Pastor's Page

June 2024



June 2024 Pastor Paul Cannon

Summer Dreamin'

June!!! The official start to summer. In our house, the summer season means vacations (a trip to Oregon, Chicago and the Boundary Waters are all on the docket), kid's events (swim lessons, dance and soccer), and sunscreen (LOTS of sunscreen; we're a family of redheads after all). It's the time when all our dreaming and planning comes to fruition and we just get to enjoy the results.

In the church, it's almost the opposite. As we are wrapping up our year-long programming, we are now asking, "What's next???" For us summer is when we start planning and dreaming about the future! We are wondering about new ministries, and thinking about how else we can bring Christ's light and love to our community.

And we want to invite you into this process as well. We want you to dream with a holy imagination about what our ministry future together will look like. We want you to dream God-sized dreams. If money were no obstacle, what ministries would Trinity be called to?

What could we accomplish in the community?

What new ministries could we start?

How can we better reach out with God's love to new people and invite them to be a part of Trinity?

So join us! Let us know what your ideas are. Drop us a note on facebook. Shoot an email to me (pastor@trinitynorthbranch.org) or better yet, drop by the office and we can chat in person.

Let's dream together this summer.



Do you have a few hours to help 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.



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 have moved 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.

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Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

Family Sunday School wrapped up in May with our end of the year party and blessing six 5th grade students. We are now on break for the summer. Thank you to all the families that joined us this school year! We hope to see you this summer at VBS Family Nights and when we start again in September! May the love of Jesus shine bright in all of your summer fun and activities!

EDGE High School Youth Group

Summer in the Son kicks off this June and our middle school/high school youth have fun trips to the pool, mini-golf, and movie theater planned before coming back to set up, serve supper, and help with VBS each night. Thank you to all of our adult leaders and youth leaders for helping out this year! We are also looking forward to our trip to New Orleans in July for the National Youth Gathering! Summer blessings to all of our youth and families!

VBS Family Nights/Summer in the Son

We are looking forward to seeing 18 families at "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 will focus on God's love for us through fun water themes, including Bible stories, games, art, science, music, and service projects this summer. Thank you to everyone who donated snacks and supplies! We are also grateful for the adult leaders and youth leaders who will be helping with our program this summer. You are a blessing in so many ways!

Class of 2024 Baccalaureate Service - 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. This year's Baccalaureate will include music, scripture, speaker, prayer, and blessing for the Class of 2024.

Kids' Praise Sunday

Children entering grades K-6th grade are invited to lead the praise and worship team on Sunday, August 11 at 9:00 A.M. We are looking for singers and guitar/piano/drum players. The practice dates/times are as follows:

Sunday, August 4: after the 9:00 A.M. service for 1 hour. Wednesday, August 7: 5:30 - 6:30 P.M. Sunday, August 11: 8:00 a.m. for a practice run prior to the service.

Please reach out to Melissa with any questions, and more information - sign-up sheet, song links, etc.- will be available in July.

Confirmation Crosses A walnut tree that had grown on the property of charter members of Trinity, which was later owned by their great grandson who is a lifelong member of Trinity, was damaged in a storm and had to be taken down. The tree was then sawed into lumber by another lifelong member of Trinity. A third lifelong member used that lumber to make the crosses that were presented to the members of the 2024 Confirmation Class of Trinity Lutheran Church as a gift from the congregation during the service on May 5.

Thank you to all who were involved in the creating of this wonderful gift for our Confirmands this year!



Brianna Polipnick has been awarded Trinity's 2024 scholarship.

Brianna will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter this fall.



Baccalaureate





SUMMER BLESSING BAGS MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Because of your generous donations, we will be packing 60 Blessing Bags on Wednesday, June 12th in the Genesis room at 10 a.m.

If you can't come right at 10, no worries...there is plenty to do. So come join us as many hands make light work!

Thank you!

Viking Vittles

The final numbers are in from our Lenten Fish Fry. We served over 1100 people 4600+ pieces of fish during our 6-week fish dinners. Thanks to this wonderful support we raised \$8,000 for Viking Vittles. A big thank you to all the volunteers that worked to make the fish fries successful. Also, thank you to everyone that donated bars. People really appreciated the delicious homemade treats.

This \$8,000 will not only cover our costs for the summer distribution but it will feed 125 students for a month next fall. We are so grateful for everyone that came to enjoy the delicious fish dinner and look forward to seeing you again next year.

