

Trinity Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 19-25

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (page 262 of the Old Testament)

2 Timothy 2:8-15 (page 165 of the New Testament)

Luke 17:11-19 (page 61 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by Dan and Jeri Pfruender in memory of Joan Pfruender Miller.

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.



Listening Session today, Sunday, October 19, between worship services. This will be a repeat of the listening session held on September 14th. If you were unable to attend that session or just want to hear the information a second time, you are invited to attend this discussion concerning the future of Trinity.

Reformation Sunday is next week: We commemorate the Reformation, initiated by Martin Luther in 1517 when he posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Please consider wearing red to symbolize the power of the Holy Spirit.

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). See the attached flyer concerning scheduling an appointment on-line for your family picture. You can also sign up on 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.



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.



Christmas Poinsettia Orders—Order your white 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 and must be returned by November 16.



Trunk or Treat, Sunday, October 26, 5 - 6:30 pm, 315 W. Larkin St (Larkin & Jerome St) Trinity Lutheran Church and Midland First United Methodist Church are partnering up to host the ultimate collaborative Trunk or Treat event for the Midland community! We are accepting candy donations in the church office. Please sign up to bring your car, van, or Batmobile to decorate and hand out candy!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45AF2BA0F4C61-59437821-trunk>



Halloween Concert - Pipe Screams (including our own Charly Sly)—A fun musical event for Halloween featuring the king of instruments—the organ! Family friendly, costumes encouraged. Come hear spooky, silly and seasonal music by organists, singers and instrumentalists. Admission by donation: Kid 0-9 free, Kids 10-17 \$3.00, Adults 18+ \$5.00. Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 pm. First Congregational Church in Saginaw.



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!



The 21st annual Christmas Greens Youth Fundraiser is now in progress! This event provides a great opportunity for our youth to earn funds to cover expenses for Trinity-related youth events such as Confirmation and High School summer camps, the CHARGE event, Music camps, Mission trips, ELCA Gatherings and more. Items available for sale include wreaths (22-inch & 28-inch diameter), swags, 10-foot garlands and centerpieces! Flyers with photos of all items are available in the church office. All greens come from the Pacific Northwest, and they still look wonderful in February! If interested, we can link you up with a youth who is selling the greens or your order can be given to Joe Johnson (jjohnson@tlcmidland.org) or to Sandy Schlesinger (989-859-7843; sandyschlesinger@gmail.com). All orders must be received by Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, by noon with delivery planned for the week before Thanksgiving. Thanks for all you do to support our youth!



The Toni and Trish House is hosting their annual Circle of Caring luncheon on October 29th at 12:15pm at the Great Hall in Midland. This complimentary luncheon is a wonderful chance to reconnect, hear updates about the exciting enhancements happening at the House, and learn how serving others has touched so many lives.

While we will ask for support, there is no minimum or maximum donation – we would simply like people to connect with the Toni and Trish House Mission. The favor of an RSVP is needed to ensure we can accommodate everyone: Trishhouse@gmail.com or 989.662.6400.

The mission of the Toni and Trish House is to provide compassionate, end-of-life care in a peaceful, home-like setting. Operating entirely on the generosity of the community, the House does not charge for its services.



Will meet Wednesday beginning with a meal at 5:15pm. This week Team Mary will provide us with a salad bar with Italian, Mediterranean, and American toppings 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 today 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! Note: There will be no Adult Sunday School on October 26

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

Looking for something new to do? Join Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) on Friday, October 24, at 6:00pm in the Gathering Room for a Make & Take Workshop with Vinyl Pix Studio. You will leave with a 3D Papercut Art Box that you created, all while helping fight cancer. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board by the nursery for more information or see Cathy Bloomfield.



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



October 26th Trunk r Treat: ATTENTION all Ghosts, Ghouls, and zombies in search of sweet, sweet braaaai- I mean, sugar: we're teaming up with our buddies over at First United Methodist to bring you a frightfully fun Trunk-r-Treat! On Sunday October 26th Youth Group will be meeting over at First United for a spooky evening of trunks, costumes, and enough candy to keep your dentist in business until next year. Mark your calendars (in blood) (jk don't do that)! More info to follow.

