

# 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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June, July, August 2021

***“Hot town, summer in the city, back of my neck getting dirty and gritty. Been down, isn’t it a pity, doesn’t seem to be a shadow in the city. All around, people looking half dead, walking on the sidewalk, hotter than a match head.”***

The Lovin’ Spoonful composed that anthem of summer back in 1966. It was a great tune to listen to on KFYZ 550 AM as a teenager! Later, that tune has been spinning around in my head like an old 45... with such a lack of rain for over a year now and seeing much of North Dakota in extreme drought, I worry about this summer being hot and dry -‘hotter than a match head.’ The weather is a ‘hot’ topic right now; the ongoing pandemic and its effects continues to be a ‘hot’ topic; the mood of our nation and the world anymore seems to be ‘hot’ all the time. Scripture is full of references regarding hot and cold, some in the context of temperature and others regarding the temperament of people. In North Dakota, we are one of only a handful of states that experience the extremes of cold and hot in temperature, but how about our temperament?

I am intrigued by a section of scripture contained in the book of Revelation, Chapter 3, verses 15-16: *“I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”* This section from Revelation is the last in a series of letters to the seven churches. Verse 16 contains an intriguing image for me... “because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth.” That’s quite an image for a church...lukewarm. Among the definitions of lukewarm, we find ‘lacking warmth or enthusiasm.’

How would we describe Trinity Lutheran? Our Mission Statement begins with the word **“welcome,”** then builds on that word with **“equip,”** and concludes with the word **“send.”** In our recently compiled results from questions distributed at the annual meeting, a common response to the question “In the future Trinity should...” contained the words to be more welcoming and to be striving to make more connections for involvement. To achieve this goal, we will have to focus on not being ‘lukewarm’; we will have to be passionate about the calling we all share as bearers of the gospel of Jesus Christ to those we meet along the way.

Until next time,  
Pastor Lee

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# Congregational Relationships

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Congregational Relationships Coordinator

## Connect Groups

### Sundays

**Fellowship, coffee, and scripture** following the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Scripture study will begin promptly at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Center.

### Mondays

**Ladies' Study**, 1st & 3rd Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

**The Book of Philippians video series**, continues through July 26th at 6:30 p.m. (July 5th no study). In room 212 & via zoom.

**"Root" Beer and Hymns had a great Re-Start!** Watch bulletin and online for the details about the next event.

**Lutherans in Leather**, June 7th at 6:00 p.m. and every other Monday throughout the summer. Meet in the parking lot for a short devotion, route planning, and ride.

### Tuesdays

**GIFTS Bible Study**, connecting, thinking about scripture, faith and life while pondering how God might want to use us. 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Email Pastor Mark for the zoom link.

## Ministry Opportunity

God has given each of us gifts and talents to build up the body of Christ. We need more people like you to serve the church in a multitude of areas. There is something for everyone. Visit our website to sign up. Click "Get Involved" then click "click here for sign up" or contact Heather at baumann@trinitybismarck.com.

# Children & Youth

Gracia Johnson—gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com  
Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator

## Vacation Bible School

June 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. for children age 4 to grade 5  
Join us for a fun week of games, crafts, Bible stories and more!

- Sunday through Tuesday we'll go from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 16 we'll celebrate with supper at 5:15 and worship together at 6 p.m. The kids will sing a couple songs for worship that night.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** See Gracia with questions.  
Register online at trinitybismarck.com.

## Canoe Trekkers Summer Youth Trip

FOR YOUTH ENTERING 8TH-12TH GRADE  
August 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 campership 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).

## Church School & Confirmation

All children and youth are invited to join us this fall for Church School & Confirmation. More information and a registration link can be found on our website under 'children & youth'. Church School is on Wednesdays & Sundays for children age 3 to grade 5. Confirmation is for youth grades 6-8. Contact Gracia Johnson with any questions.



## Blessings to the Confirmands!

FRONT (L-R): Avery Mills, Anneka Gebhardt, Edyth Hatlestad, Rayha Urness, Heidi Rasmussen, Lily Berning, Amber Olsen, Hailey VanderLinden; MIDDLE: Grace Schmidt, Dylan Gierke, Logan Reuschlein, Carter Johnson, Kyler Morgan, Monte Tosseth, Riley Johnson, Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth; BACK: Pastor Mark Narum, Tyler Lee, Reeve Haman, Evan Schmit, John Bugbee, Grant Hubley, Pip Wheeler, Pastor Lee Herberg

# Musical Moments

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

## Summer Worship Schedule:

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** - Beginning Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Wednesday evening worship services will be outdoors at 6:00 p.m. Come join us for a more informal worship service. We are planning special activities for the kids and will be serving a simple picnic meal each Wednesday starting at 5:15 p.m. Our Sunday morning 10:30 a.m. worship will also move outside beginning on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the outdoor setting, sing familiar hymns and experience the beauty of God's creation. Both of these services will happen along 4<sup>th</sup> Street around our Peace Chapel. Bring a lawn chair if you like. We will also have folding chairs available for your use. In case of bad weather, we will move indoors.

## Musical Opportunity:

If you happen to have company coming this summer who might like to share their musical talent with us, please contact Mary Lou at aune@trinitybismarck.com.

