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TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

As we head into the month of July, I can't help but think about fireworks. I remember taking my son Isaac to go see the fourth of July fireworks display in Illinois when he was little – forgetting how loud and scary they can seem to a two year old! I don't think we made it through the entire show.

And, I have to admit, I can appreciate a good fireworks show, but it's not my favorite part of the Fourth. I probably get it from my mom, who never let us buy more than poppers and grocery store sparklers to celebrate. It's hard to get into the spirit when that's all your parents will let you have!

Without a doubt, it's a fun way to celebrate our nation's independence, but it got me thinking about God's daily light show that we take for granted. I suppose it's of a humbler, less dramatic variety, but all the same, every day God celebrates creation with light.

Whether it's beams of light streaking through a crack in the clouds, the fiery oranges and pinks of a sunset, or even just the quiet brilliance of stars twinkling in the night sky, the light show of creation is enough to take your breath away at times.

What's more, in Jesus, we have something even more profound. In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." It's an inner light that we carry inside of all of us that we are given to share with the world.

I hope you all enjoy some good old fashioned Fourth of July fireworks this season (and stay safe!), but as you do I also hope you also remember to give thanks to our God who gives light to all creation.

Thanks be to God!



We will have one service at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, August 31, followed by Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time.

We are planning on an outdoor worship service on Sunday, August 10. Stay tuned for details!



The church office and building will be closed the week of June 29th.

Children & Youth Ministry News

"Water World" VBS Family Nights

"Water World" VBS Family Nights were held in June and we had our biggest year yet! We enjoyed 3 fun nights filled with water-themed Bible stories, science, art, games, music, packing Viking Vittles, food, and fellowship. We focused on God's love through Old Testament stories of Creation, Noah's Ark, and Jonah and the Big Fish. We are grateful to the 23 families that were a part of serving and growing together this summer! Thank you to our adult leaders (Courtney, Paul, Megan, and Dani) and 17 youth leaders for helping make our program so fun! It was wonderful to see God bring everybody together in faith and community with one another.



Family Sunday School

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



Teacher Leadership Team Volunteers Needed

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 during the school year, please reach out to Courtney or Marie by August. We will have our first meeting in August.



Our middle school youth are going on a mission trip to Duluth this week. We have 11 middle school youth and 3 adults who will be serving the community, learning about justice and deepening their faith. Thanks in advance for all your encouragement and prayers!



EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Thank you to the high school youth that helped set up, serve, and help with VBS Family Nights this June! We couldn't have done it without you! We had a blast at our afternoon activities, including the movies, Fawn-Doe-Rosa, and the pool. In July, we are off to Wisconsin for our mission trip. Join us on Sunday, July 20, as we bless our group and trip 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 of your prayers and support for this trip! We hope your summer has been filled with many blessings!



We are forming a new all ages men's group at Trinity. The group will be service oriented and have about six projects a year (every other month) on a come as you are available basis. We are hoping for enough people to sign up so we would be able to cover an individual coffee hour, an individual church service, a day and night of the Path to Home program and two/ three larger service projects a year. The group will be serving Coffee Hour on Sunday, July 13. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex or feel free to contact Chris Darst with any questions or to help out on July 13.



New Pathways plans to build a shelter to house the families in the Path Program. This shelter would house families 24/7 and would increase the number of families served from five to ten families at one time. New Pathways plans to break ground August 1, 2025. They have received 75% of the needed funds, and will not break ground until they have raised the \$3.5 million needed for this project. Flyers with more information is in the narthex and at www.newpathwaysmn.com/hope-lives-here-capital-campaign.

The Noisy Offering we collect on Sunday, June 29 will go towards this campaign.

Trinity's Outreach Committee will match up to \$500.00 of the noisy offering collection, and Minnco Credit Union will match donations up to \$50,000.00!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

Diaper Collection We are collecting disposable diapers and wipes 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. Thank you!

Gas and grocery cards: We have had an increase in requests for gas and grocery cards recently. If you would like to donate, please purchase fuel only cards for \$25-\$30. If you would like us to purchase the cards, just note "Gas Cards" on your donation. Grocery and personal hygiene items may be placed on the grocery shelf at any time, as well. A freezer is available for donation of frozen items. Recipients greatly appreciate all donations!

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!



EDGE Youth Group in memory of Tim Born's brother from Mike & Barb Nelson



Viking Vittles will not be distributed in the parks or at Trinity this summer. We will, however, have bags available for pickup at the Ed Center. They can be picked up Monday – Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This should make it much more convenient for parents to pick up. We will also be providing Viking Vittles to students at Sunrise during summer school.

Viking Vittles is looking for a few people to help deliver the totes to the schools on a regular or on call basis. You need to be able to lift 30#. Please call Donna Setter 612-363-5072 if interested or if you have questions.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Viking Vittles either through prayers or financially. Many families depend on this program to provide weekend food for their children.



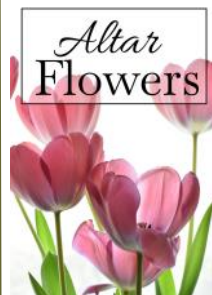
Trinity's Rummage Sale will take place in our Fellowship Hall from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Friday, July 25 and 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 26. Donations may be brought to the church beginning July 14. Volunteers are needed to set up and work the sale. See Julie or Wendy Malone if you can help out.



