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Trinity Lutheran Church

Practice what we Preach (Yes, we do)

If you've been in church the last few months, you've heard us use the phrase, "Practice what we Preach." It was a focus of our stewardship campaign, but I want to take the time to share some numbers and stories behind that phrase, and how it can make a real impact.

One young mother with a newborn came to us a few months ago, because her husband injured himself working and was unable to get a job. At the same time, she wasn't working and had medical issues taking her away from work. Understandably, they couldn't afford their rent and many other bills.

She called the office one day, and we agreed to help her with money from the Pastoral Emergency Fund, and also with funds from our Outreach team. During her struggles we also helped the family purchase diapers, signed them up for a Thanksgiving meal from the Lion's Club, and even purchase a Christmas tree!

She was so moved by the generosity, that she texted one woman on our Outreach Team (who has been working with her on many of these things), "Would it be okay if I told you, I love you?" What began as a gesture of support, became a tangible representation of what it means when we say, "Love your neighbor."

This woman wasn't the only one we've helped. The Pastoral Emergency Fund, which we use to help folks who call asking for rental, heating or utility assistance has helped dozens of people in our community. By the numbers through December 10, 2024, we gave away over \$13,907 (and this is just ONE way Trinity helps our community).

Those dollars make a real difference in people's lives. The woman from our story has since been able to find work (along with her husband), and their family is getting back on her feet. We were able to help her, because Trinity is dedicated to practicing what we preach. The Gospel tells us to Love Your Neighbor, and we don't just say it, we do it.

Thanks be to God!



Our Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 am Sunday, February 9. EDGE Youth Ministry will be serving a soup lunch as a fundraiser for youth trips and activities. Please plan to attend!

We are in need of three church council members beginning in February. These are three year terms, and the council meets monthly on the third Tuesday evening of each month.

We are also in need of one Endowment Committee member. This is also a three year term. The Endowment committee meets a couple of times each year.

Please see Julie or Pastor Paul if you would like to serve in this way.



Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School and Children's Ministry:

We had 39 children participate in our beloved Sunday School Christmas Program this year! The program was beautiful and we're so proud of all the students! This is one of our favorite days of the year and is always such a sweet reminder of God's love for all people. There are so many wonderful folks to show our gratitude and appreciation for. Thank you to Courtney Fairbanks for directing the program, Melissa Westmore for accompanying on piano, Teacher Leadership Team, youth helpers, custodians, Trinity staff, and of course all our Sunday School youth and families for their support! We had a fun cookie party to celebrate after the program. We will return in the New Year to focus on stories about Jesus from the New Testament. Wishing everyone a blessed and wonderful 2025!



January 5 - Family Sunday School Resumes 9:00-9:45 a.m.

January 12 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

January 19 - No Sunday School - MLK Weekend

January 26 - Hot Cocoa Party 9:00-9:45

Faith Friends

Faith Friends is a monthly 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, January 8, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join for TLC Pizza Night from 6:00-6:30 p.m. TLC Pizza Night serves Domino's Pizza, salad, lemonade, cookies/bars, and water. (Suggested donation \$5/person).

EDGE High School Youth Ministry

EDGE had a fun Christmas Party and bundled up for hot cocoa and holiday lights this year. After Christmas break we return with our Almost Overnighter filled with food, fun, games, paint night, and a group service project. Confirmation students will also join us for part of the fun. EDGE will also pack Viking Vittles, serve coffee hour, and get ready for our Soup Lunch at the annual meeting on February 9. We are praying for a blessed 2025 for all of our youth and families filled with God's peace and love.

January 1 - NO EDGE - Happy New Year!

January 5 - EDGE serves coffee hour

January 8 - TLC Pizza Night 6:00-6:30 p.m., EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

January 15 - North Branch Breakfast Club 7:00-7:30 a.m.

January 15 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

January 22 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Viking Vittles Packing

January 29 - EDGE 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Poverty Simulation Project

****Save the date! February 9 - Soup Lunch Fundraiser and Annual Meeting 11:00 a.m.**



Breakfast Club - We are launching North Branch Breakfast Club once a month for all 9-12th grade high school students starting in the New Year! The first date will be Wednesday, January 15, from 7:00-7:30 a.m. before school in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. Students can come for food, friends, and an encouraging Word before school! Adult volunteers and helpers are needed! Please come to our next planning meeting on Monday, January 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Genesis Room at Trinity or reach out to Marie to help.



Holy Hotdish Bible Study Our next gathering will be Sunday, January 5, 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 and fellowship, followed by Bible study on the book of Mark, discussion, and prayer. Upcoming dates are February 2 and March 2. Contact Marie to be added to our email list.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THANK YOU to all who donated and/or helped pack the Christmas blessing bags!

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!

Path to Home Thank you to all who helped out in any way in our Path to Home hosting! The families are most grateful! If you have any questions regarding volunteer opportunities feel free to contact Kris or Jeff Johnson at 612-718-0143.



Thank you to all who donated gifts to 60 local foster children and 20 developmentally disabled adults. The coordinators of each program were thankful and overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you for your support of this program each year!



Undesignated in memory of Richard & Shirley Anderson from Carole Markusson
Viking Vittles in memory of loved ones from Marlene Magnison
Trinity's Grocery Shelf in memory of loved ones from Marlene Magnison
Gas Cards in memory of loved ones from Marlene Magnison
Altar Guild in memory of loved ones from Marlene Magnison
Cemetery Fund in memory of loved ones from Marlene Magnison
Viking Vittles in memory of Duane Fisk from Darlene Nelson
Viking Vittles in memory of Dale Nordaune from Darlene Nelson
Senior Social in memory of Lyle Nelson and David Scherer from Darlene Nelson
Remodeling Fund in memory of JoAnn Erickson from Vonna Humble
Bathroom renovation in memory of Rosemary Morrison from Albert & Ann Tanko

ADVENT TEA THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended the Advent Tea. Special thanks go out to the planning team of Julie Dresel, Sue Gustafson, Kris Johnson, Jane Magnison, Megan Nysse, Trudy Trendera and Judy Weiss.

