

March 2026

## Pastor's Page

### Tell Me Something Good

The season of Lent (the forty days preceding Easter) is a time that is often set aside in the church for reflection, prayer, meditation repentance and forgiveness. It's typically a time for us to reflect on Jesus' love and sacrifice on the cross and how God takes the suffering of the world on his shoulders.

The mood of Lent is often somber and introspective. We "bury the alleluias" and mark ashes on our foreheads. We sing hymns in minor keys and strip the altar bare of decoration. It can feel gloomy and ominous, dark and depressing ... and ... I wasn't feelin' it.

Maybe you aren't either. If you've been feeling the weight of the world pressing on you lately, you're probably not alone. There has been a lot going on in our homes, in our state and in the world that feels like very bad news to a lot of people.

If you've felt the need for some good news for a change, I wouldn't blame you, which is why we are switching things up a bit this year. Our theme for Lent is "Tell Me Something Good". We are going to be sharing the good news that God is doing among us.

Instead of "burying the alleluias" we are going to bury things like "anger, hatred & division." And we're going to share your stories of good news. By the time you read this, you may have already heard some inspiring stories of the what God is doing among Trinity members. But if you haven't, I highly encourage you to check out some of our videos we have been putting out on YouTube and Facebook

Because the message of the cross, is that despite all the hardships of the world, God is always up to something good. And that is the good news we have all been waiting for.

Pastor Paul Cannon

### Wednesdays through March 25:

11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Lenten worship

### Palm Sunday, March 29:

8:00 & 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

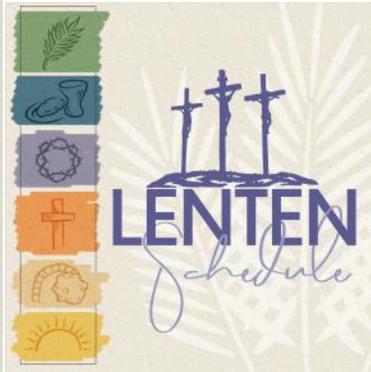
### Good Friday, April 3:

6:30 p.m. worship

### Easter Sunday, April 5:

6:30 a.m. Cemetery Service

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. worship



**Our Annual Fish Fry** will be held 5:00-7:00 p.m. 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 calling ahrad or delivery available. Spread the word! Volunteers will be needed to help and bring bars. Sign up sheets will be in the narthex. Thank you!

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



# Children & Youth Ministry News

## Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

Thank you to all the families and Trinity members that helped us collect cans of soup for our Souper Bowl Sunday food drive! We collected 158 cans of soup to support the Trinity Food Shelf, North Branch Food Shelf, and Viking Vittles. Our Sunday School families also made 42 cards to share with residents at Ecumen and the St. Paul Area Synod. There will be NO Sunday School on March 8 and 15 with Spring Break. We are looking forward to our Palm Sunday Egg Hunt and singing in worship with our palm branches on Sunday, March 29.

**March 1** - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

**March 8** - NO Sunday School - Spring Break

**March 15** - NO Sunday School - Spring Break

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

**March 29** - Palm Sunday Brunch 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship hall, Family Egg Hunt at 9:45 a.m. on the Trinity lawn (weather permitting), Palm Branch Parade and singing in church at 10:00 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 does not meet in March and will be back for our last session this school year on Wednesday, April 8, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Everyone is then 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).

## Confirmation

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

**March 4, 11, 18, 25** - Confirmation meets from 6:00- 6:30 p.m. during Lent. 6:30 p.m. worship to follow.



## EDGE High School Youth Ministry

February was a busy month for EDGE and we want to thank everyone that supported our youth group at the soup lunch during the annual meeting! Our group also packed college/young adult care packages this month. Lent season has begun and we will be using the Lent theme: "Tell Me Something Good" for our discussion and fellowship time before attending Lent worship services together. There will be no EDGE on March 11, due to spring break.

Please join us for our Palm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser on Sunday, March 29, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship hall. EDGE youth will be serving donuts, muffins, fruit, yogurt, cheese, coffee, and juice. Free will donations support youth trips and activities, including this year's mission trip to Madison.



**March 1** - EDGE hosts coffee hour

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

**March 4** - EDGE 6:00-6:30 p.m. (Viking Vittles Packing) - Lent Worship 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**March 11** - NO EDGE - Spring Break

**March 18** - EDGE 6:00-6:30 p.m. Lent worship 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**March 25** - EDGE 6:00-6:30 p.m. - Lent Worship 6:30-7:00 p.m.

**March 29** - Palm Sunday Brunch, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**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](mailto: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. We will meet next at 9:00 a.m. in the Genesis Room on Sunday, March 1. All are welcome! Please indicate interest by signing up in the foyer, contact Pastor Paul or Tamara Buetow (651-278-3393).

