

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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March 2019

Re-Lent-less.....

Lenten Worship: Starting Ash Wednesday, March 6 12:05 and 6:30 p.m.

(12:05 in Community Center and 6:30 in Sanctuary)

Starting March 13, enjoy soup and bread/crackers during the noon service

The topic of our Lenten rotation is "God's re-Lent-less...." And, of course, we can fill in the last word. Great topic for lent, because as we take this time to reflect on our faith and actions, this also reminds us that it is a good time to reflect on God's faith and actions as well. So when you place words like Love, Grace, Faithfulness, Forgiveness, etc., at the end of this short phrase, it helps to turn us back to the relationship with God that God always intended. God's pursuit of us has always been relentless, never ending, and never failing. Just as promised. So enjoy this time of lent as we seek to renew our relationship with our loving Father.

Again this year we will be taking part in a round-robin pulpit exchange with other Lutheran churches. This allows us to hear from a variety of pastors bringing their unique perspectives on our Lenten theme.

March 6: (Ash Wednesday) Pastor Gary Erdmann, Trinity: *Relentlessness* — Jeremiah 4:1-10

March 13: Pastor Renee Splichal Larson, Heart River: *Forgiveness* — Luke 7:36-50

March 20: Pastor Lee Herberg, First Lutheran, Mandan: *Love* — Jeremiah 31:1-6

March 27: Pastor Christina Martin, First Lutheran, Mandan: *Grace* — Luke 15:1-10

April 3: Pastor Sylvia Bull, Faith Lutheran: *Re-Creation* — Acts 9:1-22; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

April 10: Pastor Jon Splichal Larson, Faith Lutheran: *Faithfulness* - Lamentations 3:22-25; Luke 7:1-10

New! Soup Spoon Café & Worship

Serving begins at 11:45 AM in the Community Center

Worship will be from 12:15 - 12:45 PM in the Community Center

Free Will Offering (Trinity youth fundraiser)

March 6: No soup will be served at noon

March 13: Chicken & Wild Rice

March 20: Creamy Potato & Bacon

March 27: Chicken Noodle

April 3: Chicken & Wild Rice

April 10: Chicken Noodle &
Creamy Potato & Bacon

Lenten Suppers

Wednesday at 5:15-6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Free Will Offering (Trinity youth fundraiser)

March 6: Soup/Chili Cook-off

March 13: Taco in a bag

March 20: Sloppy Joes

March 27: Pasta Bar

April 3: Hot Dogs - Chili Dogs

April 10: Baked Potato Bar

Musical Moments

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

Amazing Love at Trinity

February was a wonderful month of experiencing God's love at work in and among us in so many ways!

- Thanks to our Choir for singing Valentine songs and bringing cheer to residents at Valley View Heights!
- Thanks Sandy McMerty for creating the video celebrating Trinity people and events. If anyone missed seeing the video, it's now on our website to enjoy!
- Thanks to our youth for sharing your many gifts in leading worship on February 20th and 24th!
- Thanks to the quilters for treating us to special goodies at coffee February 24th!
- Thanks everyone for donating the many beautiful and practical baby items to share with First Choice Women's Care Center!

Trinity Youth in the Arts month

This will take place throughout the month of March. We look forward to celebrating the wondrous creativity and talent that our gracious God has abundantly poured out upon our youth!

- Perhaps you are a youth who has prepared a special music piece for an instrumental or vocal festival. We would enjoy having you play for pre-service or offering music. Joanne can help you find an accompanist if needed!
- Perhaps your love is speech or art. You can become involved by reading prayers/scriptures for worship, or by showing some of your artwork in a display in our lobby.

Please let Joanne know of your interest. And thanks for sharing your gifts with your church family!

Palm Sunday Celebration Choir


On Palm Sunday services on April 14th our Choir will be singing beautiful anthems that honor and uplift our Lord's journey to the cross. We invite you to join in the song! Our rehearsals will be **Thursdays on March 28th and April 4th and 11th at 7:15 PM**. Our final rehearsal will be **Saturday, April 13th at 9:30 AM**. Please join us!

Children & Youth

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

Art from the Heart "Paint and Pour" Event

Sunday, March 24 from 2 to 4 pm
at Art from the Heart Studios (311 N Mandan St, Suite 4)
All ages welcome!
Cost: \$35 for a 12 x 12, \$15 for an 8 x 10
To Register: Contact Gracia at the church office
Join us for a fun afternoon!



Broom Ball

Sunday, March 10 from 2 – 3 pm at Hillside Park Ice Rink. Kids and adults are welcome to join us for some Broom Ball! No skates needed. Broom ball is played on street shoes or boots. Dress warm!



Vacation Bible School

June 2-6, 2019

6 to 8 pm

Age 4 to Grade 5

Join us for Roar VBS this summer where kids will discover that Life is Wild and God is Good! Pick up a registration form at the youth board in the lobby or register online by going to the Trinity website (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 \$150 to anyone enrolled in Trinity ministries attending Bible Camp. To receive your campership, contact Gracia at Trinity: 223.3560 or gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com.



Check out Camp of the Cross's summer camps at www.campofthecross.com

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!

