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***This Changes Everything* - A Theme Worthy for Trinity**

This summer 24 youth and 6 chaperones from Trinity attended the Youth Gathering in Houston TX. Our program for the week focused on the theme *This Changes Everything*. And so during this week we heard speakers talk about how knowing and following Jesus can change everything and anything in our lives. It was extremely uplifting and also a total blast! (I encourage you to find out more about this experience by reading Sidney Sundsbak's reflection on the youth gathering on page 2.) In fact we as a staff loved the theme so much that we decided that *This Changes Everything* would make a great theme for our ministry in the fall. See below for more information.

But I move on from both of these worthy topics because, with the upcoming retirement of Pastor Steve, *This Changes Everything* takes on a whole new spin for us. Trinity is facing a future of great change, particularly in terms of leadership. And so I wanted to use most of this article to reflect a bit on what this change means for Trinity and also what you can expect in the coming months as Trinity begins its search for a new senior pastor.

First of all we need to celebrate what a fantastic gift Pastor Steve has been to Trinity, our ministry, and those who have worked with him. After 33 years of service, it is certainly fair to say that Trinity would not be the same without him. So many qualities and accomplishments come to mind: deep spirituality, wise leadership, compelling preaching, love of the church, service to the marginalized, and leadership of the Banquet, prayer groups, and Stephen Ministry. And that's not even to mention the hundreds of personal encounters through which pastor Steve has embodied God's grace. And on a personal level, one could not ask for a more encouraging, supportive, and wise colleague. So as we say goodbye and look towards the next stage of our journey, we do so with a mixture of emotions that often accompanies great change: thanksgiving, sadness, fear, and excitement.

With all that being said, I'm sure many of you are wondering: *What comes next?* Given that this transition process is just beginning, there are obviously many details that are not yet confirmed. But to help provide a bit of a roadmap for the months ahead, council president, Jim Lewis, and I sat down and drafted the outline included on page 4. We hope that it might give you a sense of what Trinity's bright future is likely to hold.

Blessings,
Pastor Paul

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING—FALL 2018

September 5/9—Rally Day— **JESUS Changes Everything**

September 12/16— **FORGIVENESS Changes Everything**

September 19/23— **WELCOME Changes Everything**

September 26/30— **SERVICE Changes Everything**

Effective September 5/9, we return to our Fall worship schedule—6:30 PM Wednesdays and 8:30/10:30 AM Sundays

Musical Moments

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When the iMac launched in 1998, Steve Jobs explained the meaning behind the "i" in iMac. Of course, the obvious meaning was "internet." However, the "i" also stood for **instruct, inform, and inspire**. Borrowing from Apple, let's have a little fun with this concept! Let's consider how becoming involved in Trinity's worship and music ministry can **instruct, inform and inspire our faith and life together in Christ!**



iSing! - Be up front with us!

Chancel Choir—Choir rehearses at 8 AM and sings at 8:30 worship. If you prefer to sit with your family during worship, come rehearse, then sit with your family until it's time to walk up and sing the anthem.

Sunday Praise Team—Rehearsal is at 9:45 AM and we sing for 10:30 worship. We're presently seeking additional singers and instrumentalists to add to our mix!

Small Group Ensembles—Occasionally we schedule an extra rehearsal or two and work up a men's or a women's ensemble for Sunday worship.



iDrum! Any drummers out there?

We would welcome a drummer at either the 6:30 Wednesday or 10:30 Sunday services! In the spirit of Matthew 5:15 which tells us not to hide our light, don't hide your drumstick under a bushel! We need you to play at worship!



iServe! Worship & serve at the same time!

Projectionists— Several of our projectionists have moved to college this Fall and we are in immediate need of Sunday worship projectionists! If you can click a space bar, you can run the worship projection. Can you help us out once or twice a month? With a 5 minute tutorial, you'll be ready to serve!

Communion Servants— We especially need more Wednesday and 10:30 Sunday servers. In addition to serving bread or wine, servants also set up for Communion. A brief training session is scheduled in the sanctuary for **Sunday, September 23rd at 9:45 AM** and **Wednesday, September 26th at 7:30 PM**. Get involved with this important way of serving your church and RSVP by emailing Joanne! Families serving together is very cool and is *especially* encouraged!

