

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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CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2011

FRONT (L-R): Ilsa Neumiller, Alexis Selzler, Jazzie Johnson, Myranda Merkel **2ND ROW:** Jennifer Benz, Ashley Gatzke, McKenzie Kiefer, Brittany Miller, **3RD ROW:** Pastor Nate Keith, Tristen Hoffer, Alyssa Blegen, Erin Clayburgh, Joshua Nelson, Pastor Steve Sathre, **BACK ROW:** Tanner Krenz, Christopher Brown, Haylie Flesness, Austin Yri, McKayla Thomsen

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

One Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday worship service at 6:30 p.m.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Sathre—sathre@trinitybismarck.com

IT'S ALL RIGHT HERE

I don't get it. Why are people so fascinated with what comes next? Specifically why are we so fascinated about when the world will end and what the next world will be like? Recently we have evidence of both issues. Two popular books **Heaven is for Real** and **90 Minutes in Heaven** claim to give us first-hand accounts of what heaven is like, and an 89 year old evangelist gained national attention for predicting the end of the world. Obviously, people are focused on the future.

Jesus himself had a very different focus in his ministry. He had the remarkable ability simply to take what was right in front of him in the present moment and be open to it. Most of his most memorable teachings and miracles took place in just that context. He meets a woman at a well and changes her life. He notices flowers growing or birds flying in the air or a little child and he sees in them the key to God's kingdom. He takes the bread and fish that are at hand and makes a feast for thousands. In every place that we want to hurry past, Jesus sees ultimate value. But we are too busy worrying about being elsewhere doing something else that we miss the people right in front of us (family and friends) and the beauty of this world around us.

This attitude reflects a bit of a child's restlessness doesn't it? How often do parents work hard to plan a family outing – getting everyone to decide on an activity, getting everyone dressed and in the car, traveling to the destination and finally arriving – only to have the kids say, "What are we doing next?" I can just hear the exasperation in dad's voice saying, "We're not going to worry about that. Let's just enjoy ourselves here!" Does our heavenly Father get equally frustrated with us?

Jesus invites us to stop worrying about the future and instead drink in the fullness of now. All this amazing world, all our incredible relationships, all our overwhelming blessings are here to be enjoyed in the present. If we don't nurture the ability to experience God fully in the present, what makes us think that God's presence will be any clearer in the future?

PENTECOST

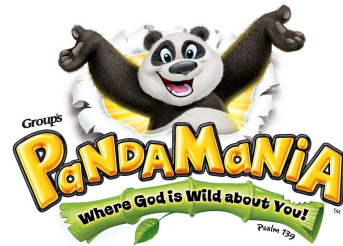
At Pentecost we rejoice in the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples, marking the birth of the Church. Today God's Spirit still moves among us, calling us to be God's faithful people in the world! This year, we celebrate Pentecost on Wednesday, June 8th and Sunday, June 12th. The congregation is invited to wear something red as a sign of God's Holy Spirit, living and active in our midst.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Gracia Johnson—gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com

Youth, Family Life, and Christian Education Coordinator

JOIN US THIS SUMMER FOR



Vacation Bible School for children age 3 to grade 5. Sunday, June 5 through Thursday, June 9 from 6 to 8 pm. Pick up a registration form at the Youth Board in the church lobby or register at our website:

www.trinitybismarck.com/vbs.html.

CAMPERSHIPS

Trinity offers camperships to help pay for summer camp at Camp of the Cross. Brochures for Camp of the Cross are available at the youth board. The camperships are half the price of camp up to \$100 and are available to all children and youth enrolled in Trinity programs. Contact Gracia for more informa-

2012
ELCA Youth Gathering

July 18-22, 2012
New Orleans, Louisiana

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YOUR GIFTS

Jan Sieber—jsieber@trinitybis.com
Development Director

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Saying goodbye is never easy. I can't believe that four years have gone by since I became a member of Trinity and a member of the church staff.

In a sequence of events that didn't quite follow our plan, I am moving to Anthem, AZ. After his retirement at a later date, my husband will be joining me. We will miss the beautiful Bismarck summers but not the harsh winters! Fortunately, we will be closer to our children and grandchildren which was our number one reason in moving back West.

For those of you who know me, you'd be surprised to know that I am at a loss for words as I write this. I cannot begin to tell you how much God has blessed me while working here. I have come to know many of you through wonderful conversations, especially during the coffee hour, committee meetings and church activities. I have been amazed at how you have shared God's love with me and with other members of our church. You have also shared more than just "words". You have shared God's love through your generosity and service to others. We are not individuals but are members of the family of God. Thank you for your brotherly love.

TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Trust Fund Committee has awarded college scholarships to ten sons and daughters of Trinity for the 2011-2012 school year. Recipients are Chris Alvshere, Anthony Benz, Brendan Bohn, Jayce Doan, Jennifer Dunn, Kate Hausauer, Jana Heiser, Dominique McFall, Alexandra Presler, and Katelin Roehrich,

One hundred eighteen (118) scholarships, totaling \$55,850, have been awarded since 1992. Your gifts and bequests to the Trust Fund are invested and income from these investments is used to send Trinity's support to college with these young mem-

MINISTERIAL ACTS

Baptisms: Alyssa Blegen, Karson Kessler, Isabella Hager, Mason Hager, Annelie Scheirer, Cailin Olson, Caleb Rodgers, Willow Fox

Deaths: Eleanore Aune, Eleanor Sailer, Harriet Kling, Janell Mueller

Musical Moments

Joanne Swonger—swonger@trinitybismarck.com
Director of Music and Worship

- Trinity is hosting a "Lunch on the Lawn" series three consecutive Wednesdays in June, on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd from noon until 1 p.m. A \$5 grilled picnic lunch will be available for purchase or you may choose to bring a brownbag lunch. During lunch, a variety of casual music will be provided by Trinity musicians on the outdoor stage. Come and join us on the lawn for food, fellowship and fun!
- Bring your lawn chair to worship on Wednesday, June 22 for the 6:30 p.m. service. We will be worshipping outdoors on the lawn that evening.
- On the fourth Sunday of June, July, and August we will enjoy singing favorite hymn tunes before and during the worship service.
- Thank you to all who came forward in response to our need for projectionists at worship services. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer in this way! A schedule for the upcoming months will be posted in the binder located at the Welcome Center. If you are still interested, but were unable to attend a training session, contact Joanne Swonger for information at 223.3560 or swonger@trinitybismarck.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 8-10 will be the most fun filled days of the summer!! Join the Fellowship Board on the greatest camping event of the year, when we group camp at Elbowoods Campground in the Lake Sakakawea State Park, near Riverdale. Join us for trail bike rides, volleyball, fishing, bonfires, roasted hotdogs, smore's, Sunday service by Nate, naps, and lots of fun and fellowship. Don't have a camper? No worries, bring a tent, as those of us with campers will gladly share our supplies (grills, etc.) Don't miss out on this opportunity for a fun time. Hurry as the campground is filling up fast and space is limited! Contact Marcus Roehrich at 333-8191 or Nate Keith at 471-8456 to reserve your spot on this adventure.

CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

A Craft and Bake Sale is planned for the fall. Summer would be a good time to work on nice craft projects for this sale.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



· **Lutheran World Relief**—A special thank you to everyone who donated items or helped assemble the kits. Thanks too to the Handymen who transported them to Midwest Motors for the World Relief distribution center in Minneapolis. The following kits were shipped from Trinity:

Quilts—147; Baby Care Kits—35; Personal Care Kits—59; School kits—44

· **We will need more school bags** in October. Lutheran World Relief has a new pattern for an over-the-shoulder bag. Pattern and material is available from the Quilters who meet every Tuesday in Lutheran Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

· **The summer Bible studies** will be presented the first Tuesday of June, July and August at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. It is an hour study under pastoral leadership and is open to anyone wishing to come. The theme is "Renew, Respond, Rejoice."

· **The new Bible study** starting in September is based on the book of Mark. It is entitled "To Lead and to Serve." Anyone wishing a Leader's Guide or Companion Bible should call Lenora at 223.0912. The order will be placed early in July for delivery at the Women's Coordinating Council meeting in August. Leader's Guides cost \$7.00 and Companion Bibles \$4.00. Checks should be written to TLCW.

· Anyone interested in knitting baby caps for Lutheran World Relief can get a pattern from Jan Sparrow in the church office.

· **Dates to Remember:**

June 25—Camp of the Cross Quilt Auction at Garrison High School. Trinity sent 6 quilts.

July 24 —Missouri Slope Care Center Ice Cream Social

Sept. 16—Missouri Slope Care Center Birthday Party

THE BANQUET

Tudy Fennern—fennern@trinitybismarck.com

Banquet Director



Lord, we know you'll be coming to the Banquet today, so help us to treat you well. In Matthew, Jesus says "As you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me." Simply saying, "If you treat people poorly, you do it also to Him."

The Banquet provides both a sign and a promise of the good news. We have an understanding of community and social healing. A welcome table with a place for everyone. No matter the differences, people come together and discover ways of connecting, and finding value in one another. We attend to the way the poor are treated and the environment they are asked to enter.

From the moment they enter, they see volunteers with name tags on welcoming them to the Banquet. They are escorted to a table and served a great nutritional meal, on china, with real cups and glasses. No lines or plastic.

We have always worked to make the Banquet an attractive, welcoming place, bringing beauty and balance to the setting. When we can, we have fresh flowers on each table. Many times the groups providing the meal will bring center pieces. If a guest wants to, they can take a flower home with them.

We also celebrate birthdays for everyone, and everyone gets a cake. If we run out of cakes we find something that can be a treat or we tell them to let us know the next week and they will get the first cake. If I have not yet gone to the microphone, someone will often come to me and tell me "Don't forget the birthdays!" When they are given a cake you see a face full of joy beyond belief...young and old alike. It is the joy that radiates from all of us there, letting our guests know we care. In a world full of brokenness, serving these people with dignity and respect makes them feel whole and that they are worth something. Love comforts all.

We are the proud parents of birthing a new "Banquet West" in Williston, ND. I have worked with a lady there for about 1 1/2 years and in March they served their first meal. That is wonderful! Also, a man from Portland, OR came to see me and I gave him information on starting a Banquet at his church. This is all God's doing!