

Trinity Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 16-22

Malachi 4:1-2a (page 692 of the Old Testament)

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (page 160 of the New Testament)

Luke 21:5-19 (page 65 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by Connie and Terry Brilinski in honor of their 66th 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.



Parent's Night Out-- Friday, December 5 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Drop your kids off for games, crafts, and more! Our youth and adults will supervise while you have dinner, go shopping, or just enjoy a couple hours to yourself! The nursery will be open, and we will have other activities downstairs. Snacks will be provided. Event is free, but you must register by December 1st.



Dale Ross and Anita Hood would like to thank everyone for the many cards and wishes for Dale on his baptism and First Communion last weekend. It made Dale feel so loved and welcomed into Trinity's family.



THANK YOU for your generous support of the 21st annual Trinity Youth Christmas Greens fundraiser! Due to ordering in bulk, we have the following extra items available for purchase: one 28-in (\$38) and three 22-in (\$30 each) mixed green wreaths; four 22-in noble fir wreaths (\$28 each); three 10-ft garlands (\$30 each); two 30x19-in swags (\$28 each) and two centerpieces (\$25 each). Flyers with photos are available in the church office. All greens come from the Pacific Northwest and they still look wonderful in February! Delivery will be the week before Thanksgiving. If you would like to purchase any remaining items, contact Sandy

Schlesinger at sandyschlesinger@gmail.com or 989-859-7843 or Joe Johnson at jjohnson@tlcmidland.org. Thanks for all you do to support our youth programs!



Rehearsals begin for this year's Christmas Pageant, "Uncertain Poor Shepherds", on Wednesday, November 12 at 6pm and Sunday, November 16 at 10am. Please plan on attending either Wednesday OR Sunday rehearsals (kids are not required to be at both). The Pageant will be presented on Saturday, December 20 at 5pm and Sunday, December 21 at 8:45am and 11am. If you have any questions, please let Melanie know--- mlonsway@tlcmidland.org.



Buy a Turkey! Trinity, in partnership with LaLonde's, will be providing turkeys for the Thanksgiving Gift Baskets. Our hope is to purchase 300 turkeys to help those less fortunate. Each turkey will cost \$30. We challenge each family to purchase a turkey. Please write the check to Trinity Lutheran Church and put "turkey" in the memo line. Cash can be placed in an envelope with "turkey" written on the front.



Donate a pie! We need about 60 pies to help fill the community Thanksgiving Gift Baskets. Will you help? The pie can be fresh or frozen, purchased or baked, whichever you prefer. Please sign up on the bulletin board near the nursery. Please have the pies at the church by 8:00am on Monday, November 24. See Pam Fagan or Cathy Bloomfield if you have any questions.



Christmas Poinsettia Orders—The deadline to order your poinsettia has been extended to December 14—Order your red poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Each poinsettia costs \$19.00 and can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms are available at the welcome desk. Please return your order form to Cathy or Jeri Lynne.



It's Christmas Sharing Tree time. For over 40 years the Midland Sharing Tree has helped fill holiday wishes for boys, girls, teens, women and men. They strive to make sure every person feels the touch of our caring community during the holiday season. Will you help? Take a tag from the tree, purchase the item requested and return it to church by December 1. Place the unwrapped gift in a gift bag, including the tag, and place it under the tree. Gift cards should be returned to the Welcome Desk. Let's make this a happy holiday for everyone.

Advent Worship Services will begin on Wednesday December 3 at 7:00pm following Ignite.

Christmas Eve Worship Services will be held at 4:00pm (with the organ), 6:30pm (with the organ) and 9:00pm (with the band). Make plans to attend one of these special worship services.



Christmas Eve Instrument Ensemble... Do you play an instrument, now or sometime in your storied past? We would like to include an instrumental ensemble in our Christmas Eve worship services this year, and you are invited to participate! You don't have to be a professional to join. To get an idea of interest, musical ability and availability to rehearse, please use the link or QR code to fill out a brief survey. Jonathan, our Director of Music, will be in touch with you to answer any questions you might have. Let's make some music together!



Women's Ministry Ornament Exchange, Sunday, November 23 (5–7 PM) Gathering Room. Cost: \$15 It's the most wonderful time of the year—and the perfect time to gather with friends old and new! Join us for an evening filled with laughter, friendship, and the sparkle of the season. Here's how it works: Choose a Christmas, winter, or faith-inspired word that begins with the first letter of your name (for example, Jen → Joy). Find or create an ornament that represents that word, valued at \$10 or less. Wrap your ornament in red or green tissue paper—no tags, no names, just a festive surprise! Come for the fun. Stay for the friendship. Bring a guest—or two!—and share in the joy of Christmas together.



Festival of Tables—Ladies, mark your calendars! Join us on Saturday, December 6. The soup and sandwich lunch begins at 11:30am and costs \$15.00 per person. This will be a joyful and festive gathering of our second annual Festival of Tables—a lunch filled with friendship, faith, and the beauty of Christmas. Each table will be uniquely decorated by a hostess, reflecting the warmth and spirit of the season. Bring your holiday cheer and enjoy a meal and uplifting fellowship to prepare our hearts for this sacred season. This is the perfect opportunity to connect with other women, make new friends, begin a new holiday tradition with our daughters and granddaughters, and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We would love for you to join us! You may purchase tickets or sign up to host a table at the Welcome Desk.

Women's retreat evaluation form—If you took part in the Women's Retreat and have not completed an Evaluation Form, please do so. This will help us in planning future retreats. Evaluation Forms can be found on the Women's Ministry Board opposite the Food Pantry Collection Shelves just outside the side door of the sanctuary. Please complete and form and return it to the Welcome Desk. Thank you.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th @ 2:00 pm in the Gathering Room. One in four seniors age 65 and older falls each year and the risk of falling rises with age! You are invited to learn how to prevent falls and improve your balance by attending this program with retired Physical Therapist Julie Pierce who is also a certified group exercise instructor who teaches seniors physical exercises that relate to the key components of agility, balance, coordination, speed/reaction time and muscle strength. Sue Montesi will also provide brain exercise tips which can enhance and help maintain your balance functions. You will be encouraged to participate in the exercises demonstrated that can be performed sitting or standing (with support as needed) so please wear comfortable appropriate clothing including tennis shoes. Sign up on the registration sheet provided on the board across from the lobby desk for this free XYZ sponsored program as light refreshments will be provided.



PICTURE DIRECTORY---In November we will be taking pictures for a new Congregational Directory. These will be taken Wednesday, November 19 – Saturday, November 22, and Friday, November 28 and Saturday, November 29 (two days after Thanksgiving). You can sign up online or Saturday evening or Sunday morning before and after worship services. Each family will receive a free 8 X 10 photo and directory. Please call the church office and ask for Stacey or Cathy if you have any questions.



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 Martha will provide a green salad. A variety of entrees and sides, fruit, veggies and dessert will be provided by those that picked up the donation (color paper) slips. 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.



WEDNESDAYS

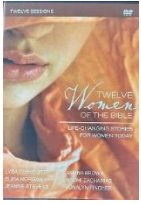
- **Sunday's Coming Bible Study** meets on Wednesday. Come join us as we look at lessons for the coming weekend and enjoy a lively discussion. This group meets at 10:00 am in the hearth room.



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 this Sunday, November 16 at 10 am (between services) in the Hearth Room. This week, we will conclude our discussion of God's Love for Us in the New Testament. Please join us!

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



The Trinity Women's Life group meet on Sundays 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. This fall we are connecting and discussing 12 women of the Bible. Each week is a new woman 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

Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, November 26. 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.



Ten16 Recovery Network—Sober Living Program is looking for working used bikes that you can donate to help someone maintain a job. If interested, please email scassidy@1016.org or call 989-631-0241 ext.1024. They will be happy to pick up the bike if you live in the city of Midland.



High School Youth Group is back, baby!!! We'll be meeting every Sunday evening from 5-7pm.

Hey Middle Schoolers, On **Wednesday November 19th** following Ignite, stick around from 7-9 for GAME NIGHT in the Gathering Room. We're talking video games, tabletop games, card games, even... mind games? (Is he joking? Or have the games already begun? Come and find out). Snacks will be provided!

Hey Middle and High School Youth!

It's your ol' pal Joe again. Hi, how are you? All the wonderful Christmas Greens we've been selling in the church lobby are coming next week. So, join me on Saturday, November 22nd at 1:00pm, and let's go deliver some of these bad boys to the good folk who ordered them! We can make an afternoon of it! I'll bring some hot coco and leftover Halloween candy; you bring your strong backs and young knees! High Schoolers, if you have a car and are legally allowed to drive it, bring it. Parents, if you would like your child to attend, consider joining us as well! We could use a few volunteers to help supervise and haul the swag.

This can be counted for volunteer hours. LET'S GOOOOOO!!!! (please wear warm clothes)



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Rayana, Adam, Carol, Jerry, Toni, Kelly, Theresa, Jen, Kevin, Phil, Eric, Jes, and Crystal.

Also, those suffering with cancer: Craig, Joe, Angie, Marybeth, Sharon, June, Mason, Jeff, Terri, and Tracey.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for November 8/9: 303 in person 408 live-stream

Received: \$ 5,025.00

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

September 2025			YTD through September 2025		
(Unified Fund Only*)			(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)		
Income:	\$	43,357	Income:	\$	697,627
Expenses:	\$	<u>77,073</u>	Investment Return:	\$	289,938
	\$	(33,716)	Expenses:	\$	<u>820,714</u>
				\$	155,851

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

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

**Calendar
November 16-23**

	Sunday, November 16			Thursday, November 20
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00 am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	Sunday School, Pageant Rehearsal, Confirmation and Bible Study		12:00pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		12:30pm	Disability Network
			1:00pm	PEO Chapter CZ
	Monday, November 17		2:00pm	Directory Pictures
9:30am	Senior Yoga		5:00pm	DAR Meeting
1:00pm	Coffee at Stranded Yarn & Coffee		6:30pm	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		7:00pm	Recovery Group
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760			
				Friday, November 21
	Tuesday, November 18		9:30am	Senior Yoga
9:00 am	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee		2:00pm	Directory Pictures
11:00 am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
12:30pm	DAR Book Club			Saturday, November 22
1:00pm	Antioch Circle		10:00am	Directory Pictures
1:30pm	Stephen Ministry		5:00pm	Worship Service
6:00pm	Evergreen Garden Club			
6:00pm	Toastmasters			Sunday, November 23
			8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
	Wednesday, November 19		10:00am	Sunday School, Pageant Rehearsal, Confirmation and Bible Study
10:00 am	Bible Study		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		5:00pm	High School Youth Group
12:00 pm	Disability Network		5:00pm	Women's Ministry Ornament Exchange
2:00pm	Directory Pictures			
2:00pm	XYZ50+ Balance / Falls			
5:00pm	Girl Scouts			
5:15pm	Ignite			
6:00pm	Children Pageant Rehearsal			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Middle School Game Night			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			