

August 2023



TRINITY TIDINGS

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Pastor's Page

*And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.*

*Matthew 14:20*

If I've learned one thing about Trinity over the past month since I arrived it's this: Trinity knows how to feed people! The other day, I while I was in the office I noticed there was suddenly a lot of commotion going on in the Fellowship Hall. I went and checked it out, and found out that we are doing a whole feeding ministry that I hadn't even heard about - Fare for All.

I'd heard about Viking Vittles, and the care closets already. I was introduced to New Pathways and I learned about the ways we help feed and shelter those families. I had even learned about all the funeral luncheons this church provides. But Fare for All came as a bit of a surprise. I had no idea we were even doing it.

One of those would be enough feeding ministries for many churches, but at Trinity, we do them all. Feeding people is in our DNA. It's a part of who we are as a congregation - and that's partly because it's who God is.

The story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 (our first Gospel lesson in August) is Jesus' only miracle that is recorded in all four Gospels (Matt 14:13-21, Mark 6:31-44, Luke 9:12-17, and John 6:1-14). That in itself, tells you a little bit about how God values the act of feeding the hungry.

Feeding people is such a practical everyday action, and yet as followers of Christ, we know that it's more than that. It brings people together in community. It spreads comfort and love. But most of all, we learn through Jesus that feeding people is holy. It's something that God blesses his whole community through.

It doesn't matter whether you're feeding your family of five, helping to pack Viking Vittles bags, or helping to serve communion. When you feed people, you are participating in the holy work of God.

Pastor Paul Cannon



### **TWIGS annual salad luncheon Thursday, August 31 11-12:30**

This luncheon is a free-will donation to fund TWIGS (Trinity Women of the ELCA) activities for the year. TWIGS purchases Beginner bibles for those baptized at Trinity, sponsors a Pawaga student, the Advent Tea and other activities for the women of Trinity.

There is a sign up in the Narthex to bring a salad or bars, or to help with set up or clean up. Many hands make light work! Invite neighbors and friends !!!



Trinity's Rummage Sale will be held August 4 8a-6p and August 5 8a-2p. Items can be brought to Room 18 (near Door 4) 8a-3p Monday through Thursday. Please call ahead so we can unlock.

No TVs or computer equipment accepted. Radios and small appliances that are in good working order are welcome.

We have become known for our quality and quantity of items for sale. Thank you to everyone who donates to our sale. Help is available to bring large items such as furniture to the church. Funds raised will go towards gas/grocery cards and Viking Vittles.

If you could help sort or work the sale, please call Wendy Malone at 651-237-0190, or call the church office at 651-674-7047.

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA - North Cluster Gathering**

9:00-11:00 am Saturday September 23 at Trinity in Lindstrom

All are invited to meet other women in our North Cluster: make new friends and learn about some great things that are happening to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The St. Paul Area Synod and the Iringa Lutheran Diocese in Tanzania have developed **'Dignity for Daughters'** to achieve menstrual equity by 1) providing health education to teenage girls and boys, and 2) ensuring reusable menstrual products are made available. They have established local sewing groups, and have available, and distribute sanitary kits approved by a group of girls from a local village (girls don't go to school when they have their period). Come and see how we can be of help in this project.

# Children & Youth Ministry News

## Children's Ministry

Family Sunday School - Children's Ministry

Summer is flying by and we're beginning our planning for youth and family ministry for the fall!

We will be having our Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 10. Youth are invited to bring your backpacks to worship and receive a special backpack tag for the school year. Our Sunday School families will also be putting together backpack blessing bags that day so look for more details to come. Family Sunday School registration forms will be available mid-August so please watch your emails. Let us know if you would like to be a part of our Sunday School Teacher Leadership Team! Our fabulous team helps brainstorm Sunday School ideas at 3-4 meetings per year, helps occasionally teach/lead lessons and activities, and helps with our Christmas program. If you'd like to join the teacher leadership team, please reach out to Marie.



## EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Our youth group is currently on our mission trip to Wisconsin so check back for our trip recap next month. We appreciate your continued prayers and support for our trip and our group! Our theme verse for our trip this year is, "Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us. None can compare with you; were I to speak and tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare. -Psalm 40:5



9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of EDGE youth group this fall! Look for registration forms to be available in mid-late August. Please contact Marie with any questions.

## College/Young Adult Ministry

We'll be making college-aged/young adult care packages again this year to send out throughout the year. If you would like your young adult or college-aged student to receive them, please send us the mailing address for where they will be this fall. We'll send notes, snacks, devotionals, and other fun items to hopefully brighten their day and let them know their church family is thinking about them and praying for them. Send your mailing addresses to Marie to be added to our list.

## 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 2 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. To apply, please send your resume to Sue.

