

June 2023



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Pastor's Page

Greetings Trinity Lutheran!

I wanted to take some time and introduce myself to you all before I officially begin on June 19th. I got to know some of you at the meet-and-greet back in March and I can't tell you how welcoming you were. Thank you for all the kind words.

Julie Morgan mentioned to me that you all might like to know a little bit more about me, so here goes!

I'm married to Kirstin (pronounced the good 'ole Swedish way, K-ears-tin) and have three very red-headed children, Isaac (8), Elin (5, pronounced with a long "A" sound, "A-lynn" - also Swedish), and Anders (1). I have an identical twin brother, who is also a pastor in the Twin Cities, and two sisters who are nurses.

One of the motivators for our move to MN is being closer to family. Kirstin's folks live in St. Paul, my parents live in Northfield, and we have a lot of other family and friends in the area. Though I grew up in Utah, Minnesota is a second home to me. I graduated from Concordia Moorhead, MN (go Cobbers!) and went to seminary at Luther in Saint Paul.

I've been the Associate Pastor at a church in Crystal Lake, IL for the past ten years where I did a little bit of everything. I led a lot of the youth mission trips, presided at funerals, weddings and baptisms, did pastoral care visits, led Confirmation and helped lead and plan worship (among other things).

When I entered the call process, Trinity just seemed like the right fit. You all have a heart for Youth and Family ministry, desire to reach out to those in need with your Viking Vittles program, and a spirit of joy, community and love in your worship. I loved it right away!

My first priority when I get there will be to get to know you all. I want to visit as many as possible, grab some coffee, and think about ministry together. We'll ask hard questions and try to figure out where God is calling us as a church.

Let's walk together in faith. One step at a time, we'll go where God is leading us.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul

Pastor Jim Weckwerth will be our Bridge Interim Pastor.
Pastor Jim will be with us through June 18.
Welcome, Pastor Jim!



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. First come, first served. Sign up by June 25th. See Julie with questions.

Children & Youth Ministry News

Children's Ministry

Family Sunday School wrapped up in May and we are so thankful for the volunteers that helped make our year possible! We had a special last day filled with our end of the year party, singing in church, and a special thank you for Sarah Krosschell for her dedication, time, and gifts she shared with our Sunday School program for the past 5 years! Family Sunday School is now on break for the summer. We hope to see you this summer at Family VBS and again in the fall! May the love of Jesus shine bright in all of your summer fun and activities!



Family VBS Nights/Summer in the Son

We are looking forward to families being a part of serving together, playing together, and growing together at Family VBS/Summer in the Son 2023! Our program will be 3 Wednesday evenings, June 14, 21, and 28, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This summer we will learn about God's love for us and our neighbors through: Bible stories, games, science, music, art, and service projects. We're looking forward to wonderful nights filled with faith, food, and fun! Thank you to everyone that donated snacks and supplies! We are also grateful for the youth leaders and volunteers who will be helping with our program this summer. You are a blessing in so many ways!



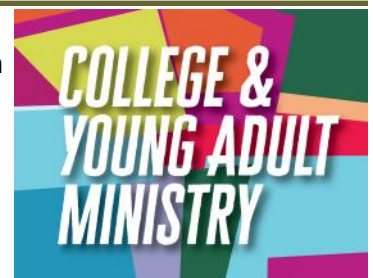
EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Summer in the Son kicks off this June and our middle school/high school youth have trips to the pool, mini-golf, and movie theater planned before coming back to set up, serve supper, and help with VBS each night. We have eight youth and two adult leaders going on our mission trip in July to Wisconsin near Luther Park for service projects, devotions, lake time, and fellowship with one another. Thank you to all of those who have supported us this year so youth can be a part of this trip and other activities! Summer blessings to all of our youth and families!



Young Adult/EDGE Alumni Night

Young Adults/EDGE Alumni Night will be at Caribou Coffee in North Branch on Monday, June 26, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come when you can and leave when you must. Refreshments will be provided so there is no need to bring anything. We are looking forward to gathering together and hanging out again! Please share with any EDGE alumni and friends you may know that are in the NB area this summer.



Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 2023 - Wednesday, June 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Branch Area High School Auditorium. All senior students, their families, and the public are invited and welcome to this non-denominational service. The service is not required but optional. Baccalaureate is a time where the community and the area churches gather together to honor the graduating class. This year's Baccalaureate will include music, scripture, speaker, prayer, and blessing for the Class of 2023.

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

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!

"Home is where you hang your heart..."

