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Pastor Paul Cannon

Mission(s) Accomplished

Let me tell you something you probably already know: The youth at Trinity are awesome. I had the privilege of seeing them in action not just once, but TWICE this summer. I attended and led mission trips for the middle school and high school group, and let me tell you, these kids embodied what it means to practice what you preach! Let me paint you a picture.

The middle school youth went to Luther Park in Danbury, Wisconsin for their mission trip. For many of them it was the first trip like this they had ever taken and it was a great experience. We spent time building benches for the camp, cleaning patios, and splitting firewood for an organization that donates it to families that have wood-burning furnaces. Lest you think it was "all work and no play" we also had fun on the waterfront, mini-golfing, and going out for ice cream. We even had an adventure getting stranded on a pontoon boat (but that's a story for another day).

The high school youth spent their mission trip week in Madison, Wisconsin. I have led and been on over a dozen mission trips in my life and this group might have been one of the hardest working crews I've ever served with. They weeded gardens, picked up trash, sorted clothing, bagged carrots, delivered cookies, and so much more. Not only did they work hard, but they served with a joyful spirit and energy that truly came from God!

I hope you'll come and hear their stories on Sunday, August 30th at worship when both groups will share a bit about how God was working in and through them, opening their eyes to love and serve their neighbors! If that's not enough motivation to join us that day, one of our youth will be leading music for worship that day as well!

Peace and Love!

Pastor Paul



TWIGS annual salad lunch will be held Thursday, August 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will need donations of salads and bars to serve lunch to the teachers as a thank you and blessing the school year ahead, as well as the to our community. In the past we have served this as a free-will donation fundraiser, but due to a grant from Trinity's Outreach Committee, TWIGS (Trinity Women in God's Service) has operating funds for the coming year and can treat everyone to lunch!



Sign up sheets for salads, bars and helpers will be in the narthex beginning on Sunday, August 2. Thank you for your willingness to be a blessing to others!



Offering Counters Needed We are in need of three volunteer Offering Counters. You would be on a team with another counter, and would count one week a month. See Chris or email cdehen@trinitynorthbranch.org if you have questions or can volunteer. Thank you!

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Children & Youth Ministry News

Teacher Leadership Team Volunteers Needed -Meeting August 12

We need more helpers to be a part of our Sunday School Teacher Leadership Team! Our fabulous team helps brainstorm Sunday School ideas at 2 meetings per year, helps teach/lead activities and crafts, and helps with our Christmas program and special events. If you'd like to join the teacher leadership team, please reach out to Courtney or Marie. We will have our teacher meeting on Wednesday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Genesis Room at Trinity. All teachers need to complete a yearly background check and volunteer forms.



Family Sunday School - Children's Ministry

Fall planning for youth and family ministry is underway! Family Sunday School registration and information will be available mid-August so please watch your emails or reach out to Courtney with questions. Family Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 13, with "God's Work, Our Hands" service projects. Feel free to share student service project ideas for the school year with Courtney. Blessing of the Backpacks will be during the 9:00 a.m. worship service Sunday, August 30 and students are invited to bring their backpacks to worship and receive a new backpack tag for the school year.



EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Our group of 11 high school students and 3 adult leaders recently returned from our mission trip to Madison, Wisconsin. We spent the week immersed in the community serving with several local organizations, including Extended Hands Pantry, Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens, Luke's House, Porchlight, Hope's Home Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Babies and Beyond. This group worked hard and encouraged each other as they served as the hands and feet of Christ. The students also led worship, helped on kitchen duty, and cleaning crew at our host church. I am so incredibly proud of every single student who went on this trip. Everyone had to push themselves outside of their comfort zones in more ways than one and the growth as individuals and as a group were so special to see. It was a full and tiring week, but we also squeezed in some fun with a tour of the state capital, University of Wisconsin Arboretum, Henry Vilas Zoo, and Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream stops. Thank you for all the prayers and financial support that helps provide these opportunities and experiences for our students to grow in their faith and shine the light of Jesus. Special thank you to Sarah G and Pastor Paul for joining as adult leaders on this adventure!



9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of EDGE youth group this fall! EDGE will kickoff our new school year on Wednesday, September 9. Look for registration forms to be available in mid-August. Please contact Marie with any questions.

College/Young Adult Ministry

We'll be making college-aged/young adult care packages again this year to send out. If you would like your young adult or college-aged student to receive one, please send Marie the mailing address to be added to our list. We send notes, snacks, devotionals, and other fun items to hopefully brighten their day and let them know their church family is thinking about them and praying for them.



