

# TRINITY TODAY

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

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*Isaiah 43:19a "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it?" NSRV*

This past Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, I saw my first sign of coming spring, a robin sitting on the railing of my deck when I got home from work. It is a yearly ritual to witness; I especially enjoy how robins can fill the air with the sounds of their singing. In thinking about last year's ritual arrival of robins, I do not even remember seeing them; I cannot remember the air being filled with the sound of their singing. Last spring Covid-19 had just announced its presence, and that got all our attention. I was so focused on the pandemic with its unknowns that I missed the robin's arrival completely.

My mom loved birds, especially robins. She always was on the look out to see that first sign of spring when winter was wearing out its welcome. When my mom passed away in September of 2013, we placed this poem in her funeral service folder as a tribute to her and her lifelong love of birds.

Fly away little bird  
Fly away to a better place  
Where you will soar through the sky  
In the wide open space  
Fly away to live out all your hopes and dreams  
Enter the real world  
Of wondrous things  
Through the dark clouds and over the rainbows  
Fly away to destinations unknown  
Fly away to discover yourself  
And embrace what you find  
Fly away to create  
An otherworldly kind  
A kind of yourself that you never knew  
Until you left house and flew  
Flew out with the air  
As your old life tears  
And reattaches itself  
To form a new being  
Fly away little bird Fly away

Anonymous

I find in that poem the resurrection. As you receive this month's newsletter, we are now in the season of Easter and spring...resurrection for people and the creation. This spring may your spirit soar in the power of Christ's resurrection at work in us and may you see a robin to remind you that God wants us to sing about the life we have together.

Until next time,  
Pastor Lee

# Congregational Relationships

Heather Baumann—baumann@trinitybismarck.com  
Congregational Relationships Coordinator

## Bible Study/Connect Group

*"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."* Proverbs 27:17

Monday nights at 6:30P.M. (Currently studying the life of Paul) in person room 212 or via Zoom.

(email [baumann@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:baumann@trinitybismarck.com) for the link).

**Sunday Mornings** at 9:45A.M. (Digging deeper into the week's Scripture Reading) in person Community Center.

## Ministry Opportunity

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* Acts 20:35b

We have so many ways for each one of us to give of our time and talents. You can find the link to the sign-up sheets on our website [trinitybismarck.com/teamtrinity](http://trinitybismarck.com/teamtrinity) – excited to have you join the team!

# The Banquet

Karla Eisenbeisz—karlabice@yahoo.com  
Banquet Director



## Dream Center — HELP for Today, HOPE for Tomorrow

Coming soon to 1805 Park Ave. in Bismarck. Their vision is to accept people where they are and connect them with community resources, creating HOPE and empowering them to rebuild and transform their lives.

Their mission is to connect people to a community of support by offering free resources and services that address immediate and long-term needs. Partner agencies and the Dream Center will work in many different areas including nutrition, employment, and health and dental as well as areas of poverty, addiction, abuse, and generational dysfunction. The Dream Center serves as a resource center focused on working together with others in our community to find creative solutions through community outreach programs.

Strategically located in the highest need area of Bismarck, Dream Center Bismarck will be easily accessible to many of the people they serve. The 24,000 square foot facility will house the following: The Banquet Dining Room (Trinity Hall), the Banquet Kitchen, Chapel, Multi-purpose Event Center, Meeting rooms for use by partner agencies, Community Food Pantry, Adopt-a-Block Warehouse.

## German Dinner

A German dinner will be served at Grace Lutheran Church in Driscoll on April 17 starting at 5:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. On the menu is assorted homemade German dishes and desserts. Cost will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and children age 3 and under are free. Take-out and dine-in are both available. All are welcome!

# Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com

Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator

## Summer Youth Trip—Let's Canoe!

FOR YOUTH ENTERING 8TH-12TH GRADE

August 1-6, 2021

We're keeping it local this year and canoeing down the Missouri River beginning at the Garrison Dam. They will spend the night at campgrounds along the way. This trip is led by Camp of the Cross. Space is limited! We have some fundraising and camper-funds available to help cover cost. See Gracia for details.

## 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).

# Holy Week Worship

**Palm Sunday, March 28 — 8:30 & 10:30**

"The Story Begins With A Parade"

**Wednesday, March 31—No Worship**

**Maundy Thursday, April 1 — 12:15 & 6:00 p.m.**

"A Mandate From Christ: Love And Remember"

Holy Communion

**Good Friday, April 2 — 12:15 p.m.**

"The Passion Story Is Told"

**Good Friday, April 2 — 6:00 p.m.**

"The Seven Last Words From the Cross"

**Easter Sunday, April 4 — 7:00 a.m.**

"Celebrating the Rising of the Son"

Holy Communion — Limited congregational masked singing!

Please make reservations—go to [trinitybismarck.com](http://trinitybismarck.com).

**Easter Sunday, April 4 — 8:30 & 10:30**

"Festival Celebration of the Resurrection"

Holy Communion — Limited congregational masked singing!

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# Musical Moments

Mary Lou Aune—aune@trinitybismarck.com  
Director of Worship and Music

"Christ is Risen -- Christ is Risen, Indeed!" As you read this, we are in the midst of Holy Week, so you may be wondering why these words when we've not yet made our pilgrimage to the cross and the tomb. For me, the promise of the resurrection has the power to shape our lives all year. We see resurrection in the changing of the seasons as life shifts to death in grass and tree and flower -- and then as what we see as dead comes back to life with the arrival of spring.

