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TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

What do you Love about Trinity?

February is the season of love, so I've been wondering, what do you love about Trinity? You're here for a reason, after all. Something, or someone drew you to this place. To be sure, the Holy Spirit is behind it all, but like a skilled fisherman, the Spirit has different methods to catch different types of fish!

Maybe it was the friendly people you met, or perhaps it was the youth programming that brought you here. Maybe you were drawn by the worship experience at one of our services. Maybe you just really love the bars served at coffee hour! Maybe you love the spirit of outreach and the heart we show for our neighbors. The fact that you are here, means you love something about our congregation.

Whatever it is, I want you to really start thinking about what you love about Trinity, because that will probably tell you something about what makes Trinity unique.

In next few months, we are going to go through a visioning process, as we try to pin down what our values really are as a church. That means, we need you to be asking yourself, "What do I LOVE about Trinity?" What do you think is core to who we are today and what we want to be in the future?

To figure this out, we plan on having some one-on-one conversations with folks across different demographics in the congregation. You may also see some surveys coming out as well to help us determine our strengths and weaknesses as a congregation. As we gather all these conversations and surveys, we want to use that information to help shape our vision for the future of Trinity.

So start thinking about what it is you love about our church and join us in prayer as we ask the Spirit to lead us in the next chapter here at Trinity.

Our Annual Fish Fry will start on February 20th, and be held 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Fridays through March 27. We will once again be offering all you can eat food, homemade tartar sauce, French fries, bun and bars. Coffee and milk will be included. The price remains the same as last year \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 5-10 and free for children under 5. New this year we will be offering carry out as well. Carry out orders must be placed in person at the door. No call-aheads or deliveries are available. Spread the word! Volunteers will be needed to help and bring bars. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex. Thank you!

SOUPer Bowl Soup Collection Soup cans will be collected on the cart in the narthex from now until February 8. (Super Bowl Sunday) Trinity members along with our Sunday School students and families are invited to bring in cans/packets of soup throughout this time. All soup will be donated to Trinity's grocery shelf, North Branch food pantry, and Viking Vittles.



Our Annual Meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 8. EDGE Youth Ministry will be serving a soup lunch as a fundraiser for youth trips and activities.

ANNUAL MEETING Please plan to attend!

We have a two year term opening for our Church Council beginning in February. The council generally meets at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. We thank Jim Naggatz for his time serving on our church council. Let Pastor Paul, a council member, or Julie know if you are interested or have questions.

Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

Sunday School kicked off February with our Hot Cocoa Party and singing in church. We are collecting soup once again for our Souper Bowl soup drive. Please place your soup donations on the cart in the narthex by Sunday, February 8. All donations will be shared with the grocery shelf here at Trinity, the North Branch Food Shelf, and/or Viking Vittles. There will be no Sunday School on President's Day weekend, February 15. We will also be making Valentine's Day cards this month to share with local nursing home residents.

February 1 - Hot Cocoa Party 9:00-9:45 a.m., **Singing in worship at 10:00 a.m.

February 8 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m. - Service Project Day.

**Soup due for Souper Bowl Sunday! Annual Meeting and Soup Lunch at 11:00 a.m.

February 15 - No Sunday School - President's Day Weekend Break

February 22 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.



First Communion Class

Sunday, March 22, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Trinity Fellowship Hall. We ask that a parent/guardian/caregiver/Godparent attend class with each child. Please complete your registration form by March 15. Class includes lunch, lesson, making banners and First Communion bread. First Communion will be received on Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2. Register your student for First Communion here: <https://forms.gle/7uhdgHmKTEp8p6ux8> or complete the form in the office. All ages welcome! We invite families to decide when their child is ready to receive Communion for the first time with the most common ages between 2nd-5th grade. See Pastor Paul with questions.



Faith Friends - February 11

Faith Friends will meet on Wednesday, February 11, 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. (Donations accepted). Sign up for pizza night here: <https://forms.gle/9GzwEKU3VKy6xhu37> Faith Friends will not meet in March and will have our last session on April 8.



Confirmation

6th, 7th and 8th grades, meets Wednesday evenings

February 4, 11, 18, 25 - Confirmation 6:30-7:30 pm

EDGE High School Youth Ministry

EDGE will serve our soup lunch fundraiser at the annual meeting on February 8, at 11:00 a.m. This fundraiser helps support our youth group mission trip and yearly activities! We are excited to have 10 students and 3 adults going on our mission trip to Madison this July! Thank you for your financial and prayer support for these students and trips!

February 1 - EDGE serves coffee hour

February 4 - NB Breakfast Club, 7:00-7:30 a.m.

February 4 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

February 8 - Soup Lunch Fundraiser at the Annual Meeting 11:00 a.m.

February 11 - TLC Pizza Night 6:00-6:30 p.m., EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

February 18 - EDGE 6:00-6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30 p.m.

February 25 - EDGE 6:00-6:30 p.m. Lent worship at 6:30 p.m.



