

Trinity Lutheran Church
ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 11-17

Isaiah 42:1-9 (page 519 of the Old Testament)
Acts 10:34-43 (page 99 of the New Testament)
Matthew 3:13-17 (page 2 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by Marla and Dexter Crosby in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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.



FOUND: These glasses were found this week. If they belong to you, please pick them up on the counter in the office.



Poinsettias used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas can be picked up in the Gathering Room. There are extra plants, so even if you did not purchase one, you are free to take one home or give one to someone that would enjoy it.



New Here? Curious About Trinity? You're invited to a New Member Class on Sunday, January 18, held between services. Come discover our story, our faith, and our shared calling as a community that follows Jesus with hope, generosity, and purpose. Whether you're brand new or have been worshipping with us for a while, this is a relaxed and welcoming space to ask questions, meet others, and explore what it means to belong at Trinity.



The annual Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 8 at 10:00am. Please plan on attending as we look back over the past year and celebrate all God has accomplished in and through Trinity. It's time to look forward in joyful anticipation of all that is to come.



Holy Land Pilgrimage -- January 18–28, 2027 We invite you to pray about joining a Holy Land Pilgrimage in January 2027. This sacred journey will take us to the places where Jesus lived and taught—Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and more—combining worship, learning, and reflection along the way. Led by Pastor Jeff, this pilgrimage is an invitation to walk the land of the Bible and let scripture come alive in new and meaningful ways. Questions are always welcome.



Board Game Extravaganza Saturday, January 24, 1pm - 3pm
Join us in the Gathering Room for an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and friendly competition! Bring your favorite board/card game or come learn a new one. Everyone is invited! Bring a friend! Light snacks are provided. Questions? Ask Melanie at: mlonsway@tlcmidland.org

*Our Church
History*

Exciting news! As we prepare to publish our new church directory, we're also hoping to fill an important gap in our history. If you still have a 2015 pictorial directory, please consider donating it to the Trinity church archives—there are currently no copies on file. You may drop it off at the church office at your convenience.

And one more invitation: Trinity is seeking a new church historian to help preserve and record the stories and milestones of our congregation for generations to come. If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please contact Pastor Jeff.

XYZ 50+

Simon & Garfunkel Tribute Musical Show & Noon Lunch at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth on Thursday, March 19th! *Mrs. Robinson, Homeward Bound, Bridge Over Troubled Water, The Sound of Silence, Scarborough Fair*...these are just a few of the featured timeless songs that will be included in this concert that pays tribute to these 2 American music icons of the 1960s through the early 80s. A 9-piece backup band will support the blending harmonies of this concert duo in this upbeat 90-minute show. Doors open at 11:30 am for the \$63/person event which includes your chicken meal, beverages, dessert, tax, tip and entertainment. Transportation (limit of 14) will be by our church van, or you can drive yourself so you can spend some extra time in Frankenmuth. Payment (checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church) must be done at the time you sign up on the registration sheet located near the nursery across from the lobby Welcome Desk. Envelopes for your payment are provided in the clear plastic envelope posted on the Sign-Up Board. We only have a reservation for 30 people for this event sponsored by our XYZ group. Deadline is Sunday, February 1st.



Visioning Trinity's Future: We have created a spot on the church's website to keep you updated with our process of visioning and strategic planning. You will find meeting minutes, what is happening and what is next. On the website, look under the heading "About" for "Mission and Vision". Check back often to keep up to date on what is happening.

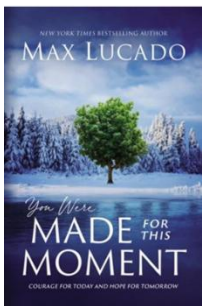


Will meet Wednesday beginning with a meal at 5:15pm. This week Team Mary will provide us with a salad bar with Italian, Mediterranean, and American toppings and cupcakes for dessert. Following the meal there will be programs for all ages. See you there!



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.

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.



Antioch Circle invites all women to join their monthly Bible study and fellowship. Antioch has met for decades. It is the last of several women's circles that took care of Trinity's sacristy, chancel, and kitchen. Antioch was in charge of the kitchen and the annual Halloween party for the children. Now we meet at 1:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month in the Hearth Room for an hour. This year we are studying Max Lucado's *You Were Made for This Moment*, which explores the courage of Esther through the Old Testament book that bears her name. You can purchase the book on Amazon for \$11. If you are interested, please contact Judy Richardson at (989)835-6810 or jdr3blue@gmail.com. We hope to hear from you in the new year!



