

Spring 2020



TRINITY TIDINGS

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Pastor's Page

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Friends in Christ,

I have to say that for the past couple of months I have felt like my letters to you all have been filled with bad news. I have to say that I strongly dislike the fact that we can't be together in person during this difficult time (I was going to say hate but we have been trying to teach David not to use this word if possible, so I am trying to lead by example here). I know the recorded video worship services may be a less satisfying substitute. I want you all to know that we are working on moving to a live broadcast on Sunday mornings, as well as exploring the possibility of having some outdoor worship services if we can do so safely.

I am happy to say that I do have some good news this time! I know that a lot of you have been wondering how the church is doing financially. We have included the April financial report, so you can see that we are a little behind where we had hoped to be. Not having Easter services had a big impact on those numbers. However, I am extremely encouraged by your continued financial support through this crisis. I also want to let you know that we did apply for and receive the PPP loan that was provided in the stimulus package. This loan, which will cover two months' worth of payroll and utilities, along with your continued support, means that we are doing just fine. As a congregation, we are in as good a position financially as we could hope to be.

As this pandemic continues, we will continue to explore other ways to stay connected. If you have any suggestions or have heard of other churches doing things that might help us here at Trinity, please let me know. I am happy to do whatever I can to help increase our sense of community during this time. Again, if any of you are struggling a little or just want to chat, please give me a call. Psalm 100, verse 5 says, "*For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*" I know that God is with us each and every day. We hold on to the hope of the empty tomb. I miss you all and hope that you are doing well.

God Bless,

Pastor Jon

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Trinity is scheduled to host The Path Program the first two weeks of June. Families won't be staying at Trinity this time, but we are asked to provide funds for meals and alternative housing costs. (Some families are staying in hotels and cabins.) If you'd like to give to this fund, note Path Program in the memo line of your check, or note Path Program in the Other box when giving online. Checks can be mailed to us at PO Box 447, North Branch, MN 55056. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

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If you are a Thrivent member, please consider applying for a \$250 Action Grant to help fund Trinity's Outreach projects! Grants can be used towards Viking Vittles, Blessing Bags, Gas Cards, Trinity's Grocery Shelf, and other fundraising projects.

Viking Vittles will continue through the summer, and the need in our community is greater now than ever before.

Every Thrivent member is eligible to apply for a minimum of one action grant per year. They are simple to apply for as everything is done online and takes about 5 minutes. For more information stop in the office, email [outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org), or contact Donna Setter at 612-363-5072.

If you have an email address, but are not receiving our emails, please forward your email address to Julie at [jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org). We are sending information and updates weekly via email, and want to reach as many people as possible. Thank you!

If you do not have email, and would like to receive a bulletin by mail each week, please call the office at 651-674-7047 and leave a message for Julie to add you to the mailing list.

Like Trinity Lutheran Church on facebook! Updates, Bible reflections & worship videos are posted frequently!



## Children & Youth Ministry News

**Virtual Summer in the Son/VBS** - We are excited to share that we are anticipating and planning for a Virtual Summer in the Son/VBS for this summer for ages 3-incoming 6th graders in place of the traditional in-person program. We are planning to still get t-shirts and are working on details right now and will have more information and registration to share soon.

**Sunday School** - We want to thank all of our families and Sunday School teachers and volunteers who helped out and served this year! We are grateful to everyone who helped make our year so special. Our ministry would not be what it is without God's help and all of your support. We are blessed to have many great memories from this Sunday School year that will always be with us.

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### From your Council Chair

Jesus says to us in *John 16:33* "***I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take courage, I have overcome the world!***"

And we have surely had tribulation in the form of disruptions of multiple kinds--bare grocery shelves, schools closed, no sports, worship and activities cancelled and incomes disrupted or excessive hours for our health care and emergency workers.



Though we have not been together for worship, fish fry or any of our normal volunteer activities, many of you have still found ways to "be the Church" outside of the building. You have supported Pastor Jon and your church council as we have prayerfully wrestled with decisions that have never been needed to be made before. Many of you continue to send in your pledges (salaries and utilities still need to be paid). Many of you have checked in on your neighbors or called the office and volunteered to grocery shop, cook or help however was needed. Most of all, I know you have all prayed more than normal for your loved ones, church family, emergency and healthcare workers and our country. **Keep up the great work!**

Most of us have been able to keep in contact electronically and enjoy the Sunday worship service in our pajamas with coffee on Sunday morning. It will be a welcome adjustment to need to get dressed and go out when we can worship together again. And Pastor Jon's daily devotional on the book of Acts has been another great way to connect and study a book of the Bible we maybe would not have done on our own (a shelter in place bonus).

