

May 2022

Pastor's Page

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Luke 17:15-16

Being grateful—stopping when something wonderful has happened; saying a prayer of praise to God for some happy event or another; thanking anyone who has offered you a kind word or a helping hand—just like the Samaritan did in this little story from the gospel of Luke—is one of the simplest and most powerful ways of adding joy to your life. If we can get into the habit of being thankful, of telling God and others just how grateful we feel, we will change our lives and bring a little light and gladness to others.

Prayer: Dear Lord, you know there are things we can complain about today. But there is also so much for which to thank and praise you. For the people who love us, for this life so full of joy and sorrow, success and failure, fear and faith, we give you thanks. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Pastor Greg Wilcox

May worship schedule

- Sunday, May 1st:** **Third Sunday of Easter**
8:00 worship w/communion
10:00 worship w/communion
Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism service
- Sunday, May 8th:** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 & 10:00 worship w/communion
- Sunday, May 15th:** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 worship w/communion
10:00 worship w/communion
5th Grade Sunday School "graduation"
- Sunday, May 22nd:** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 worship w/communion
9:00-9:45 coffee hour/fellowship in honor of
the Class of 2022
10:00 worship w/communion
Class of 2022 Senior Recognition
- Sunday, May 29th:** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
***Summer schedule starts—
One worship service at 9:00 a.m.

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



Children & Youth Ministry News

Children's Ministry:

We can't believe the Sunday School year is winding down already. We have been truly blessed with such wonderful youth and families and teachers this year! THANK YOU to all of the Sunday School teachers and volunteers who made this year possible and added to all the special ways God is working in the hearts of these little ones. We will have our end of year party on Sunday, May 15, and will also be blessing and honoring our 5th grade Sunday School graduates that day during the 10:00 a.m. worship.



May 1 -- Lesson: Jesus Calms the Storm, Luke 8: 22-25

May 8 -- Lesson: Jesus Feeds the Multitude, John 6:1-16

May 15 -- Lesson: Jesus Walks on Water, Matthew 13: 25-34,

5th Grade Sunday School Graduation at 10:00 service, End of Year Party during Sunday School

Family Summer in the Son/VBS

Trinity invites your family to be a part of Summer in the Son/VBS family-style this summer! Parents and children up to incoming 6th graders are invited to participate. (7th-12th graders are encouraged to sign up to be youth helpers.) Hop, Skip, and Jump into God's love through: Bible stories, games, science, music, and service projects (Viking Vittles packing). Dates are Wednesdays, June 15, June 22, and June 29, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Trinity. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by families rotating through fun stations together. There is no cost to attend. Your family can come for 1, 2, or all 3 evenings. Please register by Sunday, May 8, to ensure requested t-shirts sizes for everyone in your family. Reach out to Marie with questions at mray@trinitynorthbranch.org. Registration forms can be found in the narthex or online here: <https://forms.gle/9hpjjUHFrpLxZALn7>

Youth entering 7th grade – outgoing 12th graders are invited to be youth leaders and helpers for our Family Summer in the Son. Dates are Wednesdays, June 15, June 22, and June 29, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth leaders will have fun trips in the afternoon before coming back to set up, serve supper, and help with VBS each night. Reach out to Marie if you are interested in registering to be a youth leader or you can find registration forms on the narthex table. Please register by Sunday, May 8. mray@trinitynorthbranch.org

EDGE High School Youth Ministry

THANK YOU to everyone who supported our youth group at our Palm Sunday Brunch! We were blown away by the generosity and support of our congregation. It was a wonderful joy-filled morning and we hope to do it again next year. EDGE was busy with some wonderful outreach projects this past month, including Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event, and Viking Vittles packing. Our group also decided to make a donation to Feed My Starving Children. In May, we'll wrap up our regular school year meetings and pack Viking Vittles once again. We will also serve coffee hour twice. Our year-end party will be on May 18.

Senior Recognition will be on Sunday, May 22, during our 10 a.m. service. A reception will take place with cupcakes and refreshments between services. Invites were mailed and/or emailed out to families with further details. If you have a graduate and did not receive the mailing, please contact Marie, mray@trinitynorthbranch.org. May God bless the Class of 2022!

