

Trinity Lutheran Church
ANNOUNCEMENTS
August 31-September 6
Proverbs 25:6-7 (page 471 of the Old Testament)
Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16 (page 177 of the New Testament)
Luke 14:1,7-14 (page 59 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by Fran Stephenson in memory of husband, Ed Stephenson.

Live Stream Worship Service—A reminder that both Sunday services are live-streamed on our website (tlcmidland.org), available on You Tube (TLCMid3701), and Facebook (facebook.com/MidlandTLC). Please be aware that you may be seen on camera as you go up for the children's message or communion.

Beginning next Sunday, September 7, the Contemporary Worship Service will begin at 11:00!



God's Work, Our Hands will be Sunday, September 28. Watch for more information soon.



Chancel Choir Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 4, at 7:00pm in the Choir room.

JuBELLation Handbell Choir Rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 8, at 7:00pm in the Bell Room.

If you are interested in joining the choir or handbells, please contact Jonathan Lonsway.



True Spirit Singers will begin their season with a rehearsal on Tuesday, September 9, at 7:00pm in the choir room. We welcome all who enjoy singing light, gospel-type music. Our rehearsals are the 2nd, 4th, (and 5th, if there is one) Tuesdays of each month. We usually sing for the 5:00 Saturday worship service once a month. Come Join Us!



Get Ready! Trinity's Vision Journey

God is writing our next chapter at Trinity—and we want every voice in the room. In the weeks ahead, we'll launch a church-wide visioning process to shape a Spirit-led strategic plan for our future. We'll pray, listen, dream, and decide together so our ministries reflect where God is calling us in this season.

How to get ready:

- Pray daily for open hearts and bold imagination.
- Complete the online survey coming soon. (Paper version will be available.)
- Attend listening nights and dreaming sessions (dates to be announced soon).
- Speak up with your hopes, stories, and ideas—kids and youth included.

Let's expect more than we can ask or imagine. Plan to get involved. Plan to be surprised by God.

Please make sure the church has your correct email address



Do you love children? Are you passionate about science or cooking? Do you enjoy telling stories? I have a place for you! I am looking for volunteers for both Kids Praise on Sunday mornings and Ignite on Wednesday nights. Kids Praise is a 20-minute commitment within the Sunday morning service (the kids leave the service after the Children's Message, talk about the Bible story, participate in an activity, and return to the service by the Offering). On Wednesday nights from 6-7, the kids experience a Bible story through science, games, cooking, crafts, and more! If you are willing to help, even just once in a while, please let me know. Thank you, Melanie – mlonsway@tlcmidland.org



The Third Annual Chocolate Chip Cookie Bake-Off is almost here! September 10. Start perfecting your recipe! Participants are to bake two dozen cookies. Please text Emily Danielsen with questions at 989.259.8048. Sign-ups will be in the narthex beginning this weekend.

TASTE OF HONDURAS: Saturday, September 6, 1:00-3:00 Enjoy a traditional Honduran lunch, learn about our synod partnership with the Lutheran Church of Honduras, win a door prize, try your hand at a pinata. The event is free but donations are welcome. Donations up to \$3000 will be matched by a generous supporter. Please RSVP and sign up (near nursery) by August 31. Come for the food, stay for the stories, leave with your heart full.



Charcuterie Board Mixer—Ladies, join us on Sunday, September 14, from 5:00-7:00pm at the 2205 Ramble Lane for fun and fellowship with other Trinity women. This event includes a tutorial on how to assemble a charcuterie board, charcuterie snacks and beverages to enjoy, a custom-made charcuterie board to take home as a memento. The cost is \$15 and you can sign up at the board by the Nursery.

Free Rummage Sale: There will be a free rummage sale held on September 13, from 9:00-2:00. Donations are accepted until Friday, September 5. Volunteers are needed to organize things and/or help during the day of the sale. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Avery—989.600.8702

New Member Class: The next New Member Class will be held on Sunday, October 5th at 10:00 in the chapel. We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming you with open arms!



Trinity Music Academy

Join us to learn music, handbells, drums, and more!
Kindergarten – 5th Grade
Fall Session starts on Wednesday, September 17th,
4:00-5:15 pm
Use QR code to register.



THIRD ANNUAL IGNITE KICK-OFF—Wednesday, September 10. 5:15 pm dinner with tailgate food, bounce houses, Chocolate Chip Cookie Bake Off.