Children & Youth

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A Youth Gathering Reflection, by Sydney Sundsbak

In Houston we experienced life changing speakers whose stories showed that even if you are in a rough patch in life Jesus's love will cure all damage. Throughout our days at the ELCA youth gathering we learned that Jesus, service, inclusion, and forgiveness in your life changes everything. They taught us that allowing Jesus into your life changes not only the way you live but your whole way of life. By doing service for your community you can also change everything. In Houston we were shown this by visiting a daycare like home for adults with disabilities. I met incredible people and was moved by the way they live their lives. That experience was one major highlight of my trip for I learned that people with disabilities are no different than the rest of us and have hearts of gold. I was shown how compassion and love can make a person's life so much brighter. The Houston trip changed my perspective on how I live my daily life. I realized that God has a path for you and will never let you down. I found out that music can change the way you think and feel in a certain moment in time. I learned that Jesus is forgiving, loving, and reliable. I also found out how great Pastor Paul's dance moves are. Throughout this trip I gained friendship and love from those around me and it truly was a life changing trip.



Church School & Confirmation Kick-Off!

Church School will begin Wednesday, September 5 & Sunday, September 9 for kids age 3 to grade 6.

Confirmation will begin Wednesday, September 12 for youth in grades 7-9.

Please register new students with Gracia Johnson at 223.3560 or gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com.

The Banquet

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Banquet Director



The Banquet was blessed with United Way Day of Caring! Eide Bailey volunteers descended on Trinity's kitchen and dining room scrubbing, cleaning and organizing. Lots got done. Thanks Eide Bailey and United Way!

Tuesday night meals are growing every week. We not only keep breaking the record for number of meals, but we are also getting the word out to local hotels and restaurants in Bismarck. Olive Garden served a meal of fresh salad, pasta/sauce, those great breadsticks and dessert. The Radisson Hotel staff came and served chef's prepared lasagna, salad, green beans, bread sticks and tera ma su! Our guests are very appreciative and when they come back for seconds and sometimes third helpings it is heart-warming to know they are getting the nourishment their bodies need.

Do you have some old silverware that needs a new home? We will take stainless steel dinner forks, dinner knives and teaspoons to use in our dining room! Please no serving spoons, soup spoons, iced tea spoons, salad forks, pickle forks or butter knives. Please no wooden or plastic handled silverware, we can use stainless steel, dishwasher safe only. Thank you!

The Banquet is a non-profit 501©(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. If you would care to donate, please make checks payable to The Banquet and send them to: The Banquet 502 N 4th St. Bismarck, ND 58501.

Rally Day Picnic

Join us on the 4th St lawn (or Fellowship Hall if the weather doesn't cooperate) as the whole Trinity community celebrates our fall kick-off with a picnic!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 at 5:15 to 6:15 pm
We'll provide brats, hot dogs, chips, and drinks.
Free will offering.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 11:30 am
Potluck! We'll provide the brats and hotdogs and drinks. You bring yourself and a dish to share.

Stephen Ministry



What Kind of Person Requests a Stephen Minister?

Sometimes the potential care receiver is a person who already knows there are no solutions or cures for the burden he/she is carrying. This person's need may just be to "let it all out" in confidential conversation with someone who won't take on the role of advice-giver. Sometimes this role can be taken more effectively by someone other than a friend or family member, by a Stephen Minister, perhaps.

When someone we care about is burdened, our first instinct is often to find a way to fix the problem. If the burden-carrier already accepts that the situation can't be undone, the advice from family and friends, even if it's given with love, may not be helpful and may even add to the burden.

One of the first things Stephen Ministers learn in training is that our role is not to fix things for a care receiver, but to provide Christian care. This care may simply be to listen as the care receiver describes the burden he/she is carrying, and to accept the reality of what this person is experiencing. As this exchange happens between Stephen Minister and care receiver, the burden may feel lighter, even though no one has proposed any solutions and no "fixing" actions have been taken.

Would sharing the contents of your burden with a confidential, caring listener be helpful to you? If so, talk to one of the pastors or to a Stephen Leader (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechter), 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.

