

Early Summer 2020



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor's Page

Friends in Christ,

I think it is safe to say that this spring has been a rollercoaster of emotions for all of us. In fact, that actually may be a bit of an understatement. It may be more accurate to say it's been a rollercoaster inside of a giant Ferris Wheel attached to an enormous Tilt-a-Whirl... In other words, however creatively we try to describe it, I think a lot of us are just feeling run down and exhausted. I know that no one expected to be where we find ourselves today. I have been continually drawn to a very simple passage, Isaiah 46:10, that has helped to re-center and reconnect me to God in the midst of this emotional chaos. *"Be still, and know that I am God."* Even though our lives have been dramatically impacted by recent events, we still have that never changing love from our Creator.

I know that for most of us, not being able to gather together in person for worship has made things even harder. It feels like there is a hole in my life right now. I miss seeing all of you on Sunday mornings. It is so frustrating to be apart from each other, but it is the safest, most responsible thing we can do at this point. The safety team and council are in agreement that we should hold off on regathering until we are absolutely sure we can do so safely and in a meaningful way. If you find our current stance frustrating or have some questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. You can also contact any council member as well. I truly long for the simple joy of just coming to church and interacting with you all without concern for a virus.

But there is some good news! We are planning to have an outdoor service on July 19th so stay tuned for more details. If we are able to do this well and everyone follows the guidelines that we have in place, we may be able to do it a few more times! We will be sending out detailed information in early July about what this service will look like.

I am also excited to announce that we had an anonymous family come forward and offer to pay for installing air conditioning in the Sanctuary and Narthex!!! The work should be completed over the next few weeks. So, when we are finally able to regather, we can do some comfortably if it is hot outside! Again, thank you all so much for your continued generosity and support.

God Bless all of you!

Pastor Jon



Danielle Anderson, Abigail Bulver, Jeremy Child, Isabelle Dufeck, Jamie Hall, Laura Hink, Jonathan Inman, Alexander Laven, Bailey Loftman, Emma Mohs, Anthony Novak and Tanner Wilmet.

Viking Vittles volunteers are needed to pack at 10a Wednesday mornings, and help distribute bags from 2:45-4:30 and 4:30-6:00 pm Wednesdays. Contact Mary at steveandmarytwitchell@gmail.com or 320-630-5040 to help out.

20 Blessing Bottles (reusable water bottles filled with personal care and snack items) were recently delivered to the NB Police Department for officers to distribute to those in need. Some have been given and recipients are thankful!

Fare for All has had to make some changes to their program. They will not be at Trinity at least through September. Stay tuned for updates.

Contact Julie at jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org or 651-674-7047 if you'd like to schedule a pick up of the July-Sept Christ in Our Home devotion booklet.

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

Summer is finally here! I feel like it is even more welcomed and appreciated this year after a long spring. Great job to all of our families for finishing their school year with distance learning! This summer we switched gears and are doing a Virtual Summer in the Son/VBS program! The theme this year is on 4 different ways we can *FOCUS* on God and His amazing plan for us, including focus on what you can SEE, you can HEAR from God, you can TALK with others about what you believe, and you can LIVE for God by loving others. 36 youth registered and will receive a "Take Home Kit" so they can do simple crafts and lessons at home together with their families. This is a new way of doing youth ministry for sure but we are trusting that God is leading us and is blessing the youth and families participating.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020! We held a virtual senior recognition this year during online worship on June 7. May God bless you on your journey! Awesome job to all of the youth, families, and teachers as they finished up distance learning! EDGE youth group has continued to connect virtually since March. We are sad that our usual summertime and mission trip plans have changed but are brainstorming and looking for ways we can still safely connect and serve as a group this summer. We invite incoming 9th grade families and any other 9-12th grade families that are interested in joining EDGE to reach out to Marie at mray@trinitynorthbranch.org and we can include you in our summer email updates and Facebook group. We would love to have you join!

From your Council Chair



A LOT has happened since our last Tidings would surely be an understatement. School has ended and graduations have been creatively celebrated. Businesses and services are slowly opening up. We continue to watch the "curve flatten" and monitor cases of COVID-19. Then there was the death of George Floyd and all the protests and riots. A lot of complex issues are coming to the surface and need to be addressed on so many levels. Our heads and hearts are swimming in information overload mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

In spite of it all, we are a community of believers, grounded in grace. Within the church, we have a long tradition of drawing on support from one another. In our congregational groups, we have walked together through cancer, divorce, death, job loss, and much more. We have mentored each other in the faith. We have celebrated births, graduations, new jobs, and other life events. And we have done all of this while immersed in God's word, month in, month out.

Now is the time to continue to rely on one another. Just because things are opening up, does not mean we should not still be looking out for each other. Here are a few ways to continue offering each other support during this time physically apart.

- *First and foremost, continue to pray for each other.
- *A telephone call or a personal note to check in on a brother or sister in Christ.
- *Those who use newer technology can gather your group together via Face Time, Zoom, or another electronic option.
- *Now that the weather is nice, a socially distanced "coffee hour" in the park or someone's yard.
- *Follow the church's Face Book page. There, if you have not found it already, is Pastor Jon's week day Bible study and fun things to check out and of course the Sunday service.

However you do it, now is the time to continue support one another in community. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to our Trinity community. Looking forward to the time we can gather together in person again for worship, fellowship and in-person support!

In His Grip, Ann Tanko, Council Chair

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

Undesignated in memory of Irma Ekstrom from Ted & Jody Nemetz, Dean Anderson, Joe Richardson, Harriet Ryberg, Lewis Hammond

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Irma Ekstrom from Karen Nelson

Undesignated in memory of David Johnson from Mike & Julie Solle

Undesignated in memory of Vern Weiss from Jean Otterstrom, Ron & Karin Perrault, Sharon Fairbanks, Donna Brown, Connie Deminsky, Charles & Cheryl Immel, Steven & Shari Denny

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending May 31, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 27,598	\$ 30,456	\$ 148,302	\$ 152,279
Loose Offering	\$ 1,078	\$ 708	\$ 2,830	\$ 3,542
Other Income	\$ 385	\$ 46	\$ 4,960	\$ 9,729
Rent	\$ -	\$ 292	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,459
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,128	\$ 1,958	\$ 13,762	\$ 9,792
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 31,189	\$ 33,460	\$ 171,539	\$ 176,801
<u>Expenses</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 27,209	\$ 28,809	\$ 137,389	\$ 141,121
Church Property	\$ 7,046	\$ 6,811	\$ 39,464	\$ 40,249
Stewardship	\$ 143	\$ 108	\$ 385	\$ 542
Learning & Youth	\$ 208	\$ 825	\$ 416	\$ 2,125
Worship	\$ 81	\$ 492	\$ 980	\$ 2,458
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 83
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 34,687	\$ 37,062	\$ 178,634	\$ 186,578
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 12,146	\$ 12,146
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 938	\$ 938
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 458	\$ 458
Sub-Total Mission Support	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 13,542	\$ 13,542
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 37,395	\$ 39,770	\$ 192,176	\$ 200,120
Total Net Income - May 2020	\$ (6,206)	\$ (6,310)	\$ (20,637)	\$ (23,319)

May Income was \$2,271 under the May Budget
May Expenses was \$2,375 under the May Budget

YTD Income is \$5,262 under the YTD Budget
YTD Expense is \$7,594 under the YTD Budget

Please consider Electronic Giving.

Net Income is - \$6,206 for the month
Net Income is - \$20,637 for the year

Respectfully Submitted

Todd J. Fisk
Treasurer

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