

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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AN ACT OF BRAVERY

In our deeply conflicted and divided age, one of my favorite teachers says that simply listening is one of the bravest things we can do. While everyone else is shouting over one another, the person who can actually dare to listen is acting with great courage because when we listen...

1. We actually give our time
2. We surrender our own agenda and open ourselves to others
3. We face our own fears about what we don't want to hear
4. We must know ourselves well enough to get out of the way
5. We just might be transformed by another point of view
6. We offer a gift of mercy that people desperately need

Today, someone is longing to be heard – not ignored, not lectured to, not shouted at, not argued with. We have something better to offer the world. As the great theologian, Paul Tillich, said, “The first duty of love is to listen.”

—Pastor Steve

Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesdays at 12:05 and 6:30 p.m.

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

Lenten Preachers:

Mar. 7: Rev. Jon Splichal Larson; **Mar. 14:** Rev. Paul Schick; **Mar. 21:** Rev. Christina Martin

Holy Week Schedule

March 28, Wednesday—No worship

March 29, Maundy Thursday worship—6:30 p. m.

March 30, Good Friday worship: 6:30 p.m.

April 1, Easter Sunday worship—8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Musical Moments

Joanne Swonger—swonger@trinitybismarck.com

Director of Music and Worship

“Lean In” - Mondays from 12:15-12:45 PM

Join us for a prayer experience of “leaning in” to God’s gracious presence! Our group continues to grow as we meet to focus our prayers on *Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication*. Join us whenever you can throughout the month of March and “lean in” to the presence and power of God through prayer!

Palm Sunday Cantata - March 25th

Rehearsals for our Palm Sunday Cantata have begun and we welcome you to join in the song!

Rehearsals are from 9-10 AM on Saturdays: **March 3rd, March 17th and March 24th**. Please note there is no rehearsal on March 10th.

The Cantata will be part of our worship services on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Practice CD’s will also be made available. Email Joanne if you have any questions.

Artists Celebrating Christ in March

The 2018 Artists Celebrating Christ event will be held at Trinity on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17. The arts celebration will feature a student art display, student music, art demonstrations, and art classes for all ages.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration fees apply only for the art classes offered on Saturday March 17. Registration for classes is now open online at www.accartshow.com, (click on Saturday Art Workshops.) or contact Sheila at [701-426-8722](tel:701-426-8722).

Classes include:

“Creating Beautiful Silk Paintings with God’s creation”
with Rebecca Young-Sletten

“Cubist Cross - Picasso style”

with Nina Loeks/Art from the Heart

“Celebrating Creation” Oil Painting

with Larry Maslowski

“Liturgical Symbols” Glass Mosaics

with Kathy Luther

Live art demonstrations will include:

Leathercraft carving and painting; Artist: Chip Liebel

Acrylic Painting; Artist: Kimberly Wetzell

“Pysanky” (Ukrainian Easter Eggs); Artist: Avalyn Ennen

“Iconography, Doorway to Heaven”; Artist: Barbara Boschee

Trivia Question of the month: Why is only one projection screen in use at the front of the church? *Answer: One of our projectors needed a “tune up” and is at the factory for repairs. We hope it’ll be back soon!*

Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com

Youth, Family Life, and Christian Education Coordinator

Broom Ball!



Sunday, March 4 from 6 to 8 pm at Hillside Ice Rink for grades 6-12. We’ll play broom ball then head to Lord of Life Lutheran Church for some pizza!

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 or 223.3560.



Check out Camp of the Cross’s summer camps at 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), 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)

March 7: Pasta Bar

March 14: Hot Dogs or Chili Dogs

March 21: Baked Potato Bar

The Banquet



Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com

Banquet Director

The Banquet is growing!

We are building support to expand to a 7 day a week free meal program by sharing our vision and mission in the community. We currently serve Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as lunch on Saturdays.

It is our goal to start a fund drive shortly with the vision of relocating to a freestanding facility serving dinner Monday through Friday with a breakfast or lunch on Saturdays and Sundays. We anticipate once fully operational, the Banquet would be serving over 70,000 nutritious meals the first year.

