

September 2025

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Pastor Paul Cannon

God's Work, Our Hands Day

The ELCA (or Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) started "God's Work Our Hands" day in 2013 to commemorate the 25th anniversary and has since become an annual day of service for churches throughout the country. Churches who participate in this tradition, have generally taken the first Sunday after Labor Day to serve their neighbors in the community.

In other churches (and historically in the Lutheran Church as well), the longstanding tradition for that particular Sunday in September has long been "Rally Day" which focused on regathering people from their summer breaks to get back to church for Sunday School and regular worship.

And, I think that's good! We need this time to gather people back into our building, as we worship God. Gathering together gives life and energy to the Body of Christ in a way that strengthens us. But it says something about our church, that we aren't solely focused on bringing people IN, but we also spend time that day on reaching OUT.

That's how a healthy church should look; like breathing, it follows a pattern of deep breath IN and slow breath OUT. In and out. In and out. The Holy Spirit gathers us in as a people of God, but we shouldn't be solely focused on bringing people IN. Nor could the church survive if all we did was reach OUT. And so the Spirit compels us to draw people in, and to reach out to those in need, advocating for peace and justice in this world.

So we will begin our God's Work Our Hands Sunday (**September 7th, 8am and 10am**) by doing both! We hope to gather many people into worship and Sunday School, and between services, we'll have opportunities for folks during coffee hour to give back through service projects. Breathe in. Breathe out.

Hope you can join us!

NB Breakfast Club - Our first NB Breakfast Club kicks off for this school year on Wednesday, October 1, from 7:00-7:30 a.m. before school in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. Breakfast Club is for all 9-12 grade high school students. Join us for a full breakfast, friends, fun, and an encouraging Word before school! We will have a free NB Breakfast Club T-Shirt for every student at our first one! To donate towards these meals please note "Breakfast Club" on your donation. Thank you!



On Sunday, September 7, we return to 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. worship, with 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour/Fellowship time. We will be having a blue grass-style song selection for both first and second services. There will be a few guest musicians, including a banjo player. We hope to see you there and praise together at this fun and special service!



Bell Choir You may or may not know that Trinity owns a set of bell choir bells. Melissa is starting up some bells rehearsals this coming fall. Anyone with interest should contact her and/or sign up in the Narthex. She will start with rehearsals on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. beginning in September, with performances tentatively on Christmas Eve and Sunday, December 20.



TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School - Children's Ministry Sunday School will kick off on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, September 7. Families will join us in the fellowship hall from 9:00-9:45 a.m. to pack hygiene kits for the care closets at the North Branch Area Middle School. There will also be other service projects happening in the Fellowship hall for families and Trinity members alike to help with. After service project time, families are invited outside to play on the playground for fun, fellowship, games, and a snack. Blessing of the Backpacks will be during the 10:00 a.m. worship service that day and students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and receive a new backpack tag for the school year.



Family Sunday School registration forms are now available in the narthex and online here: <https://forms.gle/VHY9SbUijGrBS5PF73rd> Grade Bible presentation and teacher leadership team installation will be Sunday, September 28, during the 10:00 a.m. worship. An email will be sent for signing up for 3rd Grade Bibles. Please contact Courtney if you did not get the email and would like to receive a Bible this fall.

September 7 - "God's Work. Our Hands" Service projects and playground from 9:00-9:45 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks at 10:00 a.m. service (Bring your backpack)

September 14 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m. **September 21** - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

September 28 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m., 3rd Grade Bible Presentation and Teacher Leadership Team Blessing at 10:00 a.m. service.

Confirmation Trinity's Confirmation program is held Wednesday night for students in 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Classes are Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration forms are available in the office and online.

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, helps lead activities and crafts, 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.



Faith Friends Our first Faith Friends for this school year will meet on Wednesday, October 22, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Join us in the Sunday School rooms for our seasonal Bible verse, craft, and activity. 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). Registration forms are available in the narthex or online here: <https://forms.gle/bnsdgAtNXfwhTiFZ6> Contact Courtney with any questions.

