

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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Let's Fill the Barnyard!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Starting April 14th, Trinity will be collecting loose change to bring to the 2010 Western North Dakota Synod Assembly. Combining our efforts with other churches, your spare change can change the lives of families around the world. Just drop your coins in the milk cans that will be in the Trinity Barnyard located in the Narthex.



God's Global Barnyard is a program of ELCA World Hunger aimed at feeding people over the long run. Through this effort, your purchase of livestock is given to people living in poverty around the world. These animals provide food, funds and fertilizer all for a better future.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 AND 10:30 A.M.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Sathre—sathre@trinitybis.com

WHO REALLY CARES?

Since you don't share my perspective from the front of the church during worship services, I don't know if you have noticed something new at Trinity. What I notice is that during the last year or so I am seeing a lot of car seats in church. I'm seeing young parents walking into church carrying a car seat on their arm and in those car seats are cute little babies. That got me thinking.

Our goal as a church for this year is to be a more welcoming congregation. At our last council meeting it was great fun to hear reports from our various boards about all their ideas for creating a welcoming environment at Trinity. We spent some time at the meeting discussing how we could make families with young children feel more at home here, and I said, "From what I see, they already have made themselves at home." How wonderful that there is already a climate at our church that says, "Babies welcome!" Young parents who want to be at worship and think it is important to have their children with them obviously can sense it.

How can we build on this? Well, you will soon be seeing some helpful hints at church that can help us do an even better job of enjoying young people at worship.

But who else needs to feel welcome at Trinity?

I recently attended a workshop by a pastor who had some challenging ideas about church growth and revitalization. He had tried hard to attract new people to his church and lots of people would come and check his church out, but they wouldn't join. He wanted to know why, so he asked some of those people. What he found out was sobering. Everyone told this pastor that they liked the church building, enjoyed the worship service, met some nice people, and had even been invited back, but they all felt that there really was no one who actually cared if they came back or not.

Do newcomers to Trinity sense that we really care if they come back? What could we be doing better to make sure they might actually feel that? And just as importantly, who is responsible for doing that? It goes back to a question I raised at the beginning of this year; "Who feels welcome at Trinity because of ME?" I don't have all the answers, but I do feel confident that together we are going to find some great answers.

RECENT COMMUNITY CENTER EVENTS

Just for Kix, Confirmation Retreat, Birthday party, Book Discussion, Carrie's Kids.

THE BANQUET

Tudy Fennern—fennern@trinitybis.com

Banquet Director



IT'S ABOUT THE CHILDREN

We are doing a special program for the children at the Banquet. It is an art venture where the children have the opportunity to express themselves by drawing, coloring, making objects with clay, etc. It began last year and has really been a huge success. Classes take place in the old nursery close to Fellowship Hall. Emily Dalzell is the instructor. She helps them get started and then lets them "do their thing." She has a contest coming up soon where she will enter the children's work. She will be sending some of the art to Washington D.C. It is a great project. The Banquet Board agreed to have her continue. The children eat first and then run over to the room to take part in the fun. Some evenings there's up to twenty children there.

We continue to celebrate birthdays of all ages with a cake (if we have one), a song, and a gift for a child.

We are also part of a program started by the ND Great Plains Food Bank out of Fargo. They bring bread and sweets every Thursday, plus Duane, one of our guests, brings doughnuts from the Donut Hole. The guests are free to take two items as they leave. The items usually fill 3 tables but it is gone by the end of the evening. God bless all who give to the Banquet, who by doing so are giving to those in need.

MUSICAL MOMENTS

Joanne Swonger—swonger@trinitybis.com

Director of Music and Worship

We invite you to share in the journey through Holy Week as we reflect on our Lord's death and celebrate his resurrection.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. Worship will be held in the Sanctuary. This service offers a time to confess our sins, hear our Lord's words of love for us, and share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Good Friday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. Worship will also be in the sanctuary and will share scriptures, reflections, prayers and songs that give us a glimpse of being "At the Foot of the Cross." A special feature of this service will be a power point presentation of religious art portraying Christ's journey to the cross.

Both Thursday and Friday worship will conclude with a cross procession into the Community center. There worshippers will find a place of quiet near the cross to light candles and offer prayers. >

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 8:30/10:30 a.m. Please join us at these festive services which proclaim the joy of our Lord's resurrection and His victory over death!

YOUR GIFTS

Jan Sieber— jsieber@trinitybis.com

Development Director

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

THANK YOU to those of you who have made a special offering to Trinity's Parish Nurse Program. If you have not made a contribution and still would like to do so, at the bottom of this page is a form for you to complete. Cut it out, and along with your donation drop it in the offering plate during church, drop it off in the office or you can even mail it.

Kathy Nordquist, our Parish Nurse can visit any member of our church....young or old. She can be reached by calling the church office at 223-3560.



PRACTICING WHAT I PREACH

For several years now, I've been promoting the Simply Giving program which allows donations to the church to be done electronically. Well, it wasn't until January of this year, that I decided to enroll in the program. When I saw my year-end giving statement, I was shocked to see how inconsistent my giving had become. Here I am telling people how important it is to give consistently, and I was not practicing my own advice.

