

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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For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

I have always been a planner. I come by it naturally. Working in television news for almost 15 years there was always a hard deadline – the newscast did not wait for you if you were not ready. I was blessed by a call to a wonderful four-point parish but to keep up with the multiple worship services, various boards and committees took lots of planning. My years of work in the synod office meant lots of planning. Organizing events like synod assembly or educational opportunities meant lots of time in front of a white board drawing plans.

We are living in a time of incredible change brought on by an unseen force, a tiny virus. This virus has forced us to reconfigure everything we do. Our lives are totally different. Most people shop differently, live differently (how many more times a day are you washing your hands compared to several months ago.) Most of us are limiting our trips out into public. Life has changed.

Our worship life has changed. Our faith lives have changed. Now the question is, “How do we plan for the future? For an unknowable future?” We do not know what the future holds. Will the virus subside? How soon will a vaccine be released? Will this threat go away? In the midst of all of the questions this is a certain – our future involves God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who by the power of the Holy Spirit continues to be with us.

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God having a plan for a future of hope. Our hope is grounded in the death and resurrection of Jesus. No matter what happens to us we are safe in God’s hands for Jesus sake. In your baptism you were connected to the Risen One.

With that promise in hand we make plans for the future. Actually, we are making multiple plans so that ministry in Jesus name will continue through Trinity Lutheran regardless of what happens with this virus. There is work to do in Jesus name. We have been called to do it. May we have the vision to see where God’s plan is leading.

Pastor Mark

In Person Worship Returns in June

Come worship with Trinity, outdoors beginning Wednesday, June 3th. Worship will happen in the "Peace Chapel" area on the East side of our building. In making the decision council accepted the following recommendations from Trinity's Safe Opening Task Force:

- That this summer (June-August) Trinity provide face to face worship on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings outdoors at the Peace Chapel. (only outside.)
- Have Everybody bring their own chairs or blankets.
- Have Staff provide some sort of marking of the area showing 36 square foot spaces.
- No sharing of the Peace – No shaking hands with Greeters – No Offering Plates passed.
- Encourage people to wear masks in accordance with CDC guidelines – understanding that some people can't wear a mask, there will be no shaming of those who don't.
- Sunday morning 8:30 worship continues for the sake of Radio and Live Streaming but continues to be a "closed service" with only those present who are needed for the sake of broadcasting/streaming the service.
- Even in inclement weather services will be outside only.
- Restrooms will be available inside the church but access within the church will be restricted.
- Prior to Face to Face worship we use all communication resources available to us to teach safe distancing as well as, the How's and Why's of what we will and will not be doing at worship.
- Prior to Face to Face worship we will need to train all worship teams such as greeters/ushers. The first two weeks of outdoor worship we do not do communion – just to get used to this new routine of worship. When we do begin communion at first it will be through the sharing of the bread/body of Christ only (communion in one kind.)
- That the HVAC System is assessed, especially in the sanctuary to ensure that fresh air is being introduced at safe levels.

The Safe Opening Task Force spent significant time talking about safety protocols for indoor worship. We will wait until later this summer to share those recommendations.

Worshipping Safely...

It would be tragic if our worship services became a place where COVID-19 was spread. With that in mind here are reminders to keep you safe.

-If you do not feel comfortable being in public that is alright. Staying home is a fine option. We will continue to provide the 8:30 worship service on 1270AM as well as Facebook Live Stream. You do not need to feel guilty if you choose to worship from home.

-If you are sick stay home, that is a powerful way to love your neighbor.

-If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus in the 14 day please stay home.

If you do come and worship, please:

-Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap. It is the best way to stop the spread of the virus. If that is not possible use hand sanitizer.

-Don't touch your face.

-Wearing a mask protects your neighbor, not you. Be a good neighbor and wear a mask for the sake of others.

-If you touch your mask, you contaminate your hands, so wash them or use hand sanitizer.

-Keep 6 feet apart.

Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com

Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator

Vacation Bible School!

August 3-5 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!

PLEASE NOTE: Watch our website and your emails for updated information as we make decisions about VBS after July 4.

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.

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EPHESIANS 3:19: "GOD
I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is."

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The Banquet

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Banquet Director



Even with not being able to serve hot meals and share in the community The Banquet offers, great things are still happening at The Banquet!

Average number of to-go meals served each week in April: 650

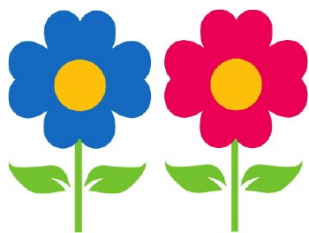
Adopt-a-Block Grocery Distribution continues to go well. Our expansion to serving 6 days a week has boosted serving numbers to 300-400 households per week. Since October 1, Adopt-a-Block has distributed over 200,000 pounds of food and served over 1,700 individual households including about 6,000 people! Some come every week, some when they need a little help and some households have only come once.

Adopt-a-Block has purchased a walk-in freezer that is being set up at River of Hope in northeast Bismarck. Karla/The Banquet can store frozen product in the walk-in. Doing so will allow Karla to take advantage of free meat product from Great Plains Food Bank or perhaps other entities who may wish to donate frozen product to The Banquet.