For forty plus years, we have been blessed to call Trinity Lutheran, North Branch, our church home—the home where we have hung our hearts. Thank-you for allowing us to be a part of your journeys. We have cried together in times of sorrow and have shared many laughs in times of joy. There have been some "adventures" along the way, too! The "pillars of faith" who have given light to our path are too numerous to name here but are forever held close in our hearts.

We have been blessed by the ministry and compassion of pastors, co-workers, choir members of all ages, fellow council and committee members and our congregational family. Led and called by God to this time and place, the people of Trinity will continue be a light in the darkness.

Thank-you for the all the well wishes and expressions of gratitude. The worship services and program on May 21st touched our hearts in profound ways. We are overwhelmed by the amazingly thoughtful and generous gifts from the congregation. The print from Philippians: *"Dwell with truth, beauty, goodness and delight in these things."* will hang in the music room in our new home. The music room will also be where the grand piano, which you have so generously given money to move from North Branch to Chatfield, will be housed.

"Home will always be the place for which you feel the deepest affection, no matter where you are." As we move to Chatfield to be close to family the end of this year, (we haven't yet broken ground on our new home) Trinity Lutheran, North Branch, will remain a place where we have "hung our hearts" and have the deepest affection for. Thanks be to God for cherished memories and hope and grace for tomorrow!

Deb & Dennis

Dear Friends at Trinity,

Thank you for these past fourteen months and your warm acceptance and support for my interim ministry with you. Our time together was a gift and I am so grateful. And thanks for all the prayers, wishes, cards and presents you gave me. I thank God for all of you and pray His blessings for you as you begin this new chapter of life and ministry.

In Christ's love, Pastor Greg

FROM THE CHAIR.....

Church Council Update

At our May 16th meeting the Council agreed to hire Pastor Jim Weckwerth as a Bridge Interim to serve our congregation on the first three Sundays of June. (The 4th, 11th and 18th). He will be starting on May 30th and working with our staff to make the transition to our newly called Pastor Paul Cannon as seamless as possible. Pastor Jim was recommended by the St. Paul Area Synod and has done many previous short term interims. Pastor Weckwerth will be available for urgent pastoral care such as hospital or hospice visits should that need arise during his three weeks with us. Our office staff has his contact information.



At that same meeting the Outreach Committee shared the results of Trinity's gifts as a member of THEE Alliance Forgiving Medical Debts. This organization started at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Maple Grove and consists of 21 churches. To date Trinity has given \$6,256 to THEE Alliance. That amount has forgiven \$533,901 of medical debt and forgiven the debt of 794 families. Doing the math with those numbers, each dollar of money we have given has forgiven \$85.34 of medical debt and the average family medical debt of \$672.42 can be forgiven by \$7.88 of our giving. WOW!!!!!! How heart-warming is that.

Grace and Peace,
Tom Hals, Council Chair

Fish for sale We have bags of frozen beer-battered cod remaining from our Fish Fry for \$27/bag. Contact Julie to purchase.



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.

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.



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 June 18, July 2, 9, 16 and August 6, 13, 20. Please contact Julie or sign up on the bulletin board if you can help out. Thank you!

**Fare for All at Trinity Lutheran Church.
3:00-5:00 pm June 7 & July 12.**

Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. www.fareforall.org

We are planning on having a Rummage Sale August 4 & 5.

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



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!



*Trinity's Fellowship Team night at the movies! All are welcome! Simply meet at the North Branch Theater on **June 16** at 6:45 pm, and we will decide on a movie. Discussion and dessert after the movie!*

ALTAR GUILD

Serving for the month of June
Rosanne Johnson, Janelle Mork,
Jan Nelson, Jane Magnison,
Barb Nelson



ALTAR GUILD



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.

