

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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January 2018

Meet Katie! Our new Sr High Youth Director!



Join us as we welcome Katie Howey to Trinity! Katie will be starting as our part-time Sr. High Youth Director this January to provide more opportunities for our sr. high youth. Below is a bit about Katie, in her own words...

“Hi my name is Katie Howey. I am originally from Perham, MN. I am currently a student at the University of Mary pursuing a Master's in Occupational Therapy. If I am not studying, I am kayaking or ice fishing or depending on the season. I currently serve as a leader for a ministry group on campus called University Christian Fellowship. I am excited to work with the youth at Trinity Lutheran Church as the Sr. High Youth Minister. “

Join us Wednesday, January 3 in the youth room as we welcome Katie! We'll be downstairs in the lower youth room starting at 7:30 with some hot chocolate and treats. Everyone is welcome!

Starting January 10th high school youth group will take place Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. For more details about upcoming youth events for high schoolers, check out the youth column on page 2.

Annual Meeting scheduled for January 28

The Annual Meeting of Trinity will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 28, immediately following worship. The Council will present a budget and a slate of nominees for the elected leadership positions. The choices made at this meeting chart Trinity's direction for 2018. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Musical Moments

Joanne Swonger—swonger@trinitybismarck.com
Director of Music and Worship

Happy New Year, everyone!

I ring in 2018 with thanksgiving in my heart, considering all God has done and continues to do through Worship and Music ministries at Trinity! At the close of one year and the beginning of another, we lift our hearts in gratitude for these abundant gifts ...

◇ for Amanda Samuelson, Scott Houser, Lois Swenson, Anthony Vecchia, and Joann Otterness, who faithfully partner with me in leading worship with organ, piano and handbells.

◇ for the wonderful, dedicated singers who share their voices in Chancel Choir, Sunday Praise Team, and small group ensembles.

◇ for the lively music and faithful commitment of all our musicians on Wednesday Praise Band.

◇ for the wonderful music shared by our brass players at Christmas and Easter.

◇ for Susan Lundberg and Stephanie Delmore in all their efforts to make the church beautiful for the Christmas season.

◇ for the dedication of many committed volunteers who serve behind the scenes with projection, communion, scripture reading, greeting, ushering.

◇ for those who faithfully serve on Altar Guild.

◇ for the generous sharing of financial gifts and memorials which directly support Worship and Music funding for many special projects.

◇ for all who worship here at Trinity ... as we receive our Lord's presence through His Word and Sacraments, may we grow in our love for the Lord, our joy in being together in worship, and our desire to serve God's people in the world!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20)

HANDBELL PIZZA PARTY

On Wednesday, January 6th, the bells are ringing in the New Year in the downstairs Music Room! We will give the bells a good polishing for 2018 and enjoy some delicious, hot Papa Murphy's pizza!

We are interested in growing our bell group! Playing bells is fun and we have a great time learning together. You are invited to try something new for the New Year—come and join us!

Children & Youth

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

Sr High Youth Group

Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm starting January 10.
Starts in the Lower Youth Room.

Bring a friend as we play some games and explore our faith with new Sr High Youth Director Katie Howey.

For Grades 10-12.



Vacation Bible School
Save the Date!
June 3-7, 2018
6 to 8 pm
Age 4 to Grade 5

Theo Art Event at Trinity

Sunday, January 21

2 to 4 pm

For ALL ages!

Watch for more info!



The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com



Banquet Director

Happy New Year from The Banquet!!! We have been very busy these days serving up to 900 meals per week.

The Freise family has once again hosted the Christmas meal on Dec. 14th. We served ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and a variety of pies for dessert. Santa was there and gave gifts to the children. Teddy bears and books were donated and very much appreciated. Thank you Freise family!

Because we are now currently serving 800-900 meals per week, we are looking for regular volunteer coordinators and security. Community volunteer involvement is unbelievably generous and the community need is tremendous! The Banquet would not exist without volunteers. If you feel this is something you could fit into your schedule once a month, please contact me at 202-4749.

If you are interested in hosting a Thursday meal and your business or church can't come up with the 30 volunteers, your group can be combined with other small groups. We don't want anyone or any group to pass up the opportunity to serve. You can get more information on our website www.bismarckbanquet.com.

Pastoral Ministries

Baptisms: Paxton Dale Thomsen; Jonah James Hilzendeger

Funeral: Juel Skytland

Martin Luther King Celebration

Monday, January 15th at 7:00 PM
at Trinity Lutheran Church

This year's keynote speaker will be Albert Raboteau, Faculty at Princeton University. Music will be provided by the Bismarck Civic Chorus under the direction of Tom Porter. Singers from the community will be invited to join the Civic Chorus in a Community Choir. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!

