

# 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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## LENT 2018: A CHANGE OF...

*Change.* Depending on your life's story and personality, the word *change* might invoke excitement or dread. Some changes we welcome, like the forming of a new friendship. Others we lament, like the loss of a loved one. But regardless of how we feel about change, one thing is for certain - change happens. We can try to avoid it or delay it, but ultimately things changing is one thing that never changes.

Of course it is also worth mentioning that change can often be a good thing. Learning is changing. Growing in love is changing. Maturing as a person is changing. Winston Churchill once said: *To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.* And as it turns out, the changes we most dread often lead to the most positive transformation.

Certainly in the Bible God's work almost always means change. From the story of Moses to the prophets, God's activity in the world involves change and even requires change. One could even say that the entire message of Jesus is of little value to those who are unwilling to be changed.

This Lent we will be focusing on *change* as our theme. And each week we will again be blessed to welcome a guest preacher from various Lutheran churches in our area. Each of us will be preaching on a theme that incorporates the phrase: *A Change of \_\_\_\_\_ (i.e. mind, place, heart etc).* So join us this Lent as we explore how God works through change to bring new life to our world!

May the changes of life bring you closer to God!

-Pastor Paul

### Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesdays starting Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 12:05 and 6:30 p.m.  
(12:05 in Community Center and 6:30 in Sanctuary)

Suppers: Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. (See page 2 for menu)

### Lenten Preachers

Feb 14: Rev. Paul Schick  
Feb. 21: Rev. Lee Herberg  
Feb. 28: Rev. Craig Schweitzer

Mar. 7: Rev. Jon Splichal Larson  
Mar. 14: Rev. Steve Sathre  
Mar. 21: Rev. Christina Martin

# Musical Moments

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

## New prayer group begins

***Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.***

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

As mom of two kids, ages 17 and 19, I've been privileged to participate throughout their schooling in a "Moms in Prayer" group. Although my goal was to regularly uplift the wellbeing of my children in prayer, I've grown in ways only God could have imagined. My dependence on God and trust in God's provision has deepened. My prayer life has evolved and matured. My need for being in community with others who pray has become paramount to my spiritual life. What joy!

I share my experience because I feel nudged by God's Spirit to share the riches I've found in communal prayer with others. I want to bring a new opportunity forward at Trinity for people to join together in prayer! During the six weeks of Lent, I will be leading a prayer experience called "Leaning In..."

**"Leaning In" will begin Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and continue through Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> of Holy Week. We will meet in the sanctuary alcove beneath the balcony from 12:15-12:45 PM for a guided experience that encompasses prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Intercession. You can pray quietly or aloud ... whatever you are comfortable with. Come whenever you can—and "lean in" to the presence and power of God through prayer!**

## Cantata rehearsals

Each year, the scenes of our Lord's Passion are brought to life through the poignant words and beautiful melodies of the Palm Sunday Cantata. We invite **you** to join the Choir in sharing this amazing message in song.

Our rehearsals will be Saturday mornings in the sanctuary from 9:00-10:00 AM. **We will rehearse February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, take March 10<sup>th</sup> off, and then resume rehearsals on March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>.** Practice CD's will also be made available. Please email Joanne with any questions [swonger@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:swonger@trinitybismarck.com).

If you love to sing, please join us for this musical offering of love that honors our Lord and Savior's great sacrifice of love for 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 in the Lower Youth Room.

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

For Grades 10-12.

## 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](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com) or 223.3560.



Check out Camp of the Cross's summer camps at [www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com).

## Vacation Bible School

**June 3-7, 2018**

**6 to 8 pm**

**Age 4 to Grade 5**



Join us for Shipwrecked VBS this summer where kids will discover Jesus rescues them! Pick up a registration form at the youth board in the lobby or register online by going to the Trinity website ([www.trinitybismarck.com](http://www.trinitybismarck.com)), click on the 'children and youth' tab on top and then 'vacation bible school'. Volunteers are needed! Please see Gracia to help with this fun week!

## Lenten Suppers

**Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**  
**Free Will Offering (A Trinity youth fundraiser)**

**February 14: Chili Cook-Off**

**February 21: Taco in a Bag**

**February 28: Sloppy Joes**

**March 7: Pasta Bar**

**March 14: Hot Dogs or Chili Dogs**

**March 21: Baked Potato Bar**

# The Banquet

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Banquet Director

We are excited to announce that we are finalizing our first newsletter!

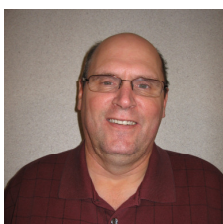
Visit [www.bismarckbanquet.com](http://www.bismarckbanquet.com) to subscribe, and keep up to date with all the news to come! Big changes are in the works, and we are excited to tell you what is going on at the Banquet!

During 2017 the Banquet served 25,102 guests with the help of 2,026 volunteers, and gave 6,094 takeout meals.

