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TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

What are you waiting for?

We are going to kick off the month of August with a parable from the Gospel of Luke called the "Parable of the Rich Fool." In the parable, Jesus tells about a rich man, who had a plentiful harvest. He then decides to tear down his barn (because it's too small to fit the harvest) and build a bigger one, so that he can keep his over abundance of goods and live off it for many years.

Seems sensible, right?

But God tells the rich man, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" It's a warning against greed, but it's also a reminder to all of us that tomorrow is never guaranteed! The things we store up here on earth are someday going to be gone, but treasures that we store up in heaven will last forever.

I think we all know what earthly riches look like, but what do you think treasures in heaven look like? Is it time spent with your family? Is it a kind gesture given to a stranger? Is it lending a helping hand where it's needed? I think it's probably "yes" to all of the above. I think anywhere you are actively showing love in your life, is where the treasures are stored in heaven.

So what are you waiting for? Today is the day! Go do something good for someone else. Tell somebody you love them. Volunteer at that shelter that has been on your mind lately. It's time to start storing up those treasures in heaven. Those are the things that will be waiting for us on the other side. That is not only what God calls us to do, but who God calls us to be.

Thanks be to God!

Amen.



Healing
Service

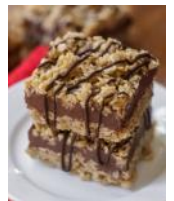
Healing Service - August 24, 2025 10:30am

This Healing Service is for those who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives. Those who join for this service may receive the gifts of prayer and of the laying on of hands, accompanied by anointing with oil. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 24th.

TWIGS annual salad lunch (complete with our world famous funeral hot dish) will be held Thursday August 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Sign up sheets for salads, bars and helpers will be in the narthex beginning on Sunday, August 4.

This is a free will offering event to raise operating funds for Trinity Women in God's Service (TWIGS) as we are not a budget item. Money raised purchases Beginner Bibles for all baptized babies, Pawaga scholarships, the Advent Tea and other items as they arise.

Bring a friend, tell the neighbors, pass the word please. We look forward to seeing you there!



Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School - Children's Ministry

Fall planning for youth and family ministry is underway! We will have our Blessing of the Backpacks on Sunday, September 7, at 10:00 a.m. service. Youth are invited to bring your backpacks to worship and receive a special backpack tag for the school year. Family Sunday School registration and information will be available mid-August so please watch your emails or reach out to Courtney with questions.



Teacher Leadership Team Volunteers Needed

We need more helpers to be a part of our Sunday School Teacher Leadership Team! Our fabulous team helps brainstorm Sunday School ideas at 3-4 meetings per year, help teach/lead lessons and activities, and helps with our Christmas program, Palm Sunday egg hunt, and special events. If you'd like to join the teacher leadership team, please reach out to Courtney or Marie. We have our next meeting planned for Tuesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity.



College/Young Adult Ministry

We'll be making college-aged/young adult care packages again this year to send out throughout the year. If you would like your young adult or college-aged student to receive them, please send Marie the mailing address to be added to our list. We send notes, snacks, devotionals, and other fun items to hopefully brighten their day and let them know their church family is thinking about them and praying for them.



EDGE High School Youth Ministry

This summer we sent eleven youth and three adults to Luther Park in Danbury, WI for our high school mission trip. Our first full day, we served at an organization called Faith's Lodge, a retreat center for families who have lost a child. Students helped clean and groom trails as we reflected on the ways that God walks with people in their grief. On day two, we helped stack wood for Interfaith Caregivers, that gives away free firewood to low income families that have wood burning furnaces for their homes. And on day three, our group helped weed the prayer labyrinth for the camp. It's amazing to watch how each student grew on the trip in their connection to God and their love for one another. Thanks to all who have donated to the youth program this year to help make this trip a possibility for our youth!



9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of EDGE youth group this fall! Look for registration forms to be available in mid-August. Please contact Marie with any questions.

Confirmation

Trinity's Confirmation program is held Wednesday night for students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Classes begin in mid-September and run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome! Look for registration forms to be available in mid-August.



Holy Hotdish Bible Study - Ruth

Be a part of our women's Bible study as we return this fall. Our first gathering will be Sunday, September 7, 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 Hot dish supper, refreshments, and fellowship, followed by Bible study, discussion, and prayer. We will focus on the book of Ruth this year and hand out the study books on the first night. We will continue to gather one Sunday each month throughout the school year. Fall dates are planned for October 5 and November 2. Come when you can, leave when you must. Contact Marie with questions and to be added to our email list and to be sure to have a study book for you.



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!

School Supply Collection Outreach is trying to fill 12 backpacks with school supplies for students in need at the North Branch Middle School. If interested, take a post-it note(s) from the poster by the Fellowship Hall and return items by August 17th. 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!



Trinity's Outreach Committee wants to remind the congregation that Outreach includes giving to our members, members friends and families. We want to reach those in need right in our church home and will provide confidential gifts to all in need. Please contact Julie or Martha Arnold with your requests.

Trinity's Men's Group hosted their first coffee hour July 13th, and currently is planning the next event and a fall yard cleanup in October. Anyone interested in joining the group or thinking they may need a little help with the yard this fall, please contact Chris Darst.



