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

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Greetings in Christ's name!

At the end of this month I will begin serving as your pastor, something I have been anticipating since accepting your call in October. I wonder what God has in store for us? Where are we being called? What ministry awaits? These questions are not mine to answer alone – they are questions we will engage together. In the coming months I hope to have an opportunity to sit and listen to you. To hear from you the history of Trinity, what is essential for Christ centered ministry in this congregation, what your hopes and fears are.

It seems appropriate to me that we begin our ministry together in the season of Lent. In the ancient church Lent was a time of instruction. New believers were catechized or taught about faith in Christ. Then on Easter they were baptized, welcomed into the family.

This Lent we will gather around the theme – “I believe...” I invite you to join us as we dive deeply into what it means to confess that we believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Hmmm, sounds like a very trinitarian worship for members of Trinity Lutheran. Our Lenten gatherings will not be some heady exercise – instead we will ground our study in daily life. At the core of our time together we will ponder what it means to confess “I believe...” in our ordinary, day to day activities. Come and join us. I can't wait to get to know you better – to worship with you – to ponder living faithfully together. God Bless.

Pastor Mark

Lenten Worship

Feb 26: Ash Wed., 12:15 (Comm. Center) & 6:30 — “We’re Not Getting Out of this Alive” Honesty in Ashes
Chili/Soup Cook-Off and Silent Auction at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall — Welcome Pastor Mark Narum!

Mar 4: Lent 1, 12:15 & 6:30 — I Believe: God the Father – Author of Creation
Noon menu: Chicken and Wild Rice soup (**Begin serving at 11:45**) Evening menu: (**5:15-6:15**)Tacos, Taco in a bag

Mar 11: Lent 2, 12:15 & 6:30 — I Believe: Jesus – Humbled before the Lord of life
Noon menu: Creamy Potato and Bacon soup Evening menu: Sloppy Joes

Mar. 18: Lent 3, 12:15 & 6:30 — I Believe: Jesus - Purchased me for a Price
Noon menu: Chicken Noodle soup Evening menu: Pasta Bar

Mar. 25: Lent 4, 12:15 & 6:30 — I Believe: The Holy Spirit Calls, Gathers, Enlightens
Noon menu: Chicken and Wild rice soup Evening menu: Brats, Hot Dogs, Chili Dogs

Apr. 1: Lent 5, 12:15 & 6:30 — I Believe: Holy Spirit and the Community of Saints
Noon Menu: Creamy Potato and Bacon, and Chicken Noodle soup Evening menu: Baked Potato Bar

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for February 23, 2020, immediately following the 10:30 worship service. The later date allows Trinity to be able to include the financials for Trinity's Trust Fund.

The Council will present a budget and a slate of nominees for the elected leadership positions. The choices made at this meeting chart Trinity's direction for 2020. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Nominees for 2020

President: Cindi Offerman

1st Vice President: Mike Hanson

2nd Vice President: Jody Link

Council: Matt McMerty, Troy Zander, Dean Morast

Nominating Committee: Beth Campbell, Wilbur Lippert, Kari Schoenhard, Kyle Gebhardt, Chris Berglund

Audit Committee: Rick Bucholz

Trust Fund Committee: Susan Ronning

Convention Delegates: Mike and Renae Baltzer

We welcome Trinity's new head custodian, Loren Dally



Loren grew up on a farm near Raleigh, ND. He worked as a diesel mechanic for 45 years, retiring in 2017.

Loren's hobbies include fishing, camping, hunting and gardening.

He has 4 children and 9 grandchildren.

Welcome to Trinity Loren!

Trust Fund scholarship available

Scholarship applications are available in the church office, or on our website in the youth and children section, and must be turned in by March 30.

Any graduating high school senior or post-secondary student who is a Trinity member, is eligible to be considered to receive a scholarship for post-high school education.

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. If interested in sponsoring flowers please call Jan in the church office. Cost is \$50.

Happy Valentine's Day

Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com

Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator

Join us!

Soup Cook-Off & Silent Auction
Wednesday, February 26, 5:15 p.m.
A fundraiser for Trinity Youth.

Vacation Bible School!

June 1-4, 2020

6-8 p.m.

Age 4 to Grade 5

Register today!



Join us for Rocky Railway VBS this summer where kids will discover that Jesus' power pulls us through! 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!

Broom Ball!

Sunday, February 9 from 2 – 3 p.m. at Tatley Ice Rink (602 Airport Rd). Kids and adults are welcome to join us for some Broom Ball! No skates needed. Broom ball is played with street shoes or boots. Dress warm!

Camperships

Because we believe in the value of Christian Camping, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of \$150 to anyone enrolled in Trinity programs wishing to attend Bible Camp. If you require additional financial assistance to attend camp, please let us know. 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.

Check out all the happenings!

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The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com
Banquet Director



Record breaking year!

The Banquet had a record breaking year! We served 37,165 guests, 7,931 take out boxes and had 2,704 volunteers. Many thanks to all of the sponsors and volunteers who keep the Banquet growing.

Adopt-A-Block



Adopt-A-Block food distribution continues to do well. During the months of October through December, over 70,000 pounds of grocery products were distributed through the truck.

Numbers served from June 19th through December 31st:

Households: 893
Adults: 1,407
Seniors age 60 and up: 234
Children 17 and under: 1,362

Some of the people counted above came just once, while others came sporadically each week. If we multiply the number of people in each household by the number of times they have visited the truck, we come up with a total of 10,941 served since the June 19th launch of Adopt-A-Block.

