

# 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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<sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Revelation 21:5-6a

Happy New Year All!

I will be honest – I have never really been one to make New Year's Resolutions. New Year's Eve has never been a huge celebration for Jan and me. More often than not, I am in bed New Year's Eve long before midnight. Maybe I am just a party pooper. Maybe this year will be different. I am beginning to wonder about what this New Year will bring, with its promise of a vaccine, which will allow some of the rhythms of life to return. The questions I am pondering these days have to do with our lives together as a gathered community of Christ. We have been forced to operate in very different ways these last 10 months. What newly-formed habits will we keep? Which will we discard? What "new things" will we try? As we emerge from this virus induced life of caution and care, who do we want to be? What is it that God calls us to?

I have lots of questions these day as I ponder a New Year. I hope you might add some questions of your own. I invite you to share them with staff and with other members of the congregation. Just as important as asking the questions is a process of praying around the questions, asking God through the power of the Holy Spirit to see as God sees. Trying to listen to where God wants us to go in the coming months and how God would have us shape our ministry.

Many people steer clear of the book of Revelation. I am not sure why but I can tell you this, for me Revelation is a book of incredible hope. As you read through its wild visions and fiery language you begin to see a pattern. Again and again God intercedes providing powerful visions of hope through the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

This is God's world. God has a desire that all should come to know God's Son and find life through him. In the coming months, please join me in prayer. Simple prayer for God's guidance, God's sustenance and God's leading us into our neighborhood and community serving in Jesus name.

Pastor Mark

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Trinity's Annual meeting is set for February 28 immediately following the 10:30 worship service. A couple of very important items of business will come before this meeting including:

- voting on updating our constitution, bylaws and continuing resolutions.
- voting on significant renovations and repairs to the sanctuary heating and cooling systems, the thermostatic controls for the building, windows for the 1950's educational addition, roof repairs, some light fixture replacements and a couple of other items.

To help members of the congregation understand both of these significant items, informational meetings will be held after the 8:30 worship on Sundays and the 6:00 worship on Wednesdays beginning January 24<sup>th</sup>. These meetings will be used to explain what is going on, to gather your questions and help members be prepared for the annual meeting.

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As we approach the annual meeting it is important to understand who is a voting member of the congregation. This is the language from our current constitution:

- 8.02 b. Confirmed members are baptized persons who have been confirmed in this congregation, those who have been received by adult baptism or by transfer as confirmed members from other Lutheran congregations, or baptized persons received by affirmation of faith.
- c. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members shall have communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding year.

This month we will publish a list of voting members. You are welcome to stop in the church office to ensure your name is on the list. We know that we have people who are members who contribute cash. To fulfill the "made a contribution of record" all a person needs to do is once a year put their cash in an envelope with their name on the outside of the envelope.

# Congregational Relationships

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As we have been talking about Stewardship, I am brought to a verse in the book of Romans. Paul is talking about us being a living sacrifice to God. He writes in Romans 12:6-8 how we all have been given different gifts so we can do those things well. In verse 7 he says "If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well."

We want to give each one of you an opportunity to use the gifts God has given in the many ministry opportunities we have here at Trinity. As we serve or minister to others it emotionally and spiritually recharges us. It gives us a deeper meaning to life as a servant of Christ. It helps us to discover our purpose. I could tell you story after story of how serving/ministering has changed my life and so many others.

Take a moment and check out our Ministry Opportunities link on our website.



## Six Weeks on Money

Do your personal finances keep you up at night? Does talking about money make you cringe? Imagine what it would mean for the ministries of our church if we were able to tell stories of how we as God's people were thinking and feeling differently about money and personal finance! Take a positive outlook on saving, spending, and generosity!

Trinity Lutheran is participating in an ELCA pilot program on personal finance called "Six Weeks on Money." This is a six-week program that focuses on viewing money management and personal finance in a positive, faith-driven way. **It is:**

**BIBLICAL:** What Jesus says about money and God's abundance.

**ACCESSIBLE:** For all incomes, backgrounds, and situations.

**FLEXIBLE:** Non-judgmental and realistic approach to credit cards and home mortgages.

**HOLISTIC:** Neither "pro" or "anti" wealth. Focus on a healthy relationship with money by helping people align with core values.

