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TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Baptism has been on my brain the past few weeks here at Trinity. In the month of April we baptized two babies and two adults! And on May 5th, we have our Affirmation of Baptism service for six confirmation students. All this talk about baptism has sparked interesting conversations with some of you around the church.

Questions like, "why do we baptize babies?" or "what does it mean for God to choose us in baptism?" Some of you have talked to me about your adult children who have gone on to different churches and been re-baptized (something we don't do in the Lutheran church). I've talked with our youth about what it means for baptism to be a sacrament in the church. Like I said, there's been lots of interesting conversations!

Much could be said (and has been said) about baptism. We talk about it washing away our sin. We talk about baptism as being claimed in the family of God. We talk about it as putting our old selves to death, and rising to new life in Christ!

But at the end of the day, baptism is about one thing, and one thing alone: In baptism, you belong to God. It all boils down to that. From the moment you are baptized, you are claimed forever as a child of God, connected to Christ's death and resurrection through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Nothing you can do or say could ever add to it or take away from it. The promise of belonging to Christ is yours, given as a free gift.

Thanks be to God!



Welcome to Trinity! A new member class will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, with the reception of new members during our 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 2. See Pastor Paul or Julie for more information.



We are looking for people who would be interested in helping with a Rummage Sale If we have volunteers who can help out, we will have the sale the first weekend in August. Let Julie or Wendy Malone know if you could help with set up in advance and/or work the sale August 2 & 3.



AUDIO-VISUAL team

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!



Beginning Sunday, May 26, we move to our summer schedule. We will have one service at 9:00 a.m., followed by Coffee Hour and Fellowship time. Services will continue to be available online as well.

Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

Thank you to our teacher leadership team (Courtney, Megan, Kaia, Abby, Sarah, and Marie) for helping with our Sunday School program this year! We are grateful for your time and gifts you share with all the youth! Thank you to Courtney for her first year as our Sunday School Coordinator! We appreciate her creativity, ideas, helpfulness, and positive energy she brings to our program! She has done an amazing job this year and we're proud to have her on our team! Our Sunday School year will wrap on Sunday, May 5, with our end of year party and treats! We will bless and recognize six 5th graders on May 5, as they continue on their faith journeys in confirmation next fall. It has been a wonderful year of fun, faith, service projects, and special memories together! We pray God's light and love surrounds you this summer! We're looking forward to seeing everyone again at VBS Family Nights this summer!



May 7 - Year End Family Party, 9:00-9:45 a.m., 5th Grade Recognition and Blessing at 10:00 a.m. worship
June 12, 19, 26 - VBS Family Nights, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

EDGE High School Youth Group

EDGE will be celebrating and wrapping up our school year events this May. We will pack Viking Vittles and host 2 coffee hours in recognition of confirmands on May 5, and high school seniors on May 19. We will have our end of the year party and bonfire to celebrate another wonderful year filled with God's grace and great friendships. Thank you to all of the adult leaders that have helped make our EDGE events and activities possible this year, especially Jeremy, Alanna, Sarah, Laura, and Kristin. It takes a village, and we sure are blessed with one of the best! All are invited to the Class of 2024 Baccalaureate Service on June 5 and to be youth leaders for VBS Family Nights/Summer in the Son this summer. Please see those announcements for more details or reach out to Marie with questions.

May 1 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

May 5 - EDGE Serves Coffee Hour

May 8 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. Viking Vittles Packing

May 10 - Donuts + Devos offsite 7:00-7:20 a.m.

May 15 - EDGE End of Year Bonfire 6:30-8:00 p.m.

May 19 - Trinity Senior Recognition Sunday and EDGE Serves Coffee Hour

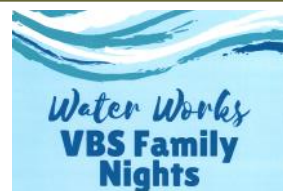
June 5 - Class of 2024 Baccalaureate Service, 7:00 p.m. at the NBAHS Auditorium

June 12, 19, and 26 - VBS/Summer in the Son



VBS Family Nights/Summer in the Son

Families are invited to be a part of "Water Works" Family VBS 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. <https://forms.gle/4mpblifCeCz8iffr7> 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 VBS/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.**

VBS/Summer in the Son Donation Request:

A donation board is in the narthex with tags for supplies and snacks needed for our VBS Family Nights. We are asking for new, unopened snack bags of the following to be returned to the church office before Monday, May 20. Please only donate the following kinds: Snack sized variety chip bags, Welch's fruit snacks, Bunch O' Balloons water balloons, and fragrance-free baby wipes. THANK YOU for your help supporting youth and family ministry programs at Trinity!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SUMMER BLESSING BAGS

