

Mid Summer 2020

July



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor's Page

Friends in Christ,

I have to say that I am extremely excited to regather at our outdoor worship service on July 26th at 10 AM. It has been a long time since I have seen most of you in person. And while I know it will be different from what we were able to do before this pandemic, I am glad that we are able to do what we can to re-gather. I hope all of you take the time to carefully read through the guidelines provided below. If we are going to be able to do this again moving forward, it is critical that everyone follows these instructions to ensure maximum safety for everyone who attends. There is still a certain amount of risk involved in this so I urge any of you who may be particularly vulnerable to stay home. We will still be providing an online version of the service for those who can't attend due to vacation or health concerns. If for some reason the weather doesn't cooperate, we will plan on trying it the following Sunday.

I want you all to know that staff, church council, and the safety team are in discussions about the future. We hope to be able to communicate what this fall will look like in the coming weeks. I want to thank you all for your patience and continued support during these extremely uncertain and trying times.

I have to say that I have been amazed at the generosity this community has shown over the past few months. To be installing air conditioning during a time of tremendous stress and anxiety is a demonstration that the hope of the Gospel is alive and well in our midst. I feel so blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation. As most of you know, we made a spontaneous appeal for funds to add air conditioning to the Fellowship Hall. (See Ann's article on the next page for more details.) I look forward to being able to share the status of this appeal with you all on the 26th.

God Bless, Pastor Jon

Join us for Outdoor Worship 10:00 am Sunday, July 26 on our west lawn.

This will be a basic service including the Gospel, the message and communion. We will not include any singing or group responses. A full recorded service will also be available on facebook and YouTube beginning at 6 am, like other Sundays.

We have taken steps to make this service as safe as possible. If you do not feel well, have any COVID-19 symptoms, or have been in contact with someone who has the virus, please do not attend. **Please practice "physical distancing" of at least 6 feet before, during and after the worship service .**

Masks are required for everyone over 2 years of age, and must be worn during the entire service. If you have a condition that keeps you from wearing a mask, we ask that for your safety you view the service online rather than attending. Masks will be available if needed.

Please park in every-other parking space if possible, to help to maintain distancing while in the parking lot. Both parking lots should be used for parking. As you arrive, please keep a distance of at least 6 feet from those who are not a part of your household, this includes shaking hands or hugging.

There will be circles marked in the grass in the yard in a way to ensure proper distancing. When you arrive, please have your entire family unit sit in one of the marked circles, where communion elements will have already been placed. Please remain within your circle during the entire service. Please bring your own blankets or chairs, keeping in mind that the grass may be wet from dew at the time of the service.

You must sign up before 5 pm Thursday, July 23. Visit <https://reopen.church/r/4YIkEJ2Q> and enter your name, number attending from your household, and your email address. If you do not have online access, call 651-674-7047 and leave a message for Julie with your name, number attending, and phone number, and we will sign you up. Space is limited to 50 family units, with a maximum of 250 in attendance. **Each household will need to register for their own circle.** This may mean that some circles have one person, and some have more. **Please do not join the circle of another household, even if there is space.** Restrooms will not be available.

If it's raining, this service will be cancelled. Check our facebook page for updates.

Please call the office at 651-674-7047 or Pastor Jon at 612-231-2111 with any questions.

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

Children's Ministry Virtual Summer in the Son just wrapped up and we are grateful that 36 youth were able to participate with take home kits and video lessons this year! We are now working on a community art mosaic project. Youth and families are coloring pages at home that will then be assembled into one large community artwork piece, totaling 45 pages. We loved the idea of working on something together while we are apart. We will start assembling the large artwork in the beginning of August to share with everyone.

EDGE Youth Ministry EDGE has begun a virtual devotion called "The Good Life." We are taking a look and discussing the good and full lives God intended us to live even though life can be difficult at times. "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full." -John 10:10. EDGE youth and families are also working on the community art mosaic project and we are excited to have so many ages involved in making something together while we are apart. 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!

Laura Hink is our scholarship recipient this year. Congratulations Laura!

From your Council Chair

Several years ago my husband planted raspberries in the far corner of our yard. The last couple years we have been preoccupied with going back and forth to Iowa to help our son and his wife while he was doing cancer surgeries and treatments and have **totally** ignored the raspberries.



A couple weeks ago, he came in with a bowl of perfectly ripe and delicious berries and said there were many more to pick. I was shocked that the plants were still producing. For a week plus, I donned my mosquito netted hat and went out with him to pick more. It was hot, mosquito infested work amid the weeds and overgrown brush surrounding the precious plants loaded with ripe, red berries. Despite the fact that we had ignored them, God still allowed them to propagate and produce. For me, it was a great reminder how God continually provides for us. Like manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16)-- what sweet assurance!

