

July 2026

Pastor's Page

Trinity Tidings
July 2026
Pastor Paul Cannon

H.A.G.S.

Growing up, on the last day of school, they would give us some free time to take our Yearbooks around and have all our friends sign it somewhere in the pages. One of the most common responses people would write when they signed was "HAGS!" which of course stood for, "Have a great summer!"

Have a great summer. Back in our school days, Summer brought with it a sense of adventure; it was a reprieve from the doldrums of the school routine. Summer was time for travel; a time for shaking things up and making memories.

In many ways, summer isn't so different in the church. The whole routine changes – we switch up the worship schedule and take a break from the "regular" activities. We make time for adventures with mission trips and retreats. We make memories and grow in faith!

Maybe as a church, we might switch up the acronym HAGS. Instead of "Have a Great Summer" I might wish you to "Have a God Summer." Or in other words, I wish your summer to brimming with God-filled experiences: beautiful sunsets on the lake, meaningful time spent with family, eye-opening experiences on a mission trip etc.

And I hope in between the travel and time at the cabin, you remember to worship to refresh your spirit and reflect on all the wonderful things that God has given you.

HAGS
Pr. Paul
-Psalm 121



**The church office and building will be closed
July 2 and the week of July 6.**

(Bible Study will still meet at 9:00 a.m. July 2 and 9)

Trinity hosts the Path Program July 5-19 Evening hosts, overnight hosts, and donations of evening meals are needed. Please sign up in the narthex if you can help out. This will be our last hosting before the families move to the new location.

All are invited to the open house of the new shelter from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26. See the impact of your generosity, tour the new space and see how families are served with safety, dignity and support. 1615 Garland St. S, Cambridge.

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Children & Youth Ministry News

Teacher Leadership Team Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in being a part of our Teacher Leadership Team that meets a few times a year and helps volunteer with and support our Family Sunday School program during the school year, please reach out to Courtney or Marie. We will have our first meeting in August.



VBS Family Nights

VBS Family Nights were held in June and we had a blast! We enjoyed 3 fun nights filled with Bible stories, science, games, music, Viking Vittles bag stickering, food, and fellowship. We focused on God's love through the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We are grateful to the 22 families that were a part of serving and growing together this summer! Thank you to our adult leaders (Courtney, Paul, Kacie, and Marie) and 20 middle school and high school youth leaders for helping make our program so fun! It was wonderful to see God bring everybody together in faith and community this summer!



EDGE High School Youth Ministry

Thank you to the middle school and high school youth that helped set up, serve, and help with VBS Family Nights this June! We couldn't have done it without you! We had a blast at our afternoon activities, including mini golf, bowling, and the pool. In July, we are off to serve in Madison, Wisconsin for our mission trip. Join us on Sunday, July 19, as we bless our group and trip at worship at 9:00 a.m. We appreciate your prayers for our trip as we travel, serve, and grow together this summer. Thank you for all of your prayers and support for this trip! We hope your summer has been filled with many blessings!



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 501 c3 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.

What Is A Thrivent Action Grant? An Action Grant can be a fundraiser like our fish fry, food drive, Easter breakfast etc. It can also be a service project like the blessing bags, Path Program, Viking Vittles, Senior Socials, etc. Every Thrivent member is eligible to apply for a minimum of one action grant per year. They are very simple to apply for as everything is done online and takes about 5 minutes. (We have people willing to assist you if you like). If you are a Thrivent member and would be interested in learning more about how to get \$250 from Thrivent to support your favorite project please email outreach@trinitynorthbranch.org. Just put the word Thrivent in the subject line and include your name and phone number. If you have questions please feel free to contact Julie or Donna Setter at 612-363-5072.

Viking Vittles in memory of Lavonne Lee-Bean from Charles & Rosemary Klopp
Music Ministry in memory of Sharalyn Olson from David & Terry Nelson
Senior Socials in memory of Sharalyn Olson from Darlene Nelson



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 (Folding chairs away, washing pens, 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 Roystad - contactkellyroystad@gmail.com
763-607-8427
Julie Morgan - jmorgan@trinitynorthland.org
651-674-7047



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 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:

- May 7th – Sports – wear a sports jersey or shirt if you like!
- June 11th – The Roaring 20's
- June 25th – Rescheduled from April Out of This World Theme
- 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.

