

# 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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Forgiveness is at the top of the list when it comes to things preached. Jesus gave us example after example of forgiveness. But to us, it sometimes seems like more of a scandal than a healthy, necessary thing to do. Like more of a moral cease-fire that comes from the words, "I'm sorry."

When we are wronged, we can think of a hundred reasons not to forgive. *He needs to learn a lesson. I don't want to encourage irresponsible behavior. She needs to learn that actions have consequences.* I'm sure these all sound familiar. But think of this also.

Forgiveness alone can halt the cycle of blame and pain, breaking the chain of ungrace. In the New Testament, the most common Greek word for forgiveness literally means to release, to hurl away, to free yourself.

We must not forget, from the Gospel's account, forgiveness wasn't easy for God either. Remember when Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane and asked, "If it is possible, may this cup be taken from me," with sweat and blood rolling off his brow.

Yet finally in one of his last statements Jesus says, "Forgive them," all of them, the Roman soldiers, the religious leaders, his disciples, and those hanging next to him, and you and me. "Forgive them for they know not what they do."

Only by becoming a human could the Son of God truly say, "They do not know what they are doing." Having lived among us, he now understood.

Forgiveness may be hard, but it is the right thing to do. It is right for you, for the one who must be forgiven, and for God.

May God's blessing be with you.

Pastor Gary

## **Summer worship schedule**

We have one Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday worship continues at 6:30 p.m.

# Join us this summer!

## Trinity Lutheran Church

### NIGHT WITH THE LARKS

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

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

↑  
Firework  
Friday !!



**TICKET DEADLINE:**  
**JULY 12TH**

PURCHASE TICKETS DIRECTLY THROUGH GRACIA JOHNSON  
**PHONE: (701) 223 - 3560**  
**EMAIL: GJOHNSON@TRINITYBISMARCK.COM**

**TICKET OPTION**

  
(\$12 bleacher ticket)

+

  
(\$17 hat)

+

  
(\$0 minutes all you can eat food)

\$20

**DAKOTA COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST FIELD AT BISMARCK MUNICIPAL BALLPARK**

303 W FRONT AVENUE  
BISMARCK, ND

25% of every ticket sold goes back to Trinity Youth.  
*Come catch the show!!*






Have a motorcycle? Want to go for a ride with church friends or meet some new people? Check the website or call the office to find out when Lutherans will next ride again! They go for a ride and eat supper together before coming home.

## Bible Journaling Pop-Up

Beginners to experienced Bible Journalers of all ages are welcome at our informal group. We'll have our tub of supplies available so if you're new to Bible journaling you can just come and try it out. We'll be meeting on Monday, June 17 at Boneshakers Coffee (1501 Mapleton Ave) in their meeting room. Come and go as you are able from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. If you are interested but the day and time don't work please let Gracia know! Questions? Contact Gracia at [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com) or 223.3560.

# Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—[gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com).



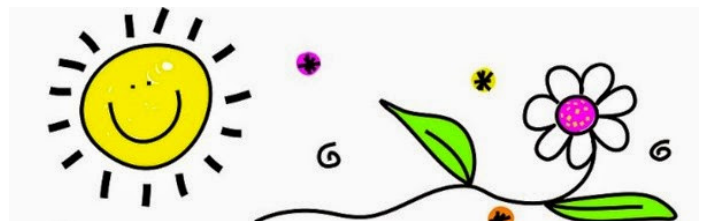
Check out Camp of the Cross's summer camps at [www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com)!

## Church School Registration

All are welcome to join us for Church School at Trinity! Our ministry is for children age 3 to grade 5. Must be 3 by August 1 to participate. Returning kids will simply be moved up a grade level. Please register new students or make any changes with Gracia Johnson at 223.3560 or [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com).

## Confirmation Registration

We invite all 6th & 7th graders to join us for Confirmation in the fall. Trinity has decided to move forward with changing the ages of confirmation to 6th - 8th grade. If you have any questions see Gracia. Please register incoming 6th & 7th graders with Gracia Johnson at 223.3560 or [gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com).



# The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com

Banquet Director



Healthy bodies and minds require nutritious meals at every age. But when people don't have enough food or have to choose inexpensive foods with low-nutritional value, it can seriously impact their health. And once the cycle of poor diet and poor health begins, it can be hard to break.

Simply put, hunger's toll can be life-altering.

When someone is sick, having to choose between food and treatment can lead to serious complications. For example, for food-insecure adults living with diabetes, the choice between food and controlling the disease can even lead to complications like kidney disease, eye disease and nerve damage.