Holy Hotdish Bible Study - Colossians

Be a part of our women's Bible study as we return this fall. Our first gathering will be Sunday, September 13, 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 supper, refreshments, and fellowship, followed by Bible study, discussion, and prayer. We will study the book of Colossians this year and hand out the study guides on the first night. We will continue to gather one Sunday each month throughout the school year. Dates are as follows: October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, and April 4. Come when you can, leave when you must. Contact Marie with questions and to be added to our email list and to be sure to have a study book for you.





Our Little Free Libraries are in need of books for all ages. 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.

Trinity's Outreach Committee reminds the congregation that Outreach includes giving to our 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.



Summer pickup for Viking Vittles will be available M-Th 8-3 at Trinity Lutheran Church. (No distribution July 2-12. Two weeks will be available the week of June 29.) There is a black tote labeled Viking Vittles outside the office. Parents or guardians may take one bag for each child in their home. For questions email outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org.

Blessing Bags Thank you to everyone for your continued support for the blessing bag outreach through-out the summer months.

Please remember, we can only accept items that are new and unused. And also things that are not past their expiration date. Aside from the ten ounce liquid detergents, please do not donate fluid items like art paint and bubbles as we have to take extra care so things don't accidentally leak in the bags.

We'll be packing winter bags in October again, so until then...Have a great summer! Lori Fisk

Advocacy Meeting Upcoming Advocacy Steering committee meeting: Sunday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Genesis Room. All are welcome! Grab a cup of coffee and join us: Tamara Buetow & Rich Lundberg.

Stuff the Bus with school supplies. 6-8pm, Tuesday, August 11 at North Branch Central Park. Bring new school supplies and make a difference in our community! Thank you!

Senior Socials All community seniors are invited to join our Senior Socials! Have a great meal, sing along to some toe-tappin' music, play games and visit. There is no cost. Call 651-674-7047 to RSVP to the church a week ahead, if you are able. Thursdays from 5:00-6:30 p.m. **Our August 13 theme is the Wizard of Oz.** Some seniors dress for the theme, feel free to join the fun! We could use volunteers to help serve and visit. Call Julie in the church office or email Kelly at contactkellyrogstad@gmail.com or to help out or with any questions.



Senior
Social
Fun!

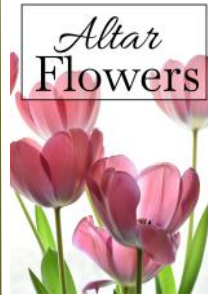


Greeting cards are sent periodically to our homebound members. If you are not receiving cards from Trinity and would like to be added to the mailing list, please call the office at 651-674-7047 and we will add you!



Join us for Coffee Hour and Fellowship following the first service each week. It's a great opportunity to meet new friends! **Hosts are needed August 2, 9 and 30.**

Sign up on the bulletin board to help out.



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 day. See Julie with questions.

The Outreach Committee meets the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Genesis Room. Many exciting projects are being planned for the next few months.

Come and join us August 11.

Martha Arnold, Chair person.



Our Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings in our Genesis Room. All are welcome!



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 August

Jim & Pam Wille



ALTAR GUILD



Please email articles for the September Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by August 16 Thank you!

Fare for All

3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 19.

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 9:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel, and about 90 minutes later on our facebook page. Links can be found on our website.

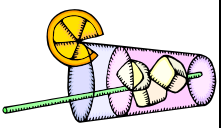
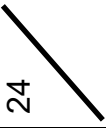
Like Trinity Lutheran Church on facebook, and comment on our posts! Worship videos are posted each Sunday!



"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.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour 10:00 am Advocacy meeting	3	4	5	6 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	7	8 
9 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	10 	11 9:00 am Outreach mtg	12 6:00 p.m. Teacher Leadership Meeting	13 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Senior Social 5:30 pm Music practice	14	15
16 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	17 11:00 am Welcome & Hospitality Team mtg Tidings articles due	18 7:00 pm Council meeting	19 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All	20 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	21	22
23 & 30 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	24  31 9:00 am Fellowship Mtg	25	26	27 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 11:00 am Salad luncheon	28 	29



