

October 2026

Pastor's Page

Trinity Tidings
October 2026
Pastor Paul Cannon

Invite, Love, Serve, Belong
Living Life Abundantly

Back in the spring, we started some listening sessions. Many of you sat down with members from the Mission/Vision team to talk about your life, your gifts, interests, and passions, and of course, your love for Trinity.

Through these conversations, we were trying to get a clearer picture of what God was calling Trinity Lutheran to do and be in the future. Those conversations told us a lot! Within the group, we shared the themes that came out of those talks, which helped us form a picture of what you value most.

From those conversations it was clear you all valued things like "Radical hospitality and invitation", "Faith formation", "Caring for our members", "Serving our community", "Inclusive Worship", "Connection to God" and so much more. It was clear that church gave you a sense of purpose and identity. You all were expressing how the church shepherds us to abundant life in Christ (John 10:10).

From there, we were able to group those values into four distinct categories: Invite, Love, Serve, & Belong.

We are called to "Invite" because Jesus first invited us.

We are called to "Love" because Jesus first loved us.

We are called to "Serve" because Jesus first served us.

We are called to "Belong" in Christ, we belong to one another.

Through invitation, love, service, and belonging you all expressed the abundance of God's goodness that has been poured out on you and this church.

From there, our mission statement became clear. The mission of Trinity is "To shepherd people to abundant life in Christ, through inviting, loving, serving and belonging."

During the month of October, every Sunday we'll be talking about a piece of the statement in church, and we want to get your feedback on how those values have shaped your life and faith. Then in February at the annual meeting, the congregation will have an opportunity to vote on it as our new Mission Statement for Trinity. I hope you can join us in the process!



Please join us with music for worship! Are you interested in singing in a traditional choir, or playing in a bell choir for the Christmas season? Or would you like to join the Praise Band/Choir, or perform something for special music?

Please contact Jo Ann, leave her a message at church, or stop by the piano after a church service. Thank You!

New Look Contemporary Service - In the spirit of being made new in Christ, we wanted to give you all a little heads up that starting in October, we will be trying some new things for our 10am contemporary service. In addition to Jo Ann's leadership, we're bringing in Adam Trampe as a volunteer to help lead the Praise Band. You may notice less liturgy and a bit more music. We might turn the volume up some and spend more time passing the peace. Some things you might like, and some things you might not like, but we ask that you be patient and give it a try. Thanks! Pr. Paul

TRINITY TIDINGS

Trinity Lutheran Church



Children & Youth Ministry News

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry

We are so excited to be back together again for a new school year with the them "Jesus loves you smore than you know!" We welcomed back new families and returning families alike with our kickoff and service projects packing 26 care kits for the care closet at the North Branch Area Middle School, helping with Viking Vittles packing, coloring Giving Tree tags, and planting tulip bulbs outside Trinity. We are looking forward to our fall party on Sunday, October 25, from 9:00-9:45 a.m. with games, crafts, and our treat trail. Families are invited to wear their best family-friendly costumes on this day. Students will sing in church at 10:00 a.m. worship that same day.

October 4 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

October 11 - Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.

October 18 - No Sunday School – MEA Break

October 25 - Fall Family Party 9:00-9:45 a.m. Students sing at 10:00 a.m. service.



Faith Friends - October 7

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 here: <https://forms.gle/wkCqKKauB1KDXjc38> Contact Courtney with any questions.

EDGE High School Ministry

EDGE welcomed new and old students back this fall! September was full of getting to know each other, packing Viking Vittles, playing games, and planning for our group to attend the National ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in summer 2027. In October, we will have our first NB Breakfast Club, fall bonfire, host coffee hour, and help with the Sunday School Fall Party. It is always a fun month of fall!

October 4 - EDGE Serves Coffee Hour

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

October 7 - Pizza Night 6:00-6:30 p.m., Connected + Safe Presentation for EDGE and Confirmation students and families 6:30-7:30 p.m. (see flier insert)

October 14 - NO EDGE - MEA Break

October 21 - EDGE Bonfire offsite 6:30-7:30 p.m.

October 25 - EDGE hands out candy at the Sunday School Treat Trail 9:00 a.m.

October 28 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.



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 in the sanctuary. 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 at 6:30 p.m. in addition to Pizza Night beforehand from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Minneapolis National ELCA Youth Gathering Envelope Wall Fundraiser – The Trinity youth are excited to be attending the 2027 ELCA National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer! If you would like to help fund this trip, please check out the Envelope Wall Fundraiser posterboard in the narthex with donation envelopes ranging from \$20 – \$100. Please pick an envelope, fill it with the amount listed, and return it to the Trinity office. You can also complete the enclosed slip inside the envelope to receive a postcard from our youth that will be traveling to Minneapolis as a special thank you. We appreciate your prayers and support of our youth group at Trinity!

North Branch Breakfast Club - 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 donation or donate online. Thank you!



