

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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May 2019



Blessings to our 2019 Confirmands!

**Join us in celebration and farewell for Joanne Swonger
May 5 between worship services in the Community Center**

There will be a time of fellowship, kuchen, and fruit in the Community Center.

Summer worship schedule

Starting May 26, we will have one Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday worship continues at 6:30 p.m.

Musical Moments

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

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:3-6

These verses are so descriptive of how I feel at this moment in time. As I write these words, I remember with joy the many people I've been blessed to journey alongside, and the many events I've been privileged to share with the faith family here at Trinity the last ten and a half years.

Stellar moments that come to mind include ... seeing the mid-night glow of candlelight spreading across the congregation as we light candles and sing 'Peace, Peace - Silent Night' on Christmas Eve; feeling the thrill of Christmas and Easter hymns expressed in exuberant brass; hearing the powerful swell of Trinity's organ on a solid Lutheran hymn; experiencing the joy of praising God together as a Praise Band/Praise Team; experiencing the emotion of our Lord's Passion as the Choir proclaims the story in song during the Cantata, folks sitting in lawn chairs on a beautiful summer's day, worshipping God together on the 4th street lawn; observing faithful worship servants doing a myriad of vital ministry tasks ... from reading God's Word to serving the sacrament of Holy Communion; from changing altar cloths and handing out bulletins to giving a friendly greeting at the door and running the worship projection.

This is Trinity. This is who you are. Rejoice and be glad! You are a part of a strong and beautiful faith tradition. It is your inheritance. It is your strength. No one can take it from you. And although change is an almost overwhelming part of Trinity's journey at the moment ... do not lose courage. For "I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." Amen, let it be so!

Interim informational meetings

Pastor Erdmann will present two informational meetings regarding the Interim process in The Community Center on **Wednesday, May 15 from 7:15-7:45 p.m.** and **Sunday, May 19 from 9:45-10:15 a.m.** There will be an opportunity to ask questions and we hope this will provide a clear understanding of where Trinity is headed.

Children & Youth

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



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

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



The Banquet

Night with the Larks

FRIDAY, MAY 31

GATES OPEN: 6:35 PM | FIRST PITCH: 7:35 PM




PROMO CODE: **BANQUET**

PURCHASE ONLINE AT LARKSTICKETS.COM

TICKET OPTION




= \$20

(\$12 bleacher ticket) + (\$17 hat) + (\$90 minutes - All you can eat)

TICKETS & INFORMATION

EMAIL: KARA@LARKSBASEBALL.COM
 PHONE: (701) 595-7526
 TICKET PURCHASE DEADLINE: [May 8, 2019]

TICKET GOAL: 125

DAKOTA COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST FIELD AT BISMARCK MUNICIPAL BALLPARK

303 West Front Avenue | Bismarck, ND 58503

The Banquet is looking to sell 125 tickets for this fundraising event. Please support the banquet and come out to the larks game!

Jim Barnhardt , Mike Baltzer and I will be doing a temple talk on May 8 and May 12 for a question and answer session for the congregation. We are excited to tell you more about our upcoming plans for the Banquet!

For Updates on our pastoral transition

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

Stephen Ministry



What kind of person can benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister?

Someone who is "running on empty". Are you the person that family, friends, and even co-workers turn to when they need to talk about the challenges and concerns in their lives? Are you always on the listening end of these conversations, but find that others are seldom interested in hearing your concerns? Do others seem to think your life runs smoothly and you don't have worries? Do you find yourself sinking under the weight of the problems others have shared with you, and grieving that you can't give them more help? If so, you may need to recharge your physical, emotional, or spiritual batteries.

Sometimes the person others identify as a "caregiver" needs the opportunity to unload some of the weight he or she is carrying. Even the perennial caregiver can benefit from being a care recipient for a time, because everyone's life has challenges. A relationship with a Stephen Minister can give this caregiver the opportunity to talk about his or her concerns. The opportunity to receive care, even for a short time, may be just what this care-giving person needs to lighten the load, so that he or she can return to providing a listening ear and care to others.

Are you the unofficial caregiver among those you know? Do you need time apart from giving care, and a relationship with someone who listens to your concerns?

If you feel you could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, contact one of the Stephen Leaders (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner).

Beer and Hymns

Beer and Hymns will be held on Monday, May 6 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	

Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

March 2019

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 70,422.92	\$188,966.62
Expenses	\$ 58,128.91	\$185,484.10
Income less expenses	\$ 12,294.01	\$ 3,482.52

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Echos of Easter

Please join us for a celebration of music and song at Trinity on May 5, 2:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow. Free will offering to benefit Heart River Bridges of Hope and Ministry on the Margins.

Enjoy music by Central Dakota Children's Choir, McCabe Chancel Choir, Lord of Life Lutheran Church Choir, Strikepoint – Good Shepherd Lutheran, Sister Idelle Badt and Therese Kulas, First Pacific Islander Christian Church of North Dakota, NDTYY graduation song and video.

Refreshments to follow.

Trinity 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.

The class times have changed. 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, May 7, and Tuesday, May 14. 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.

Giving made easy

Have you ever considered giving your offering electronically? Electronic giving really helps the church manage cash flow and allows you to support our ministry even if you are away. You can easily set up an automatic bill pay function online through your own bank or sign up for electronic fund transfer through the church.

Trinity offers a very convenient program called Simply Giving. Getting started is very easy: simply get a form at the Welcome Center or the church office, fill it out and include a voided check, and bring it to the church office. That's all it takes. Stop by today a let us help you get started.

For more information or questions, please contact Julie Schaffner at 223.3560 or email her at: schaffner@trinitybismarck.com

Trust Fund Spotlight



Who gets the turkey platter?

Some of the biggest disagreements among family members seem to arise over who gets which possessions after a loved one dies. Often those disagreements focus on the simplest items, such as the cracked turkey platter that is no longer usable, but which occupied the center of the table for every Thanksgiving meal that anyone can remember.

Perhaps you don't need to make a decision about a turkey platter, but do you have plans for the distribution of your estate? If your plans include a bequest to Trinity, where do you want that bequest to go? If your intent is that the bequest be permanently invested in the Trust Fund where only the investment income is spent, the language in your will, insurance policy, or other part of your estate plan must state that Trinity's Trust Fund is to be the recipient. If the language states that the bequest is to "Trinity", it will not automatically go to the Trust Fund. It may be used for other worthy purposes, as determined by the church Council. If your intent is that the principal of the bequest be spent, rather than permanently invested, this should also be stated. This type of bequest will be placed in a dedicated account and used for the purposes you specified.

Estate planning can be a way to express what is important to you, and can also be a gift of love to your family. Make certain your wishes are carried out by (1) putting your wishes in writing, and (2) discussing your plans with your family and with those who will be responsible for carrying out your wishes. If you have questions about how the Trust Fund would fit into your plans, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, Susan Weiand, or Dan Welsh.