TRINITY

Lutheran Church

NORTH BRANCH

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending June 30, 2026

Category	June Actual	June Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 26,851	\$ 36,165	\$ 195,588	\$ 216,987
Loose Offering	\$ 1,139	\$ 958	\$ 5,333	\$ 5,750
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ 10,344	\$ 9,975
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 1,887	\$ 2,375	\$ 17,255	\$ 14,775
Total Regular Giving	\$ 29,877	\$ 39,535	\$ 228,520	\$ 247,487
Expenses				
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 14,575	\$ 14,575
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 550	\$ 550
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 16,250	\$ 16,250
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 32,085	\$ 38,113	\$ 225,185	\$ 231,167
Church Property	\$ 6,355	\$ 7,123	\$ 54,319	\$ 55,172
Stewardship	\$ 173	\$ 5,300	\$ 2,049	\$ 7,500
Learning & Youth	\$ 492	\$ 1,317	\$ 1,082	\$ 8,995
Worship	\$ 466	\$ 521	\$ 2,711	\$ 4,375
Audio Visual	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 418	\$ 1,350
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ (51)	\$ 500
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 39,571	\$ 52,682	\$ 285,713	\$ 309,059
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 42,280	\$ 55,390	\$ 301,963	\$ 325,309
Total Net Income - June 2026	\$ (12,403)	\$ (15,855)	\$ (73,442)	\$ (77,822)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (403)	\$ (3,855)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (1,442)	\$ (5,822)

June Income was \$9,658 under the June Budget
June Expense was \$13,110 under the June Budget

Net Income is -\$403 for June
Net Income is -\$1,442 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received \$88,006

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd J. Fisk

Treasurer

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!

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!

Worship Director Position Opening

Our **Worship Director** works to help Trinity Lutheran attain its worship vision which is "to be a place known for feeding people's souls through excellence in the shared word and music." This position plays a key role in making worship an uplifting, inspiring and meaningful experience. This position is 20 hours per week. The full job description can be found on our website



The North Branch Quarterback Club would like to help with yard and household work for those in need of help. See Martha or Donna or email outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org if you or someone you know needs yard or household help.

Trinity will not be holding a rummage sale this year. We encourage donating to and volunteering at Shalom, as Trinity receives funds to be used towards community needs through our volunteers there.

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 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!

Connie has offered to deliver small item donations to Shalom. Items such as clothing, crafts, and smaller household items may be left in the large bin in the Genesis Room. No large items please. Call the office with questions. Items may be donated directly to Shalom on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Shalom Thrift Shop is located at 1515 1st Avenue E in Cambridge.

Sunshine Calls by Family Pathways

Sunshine Calls connect isolated seniors with friendly trained volunteers for weekly phone chats. Born out of the pandemic, this free services continues today to reduce loneliness and provide social connection. This service is available for ages 65+ in Pine, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec and Mille Lacs counties.

Sunshine Calls are intended solely for social connection and conversation. Volunteers do not provide medical, legal or professional advice. All callers are mandatory reporters and will report any concerns related to vulnerable adult safety.

Contact 320-364-1133 or MollyC@family.pathways.org.

Dine & Discover Hosted by the Chisago Age Well Coalition

Alzheimers and Dementia Diagnosis, Treatment and Caregiver Support

Thursday, August 13 9:00 am Chisago County Senior Center, light breakfast served. Registration is requested. Call 651-674-1025



Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online
6/14	9a 105	160
6/21	9a 73	175
6/28	9a 111	325
7/5	9a 71	175



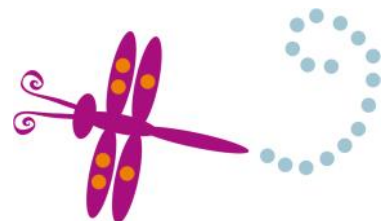
Chisago County American Cancer Society Relay for Life

is on Friday, August 21st at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church in Center City, MN starting at 5pm - dinner and events.

Give a donation or purchase a luminary bag at www.relayforlife.org/chisagomn however, you can also purchase a luminary at church on August 16th. Suggested donation is \$10 per bag in memory of or in honor of someone special in your life.



Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and well-wishes I received during my recuperation from my fall. A special thanks to my Wednesday Trinity Lutheran coffee group for their special visit. Blessings, Sharon Fairbanks.





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Sunday Worship: 9 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

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Church Council Members:

Dan Peterson, Council Chair

Alanna Baker, Shari Denny, Jeremy Edson,
Kristin Ferguson, Jeff Johnson, Steve Mork,
John Swenson, Jennie Tedrow



**Our summer worship
schedule is underway,
with one service at
9:00 a.m. each week,
followed by our Coffee &
Fellowship Hour.
Services are available on
Facebook and YouTube.**