

# TRINITY TODAY

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WITH A VITAL, LIVING FAITH SEND US INTO THE WORLD  
TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME**

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## What is there left but to say thanks!

This is the last article I will write for the newsletter. For 33 years it has been my privilege to have this platform to share joys, concerns, new initiatives, inspiration, observations, and ramblings. What to say this one last time? The Irish monk, John O'Donohue advises, "Look back with graciousness and thanks on all your great and quiet achievements." That makes sense.

The "great achievements" have been amazingly satisfying. They required teamwork and the support of everyone at church. None of this could have happened without the wonderful leadership and staff of Trinity. By my reckoning they would include

- A new confirmation program
- Remodeling the church
- 40 Days of Purpose
- Argentina mission trip
- The Banquet
- Stephen Ministry

The "quiet achievements" have been equally satisfying but in a much different way. They were more intimate and personal. They include

- Baptisms
- Weddings
- Teaching
- Serving communion
- Youth trips
- Funerals
- Personal conversations

Many other things could be mentioned, but this listing leads perfectly to the one last thing I want to accomplish at Trinity: to thank you. Thank you for allowing me the great, great privilege of being your pastor. You have given me the support, challenges, acceptance, encouragement, forgiveness, and love to allow me to grow in faith and live out that faith in this world. I will always carry Trinity in my heart, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for your future.

Blessings and love to you all!

*Pastor Steve*

# Musical Moments

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Director of Music and Worship

In honor of Pastor Steve's retirement, Trinity will gather as one worshipping congregation for a **Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**. Our time of worship will be followed with a Fellowship Meal. There will be no Wednesday evening worship, Church School, or Confirmation on October 31<sup>st</sup> as we'd like everyone to join us for the service on Sunday. Please save the date and join us on November 4<sup>th</sup> for worship, music, food, and fellowship! Watch the bulletin, website and facebook for more details on the meal.



**Calling all Singers!** You are invited to sing with the Choir for the Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving honoring Pastor Steve on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. **Rehearsals will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-10:15 AM**. We'll be rehearsing some amazing anthems, so please plan to join us!



As summer fades into fall, there's a crispness in air and our thoughts turn to ... **Messiah Rehearsals!** We're gearing up for the 89<sup>th</sup> annual Messiah at Trinity Lutheran. Andrew Miller will again provide excellent energy and instruction as director. Singers in the congregation and the community are invited to **Sunday afternoon rehearsals from 4-6 PM, beginning October 21<sup>st</sup>**. The performance will be on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Young singers are especially encouraged to join the community in sharing the timeless message and tradition of Handel's Messiah! For more information on our Messiah Youth Internship program for high school students, contact Andy Miller ([amiller\\_bass2@hotmail.com](mailto:amiller_bass2@hotmail.com)).



## Circle/Bible Study leaders

The leaders meet with a pastor the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. If you plan to attend, please call Jan in the church office prior to that day.

**Altar Flowers** — Altar Flowers can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$50. To order, call Jan in the church office.

## Sunday broadcast online

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

## Sermon podcasts online

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

# Children & Youth

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Youth, Family Life, and Christian Education Coordinator

## Western ND Youth Gathering


Join youth from all over Western ND for a fun 3 day event during teacher's convention break. We start the afternoon of Thursday, October 18 and go to noon on Saturday, October 20. Enjoy speakers, music, action tracks, a service project, night-life, games and more while staying overnight at the Ramada Inn right here in Bismarck. Cost is \$150 and includes all meals and a free t-shirt. For grades 9-12, contact Gracia or Katie for more information and to register asap!

## Senior High Youth Group

For youth in 9th through 12th grade. We meet Wednesdays in the lower youth room at 8:00 pm. Come as you are for a time to relax and grow together in faith!

## Lunch at First

All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a free lunch every Thursday at First Lutheran (across from BHS) starting October 4. The meal is provided by various churches in town during the lunch periods. Youth from all schools are welcome!



**More Jesus  
Less Hustle**

**Bible Journaling**

*Take a moment for your faith.*

- \* Bible & Creative Journaling \*
- \* Use your words & creativity to express your faith\*
- \* All artistic levels welcome \*

Mon., Oct. 15 – Good Shepherd @ 7:00 pm  
Mon., Oct. 29 – Trinity Lutheran @ 7:00 pm  
Mon., Nov. 12 – Good Shepherd @ 7:00 pm  
Mon., Nov. 26 – Trinity Lutheran @ 7:00 pm

*FREE journaling kit with sign up. Spots are limited*

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Nicole Fehr at [Nicole@goodshepherdbismarck.com](mailto:Nicole@goodshepherdbismarck.com)

# The Banquet

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Banquet Director



## Addition of a meal!

As part of building a better community, The Banquet is very pleased to announce the addition of a Sunday meal at The Salvation Army! We are very blessed to see this come about. The Salvation Army is a powerful force. Since 1865 they have been "dedicated to doing the most good".

By collaborating with The Salvation Army for a Sunday noontime meal, we are adding another very powerful component to The Banquet. Whether it's their "Coats for Kids" drive, food distribution, disaster relief efforts or any of the other things The Salvation Army does, their mission fits in well with The Banquet's mission.