<https://trinitynorthbranch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Family-Sunday-School-Coordinator-5.10.23.pdf>

## Holy Hotdish Bible Study

Be a part of our women's Bible study dishing out the word of God this fall. Our first gathering will be Sunday, September 10, from 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. This is a Bible study for women of all ages and is for beginners and experienced Bible readers alike. We begin with Hot dish supper, refreshments, and fellowship, followed by Bible study, discussion, and prayer. We will focus on the book of Nehemiah and hand out the study books on the first night. We will continue to gather one Sunday each month throughout the school year. Fall dates are planned for October 8, November 12, and December 10. Come when you can, leave when you must. Contact Marie with questions and to be added to our email list and to be sure to have a study book for you.



**Stay tuned for Confirmation registration information! Forms will be available in mid-August in the Narthex and on our website.**

**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 [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org)**

### Viking Vittles

As you read this, we have only a few weeks left to distribute Viking Vittles this summer. Thank you to all that volunteered their time to keep this program operating over the summer.

We were very fortunate to be able to get lots of bakery goods from Family Pathways at no cost that we could distribute to families in addition to the fresh fruits and vegetables we offer during the summer. Family Pathways was closed for about 10 days in July as they completed a remodel. This allowed us to get not only bakery items (and lots of them) but also deli items. Families were very excited for the additional food that we were able to provide at no cost to Viking Vittles.

Our numbers are up from last summer so we are anticipating that the participation once school starts will probably remain close to or increase what it was last year. Enrollment is up at the schools so there maybe significant increases. We are working with the schools to try and ensure we are providing the bags to students that are truly in need.

All students will be getting free breakfast and lunch at school but Viking Vittles provides food for the weekend so that students can come back to school ready to learn.

Because this program costs in excess of \$55,000 per year we are always looking for outside funding. We have had some very generous donations this summer from Midco, Polaris and the local National Wild Turkey Federation chapter. While we are blessed to have a fund balance, we cannot wait until that is gone to find ongoing funding. We are constantly on the lookout for additional ways to fund Viking Vittles. We still have a long way to go to raise enough money to cover our annual costs. In hopes of getting more community support we have created a video that we hope to be able to show at area churches as well as civic organizations and government entities and any place that will have us.

Please keep Viking Vittles and the students that need Viking Vittles in your prayers. Thank you!

### Path Hosting

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with hosting our Path to Home families. With your help, we provided meals and shelter for up to seven adults and seven children every day over a two-week period. Volunteers were not only from Trinity, but also from Kost, Northbrook, and Living Branch Churches. It is so wonderful to see these churches coming together with Trinity to share Christ's love in such a practical way.

We are scheduled to host families again in December. Please pray about what role God would have you play in this vital ministry. Your warm hearts and giving service make a huge difference in the lives of these families. Thank you again.

Hello everyone!

With your continued donations and financial contributions, we were able to pack 60 Blessing Bags in June for the food shelf and police department to distribute!

THANK YOU!

This fall we are aiming to pack 30 more bags for adults and we will include warm hats and mittens in preparation for the cold months. We are in particular need of warm insulated mittens! Other items that we also need are deodorant, toothpaste, travel size wet wipes, combs, chapstick (you can get a 5 pack generic at Walmart for under \$3), first aid kits (\$1.25 at Dollar Tree), mini flashlights (Dollar Tree), pens, pocket note pads, new decks of cards, 10 oz laundry detergent (dollar stores have those), travel size tissues, snacks (granola bars, crackers, nuts, trail mix, jerky, dried fruits, beef sticks), and single pack instant beverages (coffee, tea or hot chocolate)

We also plan to provide school supplies for our Sunday school children to pack 20 bags for Sunrise Elementary students in September again. Then in December, we will pack 60 Christmas bags for kids; ages newborn to 13, that will be distributed in and around our community. Items we could use for the kids' bags in the coming months are large yellow highlighters, 24 pack colored pencils, and Crayola watercolor paints, bibs, baby toothbrushes and paste, baby shampoo and regular shampoo (doesn't need to be travel size), wash cloths, combs, brushes, hair accessories, kids toothbrush "kits" (\$1.25 at Dollar Tree), toothpaste, and warm insulated mittens.....THANK YOU AGAIN!!

Hope you all are enjoying the summer!

Lori Fisk



We are in need of adult level books for the three Little Free Libraries Trinity sponsors. Books may be left in the bin just inside Door 12.



We are in need of a group or a couple of families to bring treats and serve at our 9:00 am Coffee Hour August 6, 13, 20. Please contact Julie or sign up on the bulletin board if you can help out. Thank you!



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)



**Become Part of Our Church Family**

A New Member Class will be held at 9 am Sunday, September 17. New members will be received during worship on Sunday, September 24. Please let Pastor Paul or

Julie know if you're interested in becoming a member of Trinity!