Tuesday, October 29th Middle School Youth it's MOVIE NIGHT from 6pm-9pm!! We will watch "Luther", the 2003 film about that idealistic German monk we all know and love! We'll start watching the film during Confirmation time (6-7pm), and we'll watch the movie all the way through (should be finished around 8-8:15). Following the film there will be a discussion lead by Vicar Tim and the BFJ (Big Friendly Joe). Popcorn will be provided! Can't wait to see you there!

Most Esteemed Scholars of the High School, Pray! Attend this most chilling missive:

On the eve of Sunday, the **Second of November**—a scant two days following that dreaded vigil of *All Hallows' Eve*—we shall embark upon a most harrowing expedition into shadow and mystery!

Our place of gathering shall be “Code Breakers Escape and Puzzle Rooms,” nestled at **4422 North Saginaw Road**. There, at the stroke of six o'clock in the evening, we shall dare to trespass the haunted halls of the accursed “Nevermore High.” Beware: the room is said to be thick with the remnants of sorrowful spirits and unspeakable secrets. Our trial shall last but an hour... that is: should fate smile upon us and we escape with our wits—and souls—intact.

With trembling anticipation, Your Faithful Youth Leader

Post Script: Wear your Halloween Costumes! It'll be fun!

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!

  **Youth Group Goes to CHARGE @ Great Wolf Lodge!**  

November 14–16 | Middle & High School Students

Pack your swimsuits, grab your Bible, and prepare your heart because we're heading to **CHARGE** at **Great Wolf Lodge!!!**

This will be a weekend full of: Powerful worship and teaching, Indoor water park madness, New friends and unforgettable memories, Pizza (probably), and mildly chaotic packing situations. Whether you're coming for the **faith**, the **fellowship**, or the **giant water slides**, this is a weekend you **do not want to miss!**

DETAILS:

-  **Dates:** November 14–16
-  **Who:** Middle & High School Students
-  **Registration and Room Cost:** \$100 Per Student. If enough people sign up to come this cost will go down, but for now plan on that. If the cost would prevent you or your student from attending, please speak to Joe Johnson about this, we will make it work. We do not want cost to ever be a barrier to participation.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Dick, Steve, Gregg, Jerry, Carol, Kelly, Carolyn, bob, AshLynn, Gary, Jen, Kevin, Luc-Taylor & family, Brett, Christopher, Noreen, rob, Jess, Lori, and Nick.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for October 11/12: 155 in person 333 live-stream

Received: \$ 10,680.00

Unified Fund Income (from Offerings & Donations) &

Expenses (aligned to the budget - Operations, Benevolence, Resources, Education, etc.):*

September 2025 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through September 2025 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 43,357	Income:	\$ 697,627
Expenses:	\$ 77,073	Investment Return:	\$ 289,938
	\$ (33,716)	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
October 19-26**

	Sunday, October 19			Thursday, October 23
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
5:00pm	High School Youth Group		7:00pm	Recovery Group
	Monday, October 20			Friday, October 24
9:30am	Senior Yoga		9:30am	Senior Yoga
1:00pm	Coffee at Stranded Yarn & Coffee		5:00pm	Relay for Life 3D Art Boxes
6:00pm	Thornberry Condo Association			
6:00pm	MCFAN Board Meeting			Saturday, October 25
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		8:00am	Layers of Grief
7:00 pm	Midland Serenity Group		5:00pm	Worship Service
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760			
				Sunday, October 26
	Tuesday, October 21		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
9:00 am	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee		10:00am	Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study
11:00 am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		5:00pm	High School Youth Trunk or Treat
1:30pm	Antioch Circle		6:00pm	Trunk or Treat with United Methodist Church
1:30pm	Stephen Ministry			
4:00pm	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal			
4:30pm	Zonta Meeting			
5:30pm	Zonta Dinner			
6:00pm	Toastmasters			
	Wednesday, October 22			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00 am	Bible Study			
12:00 pm	Disability Network			
5:15pm	Ignite			
5:30pm	Aktion club			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENT SETTING

- ✧ Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- ✧ Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled “photography appointment scheduling login”
- ✧ Enter your church code **mi2103**
- ✧ Enter your church password **photos**
- ✧ Click on the Enter button
- ✧ Click on the desired **photography** date
- ✧ Click on the Reserve Time button beside the desired photography appointment time
- ✧ Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk)
- ✧ Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family’s name
- ✧ If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10)
- ✧ Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family’s photography appointment
- ✧ Contact Cathy or Stacey if you need to change or cancel your photography appointment or if you have any questions.