during their toughest times+ because that care won't change what happened. It is true that none of us can change the fact that a loved one died, that the doctor's report was discouraging, or that the prodigal child still hasn't come home. Unfortunately, life does not have a reverse gear+ and none of us, not even a Stephen Minister, can change what you are experiencing. Only God can provide a cure in your time of need, but a Stephen Minister can provide Christian care, support, and encouragement as you travel through this dark valley.

It can often be helpful to talk through what you are experiencing, even when you know that what happened won't change. The best listener when you want to talk may be someone who is not personally involved in the situation (in other words . a Stephen Minister). As you talk about the situation and about your feelings, your questions, how all of this is affecting you and those around you, your Stephen Minister will really listen and accept what you are saying without judging you or what is going through your mind. Your Stephen Minister will pray with you if you wish, and will certainly have you in his/her prayers between your visits. You will be the focus of your Stephen Minister's attention.

For many people, talking through a situation relieves some of the tension. Talking with a supportive person may help you see the new life path you will need to walk as the result of what has happened. The support and encouragement of your Stephen Minister may even help you take the first step on that new path.

Could you use the support of a Stephen Minister as you face one of these ~~hard~~ be changed+times in your life? If so, talk to one of the pastors, to a Stephen Leader (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner), 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. Stephen Ministers are ready and waiting to work with you. 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).

Beer & Hymns

With the exception of Rootbeer & Hymns on June 12, 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

YOUR GIFTS

April 2017

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 64,390.68	\$233,515.99
Expenses	\$ 60,624.17	\$251,125.98
Income less expenses	\$ 3,766.51	\$ (17,609.99)

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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.

Trinity's newest members

We welcome the following people who joined Trinity on Sunday, May 21:

Wade and Riessa Blumhagen, and Jarin
Ava Brererton
Art and Donna Dohrmann
George LaFave and Melanie Frost, Alia and Tylee
Michael and Louine Ness
Amy Oster
Mark and Rochel Wagner, and Jared

HAVING A GREAT SUMMER

Summer is a beautiful time of year in North Dakota. Life is full of blessings. We all try to take maximum advantage of the warm weather, the beautiful long evenings, and the more relaxed schedules.

But summers at church aren't quite so relaxing. The schedule lightens up a bit, but ministry goes on continuously and our summer giving falls behind our needs.

Will you help us have a great summer? There are two simple, but important, ways you can help:

- 1. Electronic Giving** . This is such an easy way to ensure that we don't fall behind. You can simply go online and set up a regular month bill payment to Trinity. Or we can set up an electronic fund transfer through the Simply Giving program. Julie Schaffner, our Financial Director, can help you set this up.
- 2. Monthly Giving Goals** . We have set up monthly giving goals which reflect our church's normal giving patterns and which will be enough so that we don't fall behind. **Our giving goal for June is \$46,500.** This goal should be very reachable and will keep us moving forward.

Please help us have a great summer!

Trust Fund Spotlight



Scholarships Awarded for 2017-2018!

Eleven young members of Trinity have been awarded scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year. The recipients are: Jennifer Benz, McKenzie Carlson, Erin Clayburgh, Madison Goetzfridt, Kyle Houser, Rachel MacDonald, Alexis Selzler, Dale Spilman, Eileen Spilman, Eric Spilman, and Emelie Swonger. It is always exciting to see how applicants are continuing their faith journeys as they pursue their career goals. Because Trinity nurtured the early faith development of these young people, they are capable of taking the next faith steps in their new environments. We ask God's blessing and guidance for each of these students as they continue on their life paths.

Trust Fund scholarships may be used to support education at colleges, technical schools, or other types of postsecondary education, either in North Dakota or in other states. Recipients may be working toward a certificate, an associate degree, or a bachelor's degree. Support is also given to seminary students from Trinity. Since the first recorded scholarship was given in 1992, 187 scholarships have been awarded, with a total of \$101,350 in financial support from the Trust Fund. Scholarship amounts may vary from year to year, depending on the funds available. Because of carry-over income from previous years, the Trust Fund Committee was able to award \$1,000 scholarships this year.

Scholarships are possible because of the generosity of Trinity's members in making gifts or bequests to the Trust Fund or Endowment Fund. If you have questions about the work of the Trust Fund Committee or about making a gift to either of the Funds, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Karen Botine, Richard Hanson, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiland.

Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped work at the Rummage Sale. It was a success with proceeds totaling \$2980!

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.