When we do gather together again, it will be some sort of "new normal" as this will not be something that allows for things to be "as they were". But we will do it together. I don't know about you, but quarantine has given me a whole new appreciation for Noah and his family being quarantined on the ark (and they could not even go out to the grocery store!).

In His Grip, Ann Tanko

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## Gifts Given to the Glory of God

**Undesignated** in memory of Dorothy Johnson from Joanne Ploetz, Jean Fairbanks, Yvonne Johnson, Evonne Peterson, Ann & Albert Tanko, Tom & Candi Hals, Carol Gustafson, Marilyn Wigdahl

**Undesignated** in memory of Ellis Johnson from his family, Loren & Jane Magnison, John & Sandra Staloch, Donald & Roberta Elmstrand, Ann & Albert Tanko, Joanne Ploetz, Sandra Strom, Orville & Kathleen Johnson, Janelle Mork, Roger & Rosemary Dickhausen, Ardell & Twyla Ring, Duane & Eileen Fisk, Vern & Judy Weiss, Dennis & Sue Gustafson, Yvonne Johnson, Butch & Sharalyn Olson, Ron & Diane Barsness, Mary Jo Vaughn, Bev & Orv Otterness, Mike & Barb Nelson, Karen Nelson, David & Sherri Johnson

**To the Music Fund** in memory of Ellis Johnson from Kathy Aho

**To the Building Fund** in memory of Wendell Bloomquist from Dennis & Sue Gustafson

**To the Cemetery Fund** in memory of Dale Fairbanks from Sharon Fairbanks

**Undesignated** in memory of David Johnson from Ron & Diane Barsness

**To the Cemetery Fund** in memory of Marian (Sharalyn Olson & Eileen Fisk's sister) from Mike & Barb Nelson

# Treasurer's Report

## Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending April 30, 2020  
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 26,297	\$ 30,456	\$ 120,704	\$ 121,823
Loose Offering	\$ -	\$ 708	\$ 1,752	\$ 2,833
Other Income	\$ 1,597	\$ 7,597	\$ 4,574	\$ 9,683
Rent	\$ 525	\$ 292	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,168
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,715	\$ 1,958	\$ 11,634	\$ 7,833
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 31,134</b>	<b>\$ 41,011</b>	<b>\$ 140,350</b>	<b>\$ 143,341</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 27,909	\$ 27,984	\$ 110,179	\$ 112,312
Church Property	\$ 5,755	\$ 7,786	\$ 32,418	\$ 33,438
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 108	\$ 242	\$ 433
Learning & Youth	\$ -	\$ 325	\$ 208	\$ 1,300
Worship	\$ 276	\$ 492	\$ 898	\$ 1,967
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 67
<b>Sub-total General Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 33,940</b>	<b>\$ 36,712</b>	<b>\$ 143,946</b>	<b>\$ 149,517</b>
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 9,717	\$ 9,717
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 750	\$ 750
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 367	\$ 367
<b>Sub-Total Mission Support</b>	<b>\$ 2,708</b>	<b>\$ 2,708</b>	<b>\$ 10,833</b>	<b>\$ 10,833</b>
<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 36,648</b>	<b>\$ 39,420</b>	<b>\$ 154,779</b>	<b>\$ 160,350</b>
Total Net Income - March 2019	\$ (5,514)	\$ 1,591	\$ (14,430)	

Total Net Income - Year-To-Date

April Income was \$9,877 under the April Budget  
April Expenses was \$2,772 under the April Budget

YTD Income is \$2,991 under the YTD Budget  
YTD Expense is \$5,771 under the YTD Budget

Net Income is -\$5,514 for the month  
Net Income is -\$14,430 for the year

**The church office is closed** for the 'Stay at Home' order. Staff are working remotely, and can be reached by email or voicemail. See the back page of the Tidings for staff contact information.

See our website [www.trinitynorthbranch.org](http://www.trinitynorthbranch.org) **to give electronically** on a one-time or recurring basis. Select the date and frequency (one time, weekly or monthly) and designate the amount and fund (Unified, Building, Viking Vittles, Memorial or Other.) Changes can easily be made at any time.

**Offering can also be mailed** to Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 447, North Branch, MN 55056.



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## Spring 2020

### Partners in Ministry: The People of Trinity

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Sunday Worship: available at 6 am Sunday mornings on our  
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Our Sister Congregation in Tanzania–Pawaga

#### Church Council Members:

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