The Coffee and Conversation Group will NOT meet on this Monday, Stranded Yarn and Coffee will be closed for Labor Day. Tuesday mornings you are invited to join them at 9:00am at Stranded Yarn and Coffee



Need a prayer? We all go through circumstances from time to time where we could use an extra prayer or someone to listen. Trinity Lutheran has Stephen Ministers throughout the congregation who are trained to provide prayer, care, and comfort. If you find yourself needing a little extra care today, please stop in the Hearth Room after the service. A Stephen Minister will be there to share a prayer with you.

Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, September 10 and 24th. We arrive about 9:30, make lunch, and serve it. We are usually done around 1:30pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lee Smith at (989) 415-5020.

One of the many ways we make connections with God and with others is through the gift of Bible Study! Consider joining one this week.



WEDNESDAYS

- **Sunday's Coming Bible Study** meets on Wednesday. Come join us as we look at lessons for the coming weekend and enjoy a lively discussion. This group meets at 10:00 am in the hearth room.



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 21st from 10:00 – 10:45 am (between the two services). Watch for more information to follow.

The Adult Sunday School class will reconvene on Sunday, September 21 at 10 am (between services) in the Hearth Room. Please join us as we begin the year with a new program!

Confirmation Class will begin on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00pm. We will also meet on Sundays at 10:00am.

Beginning its 14th year, the Trinity Women's Lifegroup is excited to kick off for Fall on Sunday, Sept 21 at 10 am in the conference room. ALL women of ALL ages are welcome to join us. Our strength is in the diversity of ages and life experiences as we gather to grow, connect, and pray together. We are a no homework group, currently exploring several video choices to watch and discuss. Each week is a new topic which lends itself to joining whenever it works for your schedule. We will always make room for new faces around the table. Questions? Please reach out to Heidi Lang, call or text 517.930.5037.

ELCA World Hunger. If you would like to give a hand to someone who is trying to get their life together, ELCA World Hunger Program is for you. The program offers many ways of support. Farming training sessions, seeds, tools, and irrigation systems are all ways farmers receive the boost they need to provide for their families. Water wells and latrines help individual families and villages with clean water. Health care kits, vaccinations, nurses, and bed nets help families and communities stay healthy. Schooling for girls, school fees, and school uniforms provide hope for the future. You are encouraged to give to ELCA World Hunger on the second weekend of each month whether it is by putting loose change in the offering plate or using the special World Hunger envelopes in the pew racks. You can also stop at the Welcome Center and pick up a coin bank to use at home. When it is full, bring it back to the Welcome Center, and empty it into the large, wall-mounted, coin bank. Then take your coin bank home to fill again. It would surprise you to know how many people your gift is able to help. Thank you for your concern and your generosity.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: David, Heather, Darci, Jennifer, Eric, Carol, Kelly, Sara, Henry, Michele, Ajaya, and Bob.

Also, those suffering with cancer: Sharon, Julie, Gabby, Craig, Jeff, Barb, Mason, Bob, Kirt, Amber, Erin, Renee, Terri, Mookie, Barb, Tracey, and Sue.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for August 23/24: 292 in person 438 live-stream
Received: \$ 12,502.57

Unified Fund Income (from Offerings & Donations) &
Expenses (aligned to the budget - Operations, Benevolence, Resources, Education, etc)*:

July 2025
(Unified Fund Only*)
Income: \$ 89,386
Expenses: \$ 64,531
\$ 24,855

YTD through July 2025
(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)
Income: \$ 560,126
Investment Return: \$ 163,771
Expenses: \$ 661,566
\$ 62,331

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

If there are any questions, please contact Council Treasurer, Peder Danielsen.

Calendar August 31-September 7

	Sunday, August 31			Thursday, September 4
9:30am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00 am	Quilting Workshop
			10:00am	Project Community Connect
	Monday, September 1		10:00 am	Pre-school Playgroup
	OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY		6:30pm	Pre-School Parent Meeting
7:00 pm	Midland Serenity Group		7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
			7:00 pm	Recovery Group
	Tuesday, September 2			
9:00 am	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee			Friday, September 5
11:00 am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		9:30 am	Senior Yoga
12:00 pm	Staff Meeting		10:00am	Pre-School Classroom Visits
6:00pm	Toastmasters			
				Saturday, September 6
	Wednesday, September 3		1:00pm	Taste of Honduras
10:00 am	Bible Study		5:00 pm	Worship Service
12:00 pm	Disability Network			
5:30pm	Aktion Club			Sunday, September 7
7:00 pm	Recovery Group		8:45 am	Traditional Worship Service
			11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
			12:15pm	Listening in Love