

Trinity Lutheran Church
ANNOUNCEMENTS
January 18-24
Isaiah 49:1-7 (page 526 of the Old Testament)
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (page 127 of the New Testament)
John 1:29-42 (page 70 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by Noreen Abke in memory of Dave Abke.

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.

**REMINDER THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY.**



Today----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 worshiping 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 on 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. You will find a copy of the Annual Report available on our website. There are also hard copies available in the narthex.



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



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.

FREE The storage room containing the church decorations has been cleaned and organized. Several items we no longer use are available for anyone who can put them to good use. These items are displayed on the tables in the downstairs hallway. Please feel free to look through them and take whatever you can use.

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.

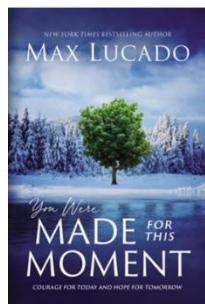


Will meet Wednesday beginning with a meal at 5:15pm. This week Team Abraham will provide us with Teriyaki Chicken, Orange Chicken, a green salad and Rice Krispie Treats for dessert. Following the meal there will be programs for all ages. See you there!



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! Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 20th.



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 meet again this Sunday, when we will continue with our DVD-based discussion, “Good God Questions”. Today’s question: “What happens to Persons who are Baptized but do not Believe?” Please join us this Sunday, January 18, at 10 am (between services). We will plan to meet in the Hearth Room.

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



Trinity Women's Life Group resumes meeting today 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 28. 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 is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year 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 21st at 6:00 p.m., we will welcome a guest speaker to join our class for conversation and discussion. **Wednesday 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**. **High Schoolers are invited too!** See you there!

PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Baby Powaga, Pennie, Dannie, Scott, Lisa, Eric, Carol, Tricia, Elaine, Kelly, Betty, Phil, Karen, Linda, Don, Jes, Christopher, Gregg, and Andrea.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for January 10/11: 133 in person 486 live-stream

Received: \$ 7,173.00

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

November 2025	
<i>(Unified Fund Only*)</i>	
Income:	\$ 71,125
Expenses:	\$ 87,144
	\$ (16,019)

YTD through November 2025	
<i>(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)</i>	
Income:	\$ 835,722
Investment Return:	\$ 331,008
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 18-25

	Sunday, January 18			Thursday, January 22
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	New Member Informational Meeting		7:00pm	Chancel Choir rehearsals
10:00am	Confirmation Class		7:00pm	Recovery Group
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages			
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service			Friday, January 23
5:00pm	High School Youth Group		9:30am	Senior Yoga
			12:30pm	MCO String Ensemble Rehearsal
	Monday, January 19			
	OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY			Saturday, January 24
9:30am	Senior Yoga		1:00pm	Board Game Extravaganza
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		5:00pm	Worship Service
6:00pm	MCFAN Board Meeting			
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			Sunday, January 25
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			New Members Join Today
			8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
			10:00am	Confirmation Class
	Tuesday, January 20		10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		5:00pm	High School Youth Group
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			
1:00pm	Antioch Circle			
1:30pm	Stephen Ministry			
6:00pm	Toastmasters			
6:30pm	Sea Scouts			
	Wednesday, January 21			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
5:15pm	Ignite			
5:30pm	Aktion Club			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board Meeting			