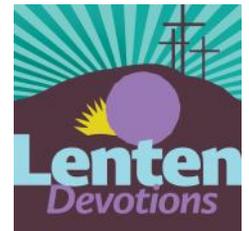
**Our Little Free Libraries** are in need of books for all ages. Our supply is depleted. Donations can be placed in the bin inside Door 12. Thank you!

**Noisy Offering ideas** are needed from the congregation. We would like our members to give the Outreach Team a name and address of a 501c3 organization which you are fond of and which we could dedicate to our special Noisy Offering Sunday (the months which have five Sundays). Outreach always contributes an additional \$500 to what is collected. There are green sign up forms and a form box in the Narthex for your use.

**Shalom Thrift Store volunteers needed.** 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!



*"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!



**Trinity's Endowment Committee** is looking for suggestions for available distributions in 2026. If you know of a charitable organization that would benefit, complete the forms inserted in the bulletins, or send your name and contact information, the organization name and contact information, description of the organizations mission, amount requested and purpose of funds to [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org). See Shari Denny with any questions.

**NB Breakfast Club** Breakfast Club gathers again on Wednesday, March 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!



**Holy Hotdish Bible Study** We completed our study of Ruth and will have our last fellowship gathering for this school year on Sunday, March 1, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity. We will be making cards of encouragement to share with others and enjoy an appetizer and dessert night together!

**Viking Vittles** in memory of Lavonne Lee-Bean from Paula Vaughn, Martha Arnold, Debora Vander Schaaf, Constance Deminsky, Doug & Pam Zentner, Mary Sederberg, Tom & Jamie Sederberg, Mary Jo Vaughn, Lester & Pamela Zentner, David & Gigi Schmeling, Shane & Gabrielle Stepp, Deb & Dennis Aulich, Mike & Martha Zentner, Sean & Ann Newton, John & Dana Summer, James & Patti Kovarik



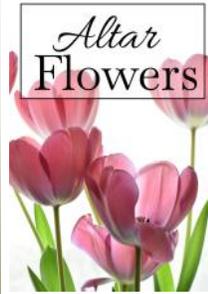
**Senior Socials** in memory of Lavonne Lee-Bean from Charles & Nancy Cook, John & Dana Schmeling

**Gas & Grocery Cards** in memory of Lavonne Lee Bean from David & Gigi Schmeling

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!



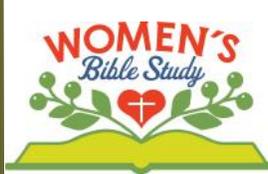
Join us for Coffee Hour and Fellowship time between services each week. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends!



**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 March 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](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 March

Tom & Candi Hals



**ALTAR GUILD**



Please email articles for the April Trinity Tidings to [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org) by March 16. Thank you!

**Fare for All**  
**3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.**  
**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 January, February, March 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.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Worship Service/ Communion</b> 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Advocacy meeting 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Fellowship Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 11:00 am & 6:30 pm worship 7:00 am Breakfast Club 4:45 pm Bells 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm EDGE Youth Ministry 7:00 Praise Team	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	<b>6</b> 5:00 -7:00 pm Fish Fry	<b>7</b> 
<b>8 Worship Service/ Communion</b> 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour	<b>9</b> 12:00-6:00 pm Blood Drive 	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Outreach	<b>11</b> 11:00 am & 6:30 pm worship 4:45 pm Bells 7:00 Praise Team	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	<b>13</b> 5:00 -7:00 pm Fish Fry	<b>14</b>
<b>15 Worship Service/ Communion</b> 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> Tidings articles due 	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>18</b> 11:00 am & 6:30 pm worship 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm EDGE Youth Ministry 7:00 pm Praise Team	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	<b>20</b> 5:00-7:00 pm Fish Fry	<b>21</b>
<b>22 Worship Service/ Communion</b> 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am First Communion class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 11:00 am & 6:30 pm worship 5:00 pm Choir 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:00 pm EDGE Youth Ministry 7:00 pm Praise Team	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	<b>27</b> 5:00-7:00 pm Fish Fry	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Visioning Team meeting
<b>29 Worship Service/ Communion</b> 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Palm Sunday Brunch 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Egg Hunt	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 				



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## Senior Socials 2026

All community seniors are invited to join our Senior Socials! Have a great meal, sing along to toe-tappin' music, play games and visit with other seniors. There is no cost, so everyone can join! Call 651-674-7047 to RSVP to the church a week ahead, if you are able.

***Where? Trinity Lutheran Church***

*38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch, MN 651-674-7047*

***What time? 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.***

***Here are the dates and themes:***

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Out of this World!

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Sports – wear a sports jersey or shirt if you like!

June 11<sup>th</sup> – The Roaring 20's

July 16<sup>th</sup> – In the Good Ol' Summertime AND Talent Show!

