

October 2024

## Pastor's Page

Trinity Tidings  
October 2024  
Pastor Paul Cannon

### Stewardship Theme:

### Pray, Play and Practice What You Preach

Every Sunday, I gather with kids at the children's sermon time, and our prayer concludes with the words, "In your name we pray ... and play ... Amen!" It's a habit I picked up from Lutherdale, a Christian camp that I brought kids to at my last call.

Lately, I felt like something was missing from that formula. Yes, we pray together – we gather as a people of faith in word, music and worship! Yes, we play together – we come together to have fun, to support one another and to build each other up. But the prayer felt like it needed one more "P." And then it hit me: practice. We practice what we preach.

God sends us out to live our faith in the world! God calls us to put our faith into action. Faith isn't just an internal journey, it's an external one as well. We are called to be God's hands and feet for the poor, the needy, the lonely and the forgotten!

And so, we decided to base our upcoming stewardship appeal on those three principals. We want to put our money where our mouth is and invest in this community here at Trinity. In the coming months, you'll hear and see some of the goals we have to strengthen our three P's (four, if you count "preach"). We will ask you to consider increasing your giving so we can continue to live passionately for Jesus Christ!

We plan to PRAY, PLAY and PRACTICE what we PREACH. Please keep an eye out for those materials (coming out soon) and prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the mission.

Pr. Paul

### Trinity has an opening for an assistant custodian

(15 hours per week.) The job description is posted on our website and on the bulletin board. Contact Sue with questions and to apply.

Jeff will be retiring in late October. We are so thankful for his time at Trinity and he will be greatly missed!



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

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.

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



# Children & Youth Ministry News

## Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

We are so excited to be back together again for a new school year! We welcomed back new families and returning families alike with our kickoff and service projects packing 25 care kits for the care closet at the North Branch Area Middle School and planting 38 tulip bulbs to brighten up the Trinity grounds come spring! We will continue our focus on Old Testament stories this fall. We are looking forward to our fall party on Sunday, October 27, from 9:00-9:45 a.m. with games, crafts, and our treat trail. Families are invited to wear their best family-friendly costumes on this day. Students will sing in church at 10:00 a.m. worship that same day.

**October 6** - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

**October 13** - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

**October 20** - No Sunday School – MEA Break

**October 27** - Fall Family Party 9:00-9:45 a.m. Students sing at 10:00 a.m. service.



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## Faith Friends - October 9

Faith Friends is a new group for families with elementary aged children up to 5th grade. Join us in the Genesis room for our seasonal Bible verse, storybook, and craft. Faith Friends is family style and meets one Wednesday evening a month from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Our first night will be on Wednesday, October 9, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. After our session, we will join the other Wednesday night programming for TLC Pizza Night from 6:00-6:30 p.m. TLC Pizza Night will serve Domino's Pizza, salad, 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.

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## EDGE High School Ministry

EDGE had a fun kickoff to welcome students back! We kept busy in September packing Viking Vittles, having our first Donuts + Devos for the school year, playing games, and having great discussion. In October, we will have our fall bonfire, host coffee hour, learn from a safety presentation with NBAPD, and pass out treats for the Fall Party with Sunday School students. It will be a fun month!

**October 2** - EDGE Bonfire 6:30-7:30 p.m. offsite

**October 6** - EDGE Serves Coffee Hour

**October 9** - Donuts + Devos, 7:00-7:20 a.m. offsite

**October 9** - TLC Pizza Night 6:00-6:30 p.m. Safety Presentation with NBAPD 6:30-7:30 p.m.- Students and Parents attend

**October 16** - NO EDGE - MEA Break

**October 23** - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**October 27** - EDGE hands out candy at the Sunday School Treat Trail 9:00 a.m.

**October 30** - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.



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## Safety Presentation with North Branch Area Police Department - Wednesday, October 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Confirmation and high school youth group students and their parents/caregivers along with other interested community members are invited to join us for a presentation on internet safety, tobacco/drugs, and community trends and patterns on Wednesday, October 9, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary at Trinity. Officer Michael Nelson, North Branch Area Police Department and School Resource Officer, will lead this informative workshop.

