

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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Jeremiah 17:7-8 NRSV

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

I am excited for March 19th to get here...the first day of spring. For me, I am ready for winter to be over long before Punxsutawney Phil makes his annual decree on winter's duration each February 2nd. I am anxious to put away the stuff of winter and hear the sounds of water gushing into the storm drains again. I look forward to the green of new grass and the smell of soft earth. As I speak of the seasons of nature, I lift up for you a thought - maybe this spring we could also try and 'go green with God'.

Why go green with God?

- God is involved in the ongoing creation of the universe and of our home, Earth.
- God creates and calls it good and dwells in the whole creation.
- God appoints humans to be hands-on caretakers of God's creation.
- Human life is dependent upon the health of the whole creation; we are Earth creatures.
- The Earth is under a great deal of stress due to our broken relationship with creation.
- Humans need to find a new way to live in harmony with the Earth in order for the Earth to heal and thrive.
- Caring for creation is a joy, a gift, and a responsibility. As Christians, we worship and act from a place of gratitude and vocation rather than fear or guilt.

As we contemplate our responsibilities as Christians who are called by God in the book of Genesis to be caretakers of the earth on God's behalf, let us look at our relationship with the earth as one of ongoing gratitude, wonder, and humility. Sometimes at night, I like to sit outside for awhile, and look up at the stars. In those times, this prayer comes to mind.

For the earth and the gift of good land, **we give thanks, O God.**

For the beauty of our winters, **we give thanks, O God.**

For the anticipation of a new growing season, **we give thanks, O God.** For those who work the land and those who bring us food; for the abundance of food and the opportunities to share, **we give thanks, O God.**

Give us grace to be patient in suffering and sensitive to the pain of others. Help us be caretakers of this planet earth so that we may realize your kingdom where we are. **Amen.**

Think spring!

Until next time, Pastor Lee

Trinity's new leaders — to be installed March 8 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Meet Trinity's new president, Cindi Offerman

Psalm 9:10 *"Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."*

As I have pondered over the past few days on what to write as my introduction on becoming the Council President of Trinity Lutheran Church, I kept coming back to this little but powerful saying: Give it to God and go to sleep. I knew eventually God would help me find the words that I would want to say to my church family. I knew that if I placed my trust in Him, He would guide me to these very words.



I didn't always trust in God. In fact, I spent many years searching and trying to find myself when all along it was my trust in God that was missing. My first visit to Trinity was in April 2009 with my now husband, Dwight. I was nervous to visit such a large church. My nervousness quickly disappeared as I was introduced to so many members of the congregation and realized that this church that I was visiting was warm and welcoming. Even to strangers. A few years later, I had found my home and became a member of Trinity in May 2013. Dwight and I attend Wednesday services, where you can usually find me hitting the space bar for the projection system. (I think I have found my true calling). I am also a Stephen Minister. I love the experiences that I have been able to have with others and providing comfort and reassurance during troubling times. I have also been involved in other opportunities with the church such as; helping with the Banquet, scheduling sessions for church pictures, helping with the projection system and being a member of the church Council for the past 4 years. I guess you can say that I have found my trust in God.

As we start a new year and welcome Pastor Mark Narum into our church family, one word keeps popping up in my mind. Stewardship. We all need to become good stewards of God, to our community and to each other. Keeping that warm and welcoming feeling that I continue to experience here at Trinity is so important. Reaching out to others to say "Hi, how are you?" may just be the kindness the other person needs to hear that day. You can make a difference!

I look forward to working with a fantastic leadership team, the congregation and YOU! So, if you see someone from the Council, don't be afraid to say hello and ask questions. We are here to serve you and the congregation. We will continue to carry out Trinity's mission of WELCOME, EQUIP and SEND. I am excited to see what the future brings to Trinity.

Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com

Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator

Support Trinity Youth!

Join us for Lenten Suppers
on Wednesdays in March!

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, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Hillside Ice Rink for grades 6-12. No skates needed. Broom ball is played with street shoes or boots. We will be playing with youth from other Lutheran churches. Bring a friend and join us!

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



Sustaining The Banquet

Your financial support sustains The Banquet ministry. Your tax-deductible gifts allow this ministry to continue to serve the 45,000 meals we served in 2019. As a nonprofit 501c3 organization, The Banquet relies solely on private donations of materials and cash to pay for food and equipment, staffing and building costs. Your gifts allow us to continue to help the hundreds of guests who pass through these doors every year. We cannot serve hungry families without the support of local businesses, churches and individuals.