May 1 - EDGE Serves Coffee Hour

May 4 - EDGE meets 6:30-7:30 p.m.

May 11 - EDGE meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Viking Vittles Packing)

May 18 - End of Year EDGE Party, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

May 22 - Senior Recognition Sunday during 10:00 a.m. service, EDGE serves Senior Reception between services



Senior's Social Night

We are inviting all our seniors for a get together twice a month! Get out and have some fun, spread some joy, and have a good visit. If you are bored at home or feeling couped up and lonely, this is the group for you! We will have social time, eat a hearty meal, sing some good ol' tunes, and some other great surprises. Our group will meet early before the sun goes down. Feel free to have your kids or grandkids drive you and stay for the fun! This is a place where walkers, canes and wheelchairs are welcome, but don't make you look old! You don't have to be old to join in either. If this group sounds fun, but you are not what you consider a senior, then come and visit or help with the fun.

We will meet from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

May 12th and 26th – May 12th bring a picture of your mother if you have one.

June 16th and 30th – June 30th bring a picture of your father if you have one.

July 14th and 28th

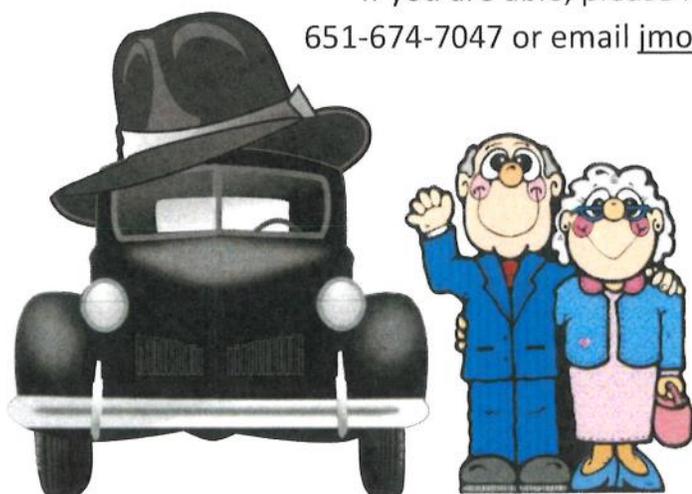
August 11th and 25th – If you have a Bible, please bring it.

September 8th and 22nd

October - 13th -A toe tapping night of music

And guess what!?! You don't have to bring anything. You don't have to pay anything. You don't have to be a member of Trinity. You can stay as long as you like. Just bring your smile and a few pictures of the Grandkids to brag about with your friends. That's it!

If you are able, please RSVP to Julie at the church
651-674-7047 or email jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org.



The church nursery will be staffed for our 10:00 am worship services

Dear Friends in Christ,

THANK YOU so much for the heart-warming send off! Your generosity, hospitality, and Christian love are truly amazing! I am humbled by your loving acceptance of me during our time together, as well as by the outpouring of gifts from the congregation, council, staff, fellowship group and individuals alike as we said our farewells! But the greatest gift of all has been the opportunity to get to know you and serve with you!! I am confident that God's full to the brim love will continue to not only encourage you, but embolden you in service and love for the Kingdom!

Blessings & Peace+,
Pastor Marlene Elmstrom

Thank-you, Claudia!

Claudia Hanson is a North Branch artist. Claudia has generously gifted us with two of her original watercolor paintings. The first is called "Crosses." It is a 12" x 20" painting which now graces one of our narthex walls. You will find it hanging between the stain glass windows behind the table we use to "sign-up" for various things.

The second painting is named "They Know His Voice." This painting was inspired by a very old sepia family photo in the house of Claudia's former neighbor (and Trinity's former secretary), LuAnn Stelter. The photo was of sheep coming in from the pasture. On the back of the photo was written, "They know His voice. John 10:4." "They Know His Voice" has found its new home on a wall in the main church office.

We are grateful for Claudia's sharing of her artistic talents with us!

