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Pastor Paul Cannon



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Stewardship: Living Passionately for Christ

Stewardship can feel like a big ugly word when it comes to church. The last thing anyone wants to do is show up for worship one Sunday only to hear somebody going on about "budgets" and "tithing" and "pledge cards". It always ends up feeling like we're just begging for money.

Stewardship shouldn't feel that way! I've been reflecting on our church's mission statement lately, which states that Trinity wants to be a place "where everyone is living passionately for Jesus Christ." That's what our Stewardship drives should reflect! It should reflect the passion we feel for Jesus, and the stories of how that impacts our lives!

This November, we are going to be doing stewardship a little differently. We aren't going to talk about budgets. For three straight Sundays, we're going to hear from congregation members telling their stories of how they have been living passionately for Jesus Christ.

Our theme is "Pray, Play and Practice What We Preach". We hope you feel inspired (and not guilted) because of the truly incredible things that God is accomplishing through Trinity. And we want share with you some of our plans for the future, so we can continue God's work of welcoming people to our church.

We hope you can join us as we explore what it means to live passionately for Jesus Christ through our campaign "Pray, Play and Practice What We Preach".

ADVENT TEA

It is that time of year again! Our 90th annual Advent Tea will be held Monday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. (NOTE: time change from previous years). Tickets will go on sale Sunday, November 3, and will be sold November 3, 10, 17, and 24 between services or call Julie in the church office. At 651-674-7047. Tickets will be \$15.

We will be celebrating our Swedish heritage. Our speaker will be Lynn Maratzka from the Gammel Garden in Scandia.

We will be in need of Christmas cookies (2 dozen) and if you have a Swedish cookie that you make those would be greatly welcomed, but ALL cookies are welcome.

We would also be in need of 12 ladies to offer to bring a Swedish centerpiece for their table. It must fit into a 12 x 12 space. Perhaps you have Swedish Christmas decorations that you put out annually. It does not need to be elaborate. If you have questions, about it you could talk to Jane Magnison or Sue Gustafson. We look forward to seeing you there to usher in the Advent season!

ADVENT
A Season of Preparation

Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

We are blessed and grateful for amazing volunteers and everyone that is a part of youth ministry at Trinity! Last month we focused on Old Testament stories about Moses and had our fun fall party along with students singing in church. November is our official kickoff to practicing our Christmas Program songs and parts! We wish all our youth and families a blessed Thanksgiving!

Save the date for our annual Christmas Program: Sunday, December 8, at our 10:00 a.m. service with a cookie party to follow in the Fellowship Hall. Program rehearsal will be Sunday, December 1 and December 8, during our Sunday School time.

November 3 -- Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m., Christmas program practicing begins!

November 10 -- Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

November 17 -- Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m., Service Project

November 24 -- Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

December 1 -- Christmas Program Rehearsal and Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.



Faith Friends

Faith Friends is our new program for families with elementary aged children up to 5th grade. Join us in the Sunday School rooms for our seasonal Bible verse, craft, and activities. Faith Friends is family style and meets one Wednesday evening a month from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Our next date will be Wednesday, November 13, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. All families are invited to join the other Wednesday night programming for TLC Pizza Night from 6:00-6:30 p.m. TLC Pizza Night serves Domino's Pizza, salad, bars, lemonade, and water. (Suggested donation \$5/person).

Register online at <https://forms.gle/g8WRQ3MtoyWn3MTx8> or paper forms can be found in the narthex. Contact Courtney with any questions.

EDGE High School Ministry

We are so grateful for the youth and families in our youth group! We're blessed to serve, have fun, and grow in faith together. In November, EDGE youth will be serving and sharing their gifts in a variety of ways; we will be packing Advent college care packages, packing Viking Vittles, serving coffee hour, and supporting the holiday giving tree with a shopping service project. There will be NO EDGE on November 27. We wish all our youth and families a blessed Thanksgiving!

November 3 - EDGE Serves Coffee Hour

November 6 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

November 13 - Pizza Supper 6:00-6:30 p.m., EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Viking Vittles packing

November 20 - EDGE Giving Tree Shopping 6:00-7:30 p.m.

November 27 - No EDGE - Happy Thanksgiving!



Holy Hotdish Bible Study - Gospel of Mark

Our next gathering will be Sunday, November 3, from 6:00-7:30 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 supper, refreshments, and fellowship, followed by Bible study, discussion, and prayer. Upcoming dates are December 1 and January 5. Contact Marie to be added to our email list.



Are you interested in becoming a member of Trinity? We will be holding a New Member class on Sunday, November 10 with the receiving of new members during our November 17 worship services. Contact Julie or Pastor Paul if you would like to attend the class or have questions.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

FALL BLESSING BAGS

We will be packing our Fall Blessing Bags on Wednesday, November 6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Genesis Room. All are welcome to help out! Many hands make light work. Contact me at 674-4033 with questions. Thank you! Lori Fisk

Our Little Free Libraries are in need of books for all ages. Donations can be placed in the bin inside Door 12. Thank you!