The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com

Banquet Director



Prayer team volunteers needed

As the Banquet continues to grow, our need to consistently have people assisting with prayer needs becomes more apparent. Volunteers who have served find it very rewarding to serve not only the physical, but also spiritual needs of the Banquet community. We are presently looking for individuals and/or couples to serve on prayer teams for Tuesdays or Saturdays. You would only need to do this once a month, or more if you wish. Please, keep The Banquet in your prayers and consider serving on a prayer team. For more info, contact Frank Johnson, Prayer Team coordinator at 391.6291.

40,000 healthy meals were served in 2018! Attendees were low income individuals, single parents/children, senior citizens, physically challenged, homeless or just plain lonely seeking fellowship. Here's who attended The Banquet last year:

21% Seniors — Our parents & grandparents

9% Children — Our future

70% Other adults

We have been blessed to receive bulk donations of food for The Banquet from the new Cash Wise north location every Monday. **We are looking for a used cub van** to pick up the food. This would be a great way to cut food costs allowing us to more efficiently serve the community. If you know of one, please call Karla at 202-4749

For updates on our pastoral transition

See "Pastoral Transition Updates" on our website:
www.trinitybismarck.com.

Trinity's Call Committee

Dwight Offerman
Pat Aune
Missy Kopp
Linn Zander
Mike Horan

Jenell Gumke
Sydney Sundsbak
Bob Johnson
Kirsten McIntyre

Stephen Ministry

It's all about you...



What does a meeting between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister look like? Those weekly meetings, lasting about one hour, can have many "faces". Sometimes the meeting can be very social, like spending an hour talking casually with your best friend. At other times, it can be quite intense as the feelings or concerns you have been keeping inside seem to spill out all at once. Care receivers and Stephen Ministers may discuss Bible passages that each of them finds helpful. They may find other books that fit the care receiver's situation and read and discuss those. They may pray together. Or, they may just talk. There is no "one size" to a Stephen Ministry relationship, other than the fact that the Stephen Minister is focused on caring for, supporting, and encouraging you, the care receiver, as you work through the issues that led you to ask for a Stephen Minister.

Each relationship between a care receiver and a Stephen Minister is unique, so the meetings between the two persons also follow their own path. What all Stephen Ministry relationships have in common is that YOU, the care receiver, are in charge. YOU decide what to share and when to share it. YOU decide when you need to pull back a little, perhaps to think about what you and your Stephen Minister have already discussed. And YOU decide when your needs have been met and you are ready to bring the relationship to a close.

Could meeting with a Stephen Minister be a comfort to you at this time? If you think it would help, or if you just want more information about how a relationship with a Stephen Minister works, talk 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.



Beer and Hymns

Beer and Hymns will be held on Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at Harvest Brazilian Grill, Mandan. Food served at 6:15.

Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

January 2019

	Month Actual
Income	\$ 64,653.21
Expenses	\$ 63,024.85
Income less expenses	\$ 1,628.36

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Concordia College Choir

Every spring, The Concordia College Choir travels around the United States for their National Tour. We are thrilled to announce that the final concert of their 2019 Tour will be at Trinity Lutheran Church on **Saturday, March 16th at 7:30 PM.** The Concordia Choir of Moorhead, Minnesota, under the direction of Rene' Clausen, has a reputation as one of America's finest a cappella choirs. In May 2017, the Choir toured Germany in observation of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students and may be purchased in the church office. If you want to purchase tickets online the link is: www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/ChoirTour.

Host families are needed to house overnight guests from the Concordia College Choir. If you can provide housing for 2 or more choir members after the concert on Saturday, March 16th, please contact Joanne Swonger, swonger@trinitybismarck.com.

Trust Fund scholarships

Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be turned in by March 30. Any graduating high school senior or post-secondary student that is a Trinity member is eligible to be considered to receive a scholarship for post-high school education. One half of the scholarship will be available for the first semester attended by the applicant. The recipient must have a minimum of a C average in the first semester to receive the balance of the scholarship.

FOCUS GROUPS

The first step of the call process is the ministry site profile (MSP), which is under development. At this point in the process input is needed. Trinity members are encouraged to attend a focus group meeting. The MSP group is especially interested in having middle and high school students attend. The meetings are scheduled for Monday, February 25 and Monday, March 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Lower Youth Room. Please call the church office at 223.3560 if you are planning to attend.

Giving made easy

Have you 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



Continuing the tradition...

Grants from the Trust Fund vary because the need for financial support of special activities and projects within Trinity varies from year to year, and also because opportunities for outreach into the Bismarck-Mandan community – and the world – change over time. However, one type of grant has remained constant since 1992 – the Trinity scholarship. Sixteen scholarships were awarded for the 2018-2019 school year.

Yes, it's time once again for those young Trinity members heading to post-secondary education (2-year and 4-year colleges, vocational schools) to apply for Trinity scholarships. Completed applications are due in the church office by March 30. Just a couple of reminders to potential applicants:

- Read the directions carefully and make sure you have submitted everything that is required.
- Double-check with anyone from whom you've requested information (transcript, recommendation) to make sure the information has been sent.

Several past applicants missed the opportunity to be considered for a scholarship because their applications were incomplete.

Scholarship applications are usually considered at the April meeting of the Trust Fund Committee, and applicants are notified of scholarship approval or denial, and the amount of the scholarship in May.

If you have questions about any of the Trust Fund activities, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, Susan Weiand, or Dan Welsh.

Pastoral ministries

Baptisms

Trysten Matthew John Lee

Altar flowers

Altar flowers may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. To order, contact Jan in the church office at 223.3560.