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TRINITY TIDINGS

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From Mission to Momentum

This past month, I attended the Fall Theological Conference – a gathering of pastors from the St. Paul Synod of the ELCA. The keynote speaker was The Rev. Dr. Brian Konkol, president of Valparaiso University, who challenged the group to think about moving from "moments to momentum" as they lead in their settings.

I think Trinity is in a moment now. It got me thinking about the mission statement we've been working on as a church. We spent the month of October looking at our proposed mission statement, "To shepherd people to abundant life in Christ, through invitation, love, service and belonging". The mission statement has been well received, but if that's all we did, then … *so what?*

The council wants to take the mission statement and turn it into momentum for our church. If we say our four core values are "Invite, Love, Serve, & Belong" then we need to live into them, in the most faithful way we can!

So the council is going to be asking some questions:
How do we become a more *invitational church?*
What are ways that we can better reflect the *love of Christ* for one another?
How can we *serve* our neighbors here in North Branch better?
And how can we help create a sense of *belonging* in the body of Christ?

The next few months, council is going to be listening deeply to the Holy Spirit, through prayer and discernment. And we are going to trust that God will help us to use this moment to build momentum for the congregation, so that we can help shepherd people to that abundant life in Christ.

Amen



Join us Wednesday, November 25, for our 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve worship service. We would like to offer a Pie Social following the service, so are looking for a few volunteers to help serve pie. Please reach out to Dani Baumann or the church office if you can help serve or can bring a pie. Thank you!

92nd ANNUAL ADVENT TEA
Monday, November 30th, 6:00 p.m.

ADVENT TEA

Mark your calendar for our Annual Advent Tea. Our speaker will be Sherry Pearce, whose one woman presentation is entitled "No One Wants Her Son to be a Shepherd", looking at the Christmas story through the eyes of the mother of a shepherd. Sherry is from Cambridge and performs around the area.

Tickets are $20 will go on sale Sunday 11/8, 11/15 & 11/22 in the narthex or call Julie in the office.

Donations of Christmas cookies can be dropped off in the kitchen on Sunday, November 29.

Family Sunday School/Children's Ministry
We are blessed and grateful for amazing volunteers and families that are a part of youth ministry at Trinity! November is our official kickoff to practicing our Christmas Program songs and parts! Save the date for our annual Sunday School Christmas Program: Sunday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. with a cookie party to follow in the Fellowship Hall. (Only 1 service this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.) Program rehearsal will be Sunday, December 6, and Sunday December 13, during our Sunday School time.

November 1 -- Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m., Christmas program practicing begins!
November 8 -- Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.
November 15 -- Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.
November 22 -- Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.
November 29 — No Sunday School - Happy Thanksgiving!
December 6 -- Christmas Program Rehearsal and Family Sunday School 9:00-9:45 a.m.
December 13 — Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal 8:45 a.m., Christmas Program at 10:00 a.m., Cookie Party to follow

Faith Friends - November 11
Faith Friends is for families with elementary aged children up to 5th grade. Join us in the Sunday School rooms for our seasonal Bible verse, craft, and activities. Our next one will be on Wednesday, November 11, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join for TLC Pizza Night from 6:00-6:30 p.m. serving Domino's Pizza, salad, lemonade, cookies/bars, and water. (Donations accepted and appreciated) Contact Courtney with any questions. There is no Faith Friends or Pizza Night in the month of December.

EDGE High School Ministry
We are so grateful for the youth and families in our youth group! We're blessed to serve, have fun, and grow in faith together. We are also filled with gratitude for the many ways our members support our youth throughout the year with prayers and financial giving. Your support and care is so appreciated! In November, EDGE youth will be serving and sharing their gifts in a variety of ways; we will be packing Advent college care packages, packing Viking Vittles, and serving coffee hour. Our high school and middle school groups will be attending the "All Youth Gathering" retreat at Cragun's for worship, games, hotel life, and learning. There will be NO EDGE on November 25. We wish all our youth and families a blessed Thanksgiving!

