

# 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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## HOLY GROUND

In April I had the privilege of visiting Israel, the Holy Land. I have actually been trying for a few years to go there and had even bought plane tickets twice before, but events forced me to cancel both trips. So, even though a late snow storm delayed this trip by a day, I finally made it.

I went with mixed expectations. On the one hand, this is the one spot on earth where Jesus actually walked. I know many people who have been profoundly moved by their experiences in the Holy Land. But then there are people who have been a bit disappointed because many of the “actual” sites where Jesus supposedly was are mere speculation at best. While I was there I felt both emotions. Some places – such as the Sea of Galilee- were beautiful and, even though I didn’t know the exact spot where Jesus had been, I did know that I was sailing on the same lake that he had. That was a meaningful moment. But then, I discovered in Jerusalem that there are **two places** (!) claiming that they are where Jesus was crucified and buried. Does it really matter if either (or neither) place was historically accurate? Not really, but it got me thinking about where I really expected to find a significant connection to Jesus. I came to realize that there were many places in my life that were truly holy ground for me and they were not in Israel.

When I think of the places where I have most profoundly encountered Jesus, I think of my home church downtown Minneapolis, where I was baptized, received my first communion, and confirmed my faith. I think of Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, where my faith was challenged and grew and where I met colleagues in ministry who have supported me to this day. I think of the nature preserve in northern Minnesota where I went through the Men’s Rites of Passage and was given a glimpse of the true vastness of the God we worship. I also think of Trinity Lutheran, where I have the privilege of walking with people through some of the most profound times in their lives – birth, marriage, sickness, joy, death. At Trinity I see faith being lived out in the lives of so many loving, faithful people.

Although I am deeply grateful for getting to visit the Holy Land, I realized that I certainly didn’t need to go there to be on holy ground. How could it be otherwise? Jesus himself promised, “I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth.”

Where is holy ground for you? It could be much closer than you think.

- Pastor Steve

# Musical Moments

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Director of Music and Worship

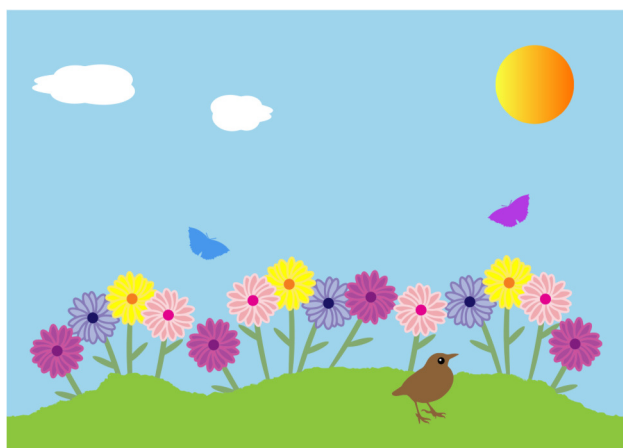
*The heavens declare the glory of God: the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their works to the ends of the world.”  
Psalm 19:1-4*

What beautiful words the psalmist has spoken for this glorious time of the year! After being wrapped in the cold garment of winter, Creation seems determined to burst forth in springtime praise of its wondrous Creator! The apple tree branches hang heavy with purple and white blossoms that drench the air with heavenly fragrance. The chirp and warble of bird song floats on the air. Bumblebees buzz with industriousness. It would seem that all of God’s Creation is determined to underscore the glory of God and proclaim God’s handiwork!

A large part of gratitude is mindfulness. How easy to bustle past the lovely gifts God has placed all around us! The psalmist encourages us to observe and give thanks for the countless ways Creation speaks to God’s abundant and creative presence in the world we are blessed to cherish.

Once a year, Trinity takes our worship services outdoors so that we can do just that! This year our Outdoor Worship services are scheduled for Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30 pm, and Sunday, July 22, at 10:00 am. We hope that you join us on the 4th Street lawn for one of these services. Bring a lawn chair if you can, but folding chairs will also be available.

And in the meantime, be sure to take the opportunity to be mindful of the beauty around you and give thanks for all that God does and continues to do in His wondrous Creation!



## Summer office hours

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

# Children & Youth

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

## 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!

## 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 \$150) to anyone enrolled in Trinity ministries attending Bible Camp. If you require additional financial assistance to attend camp, please see Gracia. To receive your campership, contact Gracia at Trinity: 223.3560 or [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com).



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

## BLAST OFF FOR BOOKS



The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering  
Houston Literacy Campaign

This summer 24 youth and 5 adults from Trinity will attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston with thousands of other youth from across the country. While there we will be participating in Blast off for Books which is collecting books for students in Pre-K through 6th Grade. Please consider giving a donation. We will purchase the books from the pre-approved list and send them ahead to Houston. We will be collecting through June 11. Thank you for your support!