This is an all-digital course with opportunities for several small discussion groups. The program will start on January 25th. Trinity is offering this program to families at a discounted rate with the understanding of participants providing feedback on the course experience. More information will be forthcoming as the course start date approaches. If you or someone you know is interested in taking this course, or if you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth! ([neuharth@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:neuharth@trinitybismarck.com)) as there is online registration.

# Children & Youth

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Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator



## Scavenger Hunt for ALL!

This January we're doing a fun photo scavenger hunt! We'll provide a list of specific places/things to take pictures of and instructions on where to email or text them to. The details will go out to our email list in mid-January. Open to people of all ages. We may even have some prizes!

## 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](http://www.campofthecross.com).

## Senior High Youth Group

For youth in grades 9-12. We meet at least 2 Wednesdays a month at 7:15 pm. See Gracia for more info!!

## Check out all the happenings!

[trinitybismarck.com](http://trinitybismarck.com)



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# The Banquet

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With this year coming to a close, I personally want to thank Trinity Lutheran for supporting The Banquet during these difficult times. Wishing you all good health and happiness in 2021.

Did you know that roughly 1 in 5 children in Bismarck/Mandan struggle with hunger? On the other end of the spectrum are seniors on fixed incomes.

Hunger is a big problem. It's a problem we see a solution for. You can be part of the solution. Sponsor a meal! The Banquet would not be possible without the support of volunteers and our generous sponsors. Meal menus include protein, starch, vegetable, fruit, bread, dessert and milk. We provide a well-balanced and nutritious meal at a great price. We ask our sponsors to allow their volunteers to prepare and serve the food as well as supply volunteers for other meal functions. If the sponsor is unable to supply the full amount of volunteers we will call our "Angel List" volunteers who are ready to serve as needed. Contact Banquet Marketing Director Mike Reiner for sponsorship information – 793-8394

## Meal Costs:

**Tuesday, Saturday or Sunday** - average cost \$625 - provides up to 250 meals!

**Thursday** - average cost \$1,250 - provides up to 500 meals!



## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who shared their Christmas baking with our homebound. Your generosity made it possible to really fill the 30 plates. Thank you also to those who delivered the plates. Your ministry is appreciated by many!

# Stephen Ministry



**Who are you now?  
Who will you be?**

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter are probably the most family-focused events of the year for most of us. We plan to travel "back home" or to welcome travelers into our homes, to put the extra leaves into the dining room table and set up the card tables for the kids, to prepare and eat the special foods that are only served at major family events, and to be totally exhausted when it's all over. But 2020 has been different, and it appears that much of 2021 will be the same. So... how is this "difference" affecting you? Are you the same person you were a year ago?

One of the things Stephen Ministers learn is that God can and does work change through the relationship with a care receiver, but they may be surprised to discover that change is not limited to the care receiver. The Stephen Minister may also experience change. During supervision sessions, Stephen Ministers are asked to reflect on what they are experiencing in their own lives as they give care to someone else. Some of the questions they consider could apply to each of us during the challenges of COVID-19. For example...

How are you stretching, growing, or changing because of the changes you have had to make in your life this year?

What insights are you gaining about yourself, about those closest to you, or about others in general because of the way you live or interact with others now?

What kinds of caring relationships have you experienced this year and how are these caring relationships affecting you?

In what ways has your relationship with God been challenged or changed because of current circumstances?

In his book, You'll Get Through This, Max Lucado reminds the reader, "It won't be painless. It won't be quick. But God will use this mess for good." What good may come out of our current experience? Will we be the same or different because of the experience? How is God working in each of us through this time?

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

<u>November 2020</u>	Month <u>Actual</u>	Year-to-date <u>Actual</u>
Income	\$ 65,987.85	\$707,030.68
Expenses	\$ 66,866.39	\$659,137.62
Income less expenses	\$ (878.54)	\$ 47,893.06

**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](http://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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## Our schedule

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. worship indoors open to the public.

