

June 2021

Pastor's Page

Friends in Christ,

Its almost here! The moment we have all been waiting for! There will be singing in worship beginning in June! Can you tell I'm excited? Beginning in June we will be worshipping outside for four Sundays with the July 4th service being online only. I know that its still not quite back to how we would like things, but its a great start. We will have one service outside at 9:00 AM. All you have to do is bring a chair! There will be no need to register for these services and **masks will be optional**. I know that all of us are in a different place in terms of how safe we feel gathering around people again, so utilizing the increased safety of being outside will allow for an easier transition back to in-person worship for a lot of us. We will continue to offer a recorded service online. If there is inclement weather on Sunday mornings in June, we will move the service inside and masks will still be optional, so please consider that if you plan on coming to worship and the weather looks iffy.

I want to take a moment here and recognize all of the hard work and dedication our 8th and 9th grade confirmation students displayed this past year. I know that things didn't go as planned and there were a lot of bumps along the way, but they all persevered admirably and we were able to celebrate their affirmation of baptism in May. We had sixteen 9th graders and twenty 8th graders confirmed this year. Thank you to all of the parents and small group leaders for your hard work and dedication. It felt so great to be able to have confirmation services again this year! I also want to say congratulations to all of our Seniors who are graduating this year. They were my first Confirmation class and I am so excited to see what God has in store for them as the continue their journey!

Finally, I want to make sure everyone knows that beginning on July 11th we will be worshipping inside our sanctuary at 9:00 AM. There will be singing, communion, and fellowship following the service. We will begin live streaming the services again at this time and plan to continue that moving forward. I don't know about you all, but it is so great to be able to anticipate coming back together for the full Sunday morning experience we all prefer. It is simply incredible, looking back, on how much we have had to go through this past year. Again, thank you all for your continued support and generosity during these unprecedented times. I look forward to seeing you all again safely soon!

God Bless,

Pastor Jon

Join us for Outdoor worship during the month of June!

9:00 a.m.

- Who:** All are invited!
- What:** Worship with singing & communion!
- When:** June 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 9:00 a.m.
- Where:** Trinity's west "lawn" along Grand Avenue.
- How:** No preregistration necessary
No "distancing circles" will be marked
Mask wearing is optional (If weather does not permit us to worship outside, we will move indoors with masks being optional.)
Bring your own lawn chairs, something to sit on. (The grass is pretty dewy that time of the morning so blankets would get fairly wet.)
Bring your own coffee/water/juice and spend time before and after worship in fellowship with others.

(A prerecorded worship service will continue to be available online.)



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



Children & Youth Ministry News

Children's Ministry:

Our Sunday School year wrapped up on May 16, with family Sunday School fun. We also had our 5th grade Sunday School graduates blessing and milestone gift. Thank you to all of the families that participated in various ways this year, from take home lessons and crafts, Advent and Lent kits, community projects, Easter Egg hunt, and family Sunday School! We're looking forward to more in-person activities next school year. :) We are also beginning to look for Sunday School teachers for the fall. If you're interested in being a teacher, co-teacher, or sub, please reach out to Sarah at skrosschell@trinitynorthbranch.org



EDGE Youth Ministry:

Trinity celebrated the Class of 2021 with a blessing during Senior Recognition Sunday in May. EDGE will wrap up the school year with our last meeting in May as well. Thank you to our adult leaders that helped with EDGE this year both online and in-person! We appreciate all of your support! We are planning for a group to go on a mission trip to Luther Park this summer where we will do service projects around the camp during the day and enjoy worship, fun, and relaxing in the evenings. Youth entering 7th grade - outgoing 12th graders are also invited to be youth leaders and helpers for our Family Summer in the Son in August. Reach out to Marie if you are interested in registering to be a youth leader. mray@trinitynorthbranch.org



Family Summer in the Son/VBS

Trinity Lutheran Church invites your family to join us for Summer in the Son/VBS family-style this August! Parents and children up to incoming 6th graders are invited to participate. We look forward to exploring creation while also discovering how deeply God cares for us. Tuesday nights at Trinity will have structured activities while Thursday nights at Harder Park will be more informal free play at the park. From 5-5:30 each evening will be optional bring your own picnic supper/blanket. Activities will start at approximately 5:30 each evening. There is no cost to attend. Contact Marie for further details and the registration link, mray@trinitynorthbranch.org. Please register by July 15, to ensure t-shirts in your families requested sizes.

Tuesday, August 10 @ Trinity lawn, 5-7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 17 @ Trinity lawn, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, August 12 @ Harder Park, 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, August 19 @ Harder Park, 5-7 p.m.



**Blessings to
the
Class of
2021!**

**We introduce Christopher Dehen to the Trinity staff as our new Financial Recorder. Welcome!
He can be reached at cdehen@trinitynorthbranch.org.**

Thank you Cheryl Immel for her service and willingness to stay and train Chris.



Join us for a Twins game! We have reserved 40 tickets for the 7pm game on Tuesday, July 27 vs the Detroit Tigers. We have reserved a bus, which will leave Trinity promptly at 5:15. The bus will be parking close to the stadium entrance. Tickets are \$17 and include the bus ride. Purses must be 5" x 9" or less. Outside food and sealed unflavored water bottles 32 oz or less may be brought into Target Field, and all purchases must be made by credit card. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Julie at 651-674-7047 or jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org.

