

October 2025

## Pastor's Page

Trinity Tidings  
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Pray, Play and Practice What You Preach (Again!)

This October we are going to kick off year two of our Stewardship Campaign, "Pray, Play and Practice What you Preach." In year one, you all responded in a big way! Because of your pledged gifts, we were able to increase our proposed receipts for the budget by \$51,449 as compared to our 2024 budget.

The Holy Spirit has accomplished some incredible things with the funds and pledges that you offered last year. We used money in the budget to send middle school students on a Mission Trip to Duluth, MN. We funded Pizza Nights, to help bring our congregation together in fellowship and fun! We used funds to help pay for materials for an adult Bible Study on Wednesday Night. And, because of your generosity, we were able free up Phoenix funds to help support Viking Vittles to the tune of \$12,000 (projected year end total).

Your ministry dollars made a difference and with your help, we hope to keep up the momentum into 2026. Some of our goals from our last campaign are still in front of us. We would like to bring in some pastoral help in visiting and looking after our seniors and homebound members. And we still need to find ways we can reach out and invite our neighbors to share with us in the love of Christ!

There is a lot of work ahead of us, as we pray, play and practice what we preach in 2026. I know the Spirit is moving us forward and hope you will join us for the journey!

Pastor Paul

**NB Breakfast Club** - 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 students while supplies last. To donate towards these meals please note "Breakfast Club" on your donation. Thank you!



**Pizza Night is back** with Faith Friends at 5:30 p.m., Pizza at 6:00 p.m., and Adult Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. Our first Pizza Night will be held Wednesday, October 22. See pages 2 and 3 for more details.

**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. 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

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 24 care kits for the care closet at the North Branch Area Middle School, helping with Viking Vittles packing, and coloring Giving Tree tags. We will continue our focus on Old Testament stories this fall. We are looking forward to our fall party on Sunday, October 26, 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 5** - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

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

**October 19** - No Sunday School – MEA Break

**October 26** - Fall Family Party 9:00-9:45 a.m. Students sing 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. See Pastor Paul with questions.

**October 1**– Confirmation 6:30-7:30 pm **October 22**– Pizza Night 6:00 pm, Confirmation 6:30-7:30 pm

**October 8**– Confirmation 6:30-7:30 pm **October 29**– Confirmation 6:30-7:30 pm

**October 15**- No Confirmation– MEA break

## Faith Friends - October 22

Faith Friends is 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 first night will be on Wednesday, October 22, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join for TLC Pizza Night from 6:00-6:30 p.m. serving Domino's Pizza, salad, lemonade, cookies/bars, and water. (Suggested donation \$5/person). Register online at <https://forms.gle/sTZn2cyDmmT3Lq4NA> or paper forms can be found in the narthex. Contact Courtney with any questions.

## EDGE High School Ministry

EDGE had a fun kickoff to welcome new and old students back together! We kept busy in September getting to know each other, packing Viking Vittles, playing games, and having great discussion. In October, we will have our first NB Breakfast Club, fall bonfire, host coffee hour, and pass out treats for the Fall Party with Sunday School students. It will be a fun month!

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

**October 1** - EDGE Bonfire 6:30-7:30 p.m. offsite

**October 5** - EDGE Serves Coffee Hour

**October 8** - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**October 15** - NO EDGE - MEA Break

**October 22** - TLC Pizza Night 6:00-6:30 p.m. EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**October 26** - EDGE hands out candy at the Sunday School Treat Trail 9:00 a.m.

**October 29** - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.



## Holy Hotdish Bible Study - "Ruth: Fields of Grace"

Holy Hotdish meets on Sunday, October 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 Hot dish supper, refreshments, and fellowship, followed by Bible study on the book of Ruth, discussion, and prayer. We will continue to gather one Sunday each month throughout the school year. Our next few dates are November 2 and January 4. Come when you can, leave when you must. Contact Marie to be added to our list.