Volunteer Coordinators are always needed.

## Message from Trinity's upcoming president, Jim Lewis

Romans 12:5 "So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."



My first experience with Trinity Lutheran Church was performing in the production of Handel's *Messiah* in 1999. I had just met my wife Melissa, and she asked me if I would be interested in singing. Music is my passion, but at first, I was not sure I would feel comfortable in such a large church. I grew up in a small Methodist country church in north-west South Dakota. With so few people it really felt like a family. So, coming to a

church this large, I was afraid that wouldn't be the case. But the more I became involved, the more it felt like a real church family--just with a few more siblings than I was used to. I became involved in many aspects of the church and from that I have formed close bonds with many people in our congregation.

As church President I look forward to working with a terrific leadership team to strengthen relationships among the people of our congregation. Growing strong bonds within the congregation will make our church healthier and better equipped to carry out our mission of WELCOME, EQUIP, and SEND.

I am proud of my church family for all the good things it does. With God's help we can keep moving forward with our mission and grow stronger in our faith.

# Stephen Ministry



## Being Cared For...

What is it like to be cared for? When you were little and didn't feel well, being cared for might have meant extra attention from your mother or other adult, tasty treats to tempt your appetite, a special blanket or stuffed animal to comfort you.

There are probably times as an adult when each of us wishes to be cared for, but our needs might not be met by Pooh Bear or a "blankey".

A Stephen Minister provides the kind of care that can help the adult you. When you request a Stephen Minister, you will be linked with someone who does give you special attention. When the two of you meet each week, your Stephen Minister will focus his/her attention on YOU. As you talk about your situation, your Stephen Minister will listen carefully, perhaps ask questions to clarify what you have said or to point you in a direction you hadn't considered. Your Stephen Minister will honor you by accepting what you say and feel, without judging it as either "good" or "bad".

Would a little extra care help you cope with your current situation? If so, talk to one of the pastors or to a Stephen Leader (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner), about receiving care from one of Trinity's six Stephen Ministers. 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.

## Pastoral Ministries

**Baptisms:** Maddox Dominic Goetz; Braeden Louis Rambousek

**Funerals:** Martha Mayer; Gordie McFarland; Bruce Renhowe



## Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – [schaffner@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:schaffner@trinitybismarck.com) Financial Director

We ended 2017 in the black by \$3.41! THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of you for your continuous and generous support. May God continue to bless you and Trinity Lutheran Church.

|                      | Year End<br>Actual  |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Income               | \$755,594.63        |
| Expense              | <u>\$755,591.22</u> |
| Income less expenses | <u>\$ 3.41</u>      |

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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

## You are invited!

Do you know the names of the people sitting around you? Help us build a tool that will put names with faces.

You are invited to be a part of our new church directory. Lifetouch will be taking pictures at Trinity on March 2-6, March 9-13, and May 4-8. We hope you will want to be a part of this directory and we hope to have as many individuals and families as possible included.

More information will be coming soon regarding appointments, etc. There is no sitting fee and every person or family photographed will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait.

We need YOU to make our new family album complete!

## Trust Fund scholarship available

Scholarship applications are available in the church office or on our website and must be turned in by March 30.

Any graduating high school senior or post-secondary student who is a Trinity member is eligible to be considered to receive a scholarship for post-high school education.

## Beer and Hymns February 5 7-9 PM

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](mailto:Schaffner@trinitybismarck.com).

## Trust Fund Spotlight



### A NEW MILESTONE!

Combined assets of the Trust Fund and Endowment Fund have reached two million dollars. These funds are permanently invested, and only the income (interest and dividends) from these investments is spent. What does this mean?

First, it means that members of Trinity have supported and continue to support the mission of the congregation through their gifts and bequests. Second, because of growth in the invested principal over the 30 year history of the Trust Fund, funded activities have increased from a few radio broadcasts in the 1980s and one scholarship in 1992 to almost \$80,000 in funded projects and activities during 2017. Third, income from the Trust Fund and Endowment Fund opens opportunities for outreach and faith-growing that may not be available to many other congregations. It also enables Trinity to address opportunities or issues (such as last winter's snowfall) that could not have been anticipated when the annual budget was developed.

If you would like information on contributing to either the Trust Fund or the Endowment Fund, talk to a member of the Trust Fund Committee – Richard Bjornson, Karen Botine, Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiland.

## Annual Meeting—Feb. 18, 11:30 Trinity's nominees for 2018

**President:** Jim Lewis

**1st Vice President:** Beth Campbell

**2nd Vice President:** Cindi Offerman

**Council:** Jody Link, Wayne Otterness

**Nominating Committee:** Ray Hegle, Steve Schilling, Troy Zander, Melissa Lewis, Terry Mertz

**Audit Committee:** Tim Spilman

**Trust Fund Committee:** Sue Weiland

**Convention Delegates:** Dwight and Cindi Offerman, Bob Wefald