

September 2026

Pastor's Page

Trinity Tidings
September 2026
Pastor Paul Cannon

Back to _____ (fill in the blank)

It's the "Back to (fill-in-the-blank)" time of year! I never know if I feel relieved to be back into a 'normal' routine of the school year, or if I'm terrified of returning to the regularly scheduled chaos of life. It's a mix of emotions.

Summer is over. Vacations have been taken. Mission Trips completed. Now? Just getting back into the swing of the fall calendar. My kids are getting back to school, back to sports, back to early mornings and catching the school bus. My wife is heading back to work. Even my dog is getting back into a routine.

Maybe you feel the same with your "back to's" this September. Whatever else might be going on in your life, I hope you're also thinking about getting back to church. Summer can be chaos, but I've always found it comforting to come back to worship if I've been away for a while.

Confirmation, Sunday School, EDGE, Bible Studies, Pizza Nights are all things that are coming up on the calendar (and that's just a small sampling). In some ways, it all seems a little daunting, but I also look at these as ways of helping us get back to God.

After all, God is the one constant thing in our lives. Schedules change, life changes, routines get interrupted, but God is always there, guiding, loving, supporting, and encouraging you no matter what you're getting back to.

I hope to see you around!

Pastor Paul



Healing
Service

Healing Service - September 27 11:30am

Please join us for a Healing Service on Sunday, September 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary at Trinity. If you or someone you know are in need of God's healing in any aspect of life, please gather with us for a short service. We will share music, prayer and laying on of hands, and anointing with oil. All are welcome!



It's picture day! After service on Sunday, September 6, Molly Whelan will be taking photos to be used in various marketing materials. If you are available, we would love to include you in them! All ages are encouraged to participate. Meet in the sanctuary after 10:00 a.m. Come in your regular church attire and plan to socialize with Pastor Paul and play with kids all around the campus while Molly snaps photos.

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church

Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

Sunday School will kick off on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, September 13. Families will join us in the fellowship hall from 10:00-10:45 a.m. to pack hygiene kits for the care closets at the North Branch Area Middle School and plant tulip bulbs outside at Trinity. There will also be other service projects happening in the Fellowship hall for families and Trinity members alike to help with. After service project time, families are invited outside to play on the playground for fun, fellowship, games, and a snack.

Family Sunday School registration forms are now available in the narthex and online here: <https://forms.gle/rTDtXuvPe4yQi9Ct9>.

3rd Grade Bible presentation and teacher leadership team installation will be on Sunday, September 27, during the 10:00 a.m. worship. An email will be sent for signing up for 3rd Grade Bibles. Please contact Courtney if you did not get the email and would like to receive a Bible this fall.

September 13 - "God's Work. Our Hands" Service projects and playground from 10:00-10:45 a.m.

September 20 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

September 27 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m., 3rd Grade Bible Presentation and Teacher Leadership Team Blessing at 10:00 a.m. service.

Faith Friends

Our first Faith Friends for this school year will meet on Wednesday, October 7, 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 appreciated.) Registration forms are available in the narthex or online. Contact Courtney with any questions.

Teacher Leadership Team Volunteers Needed

We need more helpers to be a part of our Sunday School Teacher Leadership Team! Our fabulous team helps brainstorm Sunday School ideas at 2-3 meetings per year, helps lead activities and crafts, and helps with our Christmas program, egg hunt, and special events. If you'd like to join the teacher leadership team, please reach out to Courtney.



Connected and Safe Presentation: Navigating Teen Relationships Today (please see flyer insert) - Wednesday, October 7, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran. Students in grades 6-12 and their families will learn to recognize healthy and unhealthy relationship patterns and practice having proactive conversations that promote safe, supportive development. Our presenter will be Stephanie Page, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Stories Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging communities to fight human trafficking through awareness, prevention, and survivor support. All are welcome to attend this free event in addition to Pizza Night beforehand from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

EDGE High School Youth Ministry

EDGE High School Youth Group kicks off a new year on Wednesday, September 9, with food, games, and fun! We'll start back up with Viking Vittles packing again and planning for the National ELCA Youth Gathering next summer in Minneapolis! Incoming 9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of EDGE youth group this fall. Registration for our new year is available in the narthex or online here: <https://forms.gle/iSDE7zxeHui88R5k6>. Please contact Marie with any questions.