TRINITY IS PLANNING A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION

to give thanks for Pastor Steve's ministry at Trinity and to wish him well on his retirement. This service will be Sunday, November 4th, at 10:00 AM. A congregational meal will follow the service. We hope you "save the date" and join us for this memorable time in our life together!

There will not be worship, Confirmation, or Church School on Wednesday, October 31st.

Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

July 2018

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 62,614.69	\$417,843.35
Expenses	\$ 59,455.34	\$442,104.78
Income less expenses	\$ 3,159.35	\$ (24,261.43)

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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Pastoral Transition: A Roadmap for the Months Ahead

Status of Pastor Paul & Deacon Joanne: The calls of Pastor Paul and Deacon Joanne are coterminous. This means that when Pastor Steve retires on November 4th, both of these calls will also end, at least in how they were previously established. However, both Joanne and Pastor Paul have expressed to council that they would be happy to continue serving during the interim period, should Trinity so desire. Council is working with Bishop Narum on an interim contract scenario that would allow them to continue to serve during this transition period.

Interim Pastor: It takes time to complete all the steps that will lead to calling a new Senior Pastor. Rarely do churches complete these steps in less than six to twelve months, or longer. Because of this, many congregations contract with an *Interim Lead Pastor* who can help the ministry move forward in the time in between the former pastor leaving and the new pastor starting. Church council is in discussions with Bishop Narum in hopes of following a similar model.

Council & Call Committee: In the coming months Trinity leadership will likely engage with the congregation in discernment about what kind of pastor Trinity is looking for. Following this discernment process, leadership will write a Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP is a document that allows churches to describe their ministry and the qualities they seek in a pastor. Also in the coming months, Trinity will need to constitute a call committee, through a congregational meeting. After all the above steps are completed, (which usually takes several months), the call committee will be responsible for reviewing applicants and interviewing candidates.

So, to summarize, Trinity has a strong leadership team working with Bishop Narum through a solid transition process. And though there are obviously many unknowns ahead, we can be confident that Trinity's future is bright and that God's Spirit will be with us every step of the way.

In the meantime, please hold our church and our leadership in prayer and feel free to reach out to your council leadership if you have any questions.

Yours in Christ,
Jim Lewis, Council President

Rummage Sale

Trinity's fall Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27 in the Community Center. Good clean used items may be brought as close to the sale as possible. We do not accept exercise equipment or electronics. Proceeds go to the Trinity youth.

Trust Fund Spotlight



As the Needs Arise...

Summer is vacation time for many families, but for the Trinity family the needs continue, and so the work of the Trust Fund Committee continues through the summer. Thanks to modern methods of communication, it isn't even necessary to wait until a regular Trust Fund meeting (the 4th Monday of every month) to consider needs for financial support of Trinity's projects and activities. During this summer the Committee "met" by e-mail as well as in person and funded grant requests to upgrade software for the projection system, improve audio equipment, and support the landscaping project. For the first six months of 2018, the Committee was able to distribute almost \$50,000 in grants.

We have been blessed by the importance members of Trinity have given to the Trust and Endowment Funds and their gifts/bequests to these funds. The Trust Fund Committee has been charged with investing these funds prudently, and regularly reviews how the funds are invested to achieve income goals at a reasonable cost for investment management. The reward to the Committee for these efforts is to have the privilege of saying "yes" to requests for financial support that enable Trinity to WELCOME, EQUIP, and SEND Trinity members and others on their faith journeys.

What needs will arise in the remaining months of 2018 and beyond? How will the Trust Fund and Endowment Fund be part of meeting these needs? If you would like to be part of the answer through a gift or bequest to the Trust or Endowment Funds, or if you have questions about either Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Karen Botine, Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiand.

Pastoral ministries

Baptisms:

Sophia Roe; Rhiley Jacobs; Zaelynn Frey; Paisley Dockter; Calvin Auch; McKinley Peterson; Nico Ross; Marreti Ross

Wedding:

Andrew Burckhard & Ava Brereton; Brock Magnuson & Stephanie Rausch; Kristopher Fries & Sara Pavilionis

Funerals:

Karen Dockter, Tillie Goetz; Duane Robey; LeRoy Oberlander; Audrey Sackman; LaVerne Thompson