November 1 - EDGE Serves Coffee Hour
November 4- NB Breakfast Club, 7:00-7:30 a.m.
November 4 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Viking Vittles and College Care Packages
November 11 - Pizza Night 6:00-6:30 p.m., EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.
November 18 - EDGE 6:30-7:30 p.m.
November 20-21 - Cragun's Retreat "All Youth Gathering"
November 25 - No EDGE - Happy Thanksgiving!

NB Breakfast Club - NB Breakfast Club is back on Wednesday, November 4, 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 these meals please note "Breakfast Club" on your donation. Thank you!

Minneapolis National ELCA Youth Gathering Envelope Wall Fundraiser – We have 14 Trinity students 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 fill out 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!

Holy Hotdish Bible Study - "Colossians: Rooted in Him"
Holy Hotdish meets on Sunday, November 1, 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 Hot dish supper, refreshments, and fellowship, followed by Bible study on the book of Colossians, discussion, and prayer.

THE BEATLES

Our 10:00 am service on Sunday, November 22 will be Beatles themed.
Join us as we sing music by the Beatles and think about how God shows up in unexpected places. Invite a friend!

Sunday, December 13: ONE service at 10:00 a.m. No 8:00 a.m. service this day. All are invited to our Sunday School Christmas Program at 10:00 a.m. and cookie party to follow. There is no 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour.

8:45 a.m. Christmas Program Practice
10:00 a.m. Christmas Program and Worship
10:45 a.m. Cookie Party in Fellowship Hall



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 p.m. A team of 3 to 5 volunteers is ideal for preparing, serving, and cleaning up the meal. **We are still in need of a few more meals.**

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 prepared 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 is 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.

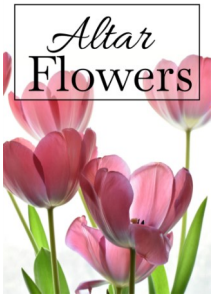
HOMEBOUND Ministry

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.

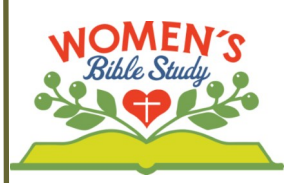


To sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the calendar near the church office, and bring a plant or an arrangement of fresh flowers prior to the first service that day. See Julie with questions.

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 November 10.

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 November

Tim & Linda Born





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

Fare for All

3:00-5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18. 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.**

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Worship Service/ Communion** **8:00 & 10:00 am** 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Advocacy meeting 6:00 pm Holy Hot Dish	2 9:00 am Fellowship Team meeting	3 9:30 am Fish Fry meeting	4 7:00 am Breakfast Club 10:00 am Endowment mtg 5:30 pm Music practice 6:30 pm Conf/irmation 6:30 pm EDGE	5 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	6 	7
8 Worship Service/ Communion **8:00 & 10:00 am** 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	9 	10 9:00 am Outreach mtg	11 5:30 pm Music practice 5:30 pm Faith Friends 6:00 pm Pizza Night 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE	12 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 12:00 pm Advocacy mtg	13	14 10:00 am Visitation 11:00 am Funeral for Physllis Weise
15 **Worship Service/ Communion** **8:00 & 10:00 am** 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School	16 Tidings articles due	17 6:00 pm Advocacy Circle mtg 7:00 pm Council meeting	18 3:00-5:00 pm Fare for All 5:30 pm Music practice 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm EDGE 7:30 pm Cragun's Parent mtg	19 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 	20 All Youth Gathering at Cragun's	21
22 **Worship Service/ Communion** **8:00 Traditional** 9:00 am Coffee Hour 9:00 am Sunday School **10:00 Beatles service**	23	24	25 6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship followed by Pie Social	26 	27	28
29 **Worship Service/ Communion** **8:00 & 10:00 am** 9:00 am Coffee Hour	30					

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Statement of Income and Expenses
Month Ending September 30, 2026