We are having a grave sale in May.
The regular price is \$400 and the sale price will be \$300 for the month of May only.

Images of families fleeing Ukraine bombard us daily. Our hearts go out to them and we want to help. Your financial donations can help provide food, shelter and emergency funds for refugees impacted by the Ukrainian crisis. The Outreach Team will match donations up to \$1000. On Mother's Day our Noisy Offering will be collected for Ukraine. Note Ukraine on the memo line if writing a check.

To submit a prayer chain prayer request or to be added to the email recipient list, please call the office or email office@trinitynorthbranch.org.



Let's Raise the Roof!

The total cost of replacing the roof is \$164,315. We are in the midst of a campaign that is asking the congregation to raise at least \$50,000 towards that effort. With that and other available funds, the roof will be paid for in full! Any money over \$50,000 will help pay down the mortgage more quickly. Currently we have pledges and non-pledged donations that put us just slightly over halfway to our goal with only a few months left to go before the work begins! Please consider contributing!



Please email articles for the June Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by May 16. Thank you!

Trinity's Altar Guild needs your help! Due to aging and illness the Guild is shrinking. Do you have one hour a week, one week of the year to see that the altar area is neat, that the paraments are correct for the season and see to the general tidiness of the sanctuary. This can be done by men or women, couples. Current members will be available for training. If this is calling you, please let Julie in the office know of your willingness. Thank you!



Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live at 8 & 10a on our YouTube channel, and about 90 minutes later on our facebook page. Links can be found on our website.

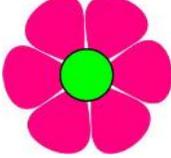
Like Trinity Lutheran Church on facebook, and comment on our posts! Worship videos are posted each Sunday!



Stay tuned for Bible Study meeting dates! If you'd like to be added to the email Bible Study, let Julie know at jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org.

"Christ in Our Home" daily devotionals for April, May and June 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.

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Confirmation	2 8:30 am Fellowship Team Meeting	3 8:30 am Outreach Meeting-Genesis Room	4 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm EDGE	5	6	7 
8 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am Noisy Offering-Ukraine 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	9	10	11 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm EDGE	12 5:30 pm Senior Social Night	13	14
15 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School Fifth Grade Recognition @ 10am worship	16 May Tidings articles due	17 7:00 pm Council Mtg	18 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm EDGE	19 	20	21
22 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am Senior Recognition Sunday 9:00 am Coffee Hour	23 	24	25	26	27	28
29 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 *Summer Schedule starts** 10:00 am Coffee Hour	30 Church Office is closed 	31		8 & 10 am worship services (9:00 am summer) are livestreamed on YouTube, and available for viewing later on YouTube and facebook!		

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending March 31, 2022
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 27,763	\$ 29,740	\$ 87,835	\$ 89,221
Loose Offering	\$ 914	\$ 233	\$ 1,125	\$ 700
Other Income	\$ 2,071	\$ 947	\$ 2,212	\$ 1,777
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 3,827	\$ 2,167	\$ 11,009	\$ 6,500
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 34,574	\$ 33,087	\$ 102,181	\$ 98,198
<u>Expenses</u>	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 7,288	\$ 7,288
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 563	\$ 563
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 275	\$ 275
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 8,125	\$ 8,125
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 24,571	\$ 32,005	\$ 79,690	\$ 96,466
Church Property	\$ 11,896	\$ 6,796	\$ 31,271	\$ 25,503
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 377	\$ 450
Learning & Youth	\$ 377	\$ 308	\$ 677	\$ 925
Worship	\$ 149	\$ 208	\$ 466	\$ 625
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 50
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 36,993	\$ 39,485	\$ 112,482	\$ 124,018
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 39,701	\$ 42,193	\$ 120,607	\$ 132,144
Total Net Income - March 2021	\$ (5,127)	\$ (9,106)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (18,426)	\$ (33,945)

March Income was \$1,487 over the March Budget
March Expense was \$2,492 under the March Budget

Net Income is -\$5,127 for March
Net Income is -\$18,426 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$66,941
Mortgage Balance as of 03/31/2022 \$109,559

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.

