

July 2021



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor's Page

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you all! I hope that all of you have managed to stay cool as we have had a hot start to summer this year. I write this just after we received some much-needed rain. I can honestly say I can't remember a time when the grass was this crunchy! Hopefully we see more life-giving rain in the near future.

As most of you know, we have spent our Sundays in June worshipping together outside. It was so great to see some of you whom I have not seen in person since last March! Let us pray that the pandemic continues to lessen and we are able to continue to worship together safely. I also want to remind everyone that we will be worshipping online only on July 4th, and then resuming indoor worship with coffee hour on July 11th. Worship will be at 9:00 AM with coffee and fellowship hour following the service.

I have to say I am already excited to be able to plan for in-person activities this fall. We hope to resume two services at 8 and 10 with coffee hour and in-person Sunday School on September 12th. Confirmation classes will begin with a 6th and 7th grade session on September 15th and all classes meeting weekly beginning the 22nd. Please continue to pray for an end to this brutal pandemic we are coming out of.

This past Sunday, we read the familiar Gospel story about Jesus calming the storm. This passage is one of those examples that remind us of the power and authority Jesus has. I know it feels like we have been through quite the life storm over the past 18 months, I am so thankful that Christ continues to speak words of hope and love to calm the storms in our lives. I hope and pray that you have and will continue to constantly hear that promise from Jesus of "Peace, be still." May the peace of Christ be with you all this day and always!

God Bless,
Pastor Jon

July 2021 Worship schedule

Sunday, July 4th *Online worship only/No outdoor or indoor in person worship*

Beginning Sunday, July 11th through September 5th

9:00 a.m. in person worship in the sanctuary.

We will be singing, celebrate communion and have coffee fellowship following the service. (No pre-registration necessary/sit where you wish/masks optional.)

Starting on July 11th the worship service will be livestreamed vs. pre-recorded. It will be available to view in "real time" on our YouTube page and then posted to both our Facebook and YouTube pages at some point following worship to access for viewing later. An email with the link to view the worship service and an order of service will be emailed to everyone we have an email address on file for.

****The Church Office will be closed the week of July 4.****

Confirmation pictures are on the Narthex table for pick up.



Join us in thanking and honoring Cheryl Immel for her work as Trinity's Financial Recorder during our July 25 Coffee Hour!



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.

EDGE Youth Ministry

EDGE helped pack Viking Vittles in June and it was great to be able to serve again in our local community. We have a small group going 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. We appreciate your prayers for our trip this summer! We also have a Dairy Queen meet up planned for July. Youth entering 7th grade - outgoing 12th graders are also invited to be youth leaders and helpers for our Family Summer in the Son program 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/games/crafts while Thursday nights at Harder Park will be 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 online registration, 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.

(Scoops Ice Cream Truck Night - one free treat per person)

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

**Youth entering 7th grade - outgoing 12th graders are also invited to be youth leaders and helpers for our Family Summer in the Son program in August. Reach out to Marie if you are interested in registering to be a youth leader.

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

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

Outreach has had a busy couple of months. We created a Mission Statement to define how we operate and what our priorities are. We have started to recognize members of our congregation that have passed away on the one-year anniversary of their passing. Pastor Jon delivers a plant to the next of kin as an acknowledgment of their loss.

62 Blessing Bags were donated to A Place for You in Pine City. This is a homeless shelter that was very happy to receive them.

Viking Vittles continues to be a very big part of the Outreach team. The 2020-2021 school year had plenty of bumps in the road just like everything else due to COVID. We continued to deliver bags of food for the weekend to students in Sunrise and Early Childhood. In addition, we have been working with St. John's Church in Stacy and they deliver 56 bags of food to children in the Sunrise Mobile Home Park every week. We averaged about 175 bags of food each week for a total of over 5,000 bags or 10,000 meals for the school year.

With the church closed most of the year we had to limit the packing to people from the same family at a table and only pack at two tables each week. In order to keep the traffic to a minimum most of the packing was done by members of the Outreach team. We are excited to reopen the packing to groups as was done in the past. If you are interested in volunteering you can sign up at www.SignUp.com or call Mary Twitchell at 320-630-5040.

We were able to set up a care closet at the middle school prior to the start of school last fall. The care closet has shelves with food, school supplies as well as personal care items. Students are able to select items themselves rather than getting a prepacked bag to take home like is done in the elementary school. Studies have shown that this is a much better model for older students than supplying prepackaged bags of food. We had intended to start a care closet at the high school as well. However, COVID required the schools to make many adjustments and it was not practical to start one at the high school. Our hope is to get it running starting in the fall.

With many students doing distance learning and not attending school in person we needed to figure out a way to give them access to Viking Vittles as well. We worked with the school and they provided us space at one of their areas in the mall. We had a shelf with bags of Viking Vittles as well as some individual food items. Parents were able to stop in and pickup their child's Viking Vittles any time during the school day.

This summer we will once again be distributing Viking Vittles on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 at Stacy Lions Park, North Branch Central Park and Trinity. St. John's will staff the Stacy Park, the Northern Lights 4H will staff Central Park and online signup will be available for people to volunteer to staff the Trinity site.

We are very grateful for our partnerships with Family Pathways and the schools as well as our community and our congregations for both the financial support as well as the volunteer hours to keep this program going.

