

July 2022



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor's Page

Dear Friends at Trinity,

I've been at Trinity for a little over three months and it has been a wonderful and satisfying experience. Thanks to all of you who have welcomed me so warmly into your parish. It has been a joy getting to know you and I am grateful for these past months.

Our country and our culture is roiled with so many contentious issues these days. Often our ability to really listen to, and try to understand, those who have different perspectives and beliefs than our own is a real challenge.

Not surprisingly Jesus has something to say about this. In his Sermon on the Mount—Matthew 5, 6 and 7—Jesus teachings are pointed and oh so relevant for today. Especially his teaching about how we relate to our enemies.

"Love them" he says simply. Or here is how Eugene Peterson puts it in *The Message*, his contemporary translation of the Bible:

You're familiar with the old written law, "Love your friend," and its unwritten companion, "Hate your enemy." I'm challenging that. I'm telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. . . Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you. (Selected verses Matthew 5)

I'm guessing that most of us don't think in terms of "having enemies". But I'm also guessing that all of us have people whose opinions and perspectives about politics and social issues rub us the wrong way, people we don't like and who don't like us. And I'd ask you to think seriously about Jesus' teaching in terms of those people. Love them, those people who rub you the wrong way and who you don't like! Let them bring out the best in you. Pray for them. Live generously and graciously towards them.

When we do that—as hard as it might be—Trinity will become an even more wonderful and welcoming place. And all of us will be blessed.

In Christ, Pastor Greg

Donations Provide Assistance

Once again you have expressed a loving concern for neighbors near and far through your generous giving. In recent months offerings have raised money for the local food shelf as well as for the ELCA's work in Ukraine. The Outreach Team approved an additional \$1,000 from Phoenix funds to go towards each of these efforts.

The food shelf offering was \$2,423, making a total contribution of \$3,423 with the additional \$1,000.

The noisy offering for Ukraine on May 8th brought in \$279.66. With additional contributions of \$2,032 and the \$1,000 from Phoenix funds, the total sent to the ELCA was \$3,311.66.

Because there was no noisy offering on January 30 due to no in-person worship, the Outreach Team approved a contribution of \$500 to the North Branch Fire Department's educational program.

Thank you for your generosity!



Children & Youth Ministry News

Children's Ministry / VBS

Family-style Summer in the Son/VBS was held in June. We enjoyed 3 fun family-nights filled with Bible Stories, science, music, service projects, food, and fellowship. Our stories reminded us all that Jesus loves us, forgives us, and remembers us. We are grateful to the 13 families that were a part of our program! Thank you to all of our volunteers and youth leaders for helping make our program so fun! It was wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work, from the planning to the people He called to gather in community and faith with one another. God is good!

Sunday School is on break until September. We will have more information and registration to share in mid-August. We hope your summer has been filled with many blessings!

EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Thank you to the youth that helped set up, serve, and help with VBS each night for our family-style program this year. We couldn't have done it without you! We have a fun lake night planned at Pastor Greg's this month in addition to our mission trip. We appreciate your prayers for our trip as we travel, serve, and grow together this summer. Thank you for all of your prayers and support! We hope your summer has been filled with many blessings!



The church nursery will be open but not staffed for our 9:00 am worship service on July 3. It will be staffed for remaining July 9:00 am services.

The Path Program

Trinity has been a host for the Path Program for many years. In this program, homeless families with children are hosted in local churches, with each church hosting a few weeks each year. Since Covid these families have been housed in hotels from grant funding received by the program, with hosting churches providing funds for groceries and gas cards. Trinity hosts twice a year for two consecutive weeks, generally in June and December.

Grant funding will end in September, and Trinity will be responsible for hosting the last two weeks of December. This may be a combination of hotel and church hosting, based on available space and volunteers.

We are looking for a coordinator to work with scheduling volunteers, beginning in December. We are also looking for monetary donations to help fund the grocery and gas cards for our July 2022 weeks, and hotel and gas and grocery cards for December.

If you can help out in any way, please contact Julie at 651-674-7047 or jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org. Thank you!



To the Roof Fund in memory of Twyla Ring from Cheryl Immel

Undesignated in memory of Twyla Ring from Irene Moore, Jean Tribol & Cynthia Voce

To the Roof Fund in memory of Myrtle Bentley (Barb Nelson's mother) from Vonnie Johnson

To the Roof Fund in memory of members and friends at Trinity from Loren & Karen Mellum

To the Roof Fund in memory of Denny Gustafson from Philip A & Joann Larson, Jay & Karen Young

Undesignated in memory of Denny Gustafson from Marlin & Lois Ness, Mary Sederberg, LuAnn Stelter, Tom & Candi Hals, Mike & Tina Klatt, Carol Gustafson, Mike & Barb Nelson, Lorraine Wenzel, Loren & Jane Magnison, Rosemary Dickhausen, Ron & Diane Barsness, Bev Otterness, Al & Ann Tanko, Vonnie Johnson, Cassandra & Erin Lewis, Duane & Eileen Fisk, Jean Fairbanks, Joe & Arlen Rystrom

