

April 2026

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Pastor Paul Cannon

He is Risen Indeed!

Happy Easter Trinity Lutheran Church!
The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty. The death shroud has been removed. And Jesus is appearing in unexpected places all around us.

*He is risen! **He is risen indeed.***

Throughout Lent, our theme was "Tell Me Something Good" – and THIS – is the best news of all. The resurrection means that death no longer has dominion over us. It means that ALL people can experience God's love. It means that we aren't captive to the power of sin.

What incredibly good news!
And it gets even better.

The Good News of Jesus' resurrection is still alive in the world. Throughout Lent, we were telling stories of the great things that God is doing – ways that the Holy Spirit is still moving in and among us. We heard stories of babies being born, of couples finding love, of kids being fed, of bodies being healed and prayers being answered.

They all witnessed to the same thing – the amazing power of the resurrection that is still alive and well in the world.

So celebrate Trinity Lutheran! Because God has some good news for you.



Holy Week

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
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour/Fellowship

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for our Palm Sunday Egg Hunt! We are looking forward to a beautiful and fun morning as we sing "Hosannah" in worship with our palm branches. We will be wrapping up our Sunday School year on May 3, with our annual end of the year party with games and treats. We will also celebrate our group of fifth grade students who are moving on to confirmation next year!

April 5 - No Sunday School - Happy Easter! He is Risen!

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

April 19 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

April 26 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

May 3 - Last Day of Sunday School Party and Celebrate Graduating 5th Grade Students



Faith Friends - April 8

Faith Friends will meet for our final school year session 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 appreciated).

Confirmation

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

April 8, 15, 22, 29 Confirmation meets from 6:30- 7:30 p.m.



EDGE High School Youth Ministry

EDGE will spend time packing at a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack event and packing Viking Vittles this month. Thank you to everyone that supported our Palm Sunday Brunch Fundraiser!

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

April 1 - NO EDGE - See Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 8 - Pizza Night 6:00-6:30 p.m. EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

April 15 - EDGE 5:45-9:00 p.m. FMSC Packing

April 22 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. Viking Vittles Packing

April 29 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.



North Branch Breakfast Club - Our next NB Breakfast Club is Wednesday, April 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 to join us for a full breakfast, friends, fun, and an encouraging Word before school! We had our largest Breakfast Club attendance last month and are so excited to see it growing! To donate towards the cost of these meals please note "Breakfast Club" on your donation. Thank you!



Trinity Senior Recognition for Class of 2026 - We would like to invite you to join us for Trinity's Senior Recognition on Sunday, May 17, at 9:00 a.m. worship where we will bless the Class of 2026 and share the video slideshow. A reception will take place after the service with cupcakes and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Informational letters will be mailed and emailed to senior parents so please reach out to Marie if you did not receive one.



Class of 2026 Baccalaureate Service -

Wednesday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the North Branch Area High School Auditorium. Baccalaureate is a time where the community and area churches gather together to honor the graduating class. All senior students, their families, and the public are invited and welcome to this non-denominational service. This year's Baccalaureate will include music, scripture, speaker, prayer, and blessing for the Class of 2026.

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 your requests.

[Blessing Bags](#) We are gearing up to pack 50 summer Blessing Bags in May. We're always looking for travel size soaps and shampoos, washcloths, toothpaste, non-aerosol deodorant just to name a few. Please check out the display board in the narthex for the full list of items and drop off any donations by May 1st. If you would like to give a monetary donation, I'd be happy to do the shopping for you! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 674-4033. Many thanks! Lori Fisk

[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!

[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!



"Tell me something good" devotion booklets are available in the narthex. This is our theme throughout Lent. Like, comment on, and share our daily facebook posts!

EDGE Youth Ministry in memory of Carol Gustafson's brother from Mike & Barb Nelson



VBS Family Nights

Families are invited to be a part of VBS Family Nights this summer! We will gather together on 3 Wednesday evenings, June 10, 17, and 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Trinity. We look forward to learning about God's love filling us up through Bible stories, games, science, art, music, and service projects. Supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and activities will start at 6:00 each evening. There is no cost to attend. You can come to 1, 2, or all 3 nights. Please register by May 3, to ensure requested T-shirt sizes for everyone in your family. We can't wait to see you this summer! Registration forms are available in the narthex and online here: <https://forms.gle/MwXik6QGBDoz2KZ78>. Reach out to Marie if you have any questions.



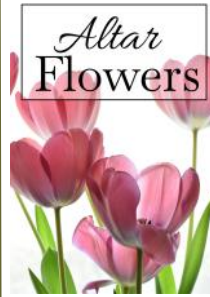
VBS/Summer in the Sun Youth Leaders - Entering 7th grade – Outgoing 12th graders are invited to be youth leaders and helpers for our VBS Family Nights. Dates are Wednesdays: June 10, June 17, and June 24, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth leaders will have fun trips in the afternoon before coming back to set up, serve supper, and help with VBS each night. Reach out to Marie if you have any questions. Registration forms are available on the Narthex table. Please register by Sunday, May 3.



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 April 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

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 April

Jean Fairbanks & Terri Moriarty



ALTAR GUILD



Please email articles for the May Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by April 15. Thank you!

Fare for All
3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15.
Fare for All is open to everyone! The more who shop the better the buying power of the organization. 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.



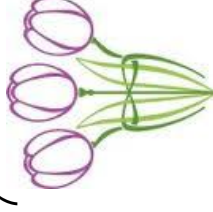

Like Trinity Lutheran Church on facebook, and comment on our posts! Worship videos are posted each Sunday!