Category	September Actual	September Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Unified Giving	$ 30,674	$ 36,165	$ 291,074	$ 325,481
Loose Offering	$ 523	$ 958	$ 6,960	$ 8,625
Other Income	$ 556	$ 38	$ 11,508	$ 10,088
Phoenix Operating Reimbursement	$ 1,770	$ 2,375	$ 22,965	$ 21,375
Total Regular Giving	**$ 33,522**	**$ 39,535**	**$ 332,507**	**$ 365,568**
	September	September	YTD	YTD
Expenses	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Mission Support				
Synod Support	$ 2,429	$ 2,429	$ 21,863	$ 21,863
Missionaries	$ 188	$ 188	$ 1,688	$ 1,688
Iringa Church Tanzania	$ 92	$ 92	$ 825	$ 825
Sub-total Mission Expenses	$ 2,708	$ 2,708	$ 24,375	$ 24,375
General Expenses				
Ministry Support	$ 32,941	$ 38,922	$ 322,916	$ 349,339
Church Property	$ 8,506	$ 7,023	$ 77,857	$ 77,191
Stewardship	$ 176	$ 100	$ 4,484	$ 7,900
Learning & Youth	$ 4,581	$ 710	$ 7,551	$ 10,516
Worship	$ 106	$ 521	$ 3,943	$ 6,437
Audio Visual	$ 10	$ 225	$ 519	$ 2,025
Witness & Service	$ -	$ 83	$ 128	$ 750
Sub-total General Expenses	$ 46,320	$ 47,584	$ 417,397	$ 454,159
Total Regular Expenses	$ 49,028	$ 50,292	$ 441,772	$ 478,534
Total Net Income - September 2026	$ (15,506)	$ (10,757)	$ (109,265)	$ (112,966)
Unified Support - Phoenix	$ 14,000	$ 12,000	$ 108,000	$ 108,000
Income Less Expense after Phoenix Support	$ (1,506)	$ 1,243		
Total Net Income - Year-To-Date			$ (1,265)	$ (4,966)

September Income was $6,013 under the September Budget
September Expense was $1,264 under the September Budget

Net Income is -$1,506 for September
Net Income is -$1,265 Year to Date

YTD Phoenix Rent Received YTD $165,872.23

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd J. Fisk

Treasurer

See our website www.trinitynorthbranch.org to give electronically **o**n 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!

We have an update regarding a change in our council leadership. Dan Peterson has stepped down as council president. We thank him for his time, service, and faithful leadership over the past year, as he transitions to other callings.

In his place, council elected Jeff Johnson as the new council president for the remainder of his term. We are grateful for the vision and leadership he brings to our church and are excited about what's next!

While many of you already know Jeff, he has offered the following introduction:



Hi, I'm Jeff.
I have been a member of Trinity since 1995, when my high school sweetheart, Kris, and I moved back to North Branch to raise our family. Trinity has been a source of many blessings to Kris, our family, and me over the years.
Throughout those 31 years, I have been involved in Youth Ministry, Logos, Men's Ministry, Church Council, and as a coordinator for the Path to Home Program. I am currently serving my third term on Council and am working to re-establish the Property Committee.

I believe Trinity is at an important turning point as we realign our mission and vision for the future. I look forward to serving as Council President during this exciting time and working together with our congregation as we discern where God is leading Trinity next.

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 jdolezalek@trinitynorthbranch.org, or leave her a message at church, or stop by the piano after a church service. 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 www.trinitynorthbranch.org.



Attendance & Views

Date		In person	Online
9/6	**9a**	91	115
9/13	**9a**	114	103
9/20	**8a**	47	258
	10a	91	113
9/27	**8a**	52	113
	10a	119	145
Healing Service		**12**	



Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for our funeral ministry. We have had multiple funerals in a short time, and we have had a great response to the requests for kitchen volunteers and donations of bars. We often hear from families how much they appreciate the hospitality and meal following a service. Thank you for all you do to support this important ministry!

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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

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Shari Denny, Cemetery Staff

Outreach Committee:
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Todd Fisk, Church Treasurer

Missionaries: Our Sister Congregation in Tanzania—Pawaga

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

