

Trinity Lutheran Church
ANNOUNCEMENTS
November 23-29
Jeremiah 23:1-6 (page 561 of the Old Testament)
Colossians 1:11-20 (page 155 of the New Testament)
Luke 23:33-43 (page 68 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by Ellen and Ron Myers in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.
by Rayana Larson in memory of her husband, Bill and
by Emily Lyons and Don LeBlanc in honor of their 25th 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.

Advent Worship Services will begin on Wednesday December 3 at 7:00pm.
We will have pizza for Advent services (Dec. 3, 10 and 17) and there will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby for volunteer servers and cookie donations for dessert.

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.

Little Caesars Gift Card—Last Sunday a gift card for Little Caesars was left on the Welcome Desk. If you left this card, please stop at the desk and let us know what the card is for. Thank you.



Today is the Women's Ministry Ornament Exchange, 5–7 PM in the 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.

It's time to think about decorating the church for the holidays. "Many hands make light work"—won't you lend a hand? Decorating will be done Monday, December 1-Wednesday, December 3 from 9:00am-12:00 noon. No need to sign up, just show up and help.

Mark your calendar for a Service of Healing and Wholeness to be held on Sunday, December 14 between worship services. Join us in the chapel for this special worship service.



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.

Men of Music Christmas Concert "Wonderful Peace" will be presented Sunday, December 7 at 2 & 7pm at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Get ready to be serenaded by the incredible talents of the Men of Music as they perform songs of the season. Admission is free; a freewill offering will benefit the Midland County Food Assistance Network.



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: two 22-in (\$30 each) mixed green wreaths; three 22-in noble fir wreaths (\$28 each); three 10-ft garlands (\$30 each); and two 30x19-in swags (\$28 each). Flyers with photos are available in the church office. All greens come from the Pacific Northwest and they still look wonderful in February! 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 for this year's Christmas Pageant, "Uncertain Poor Shepherds" will be on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and Sundays at 10:00. 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! All pies must be at church by Monday, November 24 at 8:30am.



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 help 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.



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.



PICTURE DIRECTORY---we are taking pictures for a new church directory. We have added 2 additional days—Tuesday, December 9 and Wednesday, December 10. 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 not meet Wednesday, November 26 due to Thanksgiving



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 begin a new DVD-based discussion this week called “Good God Questions”. Today's question: Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?” Please join us this Sunday, November 23 at 10 am (between services) in the Hearth Room.

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.

There will be NO youth group meeting on Sunday, November 30.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Tracia, Gregg, Ron, Katie, Steve, Phil, Rayana, Toni, Brithany, Meredith, and Lori.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for November 15/16: in person 438 live-stream

Received: \$ 13,848.00

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

October 2025 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through October 2025 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 66,970	Income:	\$ 764,597
Expenses:	\$ 108,066	Investment Return:	\$ 315,249
	\$ (33,716)	Expenses:	\$ 930,617
			\$ 149,229

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

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

**Calendar
November 23-30**

	Sunday, November 23			Thursday, November 27
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service			HAPPY THANKSGIVING
10:00am	Sunday School, Pageant Rehearsal, Confirmation and Bible Study			OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		7:00pm	Recovery Group
5:00pm	High School Youth Group			
5:00pm	Women's Ministry Ornament Exchange			Friday, November 28
				OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY
	Monday, November 24		2:00pm	Directory Pictures
9:30am	Senior Yoga			
1:00pm	Coffee at Stranded Yarn & Coffee			Saturday, November 29
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		10:00am	Directory Pictures
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		5:00pm	Worship Service
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760			
				Sunday, November 30
	Tuesday, November 25		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
9:00am	Fiber Arts Guild		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
9:00 am	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee			
11:00 am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			
12:00pm	Funeral Luncheon			
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers			
	Wednesday, November 26			
9:00am	PEO Meeting			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00 am	Bible Study			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			