Now that I give through Simply Giving, twice a month my contribution is electronically transferred to the church. I don't have to do anything! All it took was filling out a simple form, attaching a voided check, and sending it to the Simply Giving service. I have peace of mind knowing that at the end of the year, my pledge will be paid in full and I have been consistently sharing God's blessings. If you need further information, give me a call at the church office or email me at jsieber@trinitybis.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



Now that we have changed to daylight saving time, can spring be far behind? All of the Circles and Bible Study groups keep meeting regularly.

- **Women's Coordinating Council**—April 6th. Please attend! We meet in the Conference Room at 3:00 p.m., followed by the Bible Study Leaders meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- **The Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Family Tea** is May 2. We need a representative from the Trinity women to the Care Center. Anyone interested?
- **"Are you a Spectator or Participant?"** This was the title of an interesting article in the *Western Whirlwind*.—news of the ELCA women in western ND.
- **The Prayer Chain** is in need of participants as we have lost several. Call me at 223.7251 or Sylvia Watson at 751.1227 to volunteer.
- **Lutheran World Relief Kits:** We are shipping kits on May 19. We do not have a count on diapers and receiving blankets but there are several people making these and we expect to get ample supplies. We need:

Layettes: Gowns or sleepers, sweaters or sweat shirts

Health Kits: nail files or clippers

School Supplies: Blunt scissors, rulers, pencil sharpeners, 16 or 24 ct. crayons.

Note: we aren't necessarily concentrating on the school kits this shipment as these items will be much cheaper in late July and August. If you find a "good buy" on any of these other items we will accept them. We do not need glue in our school kits. There will be a basket in the Lobby the first week of April. There will be another update on what is still needed in the May newsletter.

We will have a packing day May 5 at 10:00 a.m. and a brown bag lunch in place of the spring luncheon.

Happy Easter and God bless you all.

Jeannette Radig, facilitator

If you have not given to the Parish Nurse Program and would like to, please cut out this form and return to the church. Thank you.

PARISH NURSE GIVING:

\$500 _____ **\$250** _____ **\$100** _____ **OTHER \$** _____

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

YOUR HEALTH

Kathy Nordquist—nordquist@trinitybis.com

Parish Nurse

SHELTER PREPARATION GUIDELINES

The Department of Health recommends the following items to bring to a shelter in the event of an evacuation:

- Insurance policies, contracts, wills, passports, deeds, social security cards, immunization cards, Medicare/Medicaid cards (in water-proof bag)
- Photo identification and proof of address
- Emergency Contact information: names and phone numbers of those in your personal support network, family members, doctors, equipment suppliers, and utility companies.
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Toiletries
- Pillow
- Change of clothes and hard soled shoes
- Cell phone with spare batteries
- Money (small bills and change)
- Auxiliary medical equipment with extra batteries if necessary (i.e. oxygen, scooter battery, hearing aid)
- Style and serial numbers of medical devices and instructions for the devices (such as pacemakers)
- Medicine supply/list of medications and dosage instructions (bring at least a week supply)
- Cane, crutches, walker or wheelchair
- Glasses with repair kits and contacts with cleaning supplies

DO NOT BRING:

Non-service animal pets, firearms or weapons, alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs, perishable food items

FAMILY LIFE

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Youth, Family Life and Christian Education Coordinator

Check out our website: www.youth-trinitybis.com

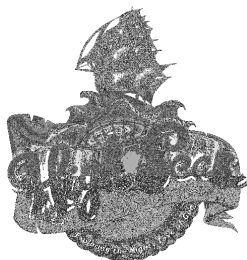
4-6 Grade Camp Bash



April 23 & 24 at Camp of the Cross

You and your friends won't want to miss this chance to go to camp! Be ready for an action –packed overnight full of games, laughter, worship, and God-talk. Arrive Friday for supper and stay through closing worship after lunch on Saturday. Cost is \$30. See Gracia to register.

Vacation Bible School



June 14-17 from 6 to 8 pm at Trinity

Join us for High Seas Expedition and explore the mighty love of God! We'll learn about God's Word as we explore Bible stories from the book of Acts. Join us for an exciting week of games, worship, crafts, Bible lessons, and more. For children age 3 through grade 5. To register, pick up a form at the Youth Board in the lobby or register online at

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/trinitybismarck.

MINISTERIAL ACTS

Baptisms:

Adalyn Ruth, daughter of Craig & Jessica Gaube

Aryn LaMae, daughter of Marc & Amy Torgerson

Jaxon Paul, son of Joshua & Melissa Hausauer

Funerals: Olivia Blum, Duane Tollefson, George Thompson,

Lorraine Ostroot

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

SAGE - SAGE tuition rewards Program makes it possible for students to earn up to \$6500 each year, which can accumulate up to \$15,600 per student. You must be planning to enroll at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN and must be enrolled in SAGE prior to completion of 10 grade. Trinity members, LeRoy and Ella Naves invested in the program that provides this scholarship. For more information contact LeRoy Naves at 223.0594.