Holy Hotdish Bible Study - "Colossians: Rooted in Him"

Our next gathering will be Sunday, October 4, 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 Colossians Bible study, discussion, and prayer. We will continue to gather one Sunday each month throughout the school year. Dates are as follows: 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 receive a study guide.

Gifts Given to the Glory of God

Thee Alliance in memory of Ted Nemetz from Tom & Candi Hals



Fall Clean Up Days at Trinity

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Saturday October 17 & 31

Inside and outside, please bring your own outside lawn equipment.

It's time to do a new directory and form a committee for our 140th anniversary, which is next year. Please let Julie in the office know if you have any interest in helping.

Thank you!



A New Member Class will be held Sunday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m., with the receiving of new members at our 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services on Sunday, October 11. See Julie or Pastor Paul with questions or to sign up to attend.

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.

Meals that Matter Dinner Program

The Path to Home program has transitioned to a new facility in Cambridge. Guests are now housed and fed in the new building. The role of the Churches that support the program has changed. Our opportunity to support this program moving forward is the "Meals that Matter Dinner Program."

Meals That Matter is our opportunity to provide the Path guests with an evening meal. Trinity has committed to providing support two weeks a year. Our first week begins November 16th –and runs through November 22. Dinner is served Monday through Sunday at 6:00. A team of 3 to 5 volunteers is ideal for preparing, serving, and cleaning up the meal.

The new kitchen is a licensed Minnesota commercial kitchen. We will need to follow the Minnesota regulations for food preparation, but don't be intimidated by the new rules. The kitchen is a beautiful space for food preparation that is well laid out and well stocked. Path staff are available for training and support at all times.

Other options for providing meals not prepare on site are; prepared at another licensed commercial kitchen, catered by a licensed food provider, or purchased ready to serve from a grocery store or restaurant.

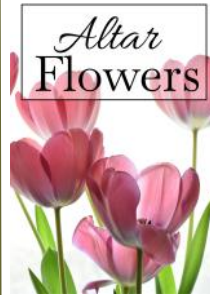
Please join us to provide this critical support to the families in the Path to home Program. A sign-up sheet and additional information will be available in the Narthex. Guests are required to sign in, so you will know how many to cook for. While funds are available our Path Program account, we can reimburse you for ingredients if receipts are submitted to the church office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kris Johnson at 651-295-6143 or Jeff Johnson at 612-718-0143.

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 November 29.**

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 October 13.

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 October
Judy Weiss & Karin Perrault



ALTAR GUILD



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

Fare for All
3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 21.
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 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 October, November, December 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.



OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 11:30 am Endowment mtg	2 	3
4 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am New Member class 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	5 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	6	7 7:00 am Breakfast Club 5:30 pm Faith Friends 6:00 pm Pizza Night 6:30 pm Connected & Safe presentation Conf/EDGE 7:30 pm Music practice	8 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	9	10
11 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	12  OCTOBER	13 9:00 am Outreach mtg	14 5:30 pm Music practice	15 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 9:00 am-3:00 pm Blood Drive	16 Tidings articles due	17 9:00 am-12:00 pm Fall Clean Up Day
18 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour	19	20 7:00 pm Council meeting	21 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:30 pm Music practice 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE	22 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	23	24 9:00 am Phoenix Academy Halloween pancake breakfast
25 Worship Service/ Communion 8:00 & 10:00 am 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?	26	27 	28 10:00 am Blessing Bag packing 5:30 pm Music practice 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE	29 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	30	31 



TRINITY

Lutheran Church

NORTH BRANCH

Statement of Income and Expenses

Month Ending August 31, 2026

Category	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	\$ 38,354	\$ 36,165	\$ 260,401	\$ 289,316
Loose Offering	\$ 442	\$ 958	\$ 6,437	\$ 7,667
Other Income	\$ 55	\$ 38	\$ 10,952	\$ 10,050
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	\$ 3,940	\$ 2,375	\$ 21,195	\$ 19,000
Total Regular Giving	\$ 42,791	\$ 39,535	\$ 298,984	\$ 326,033
	August Actual	August Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Expenses				
Mission Support				
Synod Support	\$ 2,429	\$ 2,429	\$ 19,433	\$ 19,433
Missionaries	\$ 188	\$ 188	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Iringa Church Tanzania	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$ 733	\$ 733
Sub-total Mission Expenses	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,708	\$ 21,667	\$ 21,667
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	\$ 33,100	\$ 38,701	\$ 289,974	\$ 310,418
Church Property	\$ 7,316	\$ 7,672	\$ 69,351	\$ 70,168
Stewardship	\$ 2,258	\$ 100	\$ 4,308	\$ 7,800
Learning & Youth	\$ 226	\$ 495	\$ 2,970	\$ 9,806
Worship	\$ 578	\$ 1,021	\$ 3,837	\$ 5,917
Audio Visual	\$ 91	\$ 225	\$ 509	\$ 1,800
Witness & Service	\$ -	\$ 83	\$ 128	\$ 667
Sub-total General Expenses	\$ 43,568	\$ 48,297	\$ 371,077	\$ 406,575
Total Regular Expenses	\$ 46,277	\$ 51,005	\$ 392,744	\$ 428,242
Total Net Income - August 2026	\$ (3,486)	\$ (11,470)	\$ (93,759)	\$ (102,209)
Unified Support - Phoenix	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 94,000	\$ 96,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	\$ 6,514	\$ 530		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			\$ 241	\$ (6,209)

August Income was \$3,255 over the August Budget
August Expense was \$4,728 under the August Budget

Net Income is \$6,514 for August
Net Income is \$244 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received YTD \$148,242

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 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.