September 9 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. Kick Off Party

September 16 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

September 23 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Viking Vittles Packing

September 23 - 7:30-8:00 p.m. National Youth Gathering Parent Meeting

September 30: EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.

October 7 - NB Breakfast Club 7:00-7:30 a.m.



North Branch Breakfast Club - Our first NB Breakfast Club kicks off for this school year on Wednesday, October 7, 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. Join us for a full breakfast, friends, fun, and an encouraging Word before school! To donate towards the cost of these meals, please note "Breakfast Club" on your check or you can donate online. Thank you!



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.

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

Breakfast Club in memory of Willis Gunderson from Mike & Barb Nelson



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

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.



Viking Vittles is looking for someone to deliver totes to the schools once a month. The totes weigh about 25-28#. This can be done on either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Last year we delivered 7 totes to the Education Center and 25 totes to Sunrise. We are also looking for someone to take over the Care Closets at the high school and ALC.

Please call Donna 612-363-5072 with questions or to volunteer.

Advocacy at Trinity Lutheran North Branch:

Mission Statement of Trinity Lutheran North Branch MN Advocacy: Neighborly love and faith in action:

"Rooted in God's grace and guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, the Advocacy Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church seeks to be a faithful voice for justice, peace and compassion in our community and beyond. We work to uplift the dignity of every person, understand root causes of injustice and steward creation. Through prayer, education and action, we partner with others to advocate for policies and practices that reflect God's love, mercy, hope and peace in the world. "

Save the following dates: Grab a cup of coffee and join us:

Sunday August 30: Genesis Room: 10-11. Advocacy Committee : Discussion and input by all are welcome re: next steps as to how implement faith in action and interface with the ELCA, Pastor Paul, Staff, Church Council, lay ministries and the people of Trinity.

Sunday September 27 2026 : Tammy Walhof, Director of Lutheran Advocacy- Minnesota will be joining Pastor Paul as a guest speaker for the 8 & 10 a.m. services as well as holding a small group discussion of "How to Get Involved" in the Fireside Room: 9:15- 9:45.

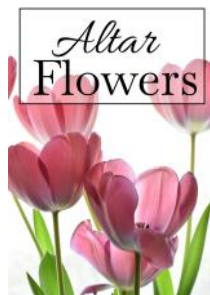
Further information about Lutheran Advocacy- Minnesota can be found: Lutheran Advocacy - Minnesota, ELCA/105 University Ave. W, St. Paul, MN 55103 /[Home | Lutheran Advocacy-MN](#)

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 September 6.**

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 the first service 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 September 8. Martha Arnold, Chair person.



Our Women's Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings in our Genesis Room. Regular Bible Study resumes September 3. 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 September

Rosanne Johnson
Carol Gustafson



ALTAR GUILD

Fare for All

3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 16.

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



Our weekly worship will be available each Sunday live 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.

september

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	4	5
6 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour	7	8 9:00 am Outreach mtg	9 5:30 pm Music practice 6:30 pm Confirmation orientation 6:30 pm EDGE	10 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	11	12
13 Worship Service/ Communion 9:00 am 10:00 am Coffee Hour/ God's Work Our Hands projects 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	14 11:00 am Welcome & Hospitality Team mtg 1:00 pm Visitation Team meeting	15 7:00 pm Council meeting Tidings articles due	16 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:30 pm Music practice 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE	17 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Senior Social	18	19 
20 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	21	22 	23 5:30 pm Music practice 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE 7:30 pm ELCA Youth Gathering Trip meeting	24 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	25	26 9:00 am North Cluster Women of ELCA meeting
27 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 11:30 am Healing Service	28	29	30 5:30 pm Music practice 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE	31 9:00 am Women's Bible Study		