"Christ in Our Home" daily devotionals for April, May & June 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.

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 am Breakfast Club 4:45 pm Bells 5:15 pm Choir/Bells 6:45 pm Praise Team	2 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 11:00 am & 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday worship	3 6:30 pm Good Friday worship	4
5 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 6:30 pm Cemetery service 9:00 am Coffee Hour 	6 Church office & bldg. are closed	7	8 5:30 pm Faith Friends 6:00 pm Pizza Night 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE	9 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm Praise Team	10 Wedding rehearsal	11 Wedding
12 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	13	14 9:00 am Outreach	15 Tidings articles due 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:45 pm EDGE Youth Ministry-FMSC packing 6:30 pm Confirmation	16 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00-6:30 Senior Social 5:30 pm Praise Team	17 	18
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NORTH BRANCH

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending February 28, 2026

Category	February Actual	February Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 30,438	\$ 36,165	\$ 62,027	\$ 72,329
Loose Offering	\$ 697	\$ 958	\$ 1,190	\$ 1,917
Other Income	\$ 1,343	\$ 1,113	\$ 1,508	\$ 1,325
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 3,365	\$ 2,375	\$ 6,259	\$ 5,275
Total Regular Giving	\$ 35,842	\$ 40,610	\$ 70,984	\$ 80,846
	February Actual	February Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Expenses				
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 4,858	\$ 4,858
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 375	\$ 375
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 183	\$ 183
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 5,417	\$ 5,417
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 37,742	\$ 39,025	\$ 72,346	\$ 77,901
Church Property	\$ 12,622	\$ 12,809	\$ 21,807	\$ 20,809
Stewardship	\$ 1,489	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,702	\$ 1,800
Learning & Youth	\$ (1,536)	\$ 909	\$ (662)	\$ 1,917
Worship	\$ 605	\$ 521	\$ 605	\$ 1,042
Audio Visual	\$ 98	\$ 225	\$ 98	\$ 450
Witness & Service	\$ 99	\$ 83	\$ 99	\$ 167
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 51,118	\$ 54,972	\$ 95,995	\$ 104,086
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 53,827	\$ 57,680	\$ 101,412	\$ 109,503
Total Net Income - February 2026	\$ (17,985)	\$ (17,070)	\$ (30,427)	\$ (28,657)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (5,985)	\$ (5,070)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (6,427)	\$ (4,657)

February Income was \$4,768.29 under the February Budget
February Expense was \$3,853.13 under the February Budget

Net Income is -\$5,985 for February
Net Income is -\$6,427 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!

Job opening

Trinity Lutheran Church is currently seeking a dependable and skilled Media Technician to support both our contemporary and traditional Sunday worship services. The Worship Media Technician is responsible for live streaming / recording the weekly worship service and 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. An important part of this job is to recruit and train volunteers or substitutes to support or fill in as needed. See the full job description on indeed. See Pastor Paul with questions.

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.** Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR TRINITY'S HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Through the foresight and generosity of several members of our church, a scholarship fund has been established at Trinity Lutheran as part of our memorial fund giving. Following are the guidelines for high school seniors interested in applying.

1. The applicant must be a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.
2. The applicant must attend an ELCA affiliated school.
3. The scholarship will be paid directly to the school.
4. The scholarship will be for the graduating seniors in the present year and will be given in accordance with the guidelines of the school which the applicant is attending. If money remains available, it will be offered to students entering upper classes at ELCA schools.
5. Applicants must be full time students. Since each school has its own definition of full-time student, the definition at the school the applicant will be attending will be our guidelines for defining full time student.
6. The maximum scholarship will be \$500 but may be less depending on available funds and the number of qualified applicants. Please note that the number of applicants determine the amount of the individual scholarship award. The decision of the church council is all who apply and meet the guidelines will share equally in the scholarship fund.
7. Letters of application must be received by **May 1st** of the applicant's senior year and be accompanied by a letter of acceptance from the school the applicant will be attending. The letter of application should include the students name, address, phone number, name of school the student will be attending along with a statement that he/she is applying to receive the scholarship award. If the student knows whether or not the school to which he/she is applying has a matching fund plan, this information should also be included along with a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school. In cases where the application is an upperclassperson at an ELCA College, the letter of application must also be received by **May 1** for the following September—May school year. Verification that the upperclassperson meets all the above criteria will be required. A form is available in the church office and on the church website.
8. In the event there are additional moneys available after above criteria has been met, we will accept applications from other members who are students at other Christian affiliated schools.



Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online views
2/18	11a	35
	630p	75
2/22	8a	50
	10a	77
2/25	11a	28
	630p	60
3/1	8a	51
	10a	82
3/4	11a	32
	630p	50
3/8	8a	39
	10a	96
3/11	11a	21
	630p	12



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, message dbaumann@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 for more information
THEME: I AM WORTHY (PSALM 39:14)



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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
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

Ed Figueroa, Audio Tech
Video Technician open

Roger Anderson & Joe Gosewisch,
Custodians

Shari Denny, Cemetery Staff

Outreach Committee:
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



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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 16th – Out of this World!

May 7th – Sports – wear a sports jersey or shirt if you like!

June 11th – The Roaring 20's

July 16th – In the Good Ol' Summertime AND Talent Show!

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

August 13th – Wizard of Oz

September 17th – 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!



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