To accomplish this ambitious goal is going to take the work of many volunteers as well as financial support from our community. In the upcoming months we will be solidifying plans for a free-standing Banquet facility. This facility will house The Banquet for an expanded meal program as well as provide resources and referrals to resources helping those in need. The Banquet is a faith-based ministry providing care for all. We are all about helping the hurting, hungry and lonely in our community! Everyone else is welcome to join us too!

To summarize, we will be a multi-generational, family-friendly ministry that feeds the body, mind and soul.

The Banquet has served over 191,500 meals to date. The average cost of a meal is about \$3.00 per person. Virtually our entire operating budget comes from private donations. Cash and material donations are relied on for supplies, equipment, staffing, and operating costs. All donations are tax deductible as provided by law.

The Banquet continues to look for regular volunteer coordinators for our various stations while serving our meals. Contact Karla if you are interested in helping.

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Stephen Ministry

I need to hear what I'm thinking...



Have you ever noticed that a concern you've been tossing around in your mind becomes clearer when you actually talk about it? You still have to decide what to do about the concern, but a direction may be more obvious once you've described the issue to someone else, especially if that someone restates the thoughts you expressed or asks questions to clarify what you said. Or – once you've heard your thoughts out loud, you may decide the situation is different from how you originally perceived it.

Perhaps family and friends are already familiar with your concern. Perhaps they even have ideas about what you should (or shouldn't) do, and while they may be encouraging and supportive, the best listener in this kind of situation may be someone outside your circle of family and friends – someone who hasn't heard the details of your concern before, and who may help you see the situation from a different angle. A Stephen Minister can be this type of listener. A Stephen Minister doesn't have a personal stake in any decision you make, and makes no judgments about the "best" way to deal with your concern. Your Stephen Minister wants to listen, support, and care for you so that, with God's help, you can work through whatever is weighing you down.

Could this kind of listener help you cope with your current concern? 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: Brinley Joann Morris; Landen James Heiser
Funerals: Donald Sinness; Freda Huber; Vivian Johnson, Helen "Lyn" Kapsch

Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

January 2018

Income	<u>Actual</u> \$ 62,510.45
Expenses	\$ 63,259.28
Income less expenses	\$ (748.83)

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

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.

To make an appointment, please call Cindi Offerman at 720.9757. 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 March 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.

Trust Fund Spotlight

Coordinating Our Efforts...



In 2017, the Trust Fund Committee approved 25 requests for funding – a total of \$76,442.13 invested in supporting the mission of Trinity in just one year. How do we know these funds are being used where they are most needed? The procedures followed by the Trust Fund Committee help to assure this.

First, requests for funding (grant requests) may be submitted by any of the staff or by Boards and Committees of the congregation. Each grant request first goes to the church council for approval. When the Trust Fund Committee considers the request, the Committee already knows the request is aligned with the council's goals and priorities for Trinity.

Second, a member of the church council, usually the first vice president, serves as the council liaison to the Trust Fund Committee and attends the monthly Trust Fund meetings. Because of this relationship, the council is aware of what the Trust Fund Committee is doing, and the council liaison can give the Committee a "heads up" about grant requests that are being developed but haven't been finalized yet. Such a notice was given at the end of 2017 so, as was mentioned in the budget presentation at the annual meeting of the congregation, the Trust Fund Committee has set aside funds for several items (primarily affecting children and youth) for which we will receive formal requests in 2018.

If you would like additional information on how the Trust Fund Committee works, or 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 Weiand.

The Trust Fund report was not included in the Annual Report, but is available in the church office.

Trinity's new officers for 2018

President: Jim Lewis

1st Vice President: Beth Campbell

2nd Vice President: Cindi Offerman

Council: Jody Link, Wayne Otterness, Missy Kopp

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

Audit Committee: Tim Spilman

Trust Fund Committee: Sue Weiand

Convention Delegates: Dwight and Cindi Offerman, Bob Wefald