Starting Sunday May 5th there will be a display in the narthex with post-it-notes listing items we need to pack summer blessing bags. Items include: travel size soap, lotion, hand wipes/wet ones, and facial tissue. Also, razors, wash cloths, deodorant, 10 oz. detergent, sunscreen (non-aerosol), toothpaste, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, men's & women's summer socks, small flashlights w/batteries, pocket notepads, pens, first aid kits, lip balm/sunscreen, decks of playing cards, individually wrapped snacks (beef sticks, jerky, granola, trail mix (please no chocolate) and single serve beverages packets (coffee, tea and lemonade. If you are able, please take a post-it and return the items before Sunday, May 26th. Any questions? Call 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 continues to meet once a month on the second Tuesday at 9am. Join us if you can. We are now working on the final financial details of our successful Fish Fries and celebrate the food donations and financial gifts during the March Food Month - \$552 was collected and Outreach will add another \$500. Our NEW diaper drive is going well with a number of donated diapers, now located near our Food Shelves. Easter bags were made and delivered to our homebound members and we continue to send monthly cards made by Bonnie Nelson to our homebound. Next month we will give lunches to the North Branch Police for National Police Week. Finally, we will be contributing to our Senior Social Dinners – a wonderful Trinity Outreach program.



Volunteer drivers—if you would like to add your name to a list of volunteers who could provide a ride to church for those who don't drive, let Julie or Pastor Paul know. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP Dinner

Join the Fellowship team for a dinner at Jake 's at the Lake in Center City at 5:30 p.m. May 17th. **Sign up by May 10th.**

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 and emailed to senior parents in April 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.



Thank you for all the time and talent decorating our church for Easter. It truly was a team effort.

Sue & John Swenson,
Tom & Candi Hals,
Holly Fairbanks,
Lisa & Brandon Cardelli,
Lori & Jeff Peterson

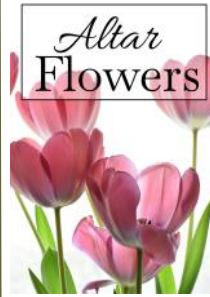


Contributions reminder: If mailing in your contribution or using online bill pay, please include P.O. Box 447 in the mailing address. Also, please mark your contribution so the monies are directed to the appropriate fund. Thank you!

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, June 2 and 16. 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 May 14.

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 May 17 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 May
Barb & Steve Mork



Fare for All and the Shoe Bus 3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 8. Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. www.fareforall.org



Please email articles for the May Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by May 16. Thank you!



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.

May

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 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry</p>	<p>2 9:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 </p>
<p>5 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School Confirmation and 5th grade recognition during 10:00 am worship</p>	<p>6 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting</p>	<p>7 Office may be closed— please call ahead</p>	<p>8 7:00 am EDGE donuts & devos offsite 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All and The Shoe Bus 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry</p>	<p>9 9:00 am Women's Bible Study </p>	<p>10 Synod Assembly</p>	<p>11 Synod Assembly</p>
<p>12 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour </p>	<p>13 8:30 am Fish Fry meeting</p>	<p>14 9:00 am Outreach meeting</p>	<p>15 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry-offsite</p>	<p>16 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Senior Social Tidings articles due</p>	<p>17 6:45 pm Fellowship at the movies</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am New Member Class Senior recognition during 10:00 am worship</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>22 5:30 pm New Creation</p>	<p>23 9:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Worship/ Communion 9 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>27  Office is closed</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 </p>	<p>30 9:00 am Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>	

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending March 31, 2024
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 28,147	\$ 29,916	\$ 89,169	\$ 89,750
Loose Offering	\$ 647	\$ 583	\$ 1,955	\$ 1,750
Other Income	\$ 6,462	\$ 4,000	\$ 8,932	\$ 5,300
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 3,144	\$ 2,508	\$ 8,342	\$ 7,525
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 38,399	\$ 37,008	\$ 108,398	\$ 104,325
<u>Expenses</u>	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 7,288	\$ 7,288
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 563	\$ 563
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 275	\$ 275
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 8,125	\$ 8,125
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 32,375	\$ 35,768	\$ 95,295	\$ 104,341
Church Property	\$ 9,592	\$ 7,614	\$ 27,353	\$ 26,283
Stewardship	\$ 232	\$ 242	\$ 1,352	\$ 1,525
Learning & Youth	\$ 313	\$ 500	\$ 1,317	\$ 1,500
Worship	\$ 664	\$ 358	\$ 1,054	\$ 1,115
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ 125
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 43,176	\$ 44,523	\$ 126,371	\$ 134,889
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 45,884	\$ 47,232	\$ 134,496	\$ 143,014
Total Net Income - March 2024	\$ (7,485)	\$ (10,224)	\$ (26,098)	\$ (38,690)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 7,500	\$ 13,663	\$ 26,125	\$ 21,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ 15	\$ 3,439		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 27	\$ (17,690)

March Income was \$1,391 over the March Budget
March Expense was \$1,347 under the March Budget

Net Income is \$15 for March
Net Income is \$27 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$63,875.01

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.



