

July 2023

## Pastor's Page

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*"Then the one seated on the throne said,  
"Look! I'm making all things new."  
Revelation 21:5*



TRINITY TIDINGS

# Trinity Lutheran Church

Change is hard, and it's been a season of newness and change in my life and it's coming at me fast. New job. New house. New state! Everything has been a whirlwind; This is my first week on the job at Trinity and I've had to learn a whole new system.

I'm trying to grasp all the little details that are new and different for me – things you might not think about. Silly things even! Where do I stand for communion? Which keys open which doors? Do we sing the Psalms or speak them? What exactly is a "vittle" anyway? (It means food supply or provision ... I had to google it). Thank God for Julie, or I'd really be lost!

Maybe you've been in a place like this before, where everything feels new and overwhelming, where things are coming at you so fast, you don't know if you'll be able to handle it all at once. Like trying to take a drink from a gushing fire hydrant, sometimes too much change and newness can feel like you're drowning.

But through all of it, I've found that some things are the same no matter where you are. I've already had the opportunity to experience Youth Group and VBS and I've witnessed the love and joy that God gives to our children. I've met amazing people caring for their communities with Spirit-filled hearts, through Viking Vittles and other various programs around the church.

And I see Jesus shining through all of you. Because Christ, of course, is the one constant in all our lives. No matter where we go, or what we do, that will never change. And yes, God is "making all things new" because God never stops creating. But through the power of the Holy Spirit we can trust that God is with us.

Thanks be to God!  
Amen  
Pastor Paul Cannon



We have 50 tickets reserved for the July 25 Twins game vs. the Seattle Mariners. The bus will leave Trinity at 5:00 p.m. \$25 includes your ticket and chartered bus ride. Family and friends are welcome to join the fun! Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board. Check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church due at sign-up. We have invited other local churches to join us. See Julie with questions.

# Children & Youth Ministry News

## Children's Ministry

Family 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!



## Family VBS Nights/Summer in the Sun

Family VBS nights were held in June and we sure had a blast together! We enjoyed three fun nights filled with Bible stories, science, art, games, music, service projects, food, and fellowship. Our theme this year was "Who is my neighbor?" We focused on all the ways God loves us and how we can let our light shine to help our neighbors. We are grateful to the 15 families that were a part of serving and growing together this summer! Thank you to all of our adult 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 called to gather in faith and community with one another. Let your light shine!



## EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Thank you to the high school youth that helped set up, serve, and help with Family VBS Nights this June! We couldn't have done it without you! We had a blast at our afternoon activities, including the movies, pool, and mini golf. In July, we have 8 youth and 2 adults heading to Wisconsin for 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!



## Family Sunday School Coordinator Job Opportunity

Love working with kids and families? Love being creative? Trinity has an opportunity available for Family Sunday School Coordinator. This position can be shared by two candidates to allow for scheduling flexibility. This position's primary responsibility is to coordinate and direct all aspects of Sunday School. This position organizes, guides, and coordinates the people and resources that shape the worship life of the children in the congregation and empowers others to share this ministry. See the job description link or reach out to Sue or Marie with questions. <https://trinitynorthbranch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Family-Sunday-School-Coordinator-5.10.23.pdf>



**To the Cemetery Fund** in memory of Karen Nelson's birthday on May 27 by Jeff, Craig and Jill

**To the Cemetery Fund** in memory of Robert Nelson by his family

## Are you receiving the Tidings by e-mail and by regular mail?

To reduce our expenses and receive only the email version, contact Julie at [jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org)

**Contributions reminder:** If mailing in your contribution or using online bill pay, please include P.O. Box 447 in the mailing address. Also, please mark your contribution so the monies are directed to the appropriate fund. Thank you!

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Your Help is Needed!

Families experiencing homelessness will be staying at Trinity July 8-23. They will eat supper at church, spend their nights sleeping in our Sunday School rooms, have breakfast at church, and then leave for the Day Center in Cambridge around 7:30 AM. To make sure these families feel welcomed at Trinity, we need

- \* Volunteers to bring and serve meals
- \* Volunteers to spend the evening at church with the families
- \* Volunteers to spend the night sleeping in the nursery, being available if needed

Sign-up sheets are available on a table in the narthex. Please help us welcome these families by signing up today. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please call Mary Twitchell at 320-630-5040.

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## **We are having a Rummage Sale August 4 & 5**

Proceeds will go to Viking Vittles and gas/grocery cards.