NB Breakfast Club NB Breakfast Club - Breakfast Club gathers again on Wednesday, February 4, 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 to join us for a full breakfast, friends, fun, and an encouraging Word before school! To donate towards these meals please note "Breakfast Club" on your donation. Thank you!



Our Little Free Libraries are in need of books for all ages. Our supply is depleted. Donations can be placed in the bin inside Door 12. Thank you!

New and gently used adult large and extra large hoodies are needed for our care closets. Please place them in the church office.

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.

Advocacy Committee - In our baptisms, we are called to not only help care for our neighbors physical needs, but also "work for justice and peace". We are looking for people with a passion for justice and peace, who are interested in being a part of team to help us brainstorm ways to advocate on behalf of our neighbors. Let's gather over coffee on Sunday, February 15, 2026 9-10 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Bring ideas, experiences, suggestions, resources and plans of action of how we can be a voice for those who need it most. All are welcome! Please indicate interest by signing up in the foyer, contact Pastor Paul or Tamara Buetow (651-278-3393).

Trinity Lutheran Church in North Branch is seeking a Part Time Assistant Custodian. This position's primary responsibility is to provide cleaning and minor building maintenance as well as yard work and snow removal. Candidate would need to be available to open and close building on rotating weekends with Lead Custodian and on an as needed basis.

Work schedule is Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am to 12 pm and a few hours every other weekend.

The full job description can be found at <https://trinitynorthbranch.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Assistant-Custodian.pdf> See Sue with questions or to apply.

Trinity Men's Group / Feed My Starving Children Calling all men of Trinity Lutheran Church!! Let's practice what we preach and spend Saturday, February 28th packing food for children of need around the world. This would also be a great opportunity to bring your children on a really rewarding experience. (Children need to be over 5.) The location is in Coon Rapids, about 40 minutes from church, and I am sure a ride would be available if needed. If interested, please sign up ASAP so we can reserve a time and space. Also feel free to contact me with any questions Chris Darst



"Tell me something good" devotion booklets are available in the narthex. This will be our theme throughout Lent.

Like, comment on, and share our daily facebook posts!



Thee Alliance in memory of our parents and siblings from Tom & Candi Hals
Undesignated in memory of husband Dale and loved ones from Sharon Fairbanks

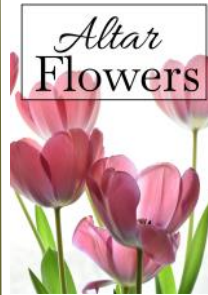


Holy Hotdish Bible Study Our next gathering will be Sunday, February 1, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. We will be wrapping up our study on Ruth. This is a Bible study for women of all ages and is for beginners and experienced Bible readers alike. Our final session for this school year will be on March 1.

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!



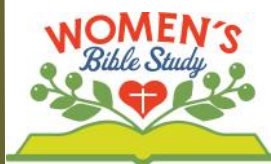
Join us for Coffee Hour and Fellowship time between services each week. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends!



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 February 10.

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 February

Jan Nelson & Sharon Fairbanks



ALTAR GUILD

Fare for All

3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 18.

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 March Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by February 16. 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 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.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	2 9:00 am Fellowship Meeting	3	4 7:00 am Breakfast Club 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	5 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Band 7:00 pm Bell Choir	6	7
8 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Annual Meeting & Soup Lunch fundraiser	9	10 9:00 am Outreach	11 5:30 pm Faith Friends 6:00 pm Pizza Night 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	12 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Band 7:00 pm Bell Choir	13	14 
15 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour	16 Tidings articles due 	17 7:00 pm Church Council	18 Ash Wednesday 11:00 am & 6:30 pm worship 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:00 pm Praise team 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm EDGE Youth Ministry 7:15 pm Praise Band	19 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	20 5:00-7:00 pm Fish Fry	21
22 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	23	24	25 11:00 am & 6:30 pm worship 5:00 pm Praise Band 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm EDGE Youth Ministry	26 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	27 5:00-7:00 pm Fish Fry	28
Services are broadcast live on YouTube and an hour after the service on facebook						

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenses

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

	December Actual	December Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<u>Income</u>				
Unified Giving	\$ 51,184	\$ 34,325	\$ 413,309	\$ 411,899
Loose Offering	\$ 2,237	\$ 667	\$ 11,526	\$ 8,000
Other Income	\$ 8,873	\$ 8,813	\$ 21,800	\$ 18,850
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,663	\$ 2,000	\$ 28,505	\$ 24,000
Special Bequests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Regular Giving	\$ 64,956	\$ 45,804	\$ 475,140	\$ 462,749
<u>Expenses</u>				
<u>Mission Support</u>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 29,150	\$ 29,150
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,250
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 32,500	\$ 32,500
<u>General Expenses</u>				
Ministry Support	\$ 37,977	\$ 35,317	\$ 442,020	\$ 456,634
Church Property	\$ 7,431	\$ 6,953	\$ 91,143	\$ 98,065
Stewardship	\$ 2,215	\$ -	\$ 5,248	\$ 6,600
Learning & Youth	\$ 1,387	\$ 1,173	\$ 12,962	\$ 18,000
Worship	\$ 2,444	\$ 667	\$ 7,154	\$ 7,250
Audio Visual	\$ 55	\$ 125	\$ 1,492	\$ 1,500
Witness & Service	\$ 253	\$ 404	\$ 621	\$ 3,950
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 51,761	\$ 44,639	\$ 560,641	\$ 591,999
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 54,470	\$ 47,347	\$ 593,141	\$ 624,499
Total Net Income - December 2025	\$ 10,486	\$ (1,543)	\$ (118,001)	\$ (161,750)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ (10,750)	\$ 13,479	\$ 118,450	\$ 161,750
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (264)	\$ 11,936		

