

April 2024

Pastor's Page

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Pastor Paul Cannon

What Now?

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

I remember graduating from Concordia College (Moorhead, MN) like it was yesterday. I just turned 40 last month, but reflecting on that milestone, it doesn't feel possible that it was over 18 years ago! (Don't call me old; I'm just entering a new era).

After graduation, came the feeling of "What now?" Graduation was a momentous event, but also terrifying in a way. I was leaving a part of my life behind me. I didn't have a specific career lined up. I vaguely considered seminary at the time, but not in a serious way. The world was wide open. My whole life was ahead of me, but I didn't know which way to go.

The days after Easter always have that same feeling to me, and I wonder if the first disciples felt that way. Jesus was resurrected. Their whole world had changed. They were on the precipice of something entirely new. Did they know what they were going to do next or did they wonder, "What now?" I'm guessing they asked that question many times in the aftermath of the resurrection.

"What now?" is a question we are asking ourselves as a church as well. Easter is behind us. Christ is risen! So what now? Where is God leading Trinity Lutheran to next? We trust that there are good things on the horizon, even if we don't know exactly what it will be.

We live in the joy of the resurrection! And for now, maybe that's all we really need, trusting that God has all our "What now's" taken care of.

We welcome Dani Baumann to the Trinity staff! As our Volunteer Coordinator she will be coordinating volunteer needs for worship, funerals, and other opportunities.

My name is Dani and I am very excited to jump on board and assist with coordinating volunteers for many areas within Trinity. I'm sure many of you have seen me around the church. My family has been attending Trinity for many years. My husband Luke and our children Landon (4 years) and Karlee (10 months) love being able to do things together. We love being outdoors on walks, playing, four wheeling, and farming. Coming to Trinity has been a regular activity for us as well!



AUDIO-VISUAL
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Our A/V Manager, Lucas Starr, is looking to train some people on how to run the AV set up for days he may miss. Please let us know if you'd like to be put on the list to be trained. Thank you!



We will be having an outdoor clean up day at Trinity on Saturday, April 20th beginning at 9:00 a.m. All hands are welcome to help out and spruce up the grounds for spring! See Tom Hals with questions.

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone that joined us for our Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt, brunch, and singing in worship! This month, we will be making resurrection gardens and Sunday School families will work together on a service project to paint "kindness rocks" to spread throughout our community. We will be wrapping up our Sunday School year on May 5, with our annual end of the year party with games and treats. We will also celebrate our group of 5th grade students who are moving on to confirmation next year!

April 7 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

April 14 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

April 21 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

April 28 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

May 5 - Last Day of Sunday School Party and Celebrate Graduating 5th Grade Students



Confirmation will meet at 6:30 p.m. in April. No Confirmation class March 27 (Holy Week).

8th Grade Confirmation photos will be taken April 24.



Our Confirmation service will be a part of our 10:00 a.m. worship on May 5.

EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Thank you to everyone who helped support our Palm Sunday Brunch! Your donations and support are greatly appreciated! Thank you also to the EDGE youth for packing the Easter eggs and goodie bags for the Sunday School Easter egg hunt. EDGE will be packing meals at a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event this month. We also have our Youth Gathering group participating in a community building event along with other MN youth group students heading to New Orleans this summer.

April 3 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 17 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 7 - EDGE Serves Coffee Hour

April 24 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

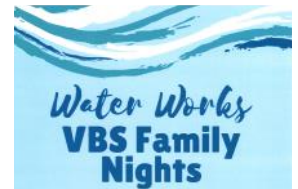
April 10 - EDGE 5:30-8:30 FMSC Packing



VBS Family Nights/Summer in the Son

Families are invited to be a part of "Water Works" VBS Family Nights this summer! We will gather together 3 Wednesday evenings, June 12, 19, and 26, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Trinity. We look forward to learning about God's love for us through fun water themes, including Bible stories, games, art, science, music, and service projects this summer.

Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and activities will start at 6:00 each evening. There is no cost to attend. You can come to 1, 2, or all 3 nights. Please register by May 5, to ensure requested T-shirt sizes for everyone in your family. We can't wait to see you this summer! Registration forms are available online and in the narthex. Reach out to Marie if you have any questions.