Items may be dropped off beginning July 24. See Wendy or Julie if you can help out!!



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## **FROM THE CHAIR.....**

From the President

At the June 20th Church Council meeting we began working with Pastor Paul Cannon. After only two days on the job, Pastor Paul got to know the council members a little better and added his experience to help in the decision making. Welcome to Trinity, Pastor, we're glad to have you here.



Since re-organizing after the February Annual Meeting, the council has not had a vice president. Jeremy Edson has agreed to serve in that capacity and was elected unanimously by his peers at the meeting. He will take over the presidency after the 2024 Annual Meeting. Thank you, Jeremy, for your willingness to serve.

One topic discussed at the meeting was to establish a group of volunteers, the Church Property Team, to help keep our church property looking its best. The work would involve keeping the landscaping weeded and trimmed which would probably be a twice per year commitment, usually spring and fall. When needed, the Team could also help on interior projects. If you are interested in helping with the general maintenance or have a special skillset that applies to maintenance of our other systems such as heating, cooling, plumbing, electrical, audio, computer, etc., please contact Office Manager Julie Morgan or Tom Hals.

The Congregation voted to purchase a vacant parcel adjacent to our cemetery at the last Annual Meeting. The parcel, which is approximately one-half acre in size, will be used to expand the cemetery in the future. This property purchase has been completed.

You may have noticed a slight change in the title of this article. While working on the property purchase, I read through Trinity's Constitution. According to that document, dated 2016, the officers of the congregation are to be a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Somewhere along the way the offices of president and vice president became chair and vice chair. In order to conform to our constitution, we will be using the titles president and vice president.

Grace and Peace,  
Tom Hals, Council President



The church office will be closed  
the week of July 3.



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](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org).



We are in need of a group or a couple of families to bring treats and serve at our 9:00 am Coffee Hour over the summer.

Dates needed are July 9 and August 6, 13, 20. Please contact Julie or sign up on the bulletin board if you can help out. Thank you!

Trinity's grocery shelf has seen an increase in use recently. If you'd like to donate non-perishable or personal care items, please bring them to the office. We have a freezer available as well. We have also had multiple requests for gas cards. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, note "Grocery Shelf" or "Gas Cards" on your donation and we will do the shopping for you. Thank you for supporting your community in this way!



Please email articles for the July Trinity Tidings to [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org) by July 17. Thank you!



Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live at 9:00 am on our YouTube channel, and about 90 minutes later on our facebook page. Links can be found on our website.

To sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the calendar near the church office. Please bring an arrangement of fresh flowers prior to 8:45 am on that Sunday. See Julie with questions.



**Fare for All at Trinity Lutheran Church.**

**3:00-5:00 pm July 12 & August 9.**

**Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. [www.fareforall.org](http://www.fareforall.org)**

### Contribution reminder

If mailing or using online bill pay for contributions, please include P.O. Box 447 in the mailing address. Also, please mark your contribution so the monies are directed to the appropriate funds. Thank you!



Trinity's Fellowship Team night at the movies! All are welcome! Simply meet at the North Branch Theater on **July 21 at 6:45 pm**, and we will decide on a movie. Discussion and dessert after the movie!

### ALTAR GUILD

Serving for the month of July

Janelle Mork

Carol Meyer



ALTAR GUILD

**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](mailto:jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org) or leave a message for Julie at 651-674-7047 to pickup.**



# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday worship services are livestreamed on YouTube, and available for viewing later on YouTube and facebook.						1
2 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	3 <b>The church office will be closed the week of July 3.</b>	4 	5	6	7 	8 Path Program hosting begins
9 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	10	11 8:30 am Outreach Mtg	12 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All	13 5:00 pm Senior Social	14	15
16 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	17 Tidings articles due 	18 7:00 pm Council Mtg	19	20	21 6:30 pm Fellowship at the movies	22
23/30 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 10:00 am Coffee Hour Path Program hosting ends July 23	24 Rummage Sale drop off begins	25 5:00 pm Bus departs for MN Twins game	26	27 	28	29