- \* Social distancing will be in place using every other pew.
- \* We will strongly encourage all worshippers to wear masks while in the building.
- \* We will encourage all worshippers to leave immediately after worship—or move to their Connections Group or Sunday School gathering.
- \* There will be no fellowship.
- \* Pews will be sanitized after worship.
- \* At this time there will not be congregational singing inside.

### Wednesdays

5:15 p.m. meal offered weekly for worshippers.

6:00 p.m. worship indoors open to the public.

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

- Thoughts of a Prairie Pastor— Sunday at 7:30 a.m.
- Congregational Updates Friday (if necessary)
- Bible Study Saturday with Pastor Brian Knutson

Sunday 8:30 a.m. – Radio Broadcast – join us on 1270 Super Talk or the 'listen live' link on this website. You can also Live Stream on our Facebook page and YouTube. Bulletins are posted on the website.

We are happy to partner with Grace Lutheran in Driscoll.

## Pastoral Ministry

Wedding— Seshel Yri and Joseph Smith

Baptisms— Zoe Lynn Brunner

Deaths — Grant Eggers, Jim Kanthack, Phyllis Kindsvogel

## Gifts and Memorials

In memory of LeRoy Walker by Art and Cherie Merkel (Trust Fund); Tim and Kirsten McIntyre (Trust Fund); Marc and Margaret Fiechtner (Trust Fund); Gerald and Aileen Behm (Trust Fund); Rick and Jane Clayburgh (Trust Fund); Peter and Eileen Welk (Trust Fund); Daniel and Esther Sipes, Sr. (Trust Fund); JoAnn Schrenk (Trust Fund); Kenneth Charvat (Memorial Fund); Duane and Jean Fredricks (Trust Fund); Bob and Bonnie Johnson (Education Fund.)

In memory of Vera Hetland by Steve and Paula Schilling (Memorial Fund), Margaret and Carl Laib (Memorial Fund), Coliene Jacobsen (Memorial Fund); Dennis Schulz (Memorial Fund); Gene and Mary Van Eeckhout (Memorial Fund.)

In memory of Sarah Marchus by Scott Houser (Memorial Fund.)

In memory of Mag and Vi Lutness by Duane and Jean Fredricks (Trust Fund.)

## Trust Fund Spotlight



### Do You Have a Dream?

When the Trust Fund was established in 1987, its stated purpose was to enhance the work of the Church by establishing new ministries and stewardship opportunities additional to and apart from the general operation of the congregation. That is still the purpose of both the Trust Fund and the Endowment Fund, as stated in the current Bylaws (amended in 2014). As the principal of the two Funds has grown, the amount of income available for use has also grown. Some of that income is restricted to a specific use, but a large amount is unrestricted and can be used in a variety of ways, depending on what needs are identified.

During 2020, we have experienced the Covid 19 pandemic, which drastically impacted Trinity with no in person worship services, an expansion of our online presence and numerous other trials. Trinity is still strong, particularly with our Trust Fund. The Trust Fund has enabled us to use money to provide for an internship, maintain our physical setting, and continue the goals of the Church as a whole. However, as the pandemic fluctuates between new highs or desired lows, the needs of Trinity continue strong.

We need to consider the future of Trinity in our giving. Regular contributions to Trinity as well as commitments to fund the Trust are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

Do you have questions about the Trust Fund or Endowment Fund? Do you have ideas about how to use income from the Funds? Is a gift to either Fund somewhere in your plans or do you have questions about making a gift? If you answered yes to any of these questions, talk to a Trust Fund Committee member: Susan Weiand, Richard Hansen, Dan Welsh, Susan Ronning, or Dwight Offerman. Or you may direct questions to Pastor Mark, Council President Cindi Offerman or Julie Schaffner.

## 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 are 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 Evangeline Murschel, Clint Fuller, Donna Burns, Mike Hanson, LuAnn Hanson, Mike Baltzer, Melissa Lewis, Connie Kraft, David Oathout, Brenda Morgan, and Jackie Kitzen.