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## Holy Hotdish Bible Study - Gospel of Mark

Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 6, 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. We are studying the Gospel of Mark this year and will be going over week 1 in our study books. Upcoming dates are November 3 and December 1. Contact Marie with questions and to receive a study book and be added to our email list.



**Undesignated** in memory of Duane Fisk from Ron & Diane Barsness, Shirley Fisk, Donna Brown, Jon & Trudy Trenda

**Scholarships** in memory of Donna Anderson from Todd & Kris Fairbanks

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## FALL BLESSING BAGS

We plan on packing 50 adult bags before November and need your help!

Items we need are: travel size facial tissue, razors, wash cloths, non-aerosol deodorant, 10 oz. detergent, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, men's winter hats and insulated gloves, pocket notepads, pens, lip balm/chapstick, decks of playing cards, and single serve beverage packets (coffee, tea and hot chocolate). Please drop off any items in the designated box in the narthex by Sunday, October 27th.

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

[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!

## Viking Vittles

I would like to thank all the people that helped to pack the first week of Viking Vittles during God's Work Our Hands Sunday. We packed 258 bags in about 45 minutes with so many hands helping. It is such a blessing to see so much support for Viking Vittles.

During the summer Viking Vittles distributed 1,073 bags of food to families that are food insecure. This was done by distribution at North Branch Central Park, Trinity, Stacy Lions Park, and Sunrise Mobile Home Park. Many of these families expressed great appreciation for Viking Vittles.

We asked people to complete a short survey when they came to pick up food. This was to give us some feedback on the food we pack. The feedback we received was very positive and there were no items that were rated low enough for us to discontinue. We did however make a few changes to our menus as we begin the new school year. We are always looking for shelf stable items that are healthy and affordable to provide a variety to the families that get Viking Vittles.

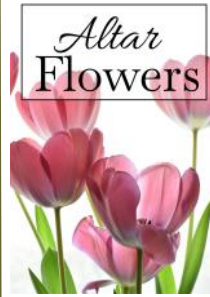
As I write this the school year has only been in session for a very short time. Families are given the opportunity to sign up for Viking Vittles at the welcome conferences held the day before school starts. The number of students that sign up for Viking Vittles are provided to us from the various school offices as the enrollment forms are received. We do see a fair amount of fluctuation at the very beginning of the year. However, as of today we **have 364 students signed up to get Viking Vittles each week this is up from the 252 we were packing at the end of last year. That is a 50% increase at Early Childhood and a 45% increase at Sunrise.** We know hunger exists in our community but it is always eye opening to see the magnitude.

As we go through this school year with such an increase in need, we ask that you keep Viking Vittles in your prayers, both the families that are in need as well as all of the hands it takes to make Viking Vittles happen each week and for the financial support to keep Viking Vittles strong.

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!



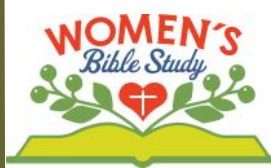
We are in need of a group or a couple of families to bring treats and serve at our 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour on Sunday October 20, and November 17. Please contact Julie or sign up on the bulletin board if you can help out. Thank you!



**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 October 8.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 October

Judy Weiss and Karin Perrault



Please email articles for the November Trinity Tidings to [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org) by October 17 Thank you!

**Fare for All**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 9.**  
**Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. [www.fareforall.org](http://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](mailto:jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org) or leave a message for Julie at 651-674-7047 to pickup.**





# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 am Fellowship team meeting	2 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Group bonfire offsite	3 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm New Creation	4  OCTOBER	5
6 <b>Worship Service/ Communion</b> 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	7 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	8 9:00 am Outreach meeting	9 7:00 am Donuts & Devos EDGE youth gathering 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:30 pm Faith Friends 6:00 pm TLC Pizza Night 6:30 pm Confirmation/EDGE NBPD presentation 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	10 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm New Creation 7:00 pm Council Mtg	11	12
13 <b>Worship Service/ Communion</b> 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	14 Tidings articles due	15  GRATEFUL TO GOD	16 No Confirmation No EDGE Youth Group	17 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm New Creation Tidings articles due	18 9:00 am-3:00 pm Blood Drive	19
20 <b>Worship Service/ Communion</b> 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour No Sunday School	21 	22	23 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Group	24 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm New Creation	25 	26 1:00-3:00 pm Phoenix Academy hosts a Trunk or Treat for the community
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# Treasurer's Report

## Statement of Income and Expenses

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

<u>Income</u>	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 24,607	\$ 29,917	\$ 235,249	\$ 239,333
Loose Offering	\$ 169	\$ 583	\$ 4,420	\$ 4,667
Other Income	\$ 223	\$ -	\$ 11,363	\$ 5,375
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 1,395	\$ 2,508	\$ 17,429	\$ 20,067
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 26,393</b>	<b>\$ 33,008</b>	<b>\$ 268,461</b>	<b>\$ 269,441</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>Mission Support</b>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 19,433	\$ 19,433
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 733	\$ 733
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 21,667	\$ 21,667
<b>General Expenses</b>				
Ministry Support	\$ 32,380	\$ 34,868	\$ 271,115	\$ 290,374
Church Property	\$ 6,627	\$ 9,335	\$ 62,339	\$ 71,048
Stewardship	\$ 155	\$ 1,042	\$ 1,811	\$ 3,133
Learning & Youth	\$ 143	\$ 500	\$ 4,331	\$ 6,000
Worship	\$ 35	\$ 233	\$ 2,412	\$ 2,752
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ 268	\$ 333
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 39,341	\$ 46,020	\$ 342,277	\$ 373,640
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 42,049	\$ 48,729	\$ 363,944	\$ 395,307
Total Net Income - August 2024	\$ (15,656)	\$ (15,720)	\$ (95,483)	\$ (125,866)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 15,700	\$ 13,663	\$ 95,575	\$ 109,300
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ 44	\$ (2,058)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 92	\$ (16,566)

August Income was \$6,615 under the August Budget  
August Expense was \$6,679 under the August Budget

Net Income is \$44 for August  
Net Income is \$92 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$147,825.01

Respectfully Submitted,

*Todd J. Fisk*

Treasurer

Please consider online giving.

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See our website [www.trinitynorthbranch.org](http://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](mailto: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 for our TLC Pizza Nights.** Our first event is October 9th. Sign up in the narthex to bring bars.

Join Trinity's Fellowship Team at 5pm on Friday, October 11, for dinner at the Indianhead Supper Club in Balsam Lake. Sign up by October 6. Call Judy Weiss at 651-674-2710 with questions.

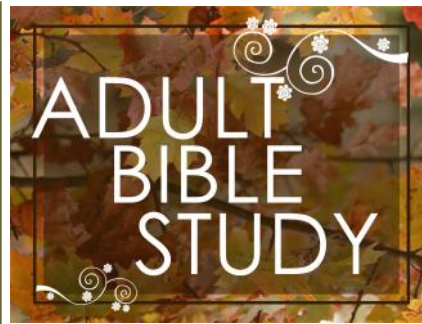


Trinity will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 9a-3p Friday, October 18.

Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).



Phoenix Academy is hosting a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26. All are welcome!



### 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. October 9th, 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.



### We would like to start a traditional choir this fall and would like to find out if

there is enough interest to proceed. We would start out by meeting about once a month with practice times to be determined. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone who would

like to be a part of the choir. Please reach out to Melissa if you have any questions.

**At times we will feature one singer during worship,** and at times the whole group. The congregation is

## Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views
8/11	9a 109	131
8/18	9a 130	87
8/25	8a 47	125
	10a 57	52
9/1	8a 50	98
	10a 52	111
9/8	8a 42	125
	10a 104	125



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# October, 2024

## 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](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org)  
Church website: [www.trinitynorthbranch.org](http://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  
Jason Vanous & Luke Meyer, Cemetery Staff  
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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,