Ushers and Communion Assistants

We are looking for people to help out as ushers and communion assistants. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please sign up in the narthex, or talk with Julie or Pastor Paul.

Trinity's grocery shelf has seen an increase in use.

Non-perishable or personal care items, may be placed on the shelf. We have a freezer available as well. We have 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 September Trinity Tidings to [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org) by August 15. 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 August 9 & September 13.  
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 August 18 at 6:45 pm, and we will decide on a movie. Discussion and dessert after the movie!*

### ALTAR GUILD

Serving for the month of August  
Jim & Pam Wille



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.**

# August

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 10:00-12:00 Viking Vittles at Central Park 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles distribution at Trinity	3	4 8:00-6:00 pm Rummage Sale 	5 8:00-2:00 pm Rummage Sale 
6 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	7 9:00 am Viking Vittles meeting	8 8:30 am Outreach meeting	9 10:00-12:00 Viking Vittles at Central Park 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles distribution at Trinity 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 6:30 pm Hospitality Team meeting	10 5:00 pm Senior Social	11	12
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# Treasurer's Report

## Statement of Income and Expenses

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

<u>Income</u>	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 22,531	\$ 33,333	\$ 173,421	\$ 200,000
Loose Offering	\$ 270	\$ 375	\$ 3,787	\$ 2,250
Other Income	\$ 42	\$ 42	\$ 7,064	\$ 6,400
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 16,526	\$ 15,000
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 22,843</b>	<b>\$ 36,250</b>	<b>\$ 200,797</b>	<b>\$ 223,650</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Mission Support</b>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 14,575	\$ 14,575
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 550	\$ 550
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 16,250	\$ 16,250
<b>General Expenses</b>				
Ministry Support	\$ 41,457	\$ 45,944	\$ 185,836	\$ 209,589
Church Property	\$ 5,167	\$ 8,558	\$ 52,222	\$ 50,781
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 525	\$ 900
Learning & Youth	\$ 363	\$ 1,333	\$ 2,427	\$ 4,375
Worship	\$ -	\$ 233	\$ 1,377	\$ 1,875
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 17	\$ -	\$ 100
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 46,986	\$ 56,235	\$ 242,387	\$ 267,619
<b>Total Regular Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 49,695</b>	<b>\$ 58,943</b>	<b>\$ 258,637</b>	<b>\$ 283,869</b>
Total Net Income - June 2023	\$ (26,852)	\$ (22,693)	\$ (57,840)	\$ (60,219)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 11,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 42,000	\$ 42,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (15,852)	\$ (15,693)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (15,840)	\$ (18,219)

June Income was \$13,407 Under the June Budget  
June Expense was \$9,248 Under the June Budget

Net Income is -\$15,852 for June  
Net Income is -\$15,840 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.

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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### FROM THE CHAIR.....

#### Our Portage is Over – Time to Row the Boat

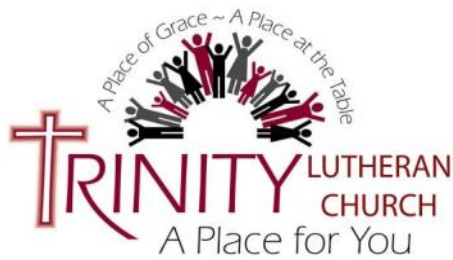
In his sermon on July 9th, Pastor Paul told of his experiences as a canoe guide in the Boundary Waters one summer during his college years. He related the difficulties of making portages; carrying a heavy canoe on your shoulders between lakes with footing that is far from ideal. However, he did not speak to the work involved in propelling the canoe through the water. We know that paddling a canoe (or rowing the boat) is the only way to get anywhere and it goes better if everyone has their paddle (or oar) in the water and is participating in the process.

We might consider the last three years with a pandemic and then a pastoral vacancy as a portage for Trinity. Now we have come to the water again and can move on. If Trinity was a luxury cruise ship with a crew member or staff person for every two or three passengers, we could sit back and relax. However, truth be told, Trinity has a small crew and staff and is more like a canoe or row boat. The paid employees at Trinity work hard and do a good job but there is still work that needs to be done and can be done by volunteers. Don't be apprehensive about volunteering; additional help is always welcome. You'll meet some nice people and you'll find it rewarding. Let's put our oars in the water and row this boat.

God's work. Our hands.

Tom Hals  
Council President





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## August 2023

### Partners in Ministry: The People of Trinity

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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

ext. 12

Sue Danielzuk, Church Administrator

ext 37

Marie Ray, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

ext. 13

Sunday School Coordinator

open

Director of Worship and Arts

open

ext. 14

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](mailto: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