Pastoral ministry

Baptisms

Caroline Christine Forster, daughter of Sean & Breanna Forster
Haley Marie Dockter, daughter of Cristie & Justin Dockter
Jaden John Dockter, son of Cristie & Justin Dockter

Funeral

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Stephen Ministry



What difference will it make?

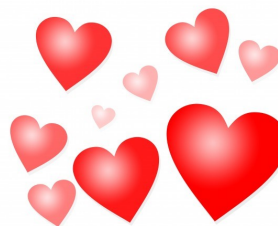
Whatever happens in your life -- good, bad, or somewhere in-between -- will affect you in some way. You were half of a couple -- and now you're not; your value was defined by the work you did or the title you held, and the work or title no longer applies; an injury means you can't do something you once enjoyed; you looked forward to a less hectic life, but now you're looking for a reason to get up in the morning.

Life doesn't have a "reverse" button, so change means you are challenged to:

- Acknowledge what happened and how it affects you;
- Accept that you are not the same "you" that you were before;
- Begin learning how to be a "you" that is different in some way.

It can be helpful to discuss these challenges with someone. This is where a Stephen Minister might enter the picture. Your Stephen Minister can listen, ask questions, re-state what you said (but in different words). Hearing your thoughts come out of someone else's mouth might help you clarify what you are thinking. You are still in charge of deciding your next steps, but your Stephen Minister can be part of your support system as you work through the process. Even the good things in life can require change, and change is often easier when we don't walk alone.

Are you at a point in your life where some Christian support and encouragement would be helpful in exploring where you are going after a change in your life circumstances? If so, contact one of the Stephen Leaders (Margaret Fiechtner, Karen Botine), or fill out the green Confidential Care Request card in the pew rack. If you know someone who is going through this type of situation, encourage them to consider a Stephen Minister's support.



Your gifts Julie Schaffner — Schaffner@trinitybismarck.com Financial Director

December 2019

The month of December had income of \$92,017.23 and expenses of \$57,258.90. Trinity ended 2019 with \$47,444.74 surplus income over expenses. The \$47,444.74 was transferred to Trinity's Contingency/Savings account in order to start 2020 fiscal year with new revenue and expenses.

2019 Year End Financials and 2020 Budget Report – Copies of the 2019 year-end financials and the proposed 2020 budget report will be available in the church office a week before the Annual Meeting.

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving 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. If interested, you may call the office for more information or complete a Simply Giving form and return to Julie Schaffner. The form is available in the office, at the Narthex desk or on Trinity's website.

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Special Christmas offering

The total amount received for our special Christmas offering for Charles Hall was \$3,048.24. Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor Narum's Installation

Pastor Mark Narum will be installed at Trinity on Sunday, March 1st. We will have one worship service that morning at 10:00.



A potluck will follow the service in Fellowship Hall. We are asking that you bring an item according to your last name. Rolls and beverages will be provided.

Casserole: A-L

Salad/Relish/Side: M-R

Dessert: S-Z

We are also asking everyone to bring 1 item for our Food Pantry. Immediate needs for the pantry are:

- Crackers (soda, club, Ritz)
- Tuna (foil packages)
- Fruit cups
- Breakfast/cereal bars
- Individual ravioli cups or macaroni & cheese
- Individual ramen noodle packages
- Individual soup cups
- Canned soup (flip tops)
- Gloves and caps are always appreciated

Funeral workers needed

If you are willing to help serve lunch occasionally, following a funeral, please call Jan in the church office at 223.3560.

Sermon podcasts available online

You can listen to podcasts of our pastor's sermon at our website—trinitybismarck.com. There is a link on the home page. Just click on it and enjoy. The sermons are posted the following Tuesday each week.

Trust Fund Spotlight



What's so good about a Trust Fund?

As specified in the Bylaws, both the Trust Fund and the North Dakota Tax Credit Endowment Fund exist to *enhance the work of Trinity by establishing new ministries and stewardship opportunities additional to and apart from the general operation of the congregation.*

Providing for the ongoing operation of Trinity, as reflected in the annual budget, is the responsibility of the current members and is met through the weekly, monthly or annual pledges and offerings. The income from the Trust and Endowment Funds enables Trinity to extend our reach beyond the limits of the annual budget, and perhaps go in directions we didn't know about in the past, or take on new projects that once existed only in dreams. It has also enabled us to address unexpected and unbudgeted situations quickly (remember the cost of snow removal a couple of winters ago?).

In 2019, almost \$43,000 was distributed in grants. Approximately one-third of that amount was used for college scholarships. As we move forward, what will be needed to support the growth in faith of our youth? the young adults? the growing families? the empty-nesters? the seniors? How will we reach out to those who are searching for something to give meaning to their lives? How can we link with other ministries to reach farther or make an even greater difference in the world around us? You can answer those questions, and the Trust and Endowment Funds can help.

If you would like to provide support now and in the future by making a gift to either the Trust Fund or the Endowment Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Hansen, Dwight Offerman, Dan Welsh or Susan Weiland.

Quilts for sale

Our Trinity Quilters have quilts for sale for \$50. If you are interested in purchasing a quilt, please contact the church office.

They also thank you for your continued support, whether it be fabric, bed sheets, or monetary donations.