# 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 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 5<sup>th</sup>.** If you would rather make a monetary contribution, we would be happy to do the shopping for you! Because of your generous donations, we will be able to distribute 50 Blessing Bgs in and around our community with the help of Family Pathways and the North Branch Police Department. **If you would like to help pack, meet us in the Genesis Room on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** 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 with your requests.

**The North Branch Food Shelf** has asked Trinity to collect individual boxes of stuffing mix for the Thanksgiving baskets they distribute in our community. Please drop off at the church by November 9. Thank you!



**Family Pathways** has asked if Trinity has someone who could help unload their food shelf delivery truck Wednesday mornings about 7:30 am. If you could help even once a month it would be appreciated. Please contact Donna Setter 612-363-5072 if you're available.



**Trinity's Men's Group** is available if you or someone you know would like help getting your yard ready for fall this year. We can help with leaf raking, branch pickup, trimming and general cleanup. Please contact the church office at 651-674-7047 or office@trinitynorthbranch.org, one of the guys in the group, or chrisdarst000@gmail.com.



## Pizza Night Adult Bible Study

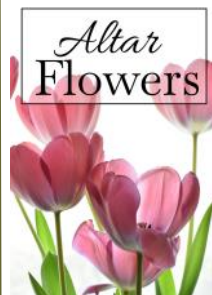
Pastor Will Nordmark is going to be leading a study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Theologian and pastor who became a part of the anti-Nazi resistance movement during WWII. This four-week study explores the courageous faith and theological depth of Bonhoeffer, tracing his journey from pastor and professor to resistance leader against Nazi oppression. Through Scripture, reflection, and historical insight, participants will engage themes of costly grace, discipleship, and moral courage in the face of injustice. Bible Study begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 22. All are welcome! Sign up in the narthex if you'd also like to take part in the 6:00 p.m. pizza dinner.



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!



Join us for Coffee Hour and Fellowship time between services each week. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends!



**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 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](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 & Karin Perrault



Please email articles for the November Trinity Tidings to [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org) by October 15. Thank you!

**Fare for All**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 8.**  
**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 8:00 & 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 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
Services are broadcast live on YouTube and an hour after the service on facebook			1 7:00 am Breakfast Club 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	2 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	3	4
<b>5 Worship Service/ Communion</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 am</b> 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	6 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	7	8 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	9 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	10	11 
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<b>19 Worship Service/ Communion</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 am</b> 9:00 am Coffee Hour	20	21 7:00 pm Church Council	22 5:30 pm Faith Friends 6:00 pm Pizza Night 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study	23 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Team	24	25 Phoenix Academy Trunk or Treat
<b>26 Worship Service/ Communion</b> <b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 am</b> 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School Fall Party	27	28	29 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	30 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Team	31 	



**\*\*Sunday, October 26, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.\*\***

Would you like to enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun, and dinner with a surprise group of people from Trinity? If so, please join us for the event “Guess Who’s coming to Dinner?” on Sunday, October 26th, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. You can sign up to be a guest at someone’s house, or maybe you want to be the host! You will simply fill out the information sheet letting us know if you’d like to be guest or host, if hosting how many people you can

accommodate, and if you have any special dietary concerns. The event coordinators will group people into groups of around 8-10 people, with the goal being for people to meet some new faces and make some new connections!

The host/hostess house will provide a main entree, and guests will be assigned either an appetizer, a side dish, or a dessert to bring! Come join the fun, share a meal with some friendly faces at Trinity, and possibly spark a new friendship! This event, when done in the past, has provided a great time for people to make real connections!

Sign up forms can be found in the narthex, and should be turned into the church office by Monday, October 13! (This gives us time to group people and reach out to hosts!)

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Krosschell at [harveysk@gmail.com](mailto:harveysk@gmail.com), or reach out to Julie in the office. We hope you’ll consider joining us for this fun event!