Total Net Income - Year-To-Date

\$ 449 \$ -

December Income was \$19,152 over the December Budget
December Expense was \$7,123 over the December Budget

Net Income is -\$264 for December
Net Income is \$449 Year to Date

Please consider online giving.

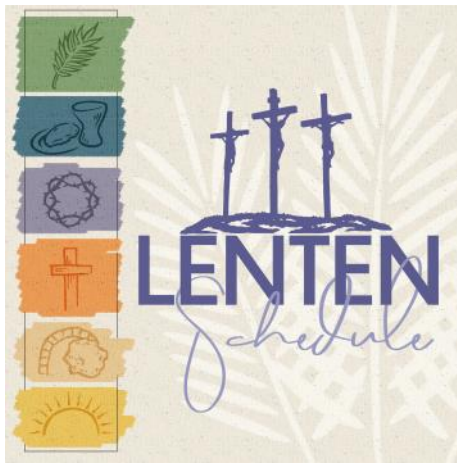
YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$232,951.09

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!

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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.



Ash Wednesday, February 18: 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. worship
Wednesdays February 25 through March 25: 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. worship
Palm Sunday, March 29: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship
 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Brunch
Maundy Thursday, April 2: 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. worship and First Communion
Good Friday, April 3: 6:30 p.m. worship
Easter Sunday, April 5: 6:30 a.m. Cemetery Service
 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship



American Red Cross

Blood Drive at Trinity Lutheran Church
 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday, March 9.
 See redcrossblood.org to register.



AUDIO-VISUAL
 ---team---

A/V volunteers needed Sunday mornings

We are looking for volunteers to run the worship slides Sunday mornings. If you are interested or have questions, talk to Joe in the booth or message him at jlewis@trinitynorthbranch.org. Training is available.

Chisago Age Well offers free February 12 program

"Self-Care as We Grow Older: Practical Pointers on Food and Exercise"

What can we do to help ourselves stay strong and healthy as we grow older? On Thursday, February 12, the Chisago Age Well Coalition invites you to attend a free program "Self-Care as We Grow Older: Practical Pointers on Food and Exercise" for older adults and caregivers. The program will be repeated at three times and locations that day: 9 a.m. at the North Branch Senior Community Center, 12 noon at Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Chisago City, and 3:30 p.m. at the Rush City Community Center. Free refreshments are offered at each event. All are welcome. Featured speakers are Registered Dietician Nutritionist Sarah Pramann of Chisago County Public Health, who will share simple, healthy meal ideas and small size recipes for older adults, and Doctor of Physical Therapy Carol Mueller-Leavitt, M Health Fairview, providing practical ways to keep your body strong and flexible.

Advance registration is requested by Friday, Feb. 6. To register, call 651-674-1025 or go online to North Branch Community Education; select Senior Offerings and scroll to Dine & Discover Self-Care as We Grow Older: Practical Pointers for Food and Exercise. Then choose the time and location most convenient for you. Chisago Age Well is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views	Date	In person	Online views
11/23	8a 44	108	12/28	9a 57	31
	10a 159	n/a	1/4	8a 56	31
11/30	8a 45	375		10a 90	51
	10a 87	39	1/11	8a 49	178
12/7	8a 59	297		10a 87	137
	10a 112	202			
12/14	10a only 186	60	Notes: 12/14-Sunday School program- one service Services were not on facebook December 14-January 11		
12/21	8a 64	70			
12/24	2p 212	30			
12/24	4p 215	37			
12/24	7p 110	69			

TWIGS Save the date-upcoming events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Synodical Women's Convention
 Saturday April 25, 2026
 St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Circle Pines

KEY NOTE: Marcie R. Rendon, author of
 "Where They Last Saw Her"

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS TO COME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -SAVE THE DATE

TRIENNIAL GATHERING
 (National Women of the ELCA convention)
 July 16 - 19 2026 Des Moines, Iowa
 Visit welcatg.org for more information
 THEME: I AM WORTHY (PSALM 39:14)



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Church Office Hours: 8:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Thursday
Sunday Worship: 8 am & 10 am (available on YouTube and
facebook, links on our website)
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

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Joe Lewis, Video Technician

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Open, Cemetery Staff

Outreach Committee:
Outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org

Todd Fisk, Church Treasurer

Missionaries: 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

Annual Meeting

*The Annual Meeting of the
Congregation will be held February 8th
at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.
Please plan to attend!*