FROM THE CHAIR.....

Wow, what a month - exciting and also trying times!

Last month we celebrated our time with Pastor Marlene, welcomed Pastor Greg, were treated to a Palm Sunday Parade by the Sunday School kids, and filled the pews on Easter – so good to see everyone!



And the excitement extends well beyond the walls of our church as we continue to make an impact on many lives throughout our community and beyond!

In fact, this last month Trinity packed over 270 bags of food each week for Viking's Vittles; stocked the Care Closets at the middle and high school with food, toiletries, school supplies and warm clothes; packed 20 Easter baskets for shut-ins, hosted Fare for All, and we will be packing Blessing Bags for the police department to distribute.

Your time, talents and donations are truly making an impact both here at home and around the world! Our church is much more than a building, this is where we gather in worship and much of this great outreach work is done. This summer we need to replace our roof to ensure that our church can continue as this vibrant and important hub for our community. The total cost of replacement is \$164,315 and thanks to a number of memorial funds, pledges, and donations, we only need to raise an additional \$22,005 to make this possible. Please help us reach this goal in May so that we can complete this work in June and July.

As we look forward to May, I ask you also consider additional support for those displaced and affected by the crisis in Ukraine.

So far, more than 4.6M Ukrainians have fled to other countries and 6.5M have been displaced within their own country. Our Outreach team has chosen to provide support through Lutheran World Relief (LWR). With extensive experience in providing Humanitarian Relief since the end of WWII, LWR is focused on providing medical supplies and equipment, providing shelter, protecting against sexual exploitation and abuse, and distributing care kits across Ukraine and Poland.

The Outreach Committee made an initial \$1,000 donation to LWR in April and will donate up to an additional \$1,000 in matching donations from the congregation.

You can learn more about Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and the Ukrainian response by visiting the website at www.lwr.org.

Peace,
Chris Judson



To Fellowship in memory of Bill Dickhausen from Mike & Barb Nelson

To the Youth in memory of Barb Nelson's mother from Judy Weiss

Undesignated in memory Charlene Nyberg from Dean Anderson, Duane & Eileen Fisk, Loren & Jane Magnison

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Charlene Nyberg from Butch & Sharalyn Olson

To the EDGE Mission Trip in memory of Myrtle Bentley (Barb Nelson's mother) from Butch & Sharalyn Olson, Ron & Diane Barsness, Daniel & Rebecca Forschler, Dave & Martha Arnold, Tom & Candi Hals, Duane & Eileen Fisk, Bonnie Nelson

Undesignated in honor of Vonnie Johnson's 95th birthday from Bonnie Nelson

To the Roof Fund in memory of Ron Hult from Bonnie Nelson

To the Roof Fund in memory of Lester Zentner from Dave & Terri Nelson

To Viking Vittles in memory of Lester Zentner from Patti & James Kovarik

Undesignated in memory of Lester Zentner from Ron & Diane Barsness



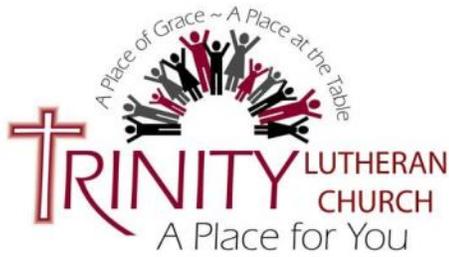
If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity, let Pastor Greg or Julie know, and we will add you to the list. A class will be held in early summer.

Fare for All is back at Trinity Lutheran Church. The next sales will be held 3:00-5:00 (new time) May 11 & June 8. See www.fareforall.org for details.

ALTAR GUILD

Serving for the month of
May

Carol Gustafson
Connie Deminsky



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May 2022

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Sunday Worship: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. in person and
livestreamed on YouTube.

Available on facebook 930 & 1130a. See our website for links.

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Todd Fisk, Church Treasurer

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Tanzania

Our Sister Congregation in Tanzania—Pawaga

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Rosanne Johnson, Aaron Nysse, Stan Sjodahl,

Ann Tanko, Vicky Trampe

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