In the same way God's people at Trinity continue to live generously and support our church and its work beyond our building. As you all know, a family has donated AC to the sanctuary. The council got quotes from the contractor to see what it would cost to do AC in the fellowship hall and kitchen in the future. We voted to pay for the electrical work (while the electricians were there) to wire the fellowship hall in preparation. THEN, a family came forward and said they would like to donate AC for the kitchen! **Amazing!** AND THEN, another family came forward with a matching gift for the fellowship hall of \$10,000, leaving \$10,000 for the congregation to match to complete the AC work! Please contact Pastor Jon if you'd like to contribute to this project. God continues to provide for His people and thru His people. Even though some would say this is not critical, I think it shows that He fully intends that we will be able to worship together again - even though I know some days it seems that day will never come. It gives me continued hope and encouragement. It is energizing and uplifting - like the continuation of Viking Vittles, Blessing Bags, calls to each other, visits as allowed and continued prayers for each other, our church, community, nation and world. I am convinced God is using this period of waiting and resting to get Trinity ready for more!

In His Grip, Ann Tanko, Council Chair

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Irma Ekstrom from Mary Sederberg, Orv & Bev Otterness, Chuck & Cheryl Immel, Janelle Mork, Scott & Kathy Blomquist

Undesignated in memory of Vern Weiss from Scott & Kathy Blomquist, Steve & Barb Mork, Diane Hornsten, Mary Sederberg, Martha Arnold, Loren & Jane Magnison, Timothy Biekkola, Joanne Ploetz, Shirlee & Cliff Secord, Mark & Molly Koecher, Donna Anderson, Janelle Mork, William & Robyn Sykes, Gloria Karsky, Neil & Carla Norelius, Byron Broden, Rosemary & Roger Dickhausen, Mike & Barb Nelson, Cynthia Anderson, Wallace & Sylvia Nordquist, Tom & Candi Hals, Sharon Weiss, Duane & Eileen Fisk, Vernell & Avis Weiss, Jean Fairbanks, Al & Ann Tanko, Dan & Sandra Johnson, Daniel & Rebecca Forschler, Mary & Stephen Weappa, Yvonne Johnson, Erlis & Arvid Lauen, Don & Carol Meyer, Ron & Diane Barsness

To the Building Fund in memory of Vern Weiss from Harry & Mary Jo Fleming, Lee & Donna Setter, Syl & Marcie Marking

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Vern Weiss from Butch & Sharalyn Olson

To Viking Vittles in memory of Vern Weiss from Jon & Trudy Trenda, Karen Nelson, Denny & Sue Gustafson

To Fellowship in memory of Vern Weiss from Sharon Ramberg

To the Air Conditioning Fund in memory of Vern Weiss from Darlene Nelson

To the Building Fund in memory of Vern Weiss & Ed Harnett from Jay & Karen Young

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

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

<u>Income</u>	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 30,543	\$ 30,456	\$ 178,845	\$ 182,735
Loose Offering	\$ 116	\$ 708	\$ 2,946	\$ 4,250
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 46	\$ 4,960	\$ 9,775
Rent	\$ -	\$ 292	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,751
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 1,304	\$ 1,958	\$ 15,065	\$ 11,750
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 31,963	\$ 33,460	\$ 203,501	\$ 210,261
<u>Expenses</u>	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 27,533	\$ 28,744	\$ 164,922	\$ 169,865
Church Property	\$ 3,929	\$ 5,486	\$ 43,393	\$ 45,735
Stewardship	\$ 142	\$ 108	\$ 528	\$ 650
Learning & Youth	\$ 1,290	\$ 825	\$ 1,706	\$ 2,950
Worship	\$ 75	\$ 492	\$ 1,055	\$ 2,950
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 100
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 32,969	\$ 35,671	\$ 211,603	\$ 222,250
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 14,575	\$ 14,575
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 550	\$ 550
Sub-Total Mission Support	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 16,250	\$ 16,250
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 35,677	\$ 38,380	\$ 227,853	\$ 238,500
Total Net Income - May 2020	\$ (3,715)	\$ (4,920)	\$ (24,352)	\$ (28,239)

June Income was \$1,497 under the June Budget
June Expenses was \$2,703 under the June Budget

Please consider Electronic Giving.

YTD Income is \$6,760 under the YTD Budget
YTD Expense is \$10,647 under the YTD Budget

Net Income is - \$3,715 for the month
Net Income is - \$24,352 for the year

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$48,467.25
Mortgage Balance as of 6/30/2020 \$340,960.20.

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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Church Office: 651-674-7047 Church Fax: 651-674-7048
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Ann Tanko, Council Chair
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Kristen Johnson, Rosanne Johnson,
Jim Jorgenson, Gary Porath, Vicky Trampe,

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!