Our first meal will be served on September 30th from noon until 1:00 pm and every Sunday thereafter. I will be looking for sponsors to host the Sunday meals. If you are interested in knowing more, please call Karla at 202-4749.

### Did you know?

Your gift of \$25 = 10 meals  
 Your gift of \$100 = 40 meals  
 Your gift of \$250 = 100 meals

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.



# Stephen Ministry



## Coping with Change...

Are there actions in your life that you always do the same way? It may be something as simple as always putting the car keys in one specific location, so you don't even have to think about where they are when you are in a hurry to leave the house. What happens when someone moves those keys and you can't find them? It can get your whole day off to a bad start.

This is what happens when something changes in our lives. It may be a change we have been looking forward to (perhaps a promotion at work) or one we have been dreading (such as physical aging). In either case, the change may require us to make other changes -- how we begin each day, the decisions we make during the day, how we relate to others, and so on.

Perhaps you have always been skilled at making those adjustments, but sometimes the process doesn't go smoothly. We may resent the fact that change is necessary; we may have difficulty identifying appropriate ways to adjust, or may just need to express feelings about the whole change process. Do any of these situations describe where you are right now? Perhaps sharing your current feelings or challenges with a Stephen Minister could be helpful to you.

Even the good things in life can require change, and change is often easier when we don't walk alone. If you would like to have a Stephen Minister walk with you for a while, talk to one of the pastors or to a Stephen Leader (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner). 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.

## Papa's pumpkin patch

Trinity is running the north concession stand at Papa's Pumpkin Patch during the month of October. We invite you to come out and join in the fun! Concessions are open Thursday night, Saturday and Sundays except over teachers convention when it's open Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Funds raised will go toward our youth ministry and all are welcome to volunteer. See Gracia to sign-up and volunteer or check our website starting Monday for a link to the sign-up: [trinitybismarck.com](http://trinitybismarck.com)

## Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

### August 2018

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 52,002.30	\$469,845.65
Expenses	\$ 62,526.42	\$504,631.20
Income less expenses	\$ 10,524.12	\$ (34,785.55)

**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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## Trinity Orientation classes

We will be accepting new members on Sunday, November 18 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service for all new members, both those being confirmed and those transferring from another Lutheran congregation.

We extend an invitation to you to take part in our new member orientation classes from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, and Tuesday, November 6 in the Triniteen Room downstairs.

We encourage you to attend at least one of the two classes in order to join Trinity this fall. Classes will be offered again in the spring.

## Beer and Hymns fall kickoff! October 1, 7-9 PM:

Join us the first Monday of October for a night of hymn singing, beverages, and fun!

These events take place at the Harvest Brazilian Grill in Mandan, (308 W Main St). All persons 21 and over are welcome!

## Just a reminder from Pastor Steve...

When I retire, I will need to step away from Trinity for a while. This is good for Trinity and for me as we move forward. It gives both of us time and space to chart a new course for the future. So you will not see me in worship, and I will not be available for baptisms, weddings, hospital visits, funerals, etc. Those needs will be well covered by our church — just contact the church office. Be open and welcoming to new leadership and you will be blessed.

## 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



### Avoid the Last-Minute Rush...

Was December a busy time for you last year? If it wasn't, you are probably in the minority. If it was, eliminate one thing from this year's December to-do list to give yourself a little break. Make your gift to Trinity's North Dakota Tax Credit Endowment Fund (the Endowment Fund) this month or in November. If you give now, your gift will begin to earn income sooner, you will have one less thing to remember in December, and you will avoid the end-of-the-year busy time in the church office.

Just to remind you...

The minimum gift is \$5,000 given within one calendar year to any one entity (such as Trinity's Endowment Fund) and the maximum is \$25,000 (or \$50,000 for a married couple). The total gift may be given at one time during the year, or as several smaller gifts that total at least \$5,000.

The tax credit is 40% of the charitable deduction allowed by the IRS, up to a maximum of \$10,000 per year per taxpayer (so the net cost to you will be less than the amount of your gift).

The credit can be carried forward up to 3 years if it cannot be used completely in one tax year.

To make a gift to the Endowment Fund, pick up a copy of the Gift Agreement forms in the church office. A copy of the forms will be returned to you for your tax records after they have been signed by a member of the Trust Fund Committee. If you make several gifts to the Endowment Fund during the year, complete a separate Gift Agreement for each gift.

All gifts to Trinity's ND Tax Credit Endowment Fund must be given without restrictions. If you wish to restrict your gift to a specific purpose, it may be given to the Trust Fund, but it will not qualify for the ND Tax Credit.

If you have questions about providing financial support to Trinity through either the Trust Fund or Endowment Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Karen Botine, Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiand.

## Pastoral ministries

**Baptisms:** Adeline Ruby Carow; Axton Henry Geigle; Terren John Kautzman

**Wedding:** Logan Kalenze and Caitlyn Vetter-Shaw; Mervyn Mertz and Judy Kirby