EDGE High School Youth Ministry

EDGE High School Youth Group kicks off a new year on Wednesday, September 10, with food, games, and fun! We'll start back up with Viking Vittles packing again and planning for our mission trip next summer. Incoming 9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of EDGE youth group this fall! Registration for our new year is available in the narthex or online here: <https://forms.gle/TwUoveBMFZnk3bGU7>. Please contact Marie with any questions.



September 10 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kick Off Party

September 17 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 24 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Viking Vittles packing

October 1 - NB Breakfast Club 7:00-7:30 a.m.

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 brighten their day and let them know their church family is thinking about them and praying for them.



Holy Hotdish Bible Study - "Ruth: Fields of Grace" 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 hand out the "Ruth: Fields of Grace" 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 and study guide list.



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 office. Thank you!

We will be packing winter blessing bags in mid-October. Items needed are: warm hats and mittens, travel size first aid kits, travel size shampoo, 10 oz liquid laundry detergent, chapstick, pocket notepads, single serve hot chocolate, coffee and tea, washcloths, toothpaste and non-aerosol deodorant. Please drop off your donations in the Blessing Bin in the narthex by Sunday, October 5th. If you would rather make a monetary contribution, we would be happy to do the shopping for you! Thank you!!

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 at marthaarnold@me.com with your requests.

Viking Vittles were available to families during the summer for pickup at the Education Center Monday-Friday from 6am to 6pm. With such wide availability we expected to serve a large quantity of students that receive them during the school year. Much to our surprise distribution was much lower than anticipated.

As we start to prepare for the 2025-2026 school-year we are expecting that our numbers will be approximately the same as last year. Last year we packed an average of 285 bags each week for Phoenix, Education Center and Sunrise. In addition, St. John's packed 56 each week for the Sunrise Mobile Home Park and the middle school packed 24 bags and the high school sent 15 bags home each week. This provided 380 students will food on the weekends.

We have many very dedicated volunteers that make this possible. From picking up our order at Family Pathways each week to setting up for packing every week as well as the volunteers that deliver the totes to the schools each week. We are grateful for the students at the Life Work Center that come over weekly and pack the bags for us. Also, the confirmation students and Edge group that alternate packing one week each month. The staff at the middle school and high school that oversee the care closets making sure that the students who need Viking Vittles get them each week. If you would be interested in helping on occasion please talk with Donna Setter. We can always use extra help.

Not only does it take many hands to keep this program going, it takes many dollars as well. We have been blessed with donations from members of our congregation as well as community organizations and community members. We also apply for grants when possible. We were also blessed this year with a line item in the budget that gives us \$1000 per month. With expenses averaging \$1500 per week, we are always looking for more ways to fund this program.

Please keep the families that use Viking Vittles as well as everyone involved in the program in your prayers.

Donna Setter on behalf of Viking Vittles

Breakfast Club in memory of Craig Strandberg from Mike & Barb Nelson
Senior Socials in memory of Craig Strandberg from Tom & Candi Hals, Steve & Carol Hansen
Path Capital Campaign in memory of Craig Strandberg from Judy Weiss
Coffee Hour in memory of Craig Strandberg from Sharon Ramberg
Undesignated in memory of Craig Strandberg from Marlin & Lois Ness, Steve & Mary Twitchell, Susan Gustafson, Mavis Burk, Ann Tanko, Loren & Jane Magnison, Jay & Jennifer Olson-Goude
Music in memory of Craig Strandberg from Mary Jo Fleming
Hearing/Speakers in memory of Craig Strandberg from family and friends
Outreach/Viking Vittles in memory of Karla Hermann from Tom & Candi Hals, Steve & Kim Murtell, Ron & Margaret Troyan, Janelle & Jeffrey Hermann



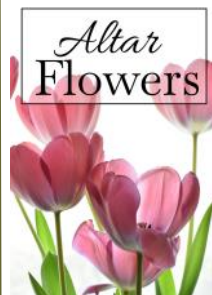
Trinity's Men's Group will be helping with the September 7 worship needs, and currently is planning the next event and a fall yard cleanup in October. Anyone interested in joining the group or thinking they may need a little help with the yard this fall, please contact Chris Darst or the church office.