To the Scholarship Fund in memory of Denny Gustafson from Bev Otterness

To Sunday School in memory of Denny Gustafson from Mike & Mary Kay Linder

To the Roof Fund in memory of Denny Gustafson from Dana & Kim Johnson, Joanne Aakhus, Lee & Donna Setter, Karen Nelson, David & Martha Arnold, John & Helen Lindhart, Syl & Marcie Marking

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

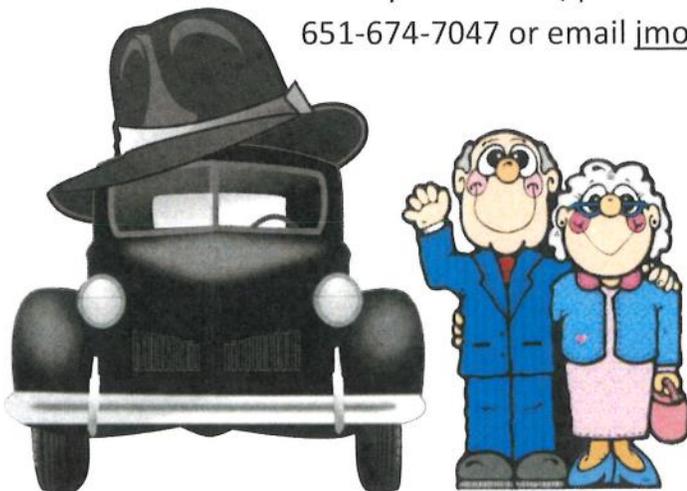
August 11th and 25th – If you have a Bible, please bring it.

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.



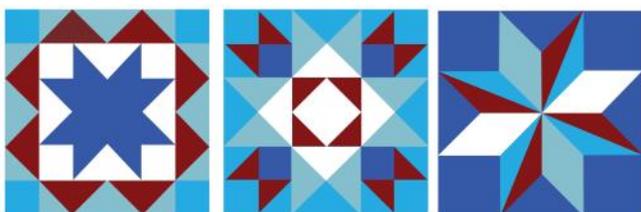


We have a number of open weeks for serving Coffee Hour this summer. (July 17; August 7, 14, 21; September 4) If you can bring treats and serve, please call Julie at 651-674-7047 or sign up on the sheet on the office bulletin board. Thank you!

Trinity has reserved 50 tickets for the Tuesday, August 16 game vs the Kansas City Royals. This year we have reserved a coach bus. Tyler Olson will be our driver and you will be dropped off close to the gate. \$25 fee includes your ticket and bus ride! Please sign up on the sheet outside the office. Payment is due at sign up. Feel free to invite friends and family to join in the fun! Our sign-up sheet is filling up! See Julie or Judy Weiss with questions.



Trinity's current quilters have decided to discontinue meeting. We have a couple of sewing machines and fabric and other supplies available if someone is interested in heading up or taking part in a new quilters group. Contact Julie in the office with questions or if you are interested in leading or participating.



Trinity's Fellowship Team night at the movies! All are welcome! Simply meet at the North Branch Theater on July 15 at 6:45 pm, and we will decide on a movie. Discussion and dessert after the movie!

Books for all ages are needed

for our Little Free Libraries. Books may be left in the bin just inside Door 12. Trinity sponsors little libraries at Central Park, Anderson Park and Stacy Lions Park!

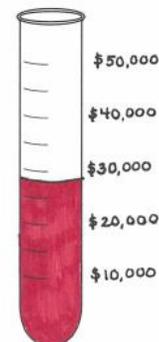
To submit a prayer chain prayer request or to be added to the email recipient list, please call the office or email office@trinitynorthbranch.org. 



Please email articles for the August Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by July 15. Thank you!

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 \$30,000 and the work is now complete! Please consider contributing! Thank you!



Viking Vittles Summer Distribution:

North Branch Central Park: Wednesdays 10:00 am –noon
 Trinity Lutheran Church: Wednesdays 3:00-5:00 pm
 Stacy Lions Park: Thursdays 4:00-6:00 pm
 Spread the word! Volunteers are needed for Wednesday morning distributions. Call Julie at 651-674-7047 if you're available to help out!

Fare for All is back at Trinity Lutheran Church. The next sales will be held 3:00-5:00 July 13 & August 10. See www.fareforall.org for details. The Shoe Bus will be here 3-5 p July 13 as well.



Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live at 9a on our YouTube channel, and about 90 minutes later on our facebook page. Links can be found on our website.

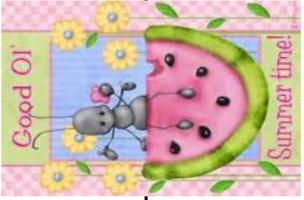
Like Trinity Lutheran Church on facebook, and comment on our posts! Worship videos are posted each Sunday!