- Food insecurity can lead to Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease and obesity.
- Children at risk of hunger are more likely to be in poor health and struggle in school.

Family members in food-insecure households are also more likely to struggle with psychological and behavioral health issues. And kids struggling to get enough to eat are more likely to have problems in school and other social situations.

Food insecurity is a big health issue. That's why we are working to introduce a Food Truck to low-income neighborhoods. That's why we have the food giveaway tables at The Banquet during meals. Thanks to the new Cash Wise North and Great Plains Food Bank, we have been able to distribute much food that otherwise would have gone to waste. We also work to ensure each meal is well balanced serving each one of the 4 food groups.

The battle against food insecurity is constant but we believe the low income, especially our children and seniors are worth the fight.

Want to join me in the fight against hunger? Give me a call at 701-202-4749 if you would like to join the fight by sponsoring a meal.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in the fall!

# Stephen Ministry



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

A man like Adam. Life couldn't have been any better – and then, everything changed. Adam lost his job, his home, and his close (perhaps even face-to-face) relationship with God. He had to start over somewhere outside the Garden of Eden. What thoughts were running through his mind? Did he feel alone in the muddle his life had become? Did he wonder "Where is God when I need Him?"

The Bible tells us God was still present in Adam's life. Genesis 3:20 records that, before God sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden, "He made for them garments of skin and clothed them". Imagine that! Adam and Eve went out into a world less kind than the Garden of Eden, but they wore clothes personally tailored for them by a God who still cared about them and provided some physical protection for them!

When life changes drastically, it's often difficult to recognize that we are not alone. It can be helpful to talk to someone (a Stephen Minister, perhaps) who can help us identify the ways God is still present and caring for us. These ways may be very different from the care we previously received, but it may be just what we need right now.

Would it be helpful to talk about your life situation with someone who can help you see where and how God is present with you? If you feel you could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, contact one of the Stephen Leaders (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner).

**Trinity's Call Committee**

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

## For Updates on our pastoral transition

See "Pastoral Transition Updates" on our website: [www.trinitybismarck.com](http://www.trinitybismarck.com)

## Your gifts

Julie Schaffner – schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

<u>April 2019</u>	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Year-to-date Actual</u>
Income	\$ 69,775.03	\$258,741.65
Expenses	\$ 56,192.48	\$241,676.58
Income less expenses	<u>\$ 13,582.55</u>	<u>\$ 17,065.07</u>

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## Welcome new members!

We welcome the following members who joined Trinity on Sunday, May 19:

Amber Carlson  
Danielle Lucier  
Dean and Deb Morast  
Lauren and Kathy Tandberg

## Rummage Sale

Thank you to all who worked the Rummage Sale and to those who donated items. It was a big success! They raised \$3,328!

## Summer worship schedule

We have one Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months.

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## 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 information or questions please contact Julie Schaffner 223.3560 or [schaffner@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:schaffner@trinitybismarck.com).

## Beer and Hymns

There will be no Beer and Hymns this summer as Pastor Jon is on Sabbatical. See you in the fall!

**For those of you** who enjoy looking for mistakes in the newsletter, we aim to pleeze!



## Trust Fund Spotlight



### Let's Go Camping!

Mission trips, the ELCA Youth Gathering, and Bible Camp are important faith formation experiences for many young people. We are fortunate to have a Bible Camp, the Camp of the Cross, close enough to Bismarck for many of our children and youth to participate. It's true, however, that costs for camping have risen, and may be just a little more than some families can handle. Because of Trinity's Trust Fund we are able to address this issue.

The Trust Fund Committee considered camper scholarships at their May meeting. Last year, the Trust Fund awarded \$3,000 towards camp scholarships to enable many Trinity youth the opportunity to enjoy this experience. Every child of God should be able to experience the meaningful relationship afforded by this event. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for theirs is the Kingdom of God." Who can argue with Jesus?

Perhaps you had faith formation or faith-growing experiences that you would like to make available to others. Your gift or bequest to the Trust Fund, or your gift to the ND Tax Credit Endowment Fund, can provide income that could be used for future faith-building opportunities for many different age groups. If you have questions about contributing to the Trust Fund or the Endowment Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Bjornson, Dan Welsh, Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiand.

## Pastoral ministry

### Baptism

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### Funerals

Albert Schadler; Jenell Oberlander

## Have you moved?

If you have recently moved, we would appreciate having you update your new address and/or phone number. It helps us to keep our records current. Thank you!