VBS/Summer in the Son Youth Leaders - 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 12, June 19, and June 26, 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 have any questions. Registration forms are available on the Narthex table. Please register by Sunday, May 5.

Trinity Senior Recognition for Class of 2024 - We would like to invite you to join us for Trinity's Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 19, at the 10:00 a.m. service where we will have a blessing for the Class of 2024 and share the video slideshow. A reception will take place before the service during coffee hour from 9:00-10:00 a.m. with cupcakes and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Informational letters were mailed out and emailed to senior parents so please reach out to Marie if you did not receive one.



Class of 2024 Baccalaureate Service - Wednesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Branch Area High School Auditorium. Baccalaureate is a time where the community and area churches gather together to honor the graduating class. All senior students, their families, and the public are invited and welcome to this non-denominational service. The service is not required but optional. This year's Baccalaureate will include music, scripture, speaker, prayer, and blessing for the Class of 2024.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

BLESSING BAGS

Summer is right around the corner! I just thought I'd let you know in advance the items we will be collecting in May for summer blessing bags. These items include: travel size soap, lotion, hand wipes/wet ones, and facial tissue. Also, razors, wash cloths, deodorant, 10 oz. detergent, sunscreen (not aerosol), toothpaste, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, men's and women's summer socks, small flashlights w/batteries, pocket notepads, pens, first aid kits, lip balm/sunscreen, decks of playing cards, individually wrapped snacks like beef sticks, jerky, granola, trail mix (please no chocolate) and single serve beverages packets (coffee, tea, lemonade).

You may drop off items ahead of time, if you wish, at the office or in the blue tote in the Genesis room marked for blessing bags. If you'd rather give a financial contribution, I will gladly do the shopping for you!

Any questions...? Contact me at 674-4033. Thank you! Lori Fisk

DIAPER COLLECTION We are collecting disposable diapers for families in need. If you have a partial package of leftover diapers, or would like to purchase diapers, we will create bundles that could be distributed as needed. Please leave donations in the church office.

Trinity's Outreach Team has been busy this past month collecting Food Share donations, making Easter bags for our homebound members, donating to the North Branch Fire Department education programs, donating to the ELCA Refuge programs, Fish Fry profits which this year will go to the Viking Vittles program, Viking Vittles connections with and/or showing the video at Immanuel Lutheran in Almelund, Sunrise Township, Oxford Township, NB Church of the Latter Day Saints, Living Branch Church, connecting with needs at Maple Commons in North Branch and starting a Diaper Drive connected to our Food Shelf near the church office.

We meet the second Tuesday each month at 9am in the Genesis Room. Please join us. We would love new members and ideas. Martha Arnold, Chairperson

TWIGS (Trinity Women in God's Service)

Try something new this spring! Attend the Synodical Women's convention at St. Paul's Lutheran in Wyoming on April 27. See what is happening, meet new friends, enjoy Bible study with Bishop Lull, great worship and a chance to learn.

The keynote speaker is Rev. Angela !Khabeb. She is an ordained pastor in the ELCA. She has served 3 congregations since 2011 and is a dynamic speaker. I have heard her, you will not want to miss her.

There are applications in the church office. Registration is \$45 (includes lunch). TWIGS has scholarships available.

WHEN: Saturday April 27 8:30 AM - 4:30PM. WHERE: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wyoming

WHY? You will be blessed!

Questions, see Ann Tanko.



Holy Hotdish Bible Study We're wrapping up our year with our Service Project and Potluck Gathering on Sunday, April 7, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. Everyone is invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share if you're able. We will be making cards for homebound members and members facing health challenges. We hope to see you there before we take a break for the summer months.



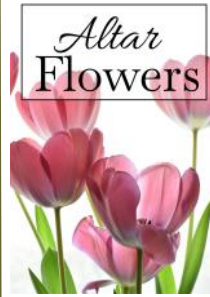
To Viking Vittles in memory of Dale Dickhausen from Martha Arnold and Sue Gustafson

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!