Breakfast Club in memory of Linda Hackett and Barbara Egelkraut from Mike & Barb Nelson

Undesignated in memory of Linda Hackett from Sue Gustafson

Cemetery Fund in memory of Marvin & Karen Nelson from Jill Nelson-Decker

Viking Vittles in memory of Kathleen Nordaune and Craig Strandberg from Lee & Donna Setter

Viking Vittles in memory of Barbara Egelkraut from Ron & Diane Barsness, Tom & Candi Hals, Bonnie Nelson,

Senior Socials in memory of Barbara Egelkraut from Susan Gustafson, Jane & Loren Magnison, Lorraine Wenzel, Carol Gustafson, LuAnn Stelter, Brenda Ekland, Joseph Rystrom, Darlene Nelson

Undesignated in memory of Kathleen Nordaune from Kathy Blomquist

Undesignated in memory of Craig Strandberg from William & Cynthia Macon

Cemetery Fund in memory of Craig Strandberg from Butch & Sharalyn Olson

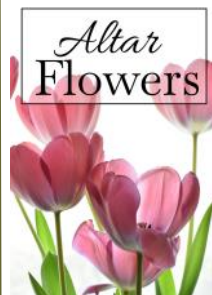
Senior Socials in memory of Craig Strandberg from Sharon Fairbanks and Darlene Nelson



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 August 3 & August 10, 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 August 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 August

Jim & Pam Wille



Please email articles for the September Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by August 17. 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.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Services are broadcast live on YouTube and an hour after the service on facebook					1	2 
3 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	4 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	5	6	7 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise team 	8	9
10 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	11	12 9:00 am Outreach meeting 6:30 pm Teacher Leadership Team meeting	13 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All	14 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Senior Dinner	15	16 3:30 pm wedding
17 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	18 Tidings articles due 	19	20	21 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Team	22	23
24 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:30 pm Healing Service	25	26 7:00 pm Church Council	27 	28 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 11:00 am-12:30 pm Salad Luncheon	29	30
31 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour						

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending June 30, 2025
Trinity Lutheran Church, North Branch, MN

<u>Income</u>	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 38,780	\$ 34,325	\$ 200,240	\$ 205,950
Loose Offering	\$ 590	\$ 667	\$ 4,182	\$ 4,000
Other Income	\$ 57	\$ 13	\$ 11,859	\$ 9,425
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 4,409	\$ 1,500	\$ 17,452	\$ 13,000
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 43,837	\$ 36,504	\$ 233,733	\$ 232,375
<u>Expenses</u>	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 14,575	\$ 14,575
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 550	\$ 550
			\$ -	\$ -
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 16,250	\$ 16,250
<u>General Expenses</u>	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Ministry Support	\$ 32,299	\$ 34,392	\$ 220,695	\$ 230,719
Church Property	\$ 5,904	\$ 7,047	\$ 51,939	\$ 50,984
Stewardship	\$ 165	\$ 445	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,880
Learning & Youth	\$ 816	\$ 1,747	\$ 5,220	\$ 9,501
Worship	\$ 148	\$ 292	\$ 2,186	\$ 2,675
Audio Visual	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ 815	\$ 750
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ 542	\$ 2,125
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 39,331	\$ 44,152	\$ 283,013	\$ 298,635
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 42,039	\$ 46,860	\$ 299,263	\$ 314,885
Total Net Income - June 2024	\$ 1,798	\$ (10,356)	\$ (65,530)	\$ (82,510)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ -	\$ 13,479	\$ 67,600	\$ 80,875
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ 1,798	\$ 3,123		\$ (1,635)

Total Net Income - Year-To-Date

\$ 2,070

June Income was \$7,333 over the June Budget
June Expense was \$4,821 Under the June Budget

Please consider online giving.

Net Income is \$1,798 for June
Net Income is \$2,070 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$123,126.65

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



AUDIO & VIDEO

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, mid-week 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! The August theme is Hollywood, with guest singer Jenni Thyng.



Please call Julie at 651-674-7047 by August 11 to register for the August 14 event.



American Red Cross Blood Drives will be held August 5 from 9a-3p at the North Branch High School and August 14 from 9a-3p at the North Branch Senior Center Register at redcrossblood.org

Dine & Discover with Chisago Age Well: Aug. 12 Learn to use MyChart with confidence If your medical provider offers MyChart but you've been hesitant to try using it, or if you are a current MyChart user with questions, Chisago Age Well invites you to attend their "MyChart 101" program Tuesday, Aug.12. The free program will be offered at 3:30 p.m. at the Chisago County Senior Center in North Branch. Attendees are asked to bring their cell phone (and their laptop or tablet if they would like). Advance registration is requested by Aug. 8. To register, call 651-674-1025.

Attendance & Views			Date	In person		Online views
Date	In person	Online views				
6/22	9a	109	7/6	9a	101	189
6/29	9a	107	7/13	9a	102	206
			7/20	9a	151	49



Chisago County's annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life event will take place on Friday, August 22nd at the Chisago Lake Lutheran Church (1 Summit Ave, Center City, MN). Against the scenic backdrop of the church will be hundreds of luminaria, in honor or memory of those who have fought cancer. Starting at 5pm, there will be food trucks, a silent auction, yard games, and more. The main program, featuring a honorary survivor speaker, starts at 6 pm, and around 8pm the hundreds of luminary candles will be lit. We hope to see you there! If you can not attend, please give a donation on line /secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=entry&fr_id=110217

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

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- Indigo Blue

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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)
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 Music
ext. 14

Julie Morgan, Church Office Manager ext. 10

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Outreach Committee:
Outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org

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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.**