# Treasurer's Report

## Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending May 31, 2023  
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 26,306	\$ 33,333	\$ 150,890	\$ 166,667
Loose Offering	\$ 2,389	\$ 375	\$ 3,517	\$ 1,875
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ 7,022	\$ 6,358
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,927	\$ 2,500	\$ 16,526	\$ 12,500
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 31,622</b>	<b>\$ 36,250</b>	<b>\$ 177,954</b>	<b>\$ 187,400</b>
<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	\$ 20,672	\$ 22,553	\$ 144,379	\$ 163,645
Church Property	\$ 6,476	\$ 7,057	\$ 47,055	\$ 42,224
Stewardship	\$ 134	\$ 150	\$ 525	\$ 750
Learning & Youth	\$ 989	\$ 1,208	\$ 2,064	\$ 3,042
Worship	\$ 232	\$ 358	\$ 1,377	\$ 1,642
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 83
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 28,504	\$ 31,343	\$ 195,400	\$ 211,385
<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 31,212</b>	<b>\$ 34,051</b>	<b>\$ 208,942</b>	<b>\$ 224,927</b>
Total Net Income - May 2023	\$ 410	\$ 2,199	\$ (30,988)	\$ (37,527)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 31,000	\$ 35,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ 3,410	\$ 9,199		
<b>Total Net Income - Year-To-Date</b>			<b>\$ 12</b>	<b>\$ (2,527)</b>

May Income was \$4,628 Under the May Budget  
May Expense was \$2,839 Under the May Budget

Net Income is \$3,410 for May  
Net Income is \$12 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$89,765.69

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Todd J. Fisk*  
Treasurer

See our website [www.trinitynorthbranch.org](http://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.



## *Senior Socials!*

We have missed you!!!! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. For some, winter can be long, but winter will soon be over and it will be time for our Senior Socials to start! Our group has already been planning, and getting ready for the fun. Ruthie, Miles, and Simon have all been involved in the planning, and they have had some really good ideas! **If you have never been to a Senior Social, come and try a night! I know you will be back!** You are welcome to bring friends or have your neighbor, kids or grandkids drive you and join you! We socialize, have dinner together, play games and have music. Oh, and I may have a joke or two to tell 😊

Each night, except our last, will be 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Here is our 2023 schedule and themes:

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Hawaii and the Ocean

May 11<sup>th</sup> – It's a hoedown! Wear your country duds and get ready for some music!

June 8<sup>th</sup> – Theater Night

July 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas in July! Wear red or green, if you have it.

August 10<sup>th</sup> – County Fair

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Nature and Fall

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 2nd Annual Glitz and Glamour night. Time to be fancy - Dress your best!

We will have a full concert after our dinner.

Tonight's events will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Each month we will ask that you or your friends RSVP with Julie at the church 651-674-7047. The sooner the better so we can plan for food. You will be able to sign up at each event for the next one. If you forget to RSVP, or you decide later that you can come, just come! Julie at the Church 651-674-7047

Exciting news! We now have our own Facebook page. If you like Facebook, now there is a place for the Senior Social Club to connect. I have sent invites to those who are already Facebook friends with me. If you are not, you can search for Senior Social Club. If you don't know how to do that, just ask! We will be happy to help you.

Can't wait to see you all! If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church or email me at [kelly@beasyboards.com](mailto:kelly@beasyboards.com).

See you all soon!!!! Kelly, Julie and the whole Senior Social Club Crew.



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## 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 in person worship,  
livestreamed on YouTube.  
Available on facebook 10:30 am. See our website for links.  
Church email: [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org)  
Church website: [www.trinitynorthbranch.org](http://www.trinitynorthbranch.org)  
Pastor Paul Cannon

Sue Danielzuk, Church Administrator

Marie Ray, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Sunday School Coordinator  
open

Director of Worship and Arts  
open

Julie Morgan, Church Office Manager

Christopher Dehen, Financial Recorder

Jaron Roberts, Audio Visual Manager

Tyler Olson: Sr. Choir Director

Roger Anderson & Jeff Hill, Custodians  
Rick Olson & Luke Meyer, Cemetery Staff  
Outreach Committee:

[Outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:Outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org)

Todd Fisk, Church Treasurer

ext. 12 Missionaries: Dr. Stephen Swanson family –  
Tanzania

ext. 37 Our Sister Congregation in Tanzania—Pawaga

ext. 13

### Church Council Members:

Tom Hals, Council Chair

Linda Born, Jeremy Edson, Rosanne Johnson,  
Barb Nelson, Aaron Nysse, Stan Sjodahl,  
Ann Tanko, Vicky Trampe

ext. 14

ext. 10



May 28-  
September 3

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am  
Coffee Hour