Stephen Ministry



Carrying Another's Burdens...

Who can benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister? We look for those who are going through a challenging time in their lives, and offer them the support, comfort, and Christian care a Stephen Minister can provide. But... what about that person others always turn to when they have a problem, when life gets extra-challenging, or when they just need to blow off steam? This person may not be experiencing difficulties of his/her own, but may be giving support, worrying about, and even carrying part of the burden for several people at the same time. Could this person benefit from a Stephen Minister's care? Absolutely!

The "caregiver for many people" may just need the opportunity to have a relationship with someone that doesn't involve listening to problems or giving support – in other words, a time to put down the burdens of others and fill his/her personal "bucket" with new energy and compassion. A Stephen Minister could be the one who offers a respite from the challenges of being the go-to support person for family, friends, and even work colleagues.

If you could benefit from spending time with someone who focuses on you, so that you can gather strength to support others, talk to one of the pastors, to a Stephen Leader (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner), about receiving care from a Stephen Minister. You can also 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. Six Stephen Ministers are ready and waiting to walk with, comfort, and support you.

FUNERAL WORKERS NEEDED

If you are willing to help serve lunch occasionally, following a funeral, please call Jan in the church office at 223.3560.

Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

November 2017

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 67,718.94	\$626,998.72
Expenses	\$ 65,878.66	\$683,079.05
Income less expenses	\$ 1,840.28	\$ (56,080.33)

Electronic Giving - Trinity's offers the option of Electronic Contributions 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. Please stop by the office to fill out the form.

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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
- The Women's Coordinating Council met at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5. Money (\$1231.68) collected from funerals and the women of the church during the past year was distributed as follows:
 - Camp of the Cross— \$731.68
 - Retained in treasury—\$500

The Coordinating Council will meet again in December 2018.

Beer and Hymns January 8 7-9 PM

Beer and Hymns will be held the second Monday in January. This event takes place at the Harvest Brazilian Grill in Mandan, (308 W Main St). All persons 21 and over are welcome!

Giving made easy

Have you ever considered giving your offering electronically? It helps the church manage cash flow and allows you to support our ministry even if you are away. For more information contact Julie Schaffner at 223.3560 or email Schaffner@trinitybismarck.com.

Gracias, Merci, Danke, Takk

Thank for your kind expressions of faithful generosity and love during the Christmas season to all who ...

- ◇ shared Christmas baking for the Messiah reception and for our shut ins.
- ◇ helped to fill the Merry Christmas box for the Scheirers
- ◇ purchased handcrafted items from the artisans of Ixcan Ministries
- ◇ shared of your financial resources to help Trinity end the year strong and well.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated by many!

Trust Fund Spotlight



SEND...

The Trust Fund and the Endowment Fund were created "to enhance the work of the Church...". These Funds are a way in which Trinity carries out its mission to Welcome, Equip, and Send. Once we have Welcomed people to Trinity and Equipped them with a vital, living faith, how do we SEND them out to serve in Jesus' name?

"Go in Peace. Serve the Lord." At the close of each worship service, these words remind us that as we all have been Welcomed, and Equipped, we are SENT into whatever ministry God has called us to. (In fact, some churches have signs at the building or parking lot exits to remind worshippers that, as they leave, they are entering the mission field.) Sometimes the SENDING part of our mission does involve financial support. Trinity is currently using income from the Trust and Endowment Funds to support Ben Scheirer as he prepares to become a pastor, and we have given similar support to other seminary students in the past. The Trust Fund gave financial support to Jen Dunn when she was accepted into the Young Adults in Global Mission and spent a year of service and faith building in Uruguay. And Trust/Endowment support is sometimes requested when Trinity SENDS our youth on their summer mission trips.

If you have questions about how you can be part of Trinity's mission to WELCOME, EQUIP, or SEND through a gift or bequest to Trinity's Trust Fund or Endowment Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Karen Botine, Richard Hanson, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiland.

SUNDAY BROADCAST ONLINE

You can listen to our Sunday morning broadcast online at www.trinitybismarck.com. Our regular 8:30 a.m. Radio Broadcast continues on KLXX 1270 AM.

You can sign up at the Welcome Center to sponsor a 2018 Radio Broadcast.

SERMON PODCASTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can listen to podcasts of our pastor's sermon at our website - trinitybismarck.com. There is a link on the homepage. Just click on it and enjoy. The sermons are posted the following Tuesday each week.