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



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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday worship services are livestreamed on YouTube, and available for viewing later on YouTube and facebook.				1 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	2	3 Hello Summer
4 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	5 9:00 am Fellowship Mtg	6 <i>Church office may be closed. Please call ahead</i> 8:30 am Outreach Mtg 6:00 pm Joyful Noise practice at Immanuel	7 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 7:00 pm Baccalaureate service at the high school	8 5:00 pm Senior Social	9 	10
11 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	12	13 5:00 pm Summer in the Son/VBS meeting	14 5:30 pm Summer in the Son	15 Tidings articles due 	16 6:30 pm Fellowship at the movies	17
18 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	19 Pastor Paul's first day	20 7:00 pm Council Mtg	21 5:30 pm Summer in the Son	22 9	23	24
25 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 10:00 am Coffee Hour	26 6:30 pm Young Adult / EDGE Alumni meet-up at Caribou	27	28 5:30 pm Summer in the Son	29	30	The church office will be closed the week of July 3.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending April 30, 2023
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 39,638	\$ 33,333	\$ 124,584	\$ 133,333
Loose Offering	\$ 293	\$ 375	\$ 1,128	\$ 1,500
Other Income	\$ 3,677	\$ 3,792	\$ 7,022	\$ 6,317
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,571	\$ 2,500	\$ 13,599	\$ 10,000
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 46,179	\$ 40,000	\$ 146,332	\$ 151,150
<u>Expenses</u>	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 9,717	\$ 9,717
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 750	\$ 750
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 367	\$ 367
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 10,833	\$ 10,833
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 31,996	\$ 35,270	\$ 123,707	\$ 141,092
Church Property	\$ 7,814	\$ 7,057	\$ 40,579	\$ 35,167
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 391	\$ 600
Learning & Youth	\$ 138	\$ 458	\$ 1,075	\$ 1,833
Worship	\$ -	\$ 233	\$ 1,145	\$ 1,283
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 67
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 39,947	\$ 43,185	\$ 166,897	\$ 180,042
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 42,656	\$ 45,893	\$ 177,730	\$ 190,875
Total Net Income - April 2023	\$ 3,524	\$ (5,893)	\$ (31,398)	\$ (39,725)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ 10,524	\$ 1,107		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (3,398)	\$ (11,725)
April Income was \$6,179 Over the April Budget		\$ 6,179		
April Expense was \$3,237 under the April Budget		\$ (3,237)		

Net Income is \$10,524 for April
Net Income is -\$3,398 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$85,361.32

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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Path to Home

Trinity will be hosting Path to Home families July 9-23. Your help is needed. We are looking for team captains who could take on limited areas of responsibility such as room set up, overseeing supplies for lunch and breakfast, or lining up people to provide meals. If you are interested in finding out more, please talk to Mary Twitchell, 320-630-5040.

Viking Vittles

Viking Vittles will close out the 2022-2023 school year having distributed over 10,000 bags of food for the weekend that provided over 20,000 meals to students. In addition, care closets provided food, personal care items and school supplies to students in grades 6-12.

Trinity has housed and led this program since 2019. It takes many dedicated workers many hours each week to make this program a success. From ordering food to picking it up, setting up for packing, packing the bags, delivering the bags to the schools and putting the bags in student's backpacks. We are so fortunate to have a core group of volunteers that put in many hours each week as well as a host of community members willing to help out.

Summer distribution will start at Trinity on June 14th from 3-5 in the afternoon. It will be done at Stacy Lions Park starting on the 15th from 3-5 and in Central Park starting June 21 from 10-12. **We are in need of volunteers to distribute at Trinity and at Central Park. Please sign up on the sheets on the bulletin board if you can help out.**

While we do not distribute as many bags during the summer due to the need for families to pick them up we are able to offer fresh fruits and vegetables rather than the canned ones used during the school year. We continually strive to improve what we offer while keeping cost in mind.

As you can imagine providing all of this food to students in need is not an inexpensive undertaking. The annual cost is in excess of \$55,000. That is why we are kicking off a fundraising campaign that includes our brochures sent home with every student PK-5th grade as well as every staff member in the school district. Copies of the brochure are available on the Narthex table. We are also in the process of putting together a video that we hope to be able to take around to area churches, civic organizations etc. telling the story of Viking Vittles and asking for financial support. We continue to look for grants and any source of funding available. We are very pleased with the support Viking Vittles has received in the past and want to keep it going.



There is a special appeal underway to cover the costs of moving Pastor Cannon's family, which are estimated to be about \$7000.00. If you'd like to contribute, please note "Moving Fund" on the memo line of your check or offering envelope. We have collected about half so far. Thank you!



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June 2023

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: 8:00 am & 10:00 am in person worship,
livestreamed on YouTube.

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

Church email: office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Church website: www.trinitynorthbranch.org

Pastor Jim Weckwerth (May 28-June 18)

Pastor Paul Cannon (beginning June 19)

Sue Danielzuk, Church Administrator
ext 37

Marie Ray, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
ext. 13

Sarah Krosschell, Sunday School Coordinator

Director of Worship and Arts
open

Julie Morgan, Church Office Manager
ext. 10

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

Todd Fisk, Church Treasurer

Missionaries: Dr. Stephen Swanson family –
Tanzania

Our Sister Congregation in Tanzania—Pawaga

Church Council Members:

Tom Hals, Council Chair

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



**May 28-
September 3**

9:00 am Worship

10:00 am
Coffee Hour

ext. 12

ext. 14



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 13th – Hawaii and the Ocean

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

June 8th – Theater Night

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

August 10th – County Fair

September 14th – Nature and Fall

October 12th – 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.

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