Greeting cards are sent periodically to our homebound members. If you are not receiving cards from Trinity and would like to be added to the mailing list, please call the office at 651-674-7047 and we will add you!



We are in need of a group or a couple of families to bring treats and serve at our 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 21. Please contact Julie or sign up on the bulletin board if you can help out. Thank you!



To sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the calendar near the church office, and bring a plant or an arrangement of fresh flowers prior to 7:45 a.m. that Sunday. See Julie with questions.

The Outreach Committee will be meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Genesis Room. Many exciting projects are being planned for the next few months. Come and join us April 9.

Martha Arnold, Chair person.



Our Women's Bible Study meets at 9 a.m. on Thursday mornings in our Genesis Room. Beginners and experienced Bible readers are encouraged to join at any time!



We are looking for more people to help out as ushers at our 10 a.m. worship services, and will also need communion assistants at our 8 a.m. services. Training is available if desired.

If you are interested in helping out in this way please sign up in the narthex, or talk with Julie or Dani. 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

Trinity's Fellowship Team night at the movies! All are welcome! Simply meet at the North Branch Theater on April 19 at 6:45 p.m, and we will decide on a movie. Discussion and dessert after the movie!

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!

ALTAR GUILD

Serving for the month of April

Jean Fairbanks & Terry Moriarty



Please email articles for the May Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by April 18. Thank you!

Fare for All at Trinity Lutheran Church. 3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 10. Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. www.fareforall.org



Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live at 8 & 10 a.m. 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 and June are in the Narthex.

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.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday worship services are livestreamed on YouTube, and available for viewing later on YouTube and facebook.</p>	<p>1 Church Office is closed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry</p>	<p>4 9:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 2:00 pm EDGE event offsite</p>	<p>8 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting</p>	<p>9 9:00 am Outreach meeting</p>	<p>10 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry</p>	<p>11 9:00 am Women's Bible Study</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16 7:00 pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>17 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry</p>	<p>18 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Senior Social Tidings articles due</p>	<p>19 6:45 pm Fellowship at the movies</p>	<p>20 9:00 am Church Clean Up day</p>
<p>21 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry</p>	<p>25 9:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Worship/ Communion 8 & 10 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>				

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending February 29, 2024
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	February Actual	February Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 26,867	\$ 29,917	\$ 61,022	\$ 59,833
Loose Offering	\$ 462	\$ 583	\$ 1,308	\$ 1,167
Other Income	\$ 1,655	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,470	\$ 1,300
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,946	\$ 2,508	\$ 5,198	\$ 5,017
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 31,930	\$ 34,008	\$ 69,999	\$ 67,317
<u>Expenses</u>	February Actual	February Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 4,858	\$ 4,858
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 375	\$ 375
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 183	\$ 183
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 5,417	\$ 5,417
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 33,185	\$ 33,868	\$ 62,920	\$ 68,573
Church Property	\$ 7,598	\$ 8,414	\$ 17,760	\$ 18,670
Stewardship	\$ 926	\$ 1,042	\$ 1,121	\$ 1,283
Learning & Youth	\$ 836	\$ 500	\$ 1,004	\$ 1,000
Worship	\$ 15	\$ 233	\$ 390	\$ 757
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ 83
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 42,559	\$ 44,099	\$ 83,195	\$ 90,366
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 45,268	\$ 46,807	\$ 88,612	\$ 95,783
Total Net Income - February 2024	\$ (13,338)	\$ (12,799)	\$ (18,613)	\$ (28,466)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 13,350	\$ 13,663	\$ 18,625	\$ 27,325
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ 12	\$ 864		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 12	\$ (1,141)

February Income was \$2,078 under the February Budget
February Expense was \$1,539 under the February Budget

Net Income is \$12 for February
Net Income is \$12 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$42,583.34

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.

Spring is in the air...or so I hope it still is.