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 September 7 9:00 am. 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 September 9.

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 September

Rosanne Johnson
& Carol Gustafson



Fare for All

3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 10. Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. www.fareforall.org



Please email articles for the October Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by September 17. Thank you!









Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live at 8:00 & 10:00 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
Services are broadcast live on YouTube and an hour after the service on facebook	1 	2 9:00 am Outreach meeting	3	4 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	5	6 10:00 am visitation 11:00 am funeral for Vonnie Johnson
7 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Backpack blessing 6:30 pm Holy Hot Dish	8 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	9 	10 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 6:30 pm Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	11 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00-7:00 pm Senior dinner	12	13
14 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	15	16 7:00 pm Church Council Tidings articles due 	17 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	18 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Choir practice	19 	20
21 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	22	23	24 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	25 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Team	26	27
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Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

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

<u>Income</u>	July Actual	July Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 31,041	\$ 34,325	\$ 231,281	\$ 240,274
Loose Offering	\$ 693	\$ 667	\$ 4,875	\$ 4,667
Other Income	\$ 58	\$ 13	\$ 11,916	\$ 9,438
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 1,672	\$ 1,500	\$ 19,124	\$ 14,500
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 33,463	\$ 36,504	\$ 267,196	\$ 268,879
<u>Expenses</u>	July Actual	July Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 17,004	\$ 17,004
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,313	\$ 1,313
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 642	\$ 642
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 18,958	\$ 18,958
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 32,354	\$ 36,327	\$ 253,049	\$ 267,046
Church Property	\$ 5,995	\$ 11,687	\$ 57,934	\$ 62,672
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,615	\$ 1,880
Learning & Youth	\$ 2,077	\$ 1,117	\$ 7,297	\$ 10,618
Worship	\$ 1,182	\$ 942	\$ 3,369	\$ 3,617
Audio Visual	\$ -	\$ 125	\$ 815	\$ 875
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 104	\$ 542	\$ 2,229
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 41,608	\$ 50,302	\$ 324,621	\$ 348,936
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 44,316	\$ 53,010	\$ 343,579	\$ 367,895
Total Net Income - July 2025	\$ (10,853)	\$ (16,506)	\$ (76,384)	\$ (99,016)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 9,000	\$ 13,479	\$ 76,600	\$ 85,150
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (1,853)	\$ (3,027)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 216	\$ (13,866)

July Income was \$3,041 Under the July Budget
July Expense was \$8,694 Under the July Budget

Please consider online giving.

Net Income is -\$1,853 for July
Net Income is \$216 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$142,836.65

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



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.



Trinity will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, October 16 from 9a-3p. Register at redcrossblood.org

Christopher Capaul, one of our members, completed his Eagle Scout project! He put in sidewalks, new concrete bench pads, replaced the wooden benches with nice big metal benches and planted some pollinator plants at Riverwalk Park in North Branch. He shares a very special thanks to Trinity Lutheran and the Outreach Program for the generous donation! He thanks family, friends and the community for the donations. Congratulations Christopher!



Senior Socials Our last Senior Social will be held 5:00-7:00 pm Thursday 9/11. There is no charge, just come and have fun! Invite friends, this is open to the community. To donate towards these meals, mark "Senior Social" on your donation. If you'd like to help serve, let us know! We will have a 60's theme and full concert in September. Please call Julie at 651-674-7047 by 9/8 to register.



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: 612-723-1976

Email: craftsbynicole13@gmail.com



Men's & Women's

Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views	Date	In person	Online views
7/27	9a 99	160	8/10	9a 114	163
8/3	9a 90	219	8/17	9a 110	206



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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 on 8/31)
(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

Danielle Baumann, Volunteer Coordinator

Christopher Dehen, Financial Recorder

Open Audio Visual Manager

Roger Anderson & Jim Juntunen, Custodians
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:

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



**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

**We return to
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
worship services,
with 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour
beginning Sunday,
September 7.**

**(9:00 am worship
10:00 Coffee Hour
Sunday, 8/31)**