Trinity is musically entering the spring season. Covid has tried to overcome us, and surely has hindered us, but has not and will not defeat us. Working with the covid safety team, we've been in conversation about adding congregational song back into our worship. On Easter Sunday, we will resurrect (pun intended) raising our voices together as God's gathered people! We're starting small. We'll still have music leaders in the loft; they will sing the bulk of the music. But the congregation will be invited to participate in singing a verse of each of the hymns for the day. And as the time goes on, the congregation will be singing more and more.

On a different note (yes, another pun) as we enter this spring season, we're finding a great need to add to our various teams; singers, instrumentalists, sound technicians, video technicians are all needed -- and all will receive training! People of all ages and levels of ability are encouraged to get involved. Need more info? Call or email Mary Lou.

## Jan Sparrow to retire May 30

Jan has announced her plans to retire from her position as Office Manager at Trinity on May 30, 2021.

Jan stated, "my nearly 36 years of employment at Trinity have been incredible! I have truly loved my job and have been very honored and blessed to work with a dozen pastors and amazing staff. When I began my employment in 1985, we all shared one small computer. Just look how far we have come with our current technology! I have learned so much from my co-workers through the years and have developed many life-long friendships."

Mike Hanson, Council President, shared "Jan has been truly wonderful to work with during my time on council." He went on to say, "she is always pleasant and friendly, you can almost see her smile as she answers the phone."

Jan plans to keep Trinity as her church home and will always consider its members her church family. She will work part time during the month of May and her last day will be Sunday, May 30.

# Stephen Ministry



## Are we there yet?

That question has probably been heard from the back seat of any vehicle taking a family on a long trip. I recall one memorable road trip from North Dakota to southern California. As an adult traveler, I didn't ask that question, except as a joke. I had a map and could figure out for myself just how much progress we were making. Also, I was enjoying the time alone with my parents. Getting to "there" and visiting my siblings was just a bonus to the time on the road.

I suspect the "there yet" question has been included in many of the prayers lifted up by God's children, especially since we've reached -- and passed -- the one-year anniversary of dealing with COVID-19. For most of us, getting "there" probably means getting back to normal. But -- we would like to know when this will happen. We like specifics -- dates and times that can be written on our calendars or entered into our phones.

My Bible Concordance attaches several interesting adjectives to the word "time": acceptable time; appointed time; proper time; fullness of time. Nothing to tell us what to expect or when to expect it! Even so, Psalm 31:15 reminds us, "*My times are in your hand.*" We haven't been told when we will get to "there", but we are assured that God has been in control in the past, is in control now, and will be in control through the rest of the journey. Perhaps this is the time to look back over the past year and identify all the ways God has been active and in control in your life. What do you see???

## SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

This year will go to Designer Genes. Designer Genes' mission is to strengthen opportunities for individuals with Down syndrome and those who support them to earn, learn, and belong. The membership represents 260 individuals with Down syndrome that either live in communities across North Dakota or are represented by family members in the state. The organization provides statewide outreach to families whose baby receives a new diagnosis either before or after birth, direct member support around a wide range of topics, and provides education and advocacy around the needs of people with Down syndrome. Family connection events are held in the Bismarck-Mandan area, where Designer Genes is primarily located.

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

### February 2021

	Month Actual	Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$ 55,641.97	\$124,805.44
Expenses	\$ 67,437.04	\$139,821.50
Income less expenses	\$(11,795.07)	\$(15,016.06)

**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. Forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center, or on Trinity's website.

We have also updated and simplified our website [www.trinitybismarck.com](http://www.trinitybismarck.com) in aiding you to give towards Trinity's Capital Campaign. The DONATE button allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation 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 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.

### 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 Wednesday (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

**Baptisms:** Hazel Ruth Bobb; Scarlet Rose Schwantes

**Memorial Service:** Diana Stockert

**Deaths:** Melvina Rogers; Sylvia Watson

**Committal & Interment Service:** Jim Kanthack

## Gifts and Memorials

**In memory of Ed Hendricks**, his parents, Will and Kate Hendricks, his siblings, who have passed, and her parents, Adam and Eva Hartinger, by Mona Hendricks (Trust Fund)

**In memory of Amy Wisness** by Art and Cherie Merkel (Trust Fund); Bob and Bonnie Johnson (Trust Fund); Ken and Linda Evenson (Memorial Fund)

**In memory of Jerry Hegel** by Ken and Linda Evenson (Memorial Fund)

**In memory of Joan Jensen** by Ken and Linda Evenson (Memorial Fund); Bob and Bonnie Johnson (Memorial Fund); Harley and Margaret Swenson (Memorial Fund)

**In memory of Robert Nelson** by Bob and Jan Baumann (Food Pantry)

## 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 may be considering camper scholarships at their May meeting. In past years, the Trust Fund has contributed to camper scholarships to offer more children the opportunity to go to camp. Every child of God should be able to experience the meaningful relationship afforded by this event. Jesus once said, *"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: Susan Weiland, Dan Welsh, Susan Ronning, Dwight Offerman, or Todd Lang. You also may direct questions to Pastor Mark 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 have added a prayer list to our bulletin and newsletter. 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 Donna Burns, Connie Kraft, Brenda Morgan, and Mike Baltzer.