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. We are especially in need of sizes 2, 4, and 6. Baby wipes are also needed. Thank you!

Trinity will be hosting the Path to Home Program from December 8th to December 22nd 2024. During this time we will host unhoused families at our church. Sign up sheets for volunteers will be available in early November. If you have any questions regarding volunteer opportunities feel free to contact Kris or Jeff Johnson at 612-718-0143.

Undesignated in memory of Duane Fisk from Eleanor & Raymond Jones, Les & Pam Zentner, Delores Klund, James & Erin Fallon

Mission Trip in memory of Duane Fisk from Bette Olson, Bev Otterness, Bonnie Nelson, Eileen Fisk, Jean Fairbanks, Mary Jo Vaughn, Ted & Jody Nemetz, Kerry & Debra Johnson, Sue Gustafson, Donna & Lee Setter, Jill & Gary Decker, Keith & Emma Parson, Jay & Jennifer Olson-Goude, Mary Sederberg, Sharon Ramberg, Marty & Jody Johnson

Blessing Bags in memory of Duane Fisk from Vonna Humble, Loren Magnison, Carol Gustafson, Todd & Kris Fairbanks, Butch & Sharalyn Olson, John & Lisa Emholz

Altar Guild in memory of Duane Fisk from Marlin & Lois Ness, Albert & Ann Tanko, Carol Gilquist, Judy Weiss, Lorraine Wenzel, Vonnie Johnson, Max Malmquist

Cemetery Fund in memory of Duane Fisk from Sharon Fairbanks

Path Program in memory of Keith Johnson from Jeff & Kris Johnson, Tom & Candi Hals, Mike & Barb Nelson

Undesignated in memory of Janet Day from Tom & Candi Hals

Youth Endowment Fund in memory of Janet Day from Mike & Barb Nelson
Viking Vittles in memory of Duane Fisk from Brad & Juli Wilcox, Steve & Shari Denny, Don & Pat Noyes, Michelle & Donald Gangl, Jeff & Rosemarie Green, Daniel & Lisa Otto

Care Closet in memory of Duane Fisk from Adam & Gretel Trampe, Janelle Mork, Jan & Kirby Ekstrom, Lance & Julie Morgan, Judy Ramberg, Joseph & Arlen Rystrom, Marcie Marking

Sunday School in memory of Duane Fisk from JoAnn Dolezalek, Deb & Dennis Aulich, Tom & Candi Hals, Paula Vaughn, William Lones

Viking Vittles in memory of Dale Nordaune from Sue Gustafson

Senior Socials in memory of Dale Nordaune from Jane & Loren Magnison, Ann Tanko, Jean Fairbanks, Chad & Jen VanDyke, Joleen Kowalke

TLC Pizza Nights in memory of Dale Nordaune from Bonnie Nelson, Tom & Candi Hals, Richard Mork, Bonnie Lerberg

Youth Endowment Fund in memory of Dale Nordaune from Mike & Barb Nelson



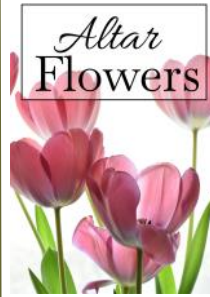
Join us for our
Annual Pie Social
following our
6:30 pm
Thanksgiving Eve
Worship
Service on
Wednesday,
November 27.

Sign up in the
Narthex if you'd
like to
bring a pie!

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!



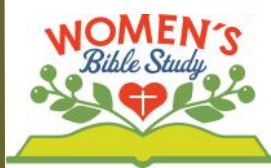
We are in need of a group or a couple of families to bring treats and serve at our 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour on Sunday November 17. Please contact Julie or sign up on the bulletin board if you can help out. Thank you!



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 November 12.

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 volunteers to help out as ushers, greeters and communion assistants at our 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

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

Trinity's grocery shelf has seen continued 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 our community in this way!

ALTAR GUILD

Serving for the month of November

Barb & Mike Nelson



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

Fare for All
3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 6.
Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. www.fareforall.org



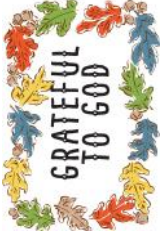
Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live at 8 & 10 a.m. on our YouTube channel, and about 90 minutes later on our facebook page. Links can be found on our website.

Like Trinity Lutheran Church on facebook, and comment on our posts! Worship videos are posted each Sunday!



"Christ in Our Home" daily devotionals for October, November, December 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.

