

July 2024

Pastor's Page

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

If there is one thing that pastors like to complain about, it's youth sports on Sunday mornings (no judgments here, I'm also guilty!) There has been a huge cultural shift away from "church days." Wednesday nights used to be off limits for practices so kids could go to Confirmation. Sundays were often off altogether.

Today? Nothing seems to be off limits in terms of scheduling. If there is a free night/day/weekend then they will get a tournament or practice scheduled. This shift affects just about every church and youth group in the country and because of that, sometimes older models of ministry don't work the way they used to.

But there are solutions (if you're willing to try new things)! I was speaking with a church member recently who was talking about a congregation they previously attended that had a Sunday night service. Between their kids' and the parents' busy schedules, Sunday night fit their family's needs.

I'm not proposing a Sunday night service, but I do think that's the right way to go about the problem. It's good and necessary to talk about how culture is changing, but it has to move beyond complaining!

The question is, what do you do about it? Or better yet, what does God want us to do about it? Throw a fit? Stomp our feet? Dig our heels in? None of that is likely to help. No, the best we can do as a church, is discern how God wants us to adapt. How is God asking us to renew our minds as Paul says in Romans?

The good news of Jesus Christ hasn't changed; it's a word people still need desperately to hear. But in a world that's changing around us, how do we meet people where they are and provide something that fits in their lives? That's a far more faithful way of responding to the Gospel. We can't transform culture, but God does transform us!

Pastor Paul Cannon

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



We will 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!



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.

Trinity hosts the Path Program July 14-28. Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner, as well as evening and overnight hosts. We are also in need of volunteers to help unload the trailer after our 7/14 worship service.

Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. See Julie or Jeff & Kris Johnson with questions. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School

Family Sunday School is on summer break until September 8. We will have more information and registration to share in mid-August. We hope your summer is filled with many blessings and great memories with family and friends!

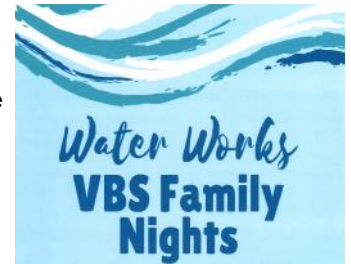


Be a part of our Teacher Leadership Team

If you are interested in being a part of our Teacher Leadership Team that meets a few times a year and helps volunteer with and support our Family Sunday School program please reach out to Courtney or Marie by August. We will have our first meeting on August 15.

VBS Family Nights/Summer in the Sun

"Water Works" VBS Family Nights were held in June and we sure had a blast together! We enjoyed 3 fun nights filled with water-themed Bible stories, art, games, science, music, service projects, food, and fellowship. We focused on God's love through the stories of Jesus' Baptism, Jesus Walking on Water, and the Miraculous Catch. We are grateful to the 20 families that were a part of serving and growing together this summer! Thank you to all our adult leaders (Courtney, Sarah, Megan, Marie, Dani, and Pastor Paul) and 13 youth leaders for helping make our program so fun! It was wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work, from the planning to the people called to gather in faith and community with one another.



EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Thank you to the high school youth that helped set up, serve, and help with Family VBS Nights this June! We couldn't have done it without you! We had a blast at our afternoon activities, including the pool, movies, and mini golf. In July, we are off to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. It will be a grand adventure all around the theme, "Created to Be." Join us on Sunday, July 14, as we bless our group at worship at 9:00 a.m. We appreciate your prayers for our trip as we travel, serve, and grow together this summer. Thank you for all your prayers and support for this trip! We hope your summer has been filled with many blessings!



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.

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



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 Steven Thompson from Ron & Kathy Aho
Unified budget in memory of Ramona Peterson from Barry and Tracy Gulliver

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Trinity Lutheran Church's Outreach Team has been very busy, meeting monthly (second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. – come join us) and reaching out to many in our congregation, North Branch, and the world.

We have sent our homebound members cards every 30-days, collected diapers for those in need, sponsored a Food Drive in North Branch, gave \$1000 to Steve and Jodi Swanson for their NICU project in Tanzania, our missionaries who spoke on Sunday, May 26, and provided a small group lunch for them after they spoke, gave lunches to the North Branch Police Department during May Police Month, distributed plants to families on the anniversary of a death, gave \$500 to our teen youth for their travels to the National ELCA Youth Convention in July, gave \$500 scholarships to two students in Tanzania for their yearlong attendance fees, made Blessing Bags for the North Branch Police and Family Pathways, & gave \$1,000 to the Senior Social dinners. Continue to pray for our work and mission.

Martha Arnold, chairperson.

SUMMER BLESSING BAGS

A big THANK YOU to all of you that were able to donate for this outreach, and to the gals that helped pack the bags. The NBPd and Family Pathways were very grateful to receive them.

Have a blessed summer! Lori Fisk

Walking a Trail at the Youth Outdoor Experience

Trinity's Outreach Committee sponsored an exhibit at the Youth Outdoor Experience in Harris on June 22. Thank you to Connie Deminsky for her ideas and work in planning and coordinating! Also thank you to Tom & Terry Moriarty, Tamara Buetow, Martha Arnold, Jim & Pam Wille, and Carol Hansen for their help with this fun outreach project. Over 400 lbs of food donated by the participants were collected by our Viking Vittles volunteers as well!



Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views	Date	In person	Online views
5/12	8a	54	5/26	9a	73
5/12	10a	85			113
		145	6/2	9a	116
		190			193
5/19	8a	45			
5/19	10a	104			
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		63			

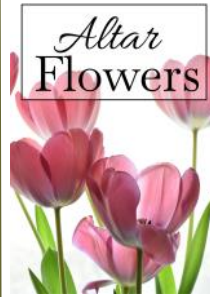
Trinity's Fellowship Team night at the movies! All are welcome! Simply meet at the North Branch heater on July 19 at 6:45 p.m. and we will decide on a movie. Discussion and dessert after the movie!

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, July 7, 14 and 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 8:45 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 July 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! (No meeting 7/4)



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!



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



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

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 July
Janelle Mork & Carol Meyer



Please email articles for the August Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by July 15. Thank you!

Fare for All
3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 17.
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 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 July, August, and September 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.

July

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 The church office and building are closed this week</p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4  INDEPENDENCE Day</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 Worship Service/ Table Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 9:00 am Outreach meeting 7:00 pm Council Mtg</p>	<p>10 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles distribution at Trinity</p>	<p>11 9:00 am Women's Bible Study </p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 </p>
<p>14 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour Trinity hosts the Path Program through 7/28</p>	<p>15 Tidings articles due Path Program</p>	<p>16 Path Program</p>	<p>17 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles distribution at Trinity 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All Path Program</p>	<p>18 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Senior Social Path Program</p>	<p>19 Path Program</p>	<p>20 Path Program</p>
<p>21 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour Trinity hosts the Path Program through 7/28</p>	<p>22 Path Program</p>	<p>23 Path Program</p>	<p>24 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles distribution at Trinity Path Program</p>	<p>25 9:00 am Women's Bible Study Path Program</p>	<p>26 6:45 pm Fellowship at the movies Path Program</p>	<p>27 Path Program</p>
<p>28 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour</p>	<p>29 </p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 3:00-5:00 pm Viking Vittles distribution at Trinity</p>	<p></p>		

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

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

<u>Income</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 27,977	\$ 29,917	\$ 155,889	\$ 149,583
Loose Offering	\$ 647	\$ 583	\$ 3,524	\$ 2,917
Other Income	\$ 89	\$ -	\$ 10,447	\$ 5,375
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,409	\$ 2,508	\$ 13,045	\$ 12,542
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 31,122	\$ 33,008	\$ 182,905	\$ 170,416
<u>Expenses</u>	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 12,146	\$ 12,146
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 938	\$ 938
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 458	\$ 458
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 13,542	\$ 13,542
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 46,280	\$ 47,494	\$ 174,722	\$ 185,704
Church Property	\$ 5,995	\$ 7,455	\$ 40,859	\$ 42,124
Stewardship	\$ 152	\$ 242	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,808
Learning & Youth	\$ 289	\$ 1,167	\$ 1,780	\$ 3,167
Worship	\$ 324	\$ 233	\$ 1,388	\$ 1,582
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ -	\$ 208
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 53,039	\$ 56,633	\$ 220,253	\$ 234,593
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 55,748	\$ 59,341	\$ 233,795	\$ 248,134
Total Net Income - May 2023	\$ (24,626)	\$ (26,333)	\$ (50,890)	\$ (77,718)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 24,550	\$ 13,663	\$ 50,825	\$ 68,313
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (76)	\$ (12,670)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (65)	\$ (9,406)

May Income was \$1,887 Under the May Budget
May Expense was \$855 Under the May Budget

Net Income is -\$76 for May
Net Income is -\$65 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$106,458

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.

As we move from spring to summer I find myself reflecting on the changes that are occurring all around. I see all the high school graduates preparing for the next chapter in life, the college students returning for the summer and the newly retired looking forward to that first summer since those high school and college days where a little less is required.



Someone once said change is inevitable. For me that does not mean that change has to be certain. What I mean by that is, all around us things will change, as will we, but that does not mean we should not challenge it, learn from it, and help it grow. While I may not be ready for some things that are changing in my life. My youngest daughter, for example becoming a senior in high school and planning for her future. My involvement and evolution with that change can help me understand how to embrace it, guide her, and enjoy the moments that come with it. It also allows me to see things through her eyes and her experiences which in turn change me.

The church is no different, the methods in which individuals live in their faith have never been more visibly different. As a congregation and council we learn to navigate through these changes, and not all will be natural or easy, some take time while other changes may need additional improvements. Options for engaging with church have changed over the years with a variety of service types available and an ever-growing technological ability to deliver the message. No longer must you attend a physical service, listen to the radio, or catch a service on the television. You can now stream the service online or watch it later at your convenience. Each of these options has its benefits and challenges but one thing is certain, each of these changes has brought the church to those that cannot join on Sunday and allowed them to be part of the larger Trinity community.

As we continue on this journey of faith together, I think about how we can look for the positives in change and still keep our traditions rooted in who we are as a collective community. Working together and communicating ideas and individual thoughts provides for the foundation of our church. Growing our congregation secures the future of our church. Engaging in new opportunities may be challenging at times, but I believe the people we meet along the way and the experiences we have will help us grow.

Blessings and Peace, Jeremy Edson, Council President



Be a kid again dinner photos!
Join us July 18th for a Back to the 50's dinner.
Bring a classic car if you have one!



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.



The Senior Socials are BACK!

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.



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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Sunday Worship: 8 am & 10 am in person worship (9a 5/26)
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

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Tanzania
Our Sister Congregation in Tanzania—Pawaga

Church Council Members:

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