NEW TO THE STAFF

Trinity has some new staff members! This month we introduce Molly Whelan, our Media Tech, and Dave Cernius, our Assistant Custodian.



I am Trinity's new Assistant Custodian. I am a retired master carpenter, with over 50 years in the field. I have lived in North Branch over 20 years, and am a recent widower. I enjoy playing my guitars, fishing, cooking, and spoiling my rescue cat, Mooch. Dave Cernius.

I am so excited to be working at Trinity Lutheran Church, where I have been fortunate to be a member for several years. I live a short walk away with my wonderful partner and two amazing children, ages 2 and 7. I love to use my creativity and problem-solving skills to help guide us all through worship. In my free time, I love to walk, read, volunteer, cook and most importantly spend time with my family. Stop by the booth to say hi! Molly Whelan



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.



Some of the friendly folks who help prep and serve at our Senior Socials!



Attendance & Views

Date	In person	Online
8/9	9a 109	175
8/16	9a 85	181
8/23	9a 105	246
8/30	9a 133	217

Our September Senior Social had a western theme. One of the dishes served was a corn casserole, and we were asked to share the recipe in the Tidings.

Escalloped Corn

4 Tbsp butter 4 Tbsp flour 1 cup milk Pepper
2 tsp sugar 1 cup diced American cheese 4 eggs salt
4 cups cut, uncooked corn **OR** 3 cans whole kernel corn plus one can creamed corn

Melt butter, add flour and blend. Add milk and heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Cook 2 minutes longer. Add corn, salt, sugar, pepper and cheese. Beat eggs and fold into corn mixture. Pour into a greased 2 qt casserole or two 8x8" pans. Bake at 350° for one hour. Stir once while baking. Originally published in the silver Almelund church cookbook.



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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

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



CONNECTED & SAFE: NAVIGATING TEEN RELATIONSHIPS TODAY

*Stronger Connections.
Safer Futures.*



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.

CONNECTED



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026
6:30 – 7:30 PM



6:00 PM – LIGHT SUPPER

- Pizza
- Refreshments

6:30 – 7:30 PM – PRESENTATION



LOCATION:

Trinity Lutheran Church
38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch



*All are welcome to
this **FREE** event!*



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED –
Just show up!

MEET THE PRESENTER

Stephanie Page

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CO-FOUNDER
OF STORIES FOUNDATION



Stephanie Page is the Executive Director and Co-Founder of Stories Foundation, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging communities to fight human trafficking through awareness, prevention, and survivor support.

Stephanie believes every story has value and that by embracing our own story and being willing to step out and share it with others, we are taking the necessary steps towards changing the stories of injustice in our communities.



Stephanie and Stories Foundation have been featured on KARE 11, KSTP as well as a variety of podcasts and newspaper articles.



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Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? Sign up sheet! (29)

Name: _____

Names of anyone else joining you: _____

Phone number: _____

I would like to be:

_____ A host!

If so, let us know how many people you can host: _____

_____ A guest! I'd love to attend!

_____ I can be a guest or a host, depending on what you need!

List any special dietary concerns or accommodations:

This sheet is due by Monday, October 12th!

See the reverse side for more information.

An Outreach Committee member will contact you soon with details.

****Sunday, October 25, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.****

Would you like to enjoy an evening of fellowship, fun, and dinner with a surprise group of people from Trinity? If so, please join us for the event "Guess Who's coming to Dinner?" on Sunday, October 25th, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

You can sign up to be a guest at someone's house, or maybe you want to be the host! You will simply fill out the information sheet letting us know if you'd like to be guest or host, if hosting how many people you can accommodate, and if you have any special dietary concerns. The event coordinators will group people into groups of around 8-10 people, with the goal being for people to meet some new faces and make some new connections!

The host/hostess house will provide a main entree, and guests will be assigned either an appetizer, a side dish, or a dessert to bring! Come join the fun, share a meal with some friendly faces at Trinity, and possibly spark a new friendship! This event, when done in the past, has provided a great time for people to make real connections!

Sign up forms should be turned into the church office by Monday, October 12! (This gives us time to group people and reach out to hosts!)

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Krosschell at harveysk@gmail.com, or reach out to Julie in the office.

We hope you'll consider joining us for this fun event!