Trinity Men's Ministry All Men Welcome! Last Thursday of the month at 7:30am. The next meeting is held on Thursday, January 29th in the church conference room.



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 –Meet at 10:00-10:45 am (between the two services). “Children ages 4-5th grade will meet in the Activities Room downstairs (outside the Youth Room). Please contact Melanie Lonsway with any questions.”

The Adult Sunday School class will NOT meet this Sunday, January 11. Please join us on Sunday, January 18, at 10 am (between services) in the Hearth Room, when we will continue with our DVD-based discussion, “Good God Questions”.

Confirmation Class meets on Sundays at 10:00am and Wednesdays at 6:00pm.



Trinity Women's Life Group resumes on Sun, Jan 11 at 10 am in the conference room. All women are invited and encouraged to join us as we continue our journey of learning about a new woman from the Bible each week. Come when you can! The nature of this study allows you to join us for fellowship, prayer, and discussion as your schedule allows. Questions? Please call or text Heidi Lang, 517.930.5037.

Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, January 14. 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.



Food Donations—Don't forget that Trinity helps support the food pantry with non-perishable food, paper products or personal care items on the 1st Sunday of each month. Your donations can be brought to the church at any time during the month and placed on the shelves near the elevator. Thank you!



Calling all Preschoolers! Trinity Lutheran Preschool will be accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year starting January 7th for all church members, including current and returning preschool families. Class offerings will be for 3–5-year-olds, with a Lunchtime Learners program from 12-1 pm for the 4 & 5 year olds. Our preschoolers are constantly learning, laughing and growing as they explore art, math, science, and more while socializing with children their own age in a loving & caring environment. Stop in and see why Trinity Lutheran Preschool is one of the most honorable and highly recognized organizations offering early childhood education in the Midland area! Call Andrea at 989-631-0692 for information, a registration packet, and a tour of our facility. Email: trinitylutheranpreschool@gmail.com for more information.

ELCA Good Gifts: A big thank you to those of you who gave Good Gifts to family and friends to celebrate Christmas. Know that your gifts are warmly welcomed by the individuals who receive them. Your gifts share God's love and greatly improve the sustainability of individuals and families. The Good Gifts catalogs are not just for Christmas. They are available at the Welcome Center all year round and can be used for any occasion.



Middle School Confirmation Students! On Wednesday, the 14th and 21st at 6:00 p.m., we will welcome guest speakers to join our class for conversation and discussion on the different Abrahamic religions. **This Wednesday the 14th, Raheef Alturkmani** from the Midland Islamic Center will be with us, **and on the 21st** we will be joined by **Larry and Cheryl Levy**, longtime Jewish educators in our area. All Confirmation students are strongly encouraged to attend, as well as parents and any other interested members of the congregation. We will **meet in the small chapel** for both sessions. **High Schoolers are invited too!**
See you there!



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Adam, Greg, Karen, Jennifer, Eric, Jes, Deborah, and Christopher.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Joe, Sara, Craig, and June.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for January 3/4: 277 in person 554 live-stream

Received: \$ 6115.00

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

November 2025 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through November 2025 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 71,125	Income:	\$ 835,722
Expenses:	\$ 87,144	Investment Return:	\$ 331,008
	\$ (16,019)	Expenses:	\$ 1,017,354
			\$ 149,376

**Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances*

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

**Calendar
January 11-18**

	Sunday, January 11			Thursday, January 15
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	Confirmation Class		12:00pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages		12:30pm	Disability Network
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		1:00pm	PEO Chapter CZ
5:00pm	High School Youth Group		3:30pm	Funeral Luncheon
			7:00pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	Monday, January 12		7:00pm	Recovery Group
9:30am	Senior Yoga			
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yard and Coffee			Friday, January 16
5:30pm	Asset Management Meeting		9:30am	Senior Yoga
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760			Saturday, January 17
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		5:00pm	Worship Service
	Tuesday, January 13			Sunday, January 18
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yard and Coffee		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		10:00am	New Member Information Group
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		10:00am	Confirmation Class
5:30pm	Church Council meeting		10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
6:30pm	Sea Scouts		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers Rehearsal		5:00pm	High School Youth Group
	Wednesday, January 14			
9:00am	PEO Meeting			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
5:15pm	Ignite			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			