**Viking Vittles** in memory of Kathleen Nordaune from Janelle Mork

**EDGE Youth Ministry** in memory of Kathleen Nordaune from Mike & Barb Nelson

**Undesignated** in memory of Kathleen Nordaune from Albert & Ann Tanko, Tom & Candi Hals, Bonnie Lerberg, Richard & Barbara Mork

**Undesignated** in memory of Vonnie Johnson from Scott & Kathleen Blomquist, Gary & Jill Nelson-Decker, Gary & Rosanne Johnson, Lester & Pam Zentner, Grace Merritt, Patrick Marabella & Susan Tell, Jennifer Larson & Jonathan Dolloff, Steven & Cynthia Zinnel, John & Judy Pohl, Ron & Kathy Aho, Susan Gustafson, Jean Pearson, MaryJo Vaughn, Bonnie Nelson, Jeffrey & Kristin Johnson, Kathy Fisk, Loren & Jane Magnison, Lorraine Wenzel, Carol Gustafson, Bev Otterness, Evonne Peterson, Jean Fairbanks, Jo Ann Dolezalek, Albert & Ann Tanko, Rick & Kathy Hals, Gloria Karsky

**Viking Vittles** in memory of Vonnie Johnson from Joanne Aakhus

**Senior Socials** in memory of Vonnie Johnson from Sharon Fairbanks

**Breakfast Club** in memory of Vonnie Johnson from Jay & Karen Young

**Undesignated** in memory of Richard Johnson from Bev Otterness

**Undesignated** in memory of Janet Erickson from Susan Gustafson

**Breakfast Club** in memory of Janet Erickson from Jeanine Fairbanks, Bonnie Nelson, Mike & Barb Nelson, Jane & Loren Magnison

**EDGE Youth Ministry** in memory of Vonnie Johnson from Mike & Barb Nelson

**Music** in memory of Vonnie Johnson from Tom & Candi Hals, Dana Johnson, Don & Roberta Elmstrand

**Cemetery Fund** in memory of Vonnie Johnson from Butch & Sharalyn Olson, Sharon Fairbanks

**Viking Vittles** in memory of Craig Mattson from Martha Arnold

memorials  
& gifts

**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](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.



## FREE EVENT

# 2025 CHISAGO AGE WELL EXPO

## "Aging Reimagined: Looking at Aging Through a New Lens"

Resources and Information to provide older adults and their caregivers opportunities to live and age well in Chisago County

Speaker • Vendors • Food • Entertainment  
Vaccine Clinic • Health Screenings • Free Admission!

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Natalie Matthewson**  
Community Development  
Supervisor at CMCOA



**Friday, October 17 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Chisago Lakes High School**  
**Performing Arts Center (PAC) Entrance**  
**Keynote Speaker at 10:30 am**

VISIT [WWW.CHISAGOAGEWELL.ORG](http://WWW.CHISAGOAGEWELL.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Due to unexpected circumstances, the financial report is not available for this issue of the newsletter, but can be requested to be emailed or viewed in the church office at a later time.**

## Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views
8/24 9a	125	184
8/24 Healing service 10:30 a	20	n/a
8/31 9a	90	218
9/7 8a	64	170
10a	136	236
9/14 8a	49	141
10a	110	137

## Looney Lutherans

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Almelund is hosting The Looney Lutherans Sunday, October 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to this hilarious comedy at Immanuel Lutheran Church 37515 Park Trail, Almelund

Free will offering, desserts and refreshments will be served following the program.

See [Looneylutherans.com](http://Looneylutherans.com) for more information



Trinity will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, October 16 from 9a-3p. Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## Trinity is planning a Beatles-themed worship

on Sunday, November 23 at 10 am worship! Any musicians who would like more information about participating should reach out to Adam Trampe at 651-336-0153. Trumpet/ trombone would be especially helpful, but we welcome more "traditional" Beatles struments (guitar, bass, too!



**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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Return the order form to the office or message Nicole.

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## October 2025

### 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 (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

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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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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