***Sign up if you would like to show off your talent!***

August 13<sup>th</sup> – Wizard of Oz

September 17<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Western Swing and Full Concert! Wear your favorite country western wear or dress as your favorite Country Music Star!



*Some of the seniors dress for the theme. Feel free to join in the fun!*

*Donations can be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church office.*



## Why Volunteer for Senior Socials?

1. To bring joy to those who brought us up - the people who have volunteered in our community and churches through our lives.
2. To connect all ages in our surrounding area.
3. To get out of the house! Loneliness and boredom do not just weigh on seniors, but people of all ages.
4. To give seniors a place to join others their age to support each other, laugh with each other, explore new things, and find new growth in their lives.

## What do Volunteers do?

1. We laugh a lot!
2. Help prepare and serve food
3. Clear tables
4. Play games
5. Visit
6. Clean up (Putting chairs away, washing pans, wrapping up tablecloths table decorations.

## How long does it take?

You decide! You can come early to help decorate and cook, stay a little longer to help clean up, or you can just come during serving time. You can also volunteer just to sit with seniors and visit. It's up to you to make it what you want it to be. We appreciate any help we can get!



Kelly Rogstad - [contactkellyrogstad@gmail.com](mailto:contactkellyrogstad@gmail.com)

763-607-8427

Julie Morgan - [jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:jmorgan@trinitynorthbranch.org)

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# TRINITY

## Lutheran Church

### NORTH BRANCH

#### Statement of Income and Expenses Month Ending January 31, 2026

Category	January Actual	January Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 31,589	\$ 36,165	\$ 31,589	\$ 36,165
Loose Offering	\$ 494	\$ 958	\$ 494	\$ 958
Other Income	\$ 165	\$ 213	\$ 165	\$ 213
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 2,894	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,894	\$ 2,900
<b>Total Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$ 35,142</b>	<b>\$ 40,235</b>	<b>\$ 35,142</b>	<b>\$ 40,235</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Mission Support</b>				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 188
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 92
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708
<b>General Expenses</b>				
Ministry Support	\$ 34,603	\$ 38,877	\$ 34,603	\$ 38,877
Church Property	\$ 9,186	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,186	\$ 8,000
Stewardship	\$ 214	\$ 400	\$ 214	\$ 400
Learning & Youth	\$ 874	\$ 1,009	\$ 874	\$ 1,009
Worship	\$ -	\$ 521	\$ -	\$ 521
Audio Visual	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 225
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ -	\$ 83
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 44,876	\$ 49,115	\$ 44,876	\$ 49,115
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 47,585	\$ 51,823	\$ 47,585	\$ 51,823
Total Net Income - January 2026	\$ (12,443)	\$ (11,588)	\$ (12,443)	\$ (11,588)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (443)	\$ 412		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (443)	\$ 412

January Income was \$5,093 under the January Budget  
January Expense was \$4,238 under the January Budget

Net Income is -\$443 for January  
Net Income is -\$443 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$17,601.11

Respectfully Submitted,

*Todd J. Fisk*

Treasurer

Please consider online giving.

**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!



We give a warm welcome to Joe Gosewisch, our Assistant Custodian. Joe will be working Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings and alternating weekends. Welcome to Trinity!



## American Red Cross

Blood Drive at Trinity Lutheran Church 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday, March 9. See [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to register.

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.** Thank you!



# Easter MEMORIALS

If you would like to contribute toward purchasing plants for our Easter memorial Garden in memory of or in gratitude for a loved one, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the Church Office by Sunday, March 29.

The plants will adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday and will be distributed to our shut-ins after Easter. Names of the memorialized will appear in the Easter bulletins. Forms received after March 29 will not be included in the bulletins. Please print your information.

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In gratitude for: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views
1/18	8a	41
	10a	74
1/25	8a	56
	10a	72
2/1	8a	52
	10a	152
2/8	8a	58
	10a	91
2/15	8a	45
	10a	72

Services were not on facebook February 8



## 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 [jlewis@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:jlewis@trinitynorthbranch.org). Training is available.

## TWIGS 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](http://welcatg.org) for more information  
THEME: I AM WORTHY (PSALM 39:14)



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# March 2026

## 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, links on our website)  
Church email: [office@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:office@trinitynorthbranch.org)  
Church website: [www.trinitynorthbranch.org](http://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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Roger Anderson & Jeff Hill, Custodians  
Open, Cemetery Staff

Outreach Committee:  
[Outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org](mailto:Outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org)

Todd Fisk, Church Treasurer

Missionaries: Our Sister Congregation in  
Tanzania—Pawaga

**Church Council Members:**  
Dan Peterson, Council Chair  
Alanna Baker, Tiffany Byrne, Shari Denny,  
Jeremy Edson, Jeff Johnson, Steve Mork,  
John Swenson, Jennie Tedrow