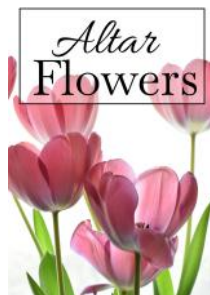


Greeting cards are sent periodically to our homebound members. If you are not receiving cards from Trinity and would like to be added to the mailing list, please call the office at 651-674-7047 and we will add you!



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 July 5 and 12, 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. *No July meeting*

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

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!

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

ALTAR GUILD

Serving for the month of July

Janelle Mork
Carol Meyer



ALTAR GUILD

Fare for All

3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 15.

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 August Trinity Tidings to office@trinitynorthbranch.org by July 15. Thank you!



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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2 Church office is closed 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	3	4 
5 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour Path Program hosting week	6 	7 Church office and building closed this week	8	9 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	10	11
12 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour Path Program hosting week	13	14	15 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All Tidings articles due	16 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Senior Social	17	18
19 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour High School Mission Trip begins	20	21 	22	23 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	24	25 
26 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 10:00 am Coffee Hour	27	28	29	30 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	31	



TRINITY

Lutheran Church

NORTH BRANCH

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending May 31, 2026

Category	May Actual	May Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 39,503	\$ 36,165	\$ 168,737	\$ 180,823
Loose Offering	\$ 1,332	\$ 958	\$ 4,194	\$ 4,792
Other Income	\$ 542	\$ 38	\$ 10,344	\$ 9,938
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 5,638	\$ 2,375	\$ 15,368	\$ 12,400
Total Regular Giving	\$ 47,014	\$ 39,535	\$ 198,643	\$ 207,952
Expenses				
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 12,146	\$ 12,146
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 938	\$ 938
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 458	\$ 458
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 13,542	\$ 13,542
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 49,598	\$ 38,701	\$ 193,100	\$ 193,054
Church Property	\$ 6,334	\$ 7,023	\$ 47,963	\$ 48,049
Stewardship	\$ 173	\$ 200	\$ 1,876	\$ 2,200
Learning & Youth	\$ 930	\$ 1,739	\$ 590	\$ 7,678
Worship	\$ 75	\$ 1,271	\$ 2,245	\$ 3,854
Audio Visual	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 418	\$ 1,125
Witness & Service	\$ (100)	\$ 83	\$ (51)	\$ 417
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 57,011	\$ 49,242	\$ 246,141	\$ 256,377
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 59,719	\$ 51,950	\$ 259,683	\$ 269,919
Total Net Income - May 2026	\$ (12,705)	\$ (12,415)	\$ (61,040)	\$ (61,967)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (705)	\$ (415)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (1,040)	\$ (1,967)

May Income was \$7,479 Over the May Budget
May Expense was \$7,769 over the May Budget

Net Income is -\$705 for May
Net Income is -\$1,040 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received YTD \$88,005.55

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

Melissa has resigned and taken a position at a church much closer to her home. Her last day at Trinity will be June 28. We thank her for leading us in music and sharing her gifts with us, and wish her the best. This position is posted on the church website.

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 www.trinitynorthbranch.org.



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
5/10	8a 37 10a 78	151 139
5/17	9a 114	190
5/24	9a 84	145
5/31	9a 120	185
6/7	9a 96	254

TWIGS upcoming events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - SAVE THE DATE

TRIENNIAL GATHERING
(National Women of the ELCA convention)
July 16 - 19 2026 in
Des Moines, Iowa

THEME: I AM WORTHY
(PSALM 39:14)

Visit welcatg.org or see

Ann Tanko for
more information





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Church Office: 651-674-7047 Church Fax: 651-674-7048
Church Office Hours: 8:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Thursday
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

Sue Danielzuk, Church Administrator ext. 37

Marie Ray, Director of Youth & Family Ministries ext. 13

Courtney Fairbanks, Sunday School Coordinator ext. 15

Director of Music open
Julie Morgan, Church Office Manager ext. 10

Danielle Baumann, Volunteer Coordinator

Christopher Dehen, Financial Recorder

Audio Tech open
Video Technician Evan Spinler

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



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