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 July 6, 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour. 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 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

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 July

Janelle Mork & Carol Meyer



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



Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live at 9:00 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, 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity hosts the Path Program June 29 through July 13		1 <i>The church office and building will be closed this week.</i>	2	3	4 	5
6 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour The nursery is NOT staffed	7 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	8 9:00 am Outreach meeting	9 	10 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Senior Dinner 5:30 pm Praise team	11	12
13 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	14	15 7:00 pm Church Council	16 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All Tidings articles due	17 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	18	19
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Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending May 31, 2025
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>Income</u>				
Unified Giving	\$ 26,717	\$ 34,325	\$ 161,460	\$ 171,625
Loose Offering	\$ 1,286	\$ 667	\$ 3,592	\$ 3,333
Other Income	\$ 78	\$ 63	\$ 11,802	\$ 9,413
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 13,043	\$ 11,500
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 28,081	\$ 37,054	\$ 189,896	\$ 195,870
<u>Expenses</u>				
<u>Mission Support</u>				
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
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 50,191	\$ 50,164	\$ 188,396	\$ 196,327
Church Property	\$ 5,577	\$ 6,287	\$ 46,036	\$ 43,937
Stewardship	\$ 162	\$ 170	\$ 1,450	\$ 1,435
Learning & Youth	\$ 1,122	\$ 1,698	\$ 4,405	\$ 7,754
Worship	\$ 72	\$ 217	\$ 2,039	\$ 2,383
Audio Visual	\$ 325	\$ 125	\$ 815	\$ 625
Witness & Service	\$ 51	\$ 404	\$ 542	\$ 2,021
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 57,501	\$ 59,065	\$ 243,682	\$ 254,483
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 60,209	\$ 61,773	\$ 257,224	\$ 268,024
Total Net Income - May 2025	\$ (32,128)	\$ (24,719)	\$ (67,328)	\$ (72,154)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 31,500	\$ 13,479	\$ 67,600	
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (628)	\$ (11,240)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 272	

May Income was \$8,973 Under the May Budget
May Expense was \$1,564 Under the May Budget

Please consider online giving.

Net Income is -\$628 for May
Net Income is \$272 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$82,733
Lease Payments are up to date through May 2025. January 2025 payment was received in December 2024

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd J. Fisk
Treasurer

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!

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.

Audio Visual Position Openings

1. Audio Tech - Up to 8hrs/Week

Position Summary: The Audio Technician is responsible for implementing the audio aspects of the worship plan as set by the Lead Pastor and the Worship Director. This includes (but not limited to) mixing sound and working with Audio Booth volunteers. This includes (but not limited to) Sunday worship services, midweek practices (usually Thursday evenings) and other special services that take place during the year. An important part of this job is to recruit and train volunteers or paid substitutes to support or fill in as needed

2. Worship Media Tech - Up to 8hrs/Week

Position Summary: The Worship Media Technician is responsible for producing weekly worship power point media and other visual media as directed by the Lead Pastor and the Worship Director. This includes (but not limited to) Sunday worship services and other special services that take place during the year, as well as running the slides during worship. An important part of this job is to recruit and train volunteers or substitutes to support or fill in as needed.

These jobs are combinable upon request. Please spread the word if you know of someone who might be qualified. For full job descriptions enquire with the Church Office or visit our website:

www.trinitynorthbranch.org.

Senior Socials are a time for seniors to get together to have fun, visit, eat good food, laugh at Kelly's sketchy jokes, sing along to some toe-tapping music, play games, and get out of the house! They are held 5:00-6:30 pm the second Thursday of each month, through September. There is no charge, just come and have fun! Invite friends, this is open to the community. If you would like to donate towards these meals, mark "Senior Social" on your donation. If you'd like to help serve, please let us know! If you have Thrivent and would like to apply for a grant card for the dinners, please see Julie. The July theme is The Jungle. **Please call Julie at 651-674-7047 by July 7 to register for the July 10 event.** Photos are from our June Take Me Out to the Ball Game dinner.



Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views
5/18	9a 161	116
5/25	9a 128	195
6/1	9a 123	160
6/8	9a 112	30
6/15	9a 120	113

Trinity Lutheran Church has a new logo and offering t-shirts, crew necks and hoodies with our new logo for purchase. Forms can be found in the narthex.



Options Include:

- Hoodies - Unisex & Youth
- Crewneck - Unisex
- T-shirt - Unisex & Youth

Colors:

- Graphite Heather
 - Indigo Blue
- Youth: Graphite Heather Only

Return the order form to the office or message Nicole.

Phone: 612-728-1070

Email: craftbynicole42@gmail.com



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Men's & Women's



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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 (9am only beginning 5/18)
(available on YouTube and facebook)

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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
Tiffany Byrne, Shari Denny,, Jeff Johnson,
Rosanne Johnson, Jim Naggatz, Barb Nelson,
Dan Peterson, John Swenson



**We will have
one service
each Sunday
at 9:00 a.m.
followed by
Coffee Hour
through
Sunday,
August 31.**