

LIFE OF THE CHURCH – May 9

CALENDAR:

Today:	6:30 p.m. Worship	Tuesday:	10:00 a.m. Quilters
	7:15 p.m. Church School		Noon/6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry
Thursday:	4:30 p.m. Executive Board		5:30 p.m. Handbells
	5:30 p.m. Banquet		6:30 p.m. Clean up Day
Sunday:	8:30/10:30 a.m. Worship		
	9:30 a.m. Church School		

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Effective Sunday, May 27, there will be one Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday worship continues at 6:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED TRINITY MAY 6:

Karissa Bauder and Shane Kautzman and Tracen – 1831 E Burleigh Ave.
Bob and Jan Baumann - 201 Laredo Dr.
Travis and Elicia Bean, Haddie and Libbie – 4650 Pinewood Lp
Curtis and Sonja Broderick – 2703 14th Ave SE Mandan
Laura Entzel – 310 E Ave C
Candyce Fraase – 418 Versailles Ave
Michael Hanson – 10931 Lilly Dr.
Eric and Tina Hanson – 54 Haywood Dr Lincoln
Brian and Michele Johnston, Riley and Tyler – 4201 21st St SE Apt. 111 Mandan
Mary Jane and Harvey Koster – 1080 Westwood St.
Wayne and Elaine Lehde – 2409 Springfield St
Brian and Katrina Moe -106 5th St NE
Sandra Peterson – 2014 N 9th St
Tom Petrik – 1026 Santa Fe Ave.
MaryLouise Romer – 515 ½ N 4th St

GENERAL

LWR Kits will be put together on Tuesday, May 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Luther Hall. Bring a bag lunch. Please join us! Shipping will take place May 16-17. The basket is in the Lobby for your donations. We do not plan to pack any school kits this spring. We have no theme books on hand and they are too costly to buy. Plan to pick up school supplies in August. We can buy school bags for \$1.17 each but we have to order 100. Donations for this project are welcome. No date available for May shipment. We need receiving blankets 52” square, cloth diapers – flat folded preferred, baby socks, bath size ivory soap, diaper pins or large safety pins, bath size toilet soap, in original wrapper, adult toothbrushes, metal nail clippers, hand towels, light weight bath size towels about 52x27” (dark color.)

CLEAN UP DAY – We need to clean up our parking lot. We will be raking out the leaves and pruning the branches. Join us May 15 at 6:30pm and help us spruce up our church property.

DEBT REDUCTION DAYS – Because of your generosity we received \$38,682.91 in our debt reduction days last month. This means we have paid down our loan by that amount. Thank you for your great support!

LUTHERANS IN LEATHER – It’s time for the first ride! Meet in the church parking lot 6:00 pm May 22. We will go for a brief ride, have some supper, and return to the church.

STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE – Trinity is blessed to have specially trained, caring Christians who are available to assist you through the challenges of your life. If you would like a Stephen Minister contact Pastor Steve or our Stephen Leaders, Karen Botine, Margaret Fiechtner, or Susan Wefald.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF IMPERFECTION: HEADED FOR HOME – A retreat for all men seeking to go deeper into their spiritual journey led by renowned teacher and retreat leader, Dick Rice, in the beautiful north woods of Minnesota. The retreat will explore ways of living our imperfect lives with acceptance and grace. In addition to solitude, sharing, and nature – the retreat leader will be presenting the wisdom of 12-step recovery programs in a broader context to help all of us in our path to growth. The retreat will be held June 22-24 at the Audubon Center located near Sandstone, MN. Cost will be \$160 and includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals. If you have any questions or are interested, contact Pastor Steve. For more information check out <http://june22-24mensretreat.eventbrite.com>.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE – The call committee has been actively searching for our next pastor. We were given an initial list of names from the synod office and did not feel any of them met our needs. The synod gave us a second list and we have been in ongoing contact with several of those pastors – doing phone interviews and listening to sermon recordings. We also continue to pursue leads on pastors that we get from a variety of sources. Continue to pray for our church as we move forward on this important decision.