We are also looking forward to The Long Spurs of Sunrise River Youth Outdoor Experience on June 22 as they will be collecting canned goods for Viking Vittles at this event.

Viking Vittles finished the 2023-2024 school year strong with wonderful support from the community. We have been blessed with willing volunteers as well as donations that keep this program going. As many of you know it costs about \$55,000 per year to support this program. During the 2023-2024 school year we received over \$12,000 in grants, \$4,800 from local businesses, \$5,400 from civic organizations \$18,000 from individuals and \$13,000 from a variety of other sources. We are indeed blessed to have such faithful supporters.

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.



Sunday, June 2 we will welcome new members Sandy Christie, Linda Hackett, and Carol and Steven Hansen.

Welcome to our church 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 office@trinitynorthbranch.org



We are planning to hold our Sunday, June 30, 9:00 a.m. worship service outside on the west lawn, weather permitting. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket! 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!





Undesignated in memory of Derrick Witte from Tom & Candi Hals **EDGE Youth Ministry** in memory of Derrick Witte from Mike & Barb Nelson **EDGE Youth Ministry** in memory of Rosalyn Gunderson from Mike & Barb Nelson

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 16. Please contact Julie or sign up on the bulletin board if you can help out. Thank you!

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 June 11.

Martha Arnold, Chair person.



We are looking for volunteers to help out as ushers, greeters and communion assistants at our 9 a.m. summer worship 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!

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 July Trinity Tidings to <u>office @trinitynorthbranch.org</u> by **June 17.** Thank you!



Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live at 9 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.



Altar

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 8:45 a.m. that Sunday. See Julie with questions.



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!



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

<u>Trailer</u> Trinity's 6" x 8" 1995 Trailwinds Cargo trailer is up for sale. Submit offers to Sue by June 15.

Looking ahead: The church office will be closed the week of July 1.

ALTAR GUILD Serving for the month of June Becky Grote & Connie Deminsky



Fare for All

3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. www.fareforall.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday worship services are livestreamed on YouTube, and available for viewing later on YouTube and facebook.						-
 2 Worship Service/ Table Communion 9:00 am Welcome New Members 10:00 am Coffee Hour 	3 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	4 Office may be closed— please call ahead	5 9:00 am Viking Vittles meeting/ packing 7:00 pm Baccalaureate service at the High School	6 9:00 am Women's Bible Study Office may be closed— please call ahead	7 Time to Bloom!	8
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Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending April 30, 2024 Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

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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.

Music Changes

As we continue to grow in our worship expressions at Trinity, we're excited to inform you about some changes to the music setup starting this summer. The New Creation praise team is going to be leading music from the front left of the sanctuary (opposite



of where the children's Pray Ground currently is). Bringing our music leaders up front is meant to help them better connect with and lead the congregation when singing. We think this will be particularly helpful when we are teaching new songs.

You will also notice new equipment, including a keyboard, a drum set, microphones, monitors and cameras. There will also be some behind the scenes upgrades that will help us to produce a better sound quality – not only for our in-person worshippers – but for our online viewers each week as well.

We also want you to know that none of these purchases are coming out of the general budget. Funds for this project will come from Phoenix and Memorial accounts. We remain committed to being good stewards of your giving. We trust that these investments will help us enhance the worship experience at Trinity.

When we go back to two services in the fall, the 8 a.m. service will continue to be led from the choir pit as it always has, and the 10 a.m. will primarily be led from up front.

There will be some transitions and adjustments as we work through logistics, so thank you in advance for your patience!

As always, I'm here for you, so please let me know if you have any questions. In Christ,

Pastor Paul

Trinity's Fellowship Team night at the movies! All are welcome! Simply meet at the North Branch Theater on **June 21** at 6:45 p.m. and we will



decide on a movie. Discussion and dessert after the movie!

Attendance & Views

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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.



July18th – 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! <u>If you are able to</u>, 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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. 13 . 15	Church Council Members: Jeremy Edson, Council Chair Linda Born, Tiffany Byrne, Shari Denny, Tom Hals, Rosanne Johnson, Barb Nelson, Aaron Nysse, John Swenson,
t. 14 t. 10	Weather permitting, we will hold our 9:00 a.m. June 30th service outside. Please bring a lawn chair or a blanket!