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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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April 2019

Lenten Worship continues: **Re-Lent-less.....**

Relentless RE-CREATION – Wednesday, April 3

Pastor Sylvia Bull, Faith Lutheran

Noon Menu: Chicken & Wild Rice

Evening Menu: Hot Dogs – Chili Dogs

Relentless FAITHFULNESS – Wednesday, April 10

Pastor Jon Splichal Larson, Faith Lutheran

Noon Menu: Creamy Potato & Bacon, and Chicken Noodle

Evening Menu: Baked Potato Bar

Noon Soup & Worship in Community Center:

Serving - 11:45-12:15 PM, Worship - 12:15-12:45 PM

Supper in Fellowship Hall – Worship in Sanctuary:

Serving from 5:15-6:15 PM, Worship at 6:30 PM

Holy Week Schedule

April 14: Palm Sunday Cantata and Palm Funday event

April 17: No worship

April 18: Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.—Worship and Communion/5th grade First Communion

April 19: Good Friday 6:30 p.m.—Tenebrae Service

April 21: Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Musical Moments

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

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA

Sunday, April 14th

On Palm Sunday, April 14th at 8:30 and 10:30 AM worship, the choir will present **Portraits of Christ's Passion ... Glimpses of Undying Love**. Together we will experience glimpses of our Savior's deep abiding love for us as we hear scripture and song recounting events leading up to his crucifixion and death. Join us for this memorable beginning to Holy Week! Invite a friend or neighbor to come as well!

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 PM

Our Fifth Grade Communion Class will receive communion with their families on this special night of worship. With them, we receive our Lord's body and blood as we claim the words, "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Come experience the willingness of our Savior to be stripped of life and breath on our behalf as altar fixtures and paraments are solemnly removed until the day of his rising.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Friday, April 19th at 6:30 PM

The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that features scripture readings and the extinguishing of candles. The increasing darkness symbolizes the approaching darkness and despair of Jesus' death. Worshipers leave in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's death and await the coming Resurrection.

EASTER JOY – APRIL 16th

8:30 & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

Hear the peal of brass, the resonant chords of the organ, and voices uplifted together in joyous Easter song. Hear the message, old, yet ever new, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is risen, just as he said!" Proclaim and celebrate that death has lost its sting and Jesus' reign is triumphant over all! Alleluia!

A THANK YOU FROM FIRSTCHOICE WOMEN'S CARE CENTER

"Thank you and God bless you for the many generous items donated for our Women's Care Crib Club!! So many and special items that will touch the hearts and homes of so many of the women we serve. May God bless you."

10:30 WORSHIP PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED

It's as easy as clicking a space bar! If you can serve in this way, please contact Joanne for a quick tutorial!

Children & Youth

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

4-6 Grade Bash at Camp of the Cross

As the flowers and trees begin to bloom, we are reminded of the God's everlasting creation through the sustaining and life-giving waters that God has poured out for us. Join us as we continue our journey through learning about the water of life through which gives us life and leads us to be transformed every day. We learn about this special gift from God through games, activities, worship, and Bible studies. Come and join us for an exciting weekend with endless fun, friends, fellowship, and worship! April 5-6. \$35 per camper. *Let me know if your child is interested in attending!*



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!

Rummage Sale!

Trinity's annual spring rummage sale will be held in the Community Center on Friday, May 10 from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 a.m.-Noon. Please note: Exercise equipment and electronics will not be accepted. Please wait to bring items the week of the sale if possible.

The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com

Banquet Director



Karla, Jeannie, Jim & his wife Cindy volunteered at The Dream Center in Los Angeles March 4-8. The trip was an opportunity to observe The Dream Center in action. We worked alongside many other like-minded volunteers to serve those in need. The Banquet volunteer group participated in the clothing giveaway ministry, Kids-Jam outreach, Skid Row outreach, Adopt-A-Block and prayer ministry. They also loaded a food truck and went out distributing food in a high need neighborhood. It's amazing what showing people God's love can do. There currently are 62 US Dream Center Network members and 10 International Dream Center Network members and The Banquet is going to become a member and expand services with the Adopt-A-Block program.

We are currently looking for a box truck (like the one in the picture) to use for this program. If you know of someone that has one for sale or would like to donate to The Banquet, please have them give Karla a call at 701-202-4749.

Stephen Ministry



Have you kicked yourself recently?

The apostle Paul said it for all of us: *For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.* (Romans 7:19, ESV) Most of us are pretty good at kicking ourselves when we recognize our failures -- when we have done something wrong or when we failed to do the right thing. Probably all of us have had these "woulda, coulda, shoulda" discussions with ourselves at some time. The Bible even reminds us that "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"... (Romans 3:23, ESV). Yes, we are sinners, but the very next verse (Romans 3:24) assures us that we are also "... justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus..." One of my personal reminders of this gift is a little sign that says **Grace is when God gives us what we don't deserve. Mercy is when God doesn't give us what we do deserve.**

If you need more convincing that you are not a lost cause, the concordance of my favorite Bible lists 64 verses related to "grace", 43 verses on "mercy", and another 16 verses on "merciful". Exploring some of these verses alone or with a Stephen Minister can be comforting or reassuring, and discussing what you have read with another person of faith can be a faith-strengthening experience for both of you.

Would you benefit from meeting with someone who can help you see past your sins to the grace and mercy of God? If so, consider asking to be matched with a Stephen Minister. Contact one of the Stephen Leaders (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner).

Beer and Hymns

Beer and Hymns will be held on Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at Harvest Brazilian Grill, Mandan. Food served at 6:15.

Trinity's Call Committee

Dwight Offerman	Jenell Gumke
Pat Aune	Sydney Sundsbak
Missy Kopp	Bob Johnson
Linn Zander	Kirsten McIntyre
Mike Horan	

For transition updates

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

Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

February 2019

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 53,890.49	\$118,543.70
Expenses	\$ 59,627.72	\$122,652.57
Income less expenses	\$ 5,737.23	\$ 4,108.87

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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Houser Benefit Continental Breakfast

When: Sunday, April 7, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Carol Houser's health is improving, but rehabilitation will be a long, slow process. We invite you to join us for a Continental Breakfast between services and to contribute toward the ongoing costs of care and support. If you are unable to attend, but would like to make a contribution, you can write a check payable to Trinity and note "Houser" in the memo line of the check. Thank you.

Council update

At the March council meeting we received the first draft of the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This document will represent Trinity to senior pastor candidates. The MSP workgroup held two very productive focus group meetings. Our thanks to all who participated. Out of those focus groups came a number of comments that have helped us identify what the congregation feels is important.

A worship and music workgroup has been established to identify how we can continue to provide meaningful services that appeal to a broad range of members and potential members.

We have also established a personnel policy workgroup to review our existing policy. The goal is to make any necessary updates before a new senior pastor is called.

The fellowship board has a fun family friendly event coming up. Please watch the bulletin and website for more information.

New member orientation classes

New members will be accepted on Sunday, May 19 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. It includes those being confirmed as well as those transferring from other Lutheran congregations.

We extend an invitation to you to take part in our new member classes from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Triniteen Room downstairs. (in the elevator push "BR") The classes will be held on Tuesday, April 30, and May 7. We encourage you to attend at least one of these classes in order to join Trinity this spring. Classes will be offered again in the fall.

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 were 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.

Additionally, all of the financial data for the Trust Fund was not yet ready at the time of the Annual meeting. This information is now available and can be accessed at the Church Office.

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 Weiland, or Dan Welsh

Pastoral ministries

Funerals

Timothy Cleveland
Jack Dutt