JOB OPENING

Part-time Position

Limited part-time person(s) needed for Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and/or Sunday morning services from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m; May (Memorial Day) through September (Labor Day) hours would be 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; would be interested in splitting up time slot for Sunday services. Wednesday position would consist of light custodian duties, monitoring the needs for Wednesday’s service, church school, confirmation, youth group, and any events taking place at Trinity. Sunday’s duties: unlock church, start the air conditioning or heating, make coffee, lockup building. If interested, please contact Julie Schaffner at 223-3560, or email at schaffner@trinitybismarck.com, or visit with Doug Sprynczynatyk.

YOUTH

SKY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Sunday, June 3 to Thursday, June 7 from 6 to 8 pm for Age 3 to Grade 6. To register your child pick up a registration form at the youth board in the lobby or go to our website: www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/trinitybismarck

CAMPERSHIPS - Because we believe in the value of Christian Camping, Trinity will provide scholarships of half the price of camp (not to exceed \$100) to anyone enrolled in Trinity ministries wishing to go to Camp of the Cross. To receive your scholarship, contact Gracia. Trinity will write a check directly to Camp of the Cross for the amount of the scholarship. Check out what Camp of the Cross has to offer by going to their website: www.campofthecross.com or pick up a brochure at our youth board in the church lobby.

BANQUET

In spite of all the things going on at Tesoro Refinery in Mandan, they still put together enough volunteers last week and served a great meal of lasagna, vegetables, pistachio pudding and all the other usual sides. We served 330.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

“LUNCH ON THE LAWN” - With the coming of beautiful summer days, there’s a spring in our step and a song in our heart! Come enjoy some lunch and music at Trinity’s “Lunch on the Lawn” held Wednesday noons, June 13, 20, and 27 on our lovely 4th Street lawn. Each of these Wednesdays, we will be serving up some great music along with a \$5 lunch of brats, chips, and fruit. See you on the lawn in June!

We are looking for volunteers who can help at Lunch on the Lawn. We need a couple of servers and a couple of people to take down tables and clean up. If you can help, please contact Tudy or Joanne. Thanks!!

WEDNESDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP – Bring a lawn chair with you to worship on Wednesday evenings, June 13th, 20th, and 27th to sing God’s praises in the wide open spaces! On these Wednesdays, our worship services will be held on the 4th Street lawn in the Trinity Outdoor Peace Sanctuary.

COMMUNION - What a privilege to offer the body and blood of our Lord and Savior to our brothers and sisters in faith! Our approach to serving communion at Trinity is being renewed and revitalized. We are creating a new master list of communion servers for each Sunday and Wednesday worship service. A 15 minute training session will be offered after the Wednesday service on May 16th and after each Sunday service on May 20th. This is a *wonderful* way to become involved as a young person in the church or even as a whole family! **Please check out the easel display in the narthex and sign up if you are been a communion servant previously or if you would like to become involved in this important ministry!**

SOMETIME I WISH THE PASTOR WOULD TALK ABOUT... What topic or faith issue have you always wanted to know more about? Pastor Steve will address some of this in his sermons this summer. Let him know what you would like to hear about – sathre@trinitybismarck.com.

LISTEN TO SUNDAY BROADCAST ONLINE – at www.trinitybismarck.com.

GIFTS AND MEMORIALS:

In memory of Alice Singer by Verna Dronen (Memorial Fund); Niles, James, and Glen Singer and Cindy Morales (Memorial Fund)

In memory of Bob Barnes by Hal and Sheila Peterson (Capital Campaign)

YOUR GIFTS

April 2012

	Month	Year-to-date
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$54,398.49	\$218,623.02
Expense	<u>\$49,760.91</u>	<u>\$214,950.66</u>
Income less expenses	<u>\$ 4,637.58</u>	<u>\$ 3,672.36</u>