Thanks to JoAnn Dolezalek for playing, to all who made cookies, centerpieces, and to the wonderful men who served and cleaned up.

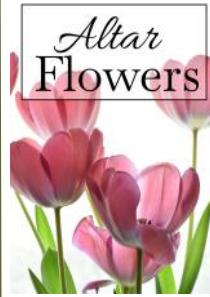
A very special thanks to all who attended our 90th Advent Tea!



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!



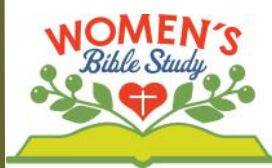
We are in need of a group or a couple of families to bring treats and serve at our 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour on Sunday, January 19. Please contact Julie or sign up on the bulletin board if you can help out. Thank you!



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 January 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 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 January

Karen Young & Ann Tanko



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

Fare for All
3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 8.
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 January, February, March 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.



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 No Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Band	3 6:00 pm EDGE/Confirmation Game & Pizza night	4
5 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Coffee Hour 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	6 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting 6:00 pm Breakfast Club meeting	7	8 3:00 pm Fare for All 5:30 pm Faith Friends 6:00 pm Pizza Dinner 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 PM EDGE Youth Group	9 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Band	10	11 
12 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	13	14 9:00 am Outreach meeting	15 7:00 am Breakfast Club 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 PM EDGE Youth Group Tidings articles due	16 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Band 7:00 pm Church Council	17	18
19 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour	20 	21	22 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 PM EDGE Youth Group	23 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Band 6:15 pm Choir practice	24	25
26 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 am & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	27	28	29 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 PM EDGE Youth Group	30 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Band	31 	

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

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

<u>Income</u>	November Actual	November Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 28,980	\$ 29,917	\$ 320,029	\$ 329,083
Loose Offering	\$ 860	\$ 583	\$ 8,058	\$ 6,417
Other Income	\$ 504	\$ 900	\$ 11,933	\$ 6,275
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 1,678	\$ 2,508	\$ 22,448	\$ 27,592
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 32,022	\$ 33,908	\$ 362,467	\$ 369,366
<u>Expenses</u>	November Actual	November Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 26,721	\$ 26,721
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 2,063	\$ 2,063
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 1,008	\$ 1,008
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 29,792	\$ 29,792
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 48,718	\$ 47,994	\$ 384,179	\$ 407,606
Church Property	\$ 6,438	\$ 7,527	\$ 87,171	\$ 98,657
Stewardship	\$ 195	\$ 242	\$ 2,294	\$ 3,658
Learning & Youth	\$ 1,123	\$ 500	\$ 6,873	\$ 7,500
Worship	\$ 163	\$ 233	\$ 3,293	\$ 3,577
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 42	\$ 372	\$ 458
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 56,636	\$ 56,538	\$ 484,183	\$ 521,456
 Total Regular Expenses	 \$ 59,344	 \$ 59,246	 \$ 513,975	 \$ 551,247
Total Net Income - November 2024	\$ (27,322)	\$ (25,338)		
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 27,000	\$ 13,663	\$ 151,575	\$ 136,625
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (322)	\$ (11,675)		
 Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			 \$ 68	 \$ (45,256)

November Income was \$1,886 under the November Budget
November Expense was \$98 over the November Budget

Net Income is -\$322 for November
Net Income is \$68 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$230,558

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.

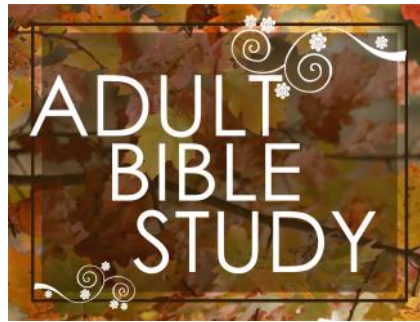
Greeters (welcoming guests at the doors), **Communion Assistants** (distributing the wafers and wine) and **Ushers** (distribute bulletins, pass the offering plates and direct worshippers during communion) **are needed at both services each Sunday.** Sign up sheets are in the narthex. Please see Dani 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 cookies and servers for our TLC Pizza Nights. Our next event is January 8. Sign up in the narthex to bring cookies or to help serve. Thank you!

Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views
11/24	8a	51
	10a	102
11/27	6:30p	55
12/1	8a	53
	10a	81
12/8	10a	255
12/15	8a	48
	10a	110



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: 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.

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!

Trinity has formed a team of Shalom Thrift Store volunteers. A member commits to working 4 hours one day a week each week. Shifts are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 12:30-4:00 p.m.

Duties would include pricing, sorting, accepting donations, cash register at the Cambridge store. As a team we receive a monthly stipend for the Outreach program at Trinity. If you are interested in helping out contact Julie, Carol Gustafson or Connie Deminsky. Carpooling may be an option. It is fun and it is rewarding!

Fare for All

3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 8.

Fare for All is open to everyone! The January Hot Buy is 2 lbs. of chicken wings for \$4.50.

The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization.

Bring a friend or a neighbor!

www.fareforall.org



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(available on YouTube and facebook)
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