

Trinity Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 9-15

Job 19:23-27a (page 364 of the Old Testament)

2 Thessalonians (page 160 of the New Testament)

Luke 20:27-38 (page 64 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by **Rex and Janet Robinette** in memory of Lori Robinette, by **David and Ginny Bartow** in honor of David's 88th birthday and their 68th wedding anniversary by **Jim and Donna Murphy** --To all the Jarheads, Leathernecks, and Women Marines who have served the people of this country with honor & dignity since the founding of the US Marine Corps on November 10, 1775, we salute you and we thank you for your service. Semper Fi, Marines. Happy 250th!!"

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.

Baptized in Christ this weekend is Merrill Duncan Smith son of Ryan and Aimee Smith. Please remember to pray for Merrill Duncan and his family as he joins the Kingdom of God.

Baptized in Christ this weekend is Dale Arnold Ross, foster-son of Anita Hood. Please remember to pray for Dale Arnold Ross and Anita as he joins the Kingdom of God.

Celebrate Dale's Baptism and first communion! We are overjoyed to share that **Dale**, the 10-year-old foster child of **Anita Hood**, has asked to be baptized! Following the 11:00 worship service, we'll gather in the **Gathering Room** for a **light cake reception** to celebrate this special moment in Dale's faith journey.

Today come hear Jonathan and Charly perform--Kent Dennis Memorial Recital will be held Sun., Nov. 9, 4:00 p.m., Memorial Presbyterian Church, Midland, Michigan - Kent Dennis Memorial Recital featuring members of the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists and previous scholarship winners. The concert is free, but we accept donations to fund our scholarship that supports organ students. This is a great way to support young musicians in our community.



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.



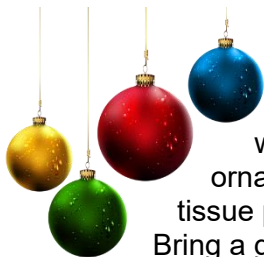
Christmas Poinsettia Orders—Order your red poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Each poinsettia costs \$19.00 and can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms are available at the welcome desk. Please return to Cathy or Jeri Lynne by December 14..



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.



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 will be held on Saturday, December 6, at 11:30-1:30. Time to start thinking about how you will decorate your table for this enjoyable event. Watch for more information soon.



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.



Trinity recently collected money to purchase a special needs van for a family in Midland. We received the following Thank You note: Dear Pam and All at Trinity Lutheran Church who helped us with the van. Words cannot fully express our gratitude for your generosity in helping us get a lift van for Nolan. When I was facing this significant need, your church community was a beacon of light, and your support has brought immense relief to our family. Thank you for your kindness and compassion.



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.



Do you have an old laptop computer you no longer want? Trying to get rid of an old laptop and don't know what to do with it? Afraid of just throwing it away? The Legacy Center needs older laptops that you no longer need. We loan out laptops to our adult learners so they can work on Digital Literacy credentials and a Financial Literacy class. We don't need any special programs on it to make use of them. Our learners use programs that only require an internet connection. If you want to wipe it clean (set it back to factory reset) that is great, or we can do it for you. Please reach out to Julie Hyatt at jhyatt@tlc4cs.org or catch her in the coffee cafe and she can take those old laptops off your hands and put them to good use. Thank you!



Will meet Wednesday beginning with a meal at 5:15pm. This week Team David will provide us with hot dogs, mac and cheese, salad, 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.



WEDNESDAYS

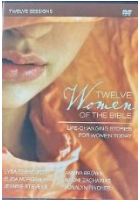
- **Sunday's Coming Bible Study** meets on Wednesday. Come join us as we look at lessons for the coming weekend and enjoy a lively discussion. This group meets at 10:00 am in the hearth room.



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 9 at 10 am (between services) in the Hearth Room. Please join us as we continue our lively group discussion of God's Love for Us in the New Testament!

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 12 and 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 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.



Coming soon (right after Thanksgiving) to a Christmas tree near you is an opportunity to gift someone you know and someone you do not know, with the same gift! The someone you know can be a son or daughter, parents, grandparents, a teacher, a special friend, etc. The someone you do not know can be a person who lives in the U.S.A. or one of 86 countries. New and popular gifts include: safe water access, a family farm, a piglet, a safe birth of a child, send a girl to school, environmentally friendly cookstove, a climate resilience kit, accompany a migrant returning home, support for a young adult in global mission. Look for the ELCA Good Gifts tree at Trinity, near the Welcome Center, where you will find ornaments and catalogs that you can use to select truly amazing gifts.



Do you have a working, used bike that you can donate to help someone maintain a job? 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!



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Tricia, Carl, Steve, Amanda, Cregg, Gary, Theresa, James, Carol, Kelly, Eric, Thomas, Toni, Brett, Chris, Kate, Jes, Brittney, and Travis

Also, those suffering with cancer: Craig, Joe, Angie, and Marybeth.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for November 1/2: 302 in person 396 live-stream

Received: \$ 16,282.75

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

September 2025 (Unified Fund Only*)	
Income:	\$ 43,357
Expenses:	\$ 77,073
	\$ (33,716)

YTD through September 2025 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 697,627
Investment Return:	\$ 289,938
Expenses:	\$ 820,714
	\$ 155,851

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

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

**Calendar
November 9-16**

	Sunday, November 2			Thursday, November 6
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00 am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study		6:30pm	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
12:15pm	Listening in Love		7:00pm	Recovery Group
6:00pm	High School Youth Group Escape Room			
				Friday, November 7
			9:30am	Senior Yoga
	Monday, November 3			
9:30am	Senior Yoga			Saturday, November 8
1:00pm	Coffee at Stranded Yarn & Coffee		5:00pm	Worship Service
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			Sunday, November 9
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
			10:00am	Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study
	Tuesday, November 4		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
9:00 am	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee		5:00pm	High School Youth Group
11:00 am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			
6:00pm	Toastmasters			
	Wednesday, November 5			
10:00 am	Bible Study			
12:00 pm	Disability Network			
5:15pm	Ignite			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board Meeting			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			