The three Little Free Libraries that were installed in Central Park, Stacy Park and Anderson Park have been well used. We had around 1000 books that had been donated to Trinity by the preschool that used to operate out of Trinity. We brought these books to Ecumen and the ladies there put our library stamp in each book. We are so grateful for all of their help with this. We monitor these sites regularly and add more books as needed. While the idea is to take a book and leave a book we are very happy to have books get into the hands of children that may not have a book to leave. Because not everyone is able to leave a book we have distributed in excess of 500 books to date. We could really use books for grades 1 to adult. If you have any you would be willing to donate they can be dropped off in the tote inside door #12 at church.

We have also sponsored a hanging basket for the North Branch Beautification Association's flowers that are displayed on the light posts in town.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending May 31, 2021
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 28,375	\$ 30,093	\$ 141,928	\$ 150,466
Loose Offering	\$ 22	\$ 500	\$ 494	\$ 2,500
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 63	\$ 3,891	\$ 5,514
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,744	\$ 48,744
Rent	\$ 100	\$ 167	\$ 100	\$ 834
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 1,955	\$ 2,086	\$ 12,673	\$ 12,648
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 30,451	\$ 32,909	\$ 207,830	\$ 220,706
<u>Expenses</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 26,609	\$ 28,723	\$ 127,327	\$ 141,647
Church Property	\$ 5,655	\$ 5,907	\$ 33,426	\$ 37,075
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 221	\$ 512	\$ 596
Learning & Youth	\$ 87	\$ 250	\$ 1,676	\$ 1,850
Worship	\$ 25	\$ 225	\$ 1,152	\$ 1,125
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 84
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 32,376	\$ 35,343	\$ 164,093	\$ 182,377
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 12,146	\$ 12,146
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 938	\$ 939
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 458	\$ 459
	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 13,542	\$ 13,543
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 35,085	\$ 38,051	\$ 177,635	\$ 195,920
Total Net Income - May 2021	\$ (4,633)	\$ (5,143)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 30,195	\$ 24,785

May Income was \$2,457 under the May Budget
May Expense was \$2,966 under the May Budget

Net Income is -\$4,633 for May
Net Income is \$30,195 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$87,600
Mortgage Balance as of 5/31/2021 \$216,953

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 July 2021

Sunday, July 4th—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between:" between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Ezekiel 2:1-5 In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

Psalms 123 Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Christians do not boast in their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

Mark 6:1-13 At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

Sunday, July 11th—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Amos 7:7-15 Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

Psalms 85:8-13 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

Ephesians 1:3-14 In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Mark 6:14-29 As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

July 18th—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

Psalms 23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Ephesians 2:11-22 The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need. *(continued)*

Worship
with us
from
HOME

Our weekly worship service will continue to be available 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 July 2021 continued

Sunday, July 25th—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as the bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

2 Kings 4:42-44 Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

Psalms 145:10-18 You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Ephesians 3:14-21 We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

John 6:1-21 In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

How nice it was to meet in person for our council meeting in June. Of course we had to give up our pajamas and our comfy slippers to drive into church, but it was worth it to see the 11 smiling faces walking in the door. We met in the Fellowship Hall and it was so cool and comfortable, so thank you for the wonderful donation of the air conditioning. It was great to be talking about groups who would be starting to meet in person again.

How wonderful to see the people coming back to worship at our outdoor services. To sing and have communion together again has felt like we have new life in Christ. We have been so fortunate to have such nice weather. We look forward to being inside the church again in July and to have fellowship after the services. How great that will be.

2nd Corinthians 5: 17- Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things become new.

Gods Blessings, Linda Born



To the Unified Fund in memory of Lu Dresel from Mike & Lucia Shoberg, Cindee Anderson, American Legion Auxiliary, Albert & Ann Tanko, Marty & Jody Johnson, Mike & Barb Nelson, Tom & Candi Hals

To the Unified Fund in memory of Richard & Ella Lou Nelson from Tami Tipton

Undesignated in memory of Judy Stake (Karen Nelson's sister) from Mandi Irfetz & Jesse Lavalla



"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.

Funeral Volunteers: We are creating an updated list of volunteers who could be called on to help out when we have funeral luncheons. If you'd like to be added to the list, please reply or call the office with your email address and phone number, and we will add you to the group list. This is not a commitment to work every funeral, but to be asked if you are available to help out. We will continue to email the congregation for donations of bars. Thank you to Grace Johnson for offering to head up the Hot Dish prep! Please contact Julie by replying to this email or calling 651-674-7047 with any questions or to be added to the list to support this ministry.

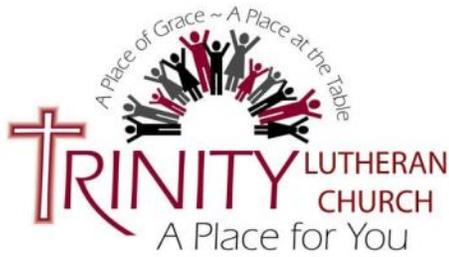
We are also in need of Altar Guild volunteers. They work in groups of two (couples are welcome!) to keep our sanctuary looking great, and change paraments when necessary. Each group signs up for a certain month, and coordinate a time to clean once a week during their month. This is an important ministry, with minimal time commitment. If you are interested in helping out or have questions, please reply or call Julie at 651-674-7047.

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.

Viking Vittles pick up is from 3:30-5:30 pm each Wednesday at Trinity, Central Park, and Lions Park in Stacy. Spread the word!

Fare for All is back inside at Trinity Lutheran Church. The time has changed to 3:30-5:30 pm. The next sales will be held July 14 & August 11. See www.fareforall.org for details.



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