# The Banquet

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Banquet Director



Each week The Banquet provides 3 opportunities for people in need to come receive a hot, nutritious meal. In seasons of giving such as Thanksgiving and Christmas we have an abundance of help and donations, but this isn't the case all year long. The summer is the most difficult time of the year to find volunteers and the donations become significantly less. This is a time of year when the kids are out of school, and families are going on vacation, but hunger never takes a vacation. In fact, there are more children that come to The Banquet because they are not in school and do not receive a school lunch.

Volunteers are the necessary ingredient to making sure the hungry families in our community are fed. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors what The Banquet is all about and encourage them to come and experience it for themselves. To those thousands of volunteers who have donated resources or your time, I know you never ask for recognition for the time you put in, but if you volunteered even just once in the past years, you should give yourself a pat on the back. You are truly making a difference in the lives of people in Bismarck. For that I say THANK YOU, you are priceless to us!

The Banquet is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We do not receive any money from federal, state, city, or county governments or the United Way. Cash and material donations are relied upon to pay for milk, coffee, supplies and equipment; and staffing. All donations are tax deductible. All of The Banquet's special projects are paid for directly with monetary donations and materials given. If you would care to donate to this wonderful feeding ministry, please make checks payable to The Banquet and send them to:

The Banquet  
502 North 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Bismarck, ND 58501

## Summer worship schedule

We have one Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months.

Wednesday worship continues at 6:30 p.m.

# Stephen Ministry



## One thing too many...

"It's no big deal." Perhaps you've said this about some issue that has popped up in your life. This may be true, but if you are dealing with many small issues at one time, you may feel like you've been buried under a mountain of problems – each of which demands to be first on your "to-do" list.

Perhaps you are thankful that you are not experiencing the major life challenges that others are dealing with. If you are feeling overwhelmed by a multitude of "small" problems, however, you may still find the support of a Stephen Minister valuable, even for a short period of time. Talking with a Stephen Minister may help you get a new view of your collection of "little" problems and perhaps prioritize them so you can begin to take action. As you share what's going on in your life, you may also discover that some of the items on your list are things that are beyond your control to change. By discussing these with your Stephen Minister, you may be able to let go of them or begin to see how you can work around them. You may also discover that just accepting something is beyond your control frees you from the feeling you should be taking some type of action.

Are you feeling like the character in the poster who says, "I can handle one day at a time, but lately several days have attacked me at once"? Could meeting with a Stephen Minister be an option for you? If so, talk to one of the pastors or to a Stephen Leader (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner), about what happens during a Stephen Minister's care, and about receiving care from one of Trinity's 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

**Wedding:** Gunther Harms and Alexie Traiser

**Funerals:** Marcia Stiefel, Wes Wiedenmeyer, Ryan Rauhauer, Jacob Sackman, Jr.

## Beer & Hymns

Beer and Hymns will be held on Monday, June 4 from 7-9 p.m. at the Harvest Brazilian Grill in Mandan.

## Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

### April 2018

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 59,715.72	\$240,199.42
Expenses	\$ 63,555.13	\$259,577.70
Income less expenses	\$ (3,839.41)	\$ (19,378.28)

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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!

You are invited to be a part of our new church directory. Lifetouch will be taking pictures again at Trinity on June 1-3. 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 701.720.9757. There is no sitting fee and every person or family photographed will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait.

## Have 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? Here is a way you can help:

**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. Please help us have a great summer!

## Rummage Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped with the rummage sale!

We raised \$3002 to help our youth attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston this summer!

## Trust Fund Spotlight



### We can do this!

One of the best parts about serving on the Trust Fund Committee is being able to say "yes" to requests that support the faith journeys of Trinity's members or to reach persons beyond the walls of our physical facilities. In the first three months of 2018 the Trust Fund said "yes" to requests totaling \$14,099.76. And in April an additional \$18,318.86 was approved to provide for: 14 college scholarships; seminary support for Ben Scheirer; costs for 5 adult chaperones to the ELCA Youth Gathering; and, overhaul of one of the projectors in the sanctuary (extending its life for 2-3 more years)

The Trust Fund Committee was able to say "yes" to these requests because of the generous gifts and bequests to the Trust Fund and Endowment Fund by Trinity members like you. By themselves, many of these gifts were small; however, as all of these gifts were combined and permanently invested, they have produced enough income to make a BIG impact at Trinity. And - because the gifts are permanently invested, the income will continue into the future.

What would you like to see happen at Trinity in the future? How can you support projects or activities that will help us WEL-COME, EQUIP, and SEND Trinity members on their faith journeys? Perhaps the Trust Fund or Endowment Fund could be part of the answer for you. If you have questions about contributing to either Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Karen Botine, Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiand.

## Welcome new members!

The following people joined Trinity on Sunday, May 20:

Andrew and Alicia Baumann  
Chris and Keli Berglund  
Matt and Katie Dockter, and Paisley  
George and Betty Hertel  
Gerald and Margie Hirning  
Alicia Lepp and Johnathon Torfin  
Doug Maus  
Mike Wahl