"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.

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:00 am worship services are livestreamed on YouTube, and available for viewing later on YouTube and Facebook.					1 	
3 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am (no livestream or video of today's worship) 10:00 am Coffee Hour	4 	5 The office and building are closed this week	6 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles Distribution at Trinity Closed	7 Closed	8 Closed	9
10 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour & Coffee Talk	11	12 	13 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles Distribution at Trinity 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All & The Shoe Bus	14 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Senior Social Night	15	16
17 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour & Coffee Talk	18 July Tidings articles due	19 7:00 pm Council Mtg	20 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles Distribution at Trinity	21 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	22 	23 
24 & 31 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour & Coffee Talk	25	26	27 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles Distribution at Trinity	28 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Senior Social Night	29	30

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

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

<u>Income</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 36,339	\$ 29,740	\$ 153,021	\$ 148,701
Loose Offering	\$ 424	\$ 233	\$ 1,891	\$ 1,167
Other Income	\$ 20	\$ 80	\$ 6,045	\$ 4,405
Grants - Employee Retention Credits	\$ 55,890	\$ 57,089	\$ 55,890	\$ 57,089
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,527	\$ 2,167	\$ 16,584	\$ 10,833
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 95,201	\$ 89,310	\$ 233,432	\$ 222,195
<u>Expenses</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<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 Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 13,542	\$ 13,542
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 25,901	\$ 32,705	\$ 136,076	\$ 161,676
Church Property	\$ 6,705	\$ 5,985	\$ 45,239	\$ 37,473
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 510	\$ 750
Learning & Youth	\$ 768	\$ 345	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,730
Worship	\$ -	\$ 458	\$ 1,179	\$ 1,572
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 83
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 33,374	\$ 39,660	\$ 184,519	\$ 203,284
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 36,083	\$ 42,369	\$ 198,061	\$ 216,825
Total Net Income - May 2021	\$ 59,118	\$ 46,941		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 35,371	\$ 5,370

May Income was \$5,892 over the May Budget
May Expense was \$6,286 under the May Budget

Net Income is \$46,941 for May
Net Income is \$35,371 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$111,568
Mortgage Balance as of 05/31/22 \$88,659

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.....



I Corinthians 12:4-6

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

We recently kicked off our Coffee Talk series gaining important insights to guide our Ministry Exploration Team as part of the process to call a new full-time pastor.

In our conversations, I am struck by all of God's gifts at work through so many people in our congregation. Our ministry teams are strong and passionate about reinvigorating programs and our outreach teams and community impact continue to grow.

Many of our conversations have also centered around the need for fellowship. Like many of you, I am excited to see members from "the other service" during our combined worship in the summer. It's also clear that our time together is important whether it's worship, coffee hours, Bible studies or other opportunities.

In June we were able to explore:

June 12th – Trinity in Times of Change and Challenge

June 19th – Gifts & Opportunities

June 26th – Ministry & Outreach

We will resume Coffee Talks on July 10th with following topics remaining:

July 10th – Faith, Fellowship, Connection

July 17th – Future Leadership: Pastoral & Lay

July 24th – Priorities for the Future

Thank you to all who have participated in our Coffee Talks so far! For those that are not able to attend live Coffee Talks on Sunday mornings, we are posting discussion questions in the weekly announcements available at church and sent via email each week. Please take some time to send your thoughts back via email to surveys@trinitynorthbranch.org or drop handwritten copies in the church office.

I'm also excited to announce that we have created an online survey that will be available each week with a link in the weekly announcements and on the Trinity website and Facebook page.

As we look to complete Phase I: Renew this summer, we will transition into Phase II: Plan early this Fall and kickoff our call committee as part of Phase III: Call late this year. If you're interested in volunteering as part of this process, please contact the office or reach out to me directly and we can get you connected with more information as we Create a Vibrant Future together.

Peace,
Chris Judson



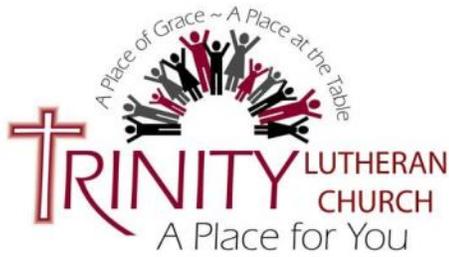
ALTAR GUILD

Serving for the month of
July

Janelle Mork

Carol Meyer

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, or 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!



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July 2022

Partners in Ministry: The People of Trinity

Church Office: 651-674-7047 Church Fax: 651-674-7048
Church Office Hours: 8:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Thursday
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am May 29-Sept 18 in person and
livestreamed on YouTube.

Available on facebook 10:30 am. See our website for links.

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Todd Fisk, Church Treasurer

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Our Sister Congregation in Tanzania—Pawaga

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Rosanne Johnson, Aaron Nysse, Stan Sjodahl,
Ann Tanko, Vicky Trampe

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e-mail and by regular mail?**

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