Having been on council for a little over a year now I have certainly learned a lot about how the church operates, how much goes in to operating the church and how little I really knew about the little things Trinity Lutheran does for the community and the church. None of this could be done without the great people of this congregation and the amazing staff. So many of you volunteer your time, energy, money and skills to support the many programs, ministry and missions for the community. I am simply amazed at this congregation and what we can accomplish as "We work together with God" (2 Corinthians 6:1)



Much has happened to start 2024 as we said goodbye to some long-time friends and family and are bringing new friends and family to our congregation. I would like to welcome Lucas and Melissa to Trinity Lutheran. While Lucas, A/V Manager, has been with us for a few months, Melissa joined us as our new Director of Worship in early March, Welcome to Trinity! I am excited for the future of Trinity as we begin anew while holding on too many of our traditions and growing together in faith.

As we move through the spring and into the summer the council will be focusing on the long-range planning that Pastor Cannon discussed at the annual meeting. A long-range plan is paramount for a successful and stable future for the church. We will continue to support the immediate needs of the church while working towards developing plans and a budget that is on the positive side. Feel free to reach out to me if you would like to learn more or how you can support the long-term planning goals.

I look forward to getting to know more of you as the years pass and serving alongside you in God's grace.

Blessings and Peace,
Jeremy Edson, Council President



The noisy offering we will collect during worship on Sunday, April 7 will go towards supporting food needs in our community. Bring your coins that morning! Cash and checks are also welcome! Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TRINITY'S HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views
2/18	8a 45	59
2/18	10a 87	83
2/21	10a 30	32
2/21	630p 50	23
2/25	8a 40	108
2/25	10a 86	140
2/28	10a 22	55
2/28	630p 60	21
3/3	8a 59	92
3/3	10a 83	90
3/6	10a 23	18
3/6	630p 55	14
3/10	8a 39	48
3/10	10a 113	55

Through the foresight and generosity of several members of our church, a scholarship fund has been established at Trinity Lutheran as part of our memorial fund giving. Following are the guidelines for high school seniors interested in applying.

1. The applicant must be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.
2. The applicant must attend an ELCA affiliated school.
3. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school.
4. The scholarship will be for the graduating seniors in the present year and will be given in accordance with the guidelines of the school which the applicant is attending. If money remains available, it will be offered to students entering upper classes at ELCA schools.
5. Applicants must be full time students. Since each school has its own definition of full-time student, the definition at the school the applicant will be attending will be our guidelines for defining full time student.
6. The maximum scholarship will be \$500 but may be less depending on available funds and the number of qualified applicants. Please note that the number of applicants determine the amount of the individual scholarship award. The decision of the church council is all who apply and meet the guidelines will share equally in the scholarship fund.
7. Letters of application must be received by **May 1st** of the applicant's senior year and be accompanied by a letter of acceptance from the school the applicant will be attending. The letter of application should include the students name, address, phone number, name of school the student will be attending along with a statement that he/she is applying to receive the scholarship award. If the student knows whether or not the school to which he/she is applying has a matching fund plan, this information should also be included along with a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school. In cases where the application is an upperclassperson at an ELCA College, the letter of application must also be received by **May 1** for the following September—May school year. Verification that the upperclassperson meets all the above criteria will be required. A form is available in the church office and on the church website.
8. In the event there are additional moneys available after above criteria has been met, we will accept applications from other members who are students at other Christian affiliated schools.



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Sunday Worship: 8 am & 10 am in person worship
available on YouTube and facebook
Church email: office@trinitynorthbranch.org
Church website: www.trinitynorthbranch.org

Pastor Paul Cannon ext. 12
Sue Danielzuk, Church Administrator ext. 37
Marie Ray, Director of Youth & Family Ministries ext. 13

Courtney Fairbanks, Sunday School Coordinator ext. 15

Melissa Westmore, Director of Worship and Arts ext. 14

Julie Morgan, Church Office Manager ext. 10

Danielle Baumann, Volunteer Coordinator

Christopher Dehen, Financial Recorder

Lucas Starr, Audio Visual Manager

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:

Jeremy Edson, Council Chair
Linda Born, Tiffany Byrne, Shari Denny,
Tom Hals, Rosanne Johnson, Barb Nelson,
Aaron Nysse, John Swenson,



Maundy Thursday, March 28: 10:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. worship and First communion
Good Friday, March 29: 6:30 p.m. worship
Easter Sunday: 6:30 a.m. cemetery service, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship