

Trinity Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 13-19

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (page 145 of the Old Testament)

Colossians 1:1-14 (page 155 of the New Testament)

Luke 10:25-37 (page 54 of the New Testament)

**The flowers on the altar** are given in honor of all our volunteers that give of their time and talent to keep our building in good repair and make sure everything is working as it should.

**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 forward for the children's message or communion.

**Rock the Block with the Trinity Crew** -- Trinity will once again participate in Habitat for Humanity's Rock the Block, which will take place this Tuesday through Thursday, July 15-17 in Coleman. This program helps revitalize a neighborhood and is a great way to serve your neighbors. No prior building skills are required, and we will provide the necessary tools. We will meet each morning at 9 AM at the ball diamonds near Faith United Methodist Church in downtown Coleman and will work until 3 PM. Lunch will be provided. For more information call Jerry Hahnfeld at 989-600-7113.



**Popsicles in the Park**---Wednesday, July 16, 6-7pm, at the Gerstacker (Tridge) Splash Pad, 100 Ashman Street. Wear your swimsuit, bring your dinner, and we will provide popsicles!

Questions? Call Melanie at 616-490-2161



Whether you're new to our congregation or just want to learn more about who we are and what we believe, we invite you to join us for a New Members' Information Session. Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, between services in the Chapel. Learn about our mission, beliefs and ministries, meet some awesome church members, ways to get connected and involved and ask any questions you may have.



**Welcome Picnic for new, newer and prospective members.** Tuesday, August 12, 5:30pm (social time) 6:00pm meal. We will provide brats, hamburgers and hot dogs and lemonade. RSVP to Nick Messing, 989.450.1327 with your name and number attending and the side dish you will bring to share.

**Free Rummage Sale:** There will be two free rummage sales held on August 16 and September 13, from 9:00-2:00. No additional donations are being accepted at this time.



**Epic Water Gun Battle**---Join us Sunday, August 10th from 5-7pm. Water fun for all ages! Middle and High School youth will battle in the backyard (water guns provided, but you can bring your own); Elementary and Preschool kids will be setup in the front yard with water games.

Everyone is welcome! Following the water fun, we will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and lemonade. Please bring a dish to pass.

## COMING SOON-----



**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL IGNITE KICK-OFF**---Wednesday, September 10. 5:15pm dinner with tailgate food, bounce houses, Chocolate Chip Cookie Bake Off. More details are coming soon. If you would like to help with meals, please sign up on the board near the nursery.

**NEW WOMEN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES COMING!** Ladies, we're excited to announce new opportunities to grow together in faith, fellowship, and service! Whether you're new to church or have been here for years, there's a place for you.



**CHARCUTERIE BOARD BUILDING & MIXER**, Sunday, September 14, 5:00-7:00pm. More details soon.



**PJ'S AND PANCAKES** will be held on Saturday, **October 4** beginning at 9:30 (The incorrect date was listed last week). Watch for additional information.



**WOMEN'S RETREAT in Bay City**, Saturday & Sunday, October 18-19, 2:00pm-11:30am. More details are coming soon.

If you are interested in helping with the planning or just being a part of this wonderful group, please sign up on the board near the nursery. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jeff or Jen Mishic (989.798.7752).

### **SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: Welcome and LGBTQIA+ Identities (Gathering Room)**

Christians are called to share the love of Jesus with all the world. As part of an exploration of how Trinity understands welcome within our congregation, Vicar Tim will lead a summer Bible study on LGBTQIA+ identities. Jesus' vision of community is expansive, so even in times when our larger society feels anxious, we Christians are called to pause, to learn, and to listen.

While focused in many ways on LGBTQIA+ identities, this Bible study also will examine questions of how to translate and interpret scripture across history. It will be a chance to put into practice some of the Lutheran approaches to reading the Bible that we learned about last fall as part of our Ignite education program. It also will be an opportunity to wrestle faithfully with the nuances and ambiguities of language.

The Bible study will begin on Wednesday, June 25th at 6 PM, with a repeat of each session on the following Sunday night. The sessions run for 6 weeks, but there will be a break on July 16th and 20th while Vicar Tim visits family out of state. The last Wednesday will be August 6th and the last Sunday, August 10th.

Please note, there will be no meal in the hour beforehand since there is no Ignite program through the summer.

- Week 3—"Power and Hospitality"—Wednesday, July 9th and Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm

Key scripture passages: Genesis 18 & 19. Note: These chapters contain sexual violence.

- Break on Wednesday, July 16th and Sunday, July 20th
- Week 4—"Stories of Christian Acceptance"—Wednesday, July 23rd and Sunday, July 27th

Key scripture passages: To be announced.

- Week 5—"What about the Prohibitions?"—Wednesday, July 30th and Sunday, August 3rd

Key scripture passages: To be announced.

- Week 6—"God's Knowledge of Us"—Wednesday, August 6th and Sunday, August 10th

Key scripture passages: To be announced.



**Rockin' Oldies Beach Party Boys Musical Show & Noon Lunch at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth on Thursday, September 18th!** The show is fast paced and interactive with a focus on lots of nostalgia to those of us who remember the music of the 60's

and 70's! The harmony of the Beach Boys, Jan and Dean and others popular in that era will entertain you and bring back some good memories. Doors open at 11:30 am for the \$61/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 made at the time you sign up** on the reservation sheet located on the wall near the nursery door across from the lobby Welcome Desk. Envelopes will be provided for your payment. **Please place the envelope in the drop box by the office.** We only have a reservation for 30 people for this event sponsored by our XYZ group. The deadline is Friday, August 1st or earlier if all 30 tickets are sold.



**The Coffee and Conversation Group** will meet on Monday at 1:00pm at Stranded Yarn and Coffee. 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, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.
- **Summer Bible Study** meets Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the Gathering room.

#### **SUNDAYS**

- **Summer Bible Study** (a repeat of the Wednesday class) meets Sunday at 6:00pm in the Gathering Room.

#### **TRINITY YOUTH INFORMATION:**



**Middle and High School Youth Group Kayaking Trip**, float the lower Chippewa River: July 27th at 2:30pm. We will meet at the Tridge and shuttle up to the starting point from there. Kayaks are provided, and you choose from sit-in, sit-on-top, or tandem kayaks. If anyone has their own Kayak they would like to bring, they can do that as well. The whole trip should take between 1-2 hours. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon for those interested.



#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**



**Remember in your prayers this week:** David, Ronda, Julie, and Dwight.

**Also, those suffering with cancer:** Joe, Karen, Marybeth, Angie, Jerry, Sharon, Paige, Dale, Erin, Pam, Mark, Becky, Peter, Barb, Mason, and Terri.

***In the face of disaster***, our congregation, through Lutheran Disaster Response, shares relief today and builds resilience for tomorrow.

Flooding is one of the most common natural disasters in the United States. Across the country, we support communities as they recover from devastating floodwaters. LDR collaborates with synods and partners to address urgent needs, offer emotional and spiritual support, facilitate long-term recovery (including disaster case management and addressing unmet needs), and provide educational training to synods and partners in affected regions.

Here in Midland, we are acutely aware of the destructive power of flooding. A portion of your regular offering already supports Lutheran Disaster Response, addressing disasters in the US and around the world. Our church's gifts to LDR support our commitment to share healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disaster. Together we reflect Christ's light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. If you wish to give beyond your offering to LDR, use this link:

[https://give.elca.org/page/85307/donate/1?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=engagingnetworks&utm\\_campaign=utm\\_campaign&utm\\_content=070525+LDR+Texas+Flooding+e-Alert+-+Core&ea.url.id=3753224&forwarded=true](https://give.elca.org/page/85307/donate/1?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=utm_campaign&utm_content=070525+LDR+Texas+Flooding+e-Alert+-+Core&ea.url.id=3753224&forwarded=true)



Fela Mbahibwe used to have a small house and a garden. Her children attended school. Then, last spring, everything went sideways.

Her village in the eastern region of the Democratic Republic of Congo was attacked by the M23 rebel militia. Her husband was killed.

"I lost my life just like that," she said. "We just ran. We didn't carry anything. No utensils, we just took the children. Others died while trying to run. We just continued running."

Tied together by a rope to avoid separation, the family eventually arrived at a displacement camp near the city of Goma. That is where your compassion found her.

"When we arrived here, we didn't have anything," Fela recalled. "We slept outside. We got rained on. We started building temporary shelters from shrubs that we collected, just to get a place to lie down."

Thankfully, Lutheran World Relief has a long history of working in eastern Congo. Last year, despite ongoing violence and challenges, your faithful support brought desperately needed help to the crowded camps around Goma. ELCA World Hunger provides funding to various partners who address hunger and poverty. Lutheran World Relief is one of those partners.

Your love for these neighbors looks like food, firewood, kitchen supplies and wash basins, soap and sanitary latrines to prevent the spread of disease. You ensured families had LWR Quilts & Kits to support their comfort and dignity.

You also helped people access savings and loan programs to open small businesses for income. Thanks to this support, Fela was able to open a small roadside stand to sell food for income.

"Thank you for all the work you did for us," Fela said. "We don't have any other help. We only have you."

The hardships are not over... In January 2025, the situation worsened when M23 rebels captured the city of Goma, killing 3,000 people and attacking many women in the camp where Fela's family was living.

Please join us in praying for Fela's family and the many others who are caught up in this terrible situation.

The Eastern Congo is a volatile place. Goma was briefly overtaken by rebels in 2012. In 2019, an Ebola outbreak killed thousands. Currently, 4.6 million people are displaced. But for 25 years, your compassion has provided essential health care and other critical support to the precious children of God who live there.

Source: <https://lwr.org/blog/2025/sharing-love-one-hardest-reach-places-earth> and by Emily Esworthy.

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger on the second weekend of the month, using coins in the offering plates or the envelopes in the pew racks, provide funding to help people like Fela and her family. Thank you for caring.

Stewardship Update  
Attendance for July 5/6: 206 in person 433 live-stream  
Received: \$ 28,571.00

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

**June 2025**  
(Unified Fund Only\*)

Income:	\$	77,690
Expenses:	\$	127,406
	\$	-49,716

**YTD through June 2025**  
(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return\*)

Income:	\$	470,740
Investment Return:	\$	94,756
Expenses:	\$	597,035
	\$	-31,539

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

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

**Calendar**  
**July 13-20**

	<b>Sunday, July 13</b>			<b>Thursday, July 17</b>
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:30am	Contemporary Worship Service		10:00am	Pre-School Playgroup
6:00pm	Summer Bible Study		12:30pm	Disability Network
			5:30pm	Not Quite Home Band
	<b>Monday, July 14</b>		7:00pm	Recovery Group
10:30am	DNMM Peer Meeting			
1:00pm	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee			<b>Friday, July 18</b>
6:00pm	Relay for Life		9:30am	Senior Yoga
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			
				<b>Saturday, July 19</b>
	<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>		11:00am	Jerry Heinz Funeral
9:00am	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee		5:00pm	Worship Service
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			<b>Sunday, July 20</b>
1:00pm	Antioch Circle		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
1:30pm	Stephen Ministry		10:00am	New Member Information Session
5:30pm	Not Quite Home Band		10:30am	Contemporary Worship Service
6:00pm	Toastmasters			
	<b>Wednesday, July 16</b>			
10:00am	Bible Study			
6:00pm	Popsicles in the Park			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			