Undesignated in memory of Charles Anderson from Dean Anderson
To Viking Vittles in memory of Mary Henderson from Kathy Aho



"Christ in Our Home" daily devotionals for July, August, September have arrived. Large and regular print books are available. If you'd like a copy, email jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org or leave a message for Julie at 651-674-7047 to pickup.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending April 30, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 22,669	\$ 30,093	\$ 113,554	\$ 120,373
Loose Offering	\$ 137	\$ 500	\$ 472	\$ 2,000
Other Income	\$ 2,161	\$ 4,063	\$ 3,891	\$ 5,451
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,744	\$ 48,744
Rent	\$ -	\$ 167	\$ -	\$ 667
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 5,709	\$ 2,662	\$ 10,718	\$ 10,562
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 30,676	\$ 37,485	\$ 177,379	\$ 187,797
<u>Expenses</u>	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 24,882	\$ 28,848	\$ 100,717	\$ 112,924
Church Property	\$ 5,939	\$ 6,392	\$ 27,771	\$ 31,168
Stewardship	\$ 133	\$ -	\$ 512	\$ 375
Learning & Youth	\$ 1,109	\$ 725	\$ 1,589	\$ 1,600
Worship	\$ 46	\$ 225	\$ 1,127	\$ 900
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 67
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 32,108	\$ 36,207	\$ 131,717	\$ 147,034
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 9,717	\$ 9,717
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 750	\$ 751
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 367	\$ 367
Sub-Total Mission Support	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 10,834	\$ 10,834
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 34,817	\$ 38,915	\$ 142,550	\$ 157,868
Total Net Income - April 2021	\$ (4,141)	\$ (1,431)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 34,828	\$ 29,928

April Income was \$6,809 under the April Budget
April Expense was \$4,098 under the April Budget

Net Income is -\$4,141 for April
Net Income is \$34,828 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$73,000
Mortgage Balance as of 4/30/2021 \$239,938.74

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd J. Fisk
Treasurer

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.

Worship Notes for May 2021

Sunday, June 6th—Second Sunday after Pentecost

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Genesis 3:8-15 Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

Psalms 130 Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

Mark 3:20-35 In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

Sunday, June 13th—Third Sunday after Pentecost

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

Psalms 92:1-4, 12-15 The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

Mark 4:26-34 Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

Sunday, June 20th—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and we are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, the power greater than all that we fear.

Job 38:1-11 At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32 You stilled the storm and silenced the waves of the sea.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

Mark 4:35-41 Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

Worship
with us
from
HOME

Our weekly worship recording will continue to be available at 6:00 am each Sunday on our facebook page and YouTube channel. If you'd like to watch "together" from home, tune in at 9:00 am Sunday mornings!

Like Trinity Lutheran Church on facebook, and comment on our posts! Updates, Bible Study and weekly worship videos are posted frequently!



Worship Notes for May 2021 continued

Sunday, June 27th—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Lamentations 3:22-33 The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

Psalms 30 I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up.

2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

Mark 5:21-43 Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

TWO BOXES

I have in my hands two boxes, which God gave me to hold.

He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black, and all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes, both my joys and sorrows I stored.

But though the gold became heavier each day, the black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black, I wanted to find out why, and I saw in the base of the box,
a hole which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused aloud, "I wonder where my sorrows could be."

He smiled a gentle smile at me. "My child, they're all here with me."

I asked, "God, why give me the boxes. Why the gold, and the black with the hole?"

"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings, the black is for you to let go."

Isaiah 43: 18-19

At all times we must learn to forget the past and forge ahead. If we fail to let go of the past, it is very difficult to move forward.

Last Friday and Saturday a few of us were fortunate to be able to attend the ELCA Synod Assembly. We got to hear a message from the Bishop Rev. Patricia Lull and a couple of other speakers, and there was a lot of talk about getting through the last year and going forward. The theme was "Waiting in Hope" and focused on God's way of being present even when the landscape seems bleak. We attended virtually and there were about 310 present. We were put in what they called break out rooms and we could discuss with others where we saw hope in our current times. Hopefully, next year we will be able to meet again in person.

Gods Blessings, Linda Born

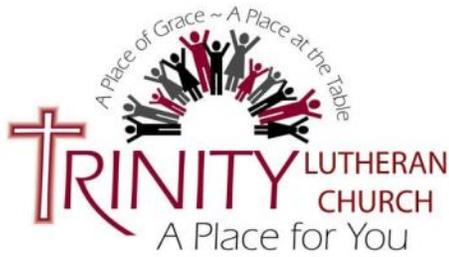


Viking Vittles Help Needed

We are looking for some members to help with packing Viking Vittles. We pack on Wednesday at 10:15. Up to 4 people from the same household can pack at a table. If you are able to help, please sign up at <https://signup.com/go/CPhKcVP> or call Mary Twitchell at 320-630-5040.

Fare for All is back at Trinity Lutheran Church. This is an all outdoor drive-thru version. The time has changed to 3:30-5:30 pm. The next sales will be held June 16 & July 14. See www.fareforall.org for details.





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