Undesignated in memory of Syl Marking from Martha Arnold, Jan Berthiaume
Blessing Bags in memory of Syl Marking from Don & Roberta Elmstrand, Mary Sederberg, Jean Fairbanks, Linda Behrendt

Viking Vittles in memory of Syl Marking from Jan & Kirby Ekstrom, Lee & Donna Setter, Mary Jo Vaughn, Vivian Sacia, Carol Gustafson, Tom & Candi Hals

Food Share in memory of Karen Nelson from Jeff, Craig, Jill Nelson Decker & family

Music Fund in memory of Syl Marking from Kathy Hals

Easter Garden in memory of Lloyd A. Johnson and Alvin C. Wenzel from Lorraine Wenzel

Youth Mission Trip in memory of Gary Born (Tim's brother) from Mike & Barb Nelson

Youth Mission Trip in memory of John Lindhart from Mike & Barb Nelson

Funeral Fund in memory of John Lindhart from Tom & Candi Hals, Bev Otterness, Lindhart family

Undesignated in memory of John Lindhart from his family, Evonne Peterson

Undesignated in memory of Gary Bera from Tom & Candi Hals

Unified Fund in memory of Ramona Peterson (Kathy Fisk's mother) from Sharon Ramberg, Bonnie Nelson, Darrel & Jane Fisk, Doug & Laurie Coe, Todd & Lori Fisk, Duane & Eileen Fisk, JoAnn Dolezalek, Jon & Trudy Trenda, Kathy Fisk

Cemetery Fund in memory of Ramona Peterson (Kathy Fisk's mother) from Butch & Sharalyn Olson

Cemetery Fund in memory of Syl Marking from Dave & Gloria Mechels

Youth Mission Trip in memory of Syl Marking from Mike & Barb Nelson, Roger, Charles and Jennifer Sinn, Bev Otterness, Janelle Mork, Nan Hult, Ann Tanko, Randy and Bernice Koula

College Scholarship Fund from Rudy Schnasse, David Fenner, Trygve and Karan Mathison, Allen & Brenda Schulte, Marla & Joel McPherson



Trinity's Prayer Shawl ministry

The person making the shawl begins each shawl with prayers and blessings for the recipients, and prayers are continued through completion of the shawl. If you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl, or if you would like to knit or crochet prayer shawls, please email jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org, or call the office -651-674-7047. They are appreciated!

Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views
3/13	10a 15	10
3/13	630p 25	14
3/17	8a 42	60
3/17	10a 93	73
3/20	10a 30	48
3/20	630p 55	28
3/24	8a 44	70
3/24	10a 147	63
3/28	10a 21	39
3/28	630p 75	40
3/29	630p 92	91
3/31	Cemetery 6	
3/31	8a 94	146
3/31	10a 291	107



Here we go again!

April 18th – Welcome Back!!!! 5:00-6:30 p.m.

May 16th – Kentucky Derby – Wear a fancy hat or dress snazzy for the event! 5:00-6:30 p.m.

June 20th – Be a kid again! - Bring a picture of you when you were a kid! 5:00-6:30 p.m.



July 18th – Back to the 50's! 5:00-6:30 p.m.

August 15th – Good Morning, but at Night! 5:00-6:30 p.m.

September 19th – Pity Party! Let's have a pity party for having our last senior social of the year. We will have a hoedown. Wear your western duds! 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Senior Socials are BACK!



We are looking forward to another FANTASTIC year of fun! If you have a friend who hasn't attended, make sure to give them an invite! We have some fun guests that will be joining us this year! If you are able to, call the church and let Julie at the church know you are coming at least a week before each social. 651-674-7047. Everyone is welcome! Younger than senior volunteers are welcome!



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Church Office Hours: 8:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Thursday
Sunday Worship: 8 am & 10 am in person worship (9a 5/26)
available on YouTube and facebook

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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,

We have a few bags of fish from our fish fry for sale for our cost of \$27.00. Call the office or see Julie to purchase. 651-674-7047

We have containers and pans in the Narthex from donations of bars. Please remember to pick yours up!