Even though things are in a holding pattern, The Banquet is feeding lots of people and doing our part to get through the coronavirus pandemic.

Please note:

As the Banquet continues to grow towards independence, beginning May 1, we will be administrating all of our financial deposits and providing a year-end tax donation statement to all donors. Trinity members **will not** see donations made to the Banquet after May 1 on their Trinity Contribution Statement. For questions please call Karla or Julie at 223.3560.



Stephen Ministry



Smize!

How often do you use your face to communicate your thoughts or feelings without using words? What happens to that non-verbal message when half of your face is covered by a mask? In a term borrowed from the fashion industry – you can still *smize*, or smile with your eyes.

You can shape your mouth into a smile even when you don't feel "smiley", but it seems that a smize has to come from inside you, from positive thoughts or feelings. What can you rejoice about during a stressful time? Look for the little things – having windows open, the sound of geese flying overhead in the early morning, the joy of seeing faces other than the ones that share your house, the convenience of shopping hours just for your age group, discovering that there is still a choice at the meat counter (even if it's more limited than usual). When your mind and your heart have found things to rejoice about, your feelings will sparkle in your eyes, and you can smize at the people you encounter. That smize might be the best thing that happens to them today, too.

But if life is weighing a little heavily on you right now, consider whether it would be helpful to talk with someone about your feelings, a family member, a trusted friend, or a Stephen Minister. Yes, we are all experiencing the same events, but each of us may be affected differently.

If you wonder how Stephen Ministry might help you or someone you know, contact one of the Stephen Leaders (Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner) for more information.



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

April 2020

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$65,031.08	\$257,065.89
Expenses	\$53,227.25	\$238,491.26
Income less expenses	\$11,803.83	\$18,574.63

Electronic Giving – During this unprecedented time, Trinity continues to provide support and ministries for its members and those non-members seeking guidance, food and spiritual direction. We thank all those who have joined in this mission by providing financial support. Now we ask for your continued financial support. On Trinity's website www.trinitybismarck.com, we have updated and simplified different ways to give electronically. The DONATE button allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation, donate using PayPal or credit card. If you have questions or need assistance with electronic giving, please feel free to call Julie Schaffner. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

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Join us Online! Our Schedule

Videos will be posted on our Facebook page and at trinitybismarck.com under 'Media – Trinity YouTube'.

- Thoughts of a Prairie Pastor Monday at 10 a.m.
- Congregational Updates Tuesday at noon (if necessary)
- Church School Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- Congregational Updates Friday (if necessary)
- Bible Study Saturday with Pastor Brian Knutson of St Luke, Wishek
- Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. (edited version)

Sunday 8:30 a.m. – Radio Broadcast – join us on 1270 Super Talk or the 'listen live' link on this website.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. – Live Stream on our Facebook page. Bulletins are posted on the website.

We are happy to partner with St. Luke in Wishek & Grace Lutheran in Driscoll.

Trust Fund Spotlight



SEND...

The Trust Fund and the Endowment Fund were created "to enhance the work of the Church...". These Funds are a way in which Trinity carries out its mission to Welcome, Equip, and Send. Once we have Welcomed people to Trinity and Equipped them with a vital, living faith, how do we SEND them out to serve in Jesus' name?

"Go in Peace. Serve the Lord." At the close of each worship service, these words remind us that as we all have been Welcomed, and Equipped, we are SENT into whatever ministry God has called us to. (In fact, some churches have signs at the building or parking lot exits to remind worshippers that, as they leave, they are entering the mission field.) Sometimes the SENDING part of our mission does involve financial support. The Trust Fund gave financial support to Jen Dunn when she was accepted into the Young Adults in Global Mission and spent a year of service and faith building in Uruguay. Trust/Endowment support is sometimes requested when Trinity SENDS our youth on their summer mission trips.

If you have questions about how you can be part of Trinity's mission to WELCOME, EQUIP, or SEND through a gift or bequest to Trinity's Trust Fund or Endowment Fund, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Richard Hansen, Dan Welsh, Susan Ronning, Dwight Offerman, or Susan Weiand.

Deaths

Lyle Schultz - Died May 11. Graveside service was held. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Gifts and Memorials

In memory of **Ella Naves** by Sherwin and Cathy Nelson (Altar Guild)

In memory of **Lyle Schultz** by Audrey Solheim (Trust Fund); Julie Roe (Trust Fund); Bob and Susan Wefald (Memorial Fund); Julius and Patricia Lorz (Memorial Fund)

In memory of **Ida Deppert** by Wayne and Joann Otterness (Banquet)

In honor of **Duane Fredricks 90th birthday** by Jean Fredricks (Trust Fund)

Prayer list

Prayer is an essential part of our faith life. As part of the body of Christ we are called to pray for others who are sick, hurting or in need of healing. With this in mind, we will be adding a prayer list to our bulletin. Names will be added only with the permission of the person being prayed for or an immediate family member. If you would like your name added to the list please let Jan or one of the pastors know. Please pray for: Elin Hoechst, Mike Hanson, Muriel Lippert, Mike Baltzer.

Check out all the happenings!

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