Making a financial gift to The Banquet feeding ministry is a wonderful way to honor the memory of friends or family who have passed away. Envelopes are located in the pew racks or Welcome Center.

Please consider a financial gift or sponsorship to support this ministry. The Banquet does not receive any city, county, state, or federal funding.

Volunteer groups are coming up with more creative ways to cover the cost of serving a meal. A meal can be as little as \$350 or as much as \$1,000 depending on the meal and the menu.

Some people see those numbers and think, "I could never serve a meal at The Banquet because I don't have that much money." We will never turn away volunteer groups that cannot cover the full cost of the meal. Our mission is to connect volunteers with guests for food and fellowship. For sponsorship information contact: Marion Kiefer, Director of Marketing, 391-0376.

Pastoral ministry

Wedding

Sydney Sweep and William Bauman

Baptism

Violet June Baker, daughter of Anna and Brandon Baker

Funeral

David Funston

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.

Stephen Ministry



Celebrate the small steps...

When change enters a person's life, it always seems to bring a "to-do" list with it. Whether the change is welcome or not, expected or a surprise, it usually calls for some type of action (or even many actions). If the change is anticipated, it may be possible to spread the "to-do" items out over days or weeks, but sometimes it seems every item on the list is calling out "Me First!"

When you are overwhelmed by a to-do list, it can be difficult to see whether you are making progress. When you can't see progress, generating energy to work on the "must do" items becomes harder. As you share your feelings of being overwhelmed with your Stephen Minister, he or she may point out what you have actually accomplished, and encourage you to celebrate every time you can cross an item off your list.

You don't get a clear picture of what's happening when you are in the middle of the muddle. Someone who views your situation from outside (your Stephen Minister, for example) may be better able to identify where you have been and where you are now, so that you can also recognize you've begun working your way down the to-do list. Celebrate these first steps! The celebration can give you energy to tackle the next item on the list.

Are you discouraged by all that must be accomplished as a result of change in your life? Would it help you to get an "outside" perspective that includes Christian support and encouragement? 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. You can also help someone who is going through this type of situation by encouraging them to consider a Stephen Minister's support.

RUMMAGE SALE NOTICE

Due to lack of storage, we are no longer collecting rummage items until close to the week of our sale which is May 8 & 9. Items may be brought to the Community Center starting April 29. Thank you for your cooperation!

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

January 2020

	Month Actual
Income	\$74,176.23
Expenses	\$65,240.29
Income less expenses	\$ 8,935.94

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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Artists celebrating Christ to be held at Trinity

Mark your calendars for the Artists Celebrating Christ Art Show to be held here at Trinity Lutheran Church March 27-29, 2020.

This year's event will include visual and liturgical art from across the nation, student art and classes, unique Saturday art workshops for families and adults, Artist Reception, Silent Auction, Art Demonstrations, Performing Artists throughout the show, and Art Vendors.

Find more information, volunteer to help and register for Saturday Workshops at accartshow.com.



Newsletter mailing

We will no longer be mailing the newsletter to every home. If you would like it emailed to you, please call the church office. It is also available on our website and in the Narthex. If you are not able to view it that way, and would like a copy mailed to you, please notify the church office.

Trust Fund Spotlight



It's Scholarship Application Time!

The first scholarship on record was awarded in 1992, and scholarships have been given to sons and daughters of Trinity every year since then. One hundred fifty-seven (157) scholarships, totaling \$76,100 have been awarded, all as a result of past gifts to the Trust Fund.

Why does the Trust Fund include scholarships? Some givers have specified this use for their gifts, but it's also a way that Trinity can continue the investment we have been making in the faith journey of our young members. Recipients of the scholarships have had many faith-development experiences – church school, confirmation instruction, Bible camp, annual service trips and attendance at National Youth Gatherings. The scholarships we award are a way to encourage students to continue their faith journey during the first steps away from their home congregation.

Application forms are available in the church office or on Trinity's web site (www.trinitybismarck.com). Instructions may have changed from previous years, so please read all directions carefully. **Scholarship applications are due in the church office by March 30.**

If you have questions about scholarships or anything related to the Trust Fund and Endowment Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Susan Weiand, Dwight Offerman, Dick Hansen, Dan Welsh or Susan Ronning.

Lenten Worship

Noon lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. and the evening meal from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Mar 4: Lent 1, 12:15 & 6:30 — I Believe: God the Father – Author of Creation

Noon menu: Chicken and Wild Rice soup Evening menu: 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