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Worship Service/ Communion All Saints Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	4 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	5	6 9:00 am Blessing Bag assembly 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	7 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm New Creation	8	9
10 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am New Member Class	11	12 9:00 am Outreach meeting	13 5:30 pm Faith Friends 6:00 pm TLC Pizza Night 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Group 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	14 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm New Creation	15	16
17 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 am & 10:00 am Welcome New Members 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	18 Tidings articles due	19 7:00 pm Church council meeting	20 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm EDGE Youth Group	21 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm New Creation 6:30 pm Choir practice	22	23
24 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	25	26	27 5:15 pm New Creation 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve worship followed by Pie Social	28	29	30

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

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

<u>Income</u>	September Actual	September Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 29,607	\$ 29,917	\$ 264,856	\$ 269,250
Loose Offering	\$ 422	\$ 583	\$ 4,842	\$ 5,250
Other Income	\$ 45	\$ -	\$ 11,408	\$ 5,375
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 1,619	\$ 2,508	\$ 19,048	\$ 22,575
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 31,692	\$ 33,008	\$ 300,153	\$ 302,450
<u>Expenses</u>	September Actual	September Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 21,863	\$ 21,863
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,688	\$ 1,688
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 825	\$ 825
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 24,375	\$ 24,375
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 33,235	\$ 35,368	\$ 304,350	\$ 325,743
Church Property	\$ 10,127	\$ 12,455	\$ 72,466	\$ 83,503
Stewardship	\$ 288	\$ 242	\$ 2,099	\$ 3,375
Learning & Youth	\$ 746	\$ 500	\$ 5,077	\$ 6,500
Worship	\$ 279	\$ 233	\$ 2,691	\$ 2,985
Witness & Service	\$ 104	\$ 42	\$ 372	\$ 375
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 44,778	\$ 48,840	\$ 387,055	\$ 422,481
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 47,487	\$ 51,549	\$ 411,430	\$ 446,856
Total Net Income - September 2024	\$ (15,794)	\$ (18,540)	\$(111,277)	\$ (144,406)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 17,000	\$ 13,663	\$ 112,575	\$ 109,300
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ 1,206	\$ (4,878)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 1,298	\$ (35,106)

September Income was \$1,316 under the September Budget
September Expense was \$4,062 under the September Budget

Net Income is \$1,206 for September
Net Income is \$1,298 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$168,508.34

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.



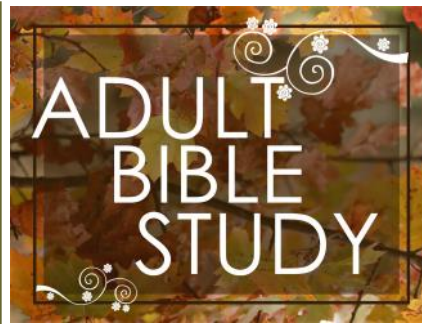
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lucas is looking for some volunteers to assist him in the A/V booth at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. each Sunday morning running the PowerPoint and YouTube stream. You could help at one service or the other, or both. No experience needed, Lucas will quickly train you! Please visit with him Sunday mornings or email lstarr@trinitynorthbranch.org to sign up or for more information.

Greeters (welcoming guests at the doors), **Communion Assistants** (distributing the wafers and wine) and **Ushers** (distribute bulletins, pass the offering plates and direct worshippers during communion) **are needed at both services each Sunday.** Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Please see Dani if you have questions.

We would like to add to our list of communion set up and clean up volunteers. You would be scheduled for one or the other or both (your choice) approximately one Sunday per month. Contact the office if you can help out.

We are looking for donations of pans of bars and servers for our TLC Pizza Nights. Our next event is November 13th. Sign up in the narthex to bring bars or to help serve. Thank you!



Sign up for our new Adult Bible Study,

which will be taking place monthly (coinciding with TLC Pizza Night). This will be a monthly video/book based Bible study called "Making sense of

the Cross" presented by Dr. David Lose. Open to all adults in the congregation! Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or online

at <https://forms.gle/LiVuxZBnMXYP71y26>

Dates for Bible Study: Come for all OR just some of the dates listed. November 13th, December 4th, January 8th, February 5th, March 19th

TLC Pizza Night Schedule

5:30-6:00p – "Faith Friends" elementary programming.

6:00-6:30p – Pizza Night in the fellowship hall.

6:30 - 7:30p- Bible Study (Rich Lundberg will lead). Confirmation, EDGE.

*Please sign up for Pizza Night separately.



The Christmas Giving Tree will be up the Sunday before Thanksgiving, with tags for local foster children. Gifts will be due back to the church by Monday, December 8. Thank you for your support of this program each year!



Our Christmas Eve worship services will be held at 2:00, 4:00, and 7:00 pm.

We will have one service with Lessons & Carols at 9:00 am on December 29.

Attendance & Views			
Date		In person	Online views
9/15	8a	54	99
	10a	82	79
9/22	8a	50	108
	10a	80	84
9/29	8a	41	32
	10a	122	209
10/6	8a	45	95
	10a	50	109
10/13	8a	48	20
	10a	82	141





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Partners in Ministry: The People of Trinity

Church Office: 651-674-7047 Church Fax: 651-674-7048
Church Office Hours: 8:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Thursday
Sunday Worship: 8 am & 10 am 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

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Jason Vanous & 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:

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