TRINITY

Lutheran Church

NORTH BRANCH

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending July 31, 2026

Category	July Actual	July Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 26,459	\$ 36,165	\$ 222,047	\$ 253,152
Loose Offering	\$ 662	\$ 958	\$ 5,995	\$ 6,708
Other Income	\$ 553	\$ 38	\$ 10,897	\$ 10,013
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ 1,850	\$ 17,255	\$ 16,625
Total Regular Giving	\$ 27,674	\$ 39,010	\$ 256,194	\$ 286,497
Expenses				
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 17,004	\$ 17,004
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,313	\$ 1,313
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 642	\$ 642
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 18,958	\$ 18,958
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 31,690	\$ 40,551	\$ 256,875	\$ 271,717
Church Property	\$ 7,716	\$ 7,323	\$ 62,035	\$ 62,495
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 2,049	\$ 7,700
Learning & Youth	\$ 1,662	\$ 317	\$ 2,744	\$ 9,312
Worship	\$ 549	\$ 521	\$ 3,260	\$ 4,896
Audio Visual	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 418	\$ 1,575
Witness & Service	\$ 179	\$ 83	\$ 128	\$ 583
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 41,796	\$ 49,220	\$ 327,509	\$ 358,278
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 44,504	\$ 51,928	\$ 346,467	\$ 377,237
Total Net Income - July 2026	\$ (16,831)	\$ (12,918)	\$ (90,273)	\$ (90,739)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ (4,831)	\$ (918)		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ (6,273)	\$ (6,739)

July Income was \$11,337 under the July Budget
July Expense was \$7,424 under the July Budget

Net Income is -\$4,831 for July
Net Income is -\$6,273 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received YTD \$126,939

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!

Music at Trinity– We invite anyone interested in singing, or playing drums, guitar or other instruments to join our Praise Team. We will practice in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., to sing and play as your schedules allow during the Sunday services. Please contact Jo Ann Dolezalek with any questions—at the piano on Sunday, leave a message in the church office, or email jdolezalek@trinitynorthbranch.org. Our first practice is September 9 at 5:30 p.m. Thank you!



NEW TO THE STAFF

Trinity has some new staff members! This month we introduce you to Tristen Ray, our Audio Tech, and JoAnn Dolezalek, our Interim Music Director.

Next month will feature Molly Whelan, our Media Tech, and Dave Cernius, our Assistant Custodian.



My name is Tristen Ray. I'm a local Sound & Lighting Designer, Stagehand and Technical Consultant, based in the Forest Lake area. I've been doing lighting and sound for musicals, plays, concerts, and more for over 5 years. I'm happy to be a part of the team here at Trinity! I look forward to meeting you all!



I am blessed to be the Interim Music Director at Trinity! Music has always been a special part of my life. I'm a lifelong member of Trinity. My mom (Bonnie Nelson) taught me to play the piano, and was the organist at Trinity for many years. I still use her music occasionally as I play for services. I enjoy hearing live music in smaller venues and larger concerts. I've also always been interested in cars and racing, and spending time with my friends and family. Please contact me with any questions or music suggestions. Jo Ann Dolezalek

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. **Our final dinner for this year is September 17. our theme is Western and includes a concert, so will run 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Call Julie in the church office or to help out. Thank you to all who have donated to and helped at our Senior Socials!

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 www.trinitynorthbranch.org.



Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online
7/12	9a 145	220
7/19	9a 117	196
7/26	9a 140	210
8/2	9a 109	160

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.



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September 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: 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
Jo Ann Dolezalek, Director of Music	
Julie Morgan, Church Office Manager	ext. 10
Danielle Baumann, Volunteer Coordinator	
Christopher Dehen, Financial Recorder	
Molly Whelan, Media Tech	
Tristen Ray, Audio Technician	

Roger Anderson & Dave Cernius
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, Shari Denny, Jeremy Edson,
Kristin Ferguson, Jeff Johnson, Steve Mork,
John Swenson, Jennie Tedrow

**We continue our 9:00 a.m. worship
through September 13.
Beginning September 20 we return to
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services. Services are
available on Facebook and YouTube.**