## Stephen Ministry

By: Karen Botine



### The gift of listening...

As people emerge from the restrictions of the pandemic we may find that many of them share one characteristic – the need to talk. Yes, we have kept in touch with family and friends by phone, text, e-mail or even an real letter during the past year, but it's not the same as sharing coffee and conversation with those people at Perkins or at one of the tables in the Trinity Community Center between worship services. When someone shares what is on their mind, what has happened to them, or the decisions they have made or are facing, we tend to spring into "help" mode. What can I say or do to make the situation better for this person? The good news is that you don't have to "help" in those ways. You just have to listen. Sometimes the only thing the speaker needs is to verbalize what has been running through his or her mind. So, how do you listen, really listen? You focus on your conversation partner and on the information you are receiving, not on what you will say when it's your turn to talk. You acknowledge your partner's feelings and perceptions, and you accept what you hear. You may not agree, but you accept that this is your conversation partner's reality. Do you know someone who needs your gift of listening today? Can you be the 90% listener while this person does 90% of the talking? Some days that may be the best gift you can give. And tomorrow – someone may give that gift to you!

# The Banquet

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Banquet Director



## Groundbreaking Day:

What an AWESOME DAY! Groundbreaking for Dream Center Bismarck! THANK YOU to all who helped us celebrate the nearly 5 year journey to this day. Dream Center Bismarck founders Jim & Cindy Barnhardt would like to thank our featured speakers. Speakers included Pastor Kurt Chaffee-New Song Church, Banquet Board member Lisa Chaffee, Heather, Rachel Monge with Great Plains Food Bank, Karla Eisenbeisz-Banquet Executive Director & Pastor Steve Sathre-founder of The Banquet. THANK YOU also to the Bismarck Mandan Chamber, Northwest Contracting, Banquet Board members, Dream Center Bismarck Board members, city officials, friends and many volunteers who are so passionate about the vision for Dream Center Bismarck.



## "Loaves and Fishes" Update:

Each day Trinity's "Loaves and Fishes" ministry helps feed people – some who are passing through, some who are homeless and some who just need a bit of help. What we provide is a small bag of food, which needs no heating or prep work. You can help support this ministry by:

- joining us for a food bagging event (usually once a month)
- giving a financial gift towards the ministry
- dropping off food items which include:
  - Peanut Butter (individual serving cups)
  - crackers (soda, Ritz)
  - Tuna, chicken, Spam (foil packets)
  - fruit cups
  - individual ravioli/lasagna cups
  - Vienna Sausages
  - Granola Bars or Cereal Bars
  - used grocery bags to pack the food items in

Thanks for your generosity as we follow Jesus' command to feed the hungry.

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

### April 2021

Income  
Expenses  
Income less expenses

Month

Year-to-date

Actual  
\$ 57,076.07  
\$ 63,150.37  
\$ (6,074.30)

Actual  
\$245,871.16  
\$265,965.32  
\$ (20,094.16)

**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. Simply Giving forms are available in the office, at the Narthex desk 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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## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

8:30 a.m. (indoor) & 10:30 a.m. (outdoor) worship

\* Social distancing using every other pew.

\* We will strongly encourage all worshippers to wear masks while in the building.

\* Pews will be sanitized after worship.

### Wednesdays

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

6:00 p.m. outdoor worship

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

- Thoughts of a Prairie Pastor - Sundays at 7:30 a.m.
- Congregational Updates as necessary
- Bible Study Saturdays with Pastoral Intern Colin Neuharth

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.



## Trust Fund Spotlight

### Why is the Trust Fund important?

What happens if a necessary piece of equipment breaks down and the cost of repair or replacement isn't in the annual budget? In recent years, the Trust Fund allowed for the purchase of some new lighting in the sanctuary, replacement of two outdated electrical panels, and new A/V equipment. The Trust Fund Committee voted to help pay for the Capital Campaign with a generous \$350K pledge to the effort. This money makes it possible for needed infrastructure work to commence quickly as other pledges take time to accumulate. Most recently, the Committee reviewed and approved 9 college scholarships for Trinity youth attending secondary education in 2021-2022. In the history of Trust Fund scholarships, 228.5 have been awarded since 1992 when it began.

Meeting these needs is possible because someone gave a gift or bequest in the past that continues to provide income Trinity can use today and in the future.

Do you need more information about how you might make this kind of investment for the future? Talk to one of the Trust Fund Committee members: Susan Weiland, Dan Welsh, Susan Ronning, Dwight Offerman, or Todd Lang.

### 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, LaRayne Martel, Connie Kraft, Brenda Morgan, Mike Baltzer, and Fran Wick.



## Block Party Fun

Trinity will be hosting a Block Party, Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Free food, activities, worship, music and more. We will start serving food about 5:15 p.m. and run through 8:00 p.m. We will need lots of willing helpers - call the church office at (701) 223-3560 if you are interested in helping out.

## Pastoral Ministry

**Weddings:** Lucas Meier and Madison Schnaibel  
Ashley Kittleson & Zach Hoerner

**Baptisms:** Mercer Kyle Forster

## Gifts and Memorials

In honor of Jan Sparrow by Mike and Sandi Ranum (Radio Broadcast); Larry and Faye Rolfson (Trust Fund.)