

Trinity Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 5-11

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (page 676 of the Old Testament)

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (page 162 of the New Testament)

Luke 17:5-10 (page 61 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given in thankfulness for the those that prepare and serve the meals for the Ignite program.

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.

New Member Class: The New Member Class will be held today, October 5th at 10:00 in the chapel. We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming you with open arms!



Trinity Lutheran Preschool --Congratulations on your 60 years of Success!

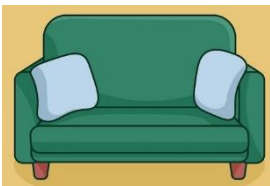
"An anniversary is not just a celebration; it's a reflection of our commitment to growth, progress, and making a positive impact."



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!



ATTENTION: Couch Donations Needed

Youth Group is currently in search of gently used couches (the "gently" is negotiable, as long as it isn't falling apart or smell like wet dog). Help us upgrade! If you have a couch (or sofa, love seat, or even a good chair!) that you've been thinking of getting rid of, we would love to take it off your hands! Let Joe Johnson know at jjohnson@tlcmidland.org

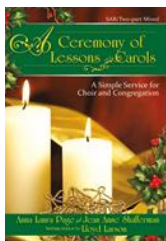
Listening in Love---October 5th at 12:15pm---in the Hearth Room



Many of us know and love someone who identifies with the LGBTQIA+ community. This group meets monthly to discuss how we can support one another and our loved ones. Understanding LGBTQIA+ identities sometimes asks us to think more expansively about gender. Previous discussions have considered the ways we can use language—both from scriptural and social standpoints—to place gender on a spectrum. This month we will consider the topic of a gender spectrum from a biological starting point.



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!



Calling all singers! Director of Music, Jonathan Lonsway, is planning a Christmas choir cantata for December. If you love to sing in a choir, in the car, or even in the shower, you are invited to join this special presentation of Christmas carols that will enhance observance of the season at Trinity. This opportunity is open to all youth and adults (middle school and up), and no prior choral experience is necessary. All that is required is a willingness to learn, a healthy sense of teamwork and comradery, and the ability to attend rehearsals. **Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays at 4:00pm beginning on October 7 and Thursdays at 6:30pm beginning October 9.** Please indicate interest by signing up (clipboard in alcove by the nursery).



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.



Halloween Concert - Pipe Screams--Include this spooktacular family friendly concert in your Halloween celebrations. Sponsored by the Saginaw Valley American Guild of Organists, this ghostly event will feature a variety of instruments including the king of instruments - the organ! Costume-clad performers grace the stage with their musical skills. 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.



Will meet Wednesday beginning with a meal at 5:15pm. For team Martha week we will enjoy chicken tacos, rice and beans, salad and brownies for dessert. Following the meal there will be programs for all ages. See you there!

Women's Retreat—Wrestling With God-Building on the Story of Jacob will be held on October 18-19 at the Courtyard Hotel in Bay City. You will find more information about this exciting opportunity in the brochure available at the Sign-Up Board near the nursery.



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 this Wednesday, October 8. 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

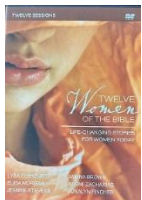
- **Sunday's Coming Bible Study** meets on Wednesday. Come join us as we look at lessons for the coming weekend and enjoy a lively discussion. This group meets at 10:00 am in the hearth room.



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.”

There will be no Adult Sunday School this Sunday. The Adult Sunday School class will resume at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 12 in the Hearth Room. We will be continuing our exploration of God's Love for Us in the Old Testament. Hope to see you then!

Confirmation Class will meet 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

ACT UGANDA – Your congregation has been instrumental in helping ACT Uganda. We now have a big goal that we would like to bring to your attention. We believe in the transformative power of education SO MUCH that we want to fund 225 scholarships in 2025! That is 70 more than we currently fund. It is a BIG ask, we know, but going to school is the most direct path out of poverty for a young person. Many Ugandan children—especially girls—miss out on a basic education simply because their families can't afford tuition or school supplies. Our HONOR scholarships enable students to receive a quality education from primary school to high school graduation so that they can become thriving adults. It takes just \$300 to send a child to school for one year. To learn more and to help education become a reality for a deserving and determined student, visit our website: actuganda.org/education. Thank you!



A gift of goats changed Alldin Pujari's future in Palsapada, India. Your generosity to ELCA World Hunger helped provide her with livestock, along with supplies and training in goat-rearing. The goats have helped her increase her income and provide for her family. Your gifts are sharing hope with individuals, families and communities through agriculture around the world. To support the church's mission, through ELCA World Hunger, to feed the hungry you may use the special World Hunger envelopes in the pew racks, you may put loose change in the offering plate on the second weekend of the month. Thank you for your monetary gift and for the gift of hope.



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

October 5th (after we get done at Crop Walk) we'll be doing something.... *delicious!* We'll be having dinner together, but here's the twist: each course will be served at a different Pastor's house.



On Sunday, October 12th, from 1-3 we're heading over to Valley Lanes for an afternoon of Bowling, Arcade Chaos, and an all-out LAZER TAG SHOWDOWN. Last time, Joe discovered the magic of lane bumpers, so he's pretty sure he'll break into double digits this time (dream big, right?). Not a bowler? Not a problem. Come for the pizza, the arcade smack-talk, the (mostly) friendly rivalries, or just to hang out with the crew. We'll see you there!



October 26th Trunk r Treat: ATTENTION all Ghosts, Ghouls, and zombies in search of sweet, sweet braaaaai- 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.

Middle School Youth — it's GAME NIGHT!



Tuesday, October 29th, right after Ignite (7–9 PM), we're taking over the Gathering Room and unleashing ALL the games. Video games. Card games. Board games. Maybe even mind games... (just kidding... unless?). Whether you're ready to dominate the Smash Bros. Tournament, rule the Nine-Square court, or crush souls at the Euchre table, there's a spot for you. Pizza? Of course. Bragging rights? Definitely. Good vibes? Always. Come ready to play, laugh, and maybe discover your hidden champion status. We can't wait to see you there!

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: Doug, Mark, Jerry, Carl, Steve, Logan, Gregg, Diane, Carol, Gary, family of Gabrielle Hansen, Lori, Katie, Brett, Jen, Kevin, and Elaine.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for September 27/28: 303 in person 453 live-stream
Received: \$ 8021.00

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

August 2025 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through August 2025 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 94,144	Income:	\$ 654,270
Expenses:	<u>\$ 82,075</u>	Investment Return:	\$ 223,754
	\$ 12,069	Expenses:	<u>\$ 743,641</u>
			\$ 134,383

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

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

**Calendar
October 5-12**

	Sunday, October 5			Wednesday, October 8
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	PEO
10:00am	Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study		9:30am	Cooking at Open Door
10:00am	New Member Meeting		10:00 am	Bible Study
10:00am	Retreat Mtg		12:00 pm	Disability Network
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		5:15pm	Ignite
12:15pm	Listening in Love		5:30pm	Aktion Club
2:00pm	Crop Walk		6:00pm	Confirmation Class
5:00pm	High School Youth group Progressive Dinner		7:00pm	Recovery Group
			7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board Meeting
	Monday, October 6			
9:30am	Senior Yoga			Thursday, October 9
1:00pm	Coffee at Stranded Yarn & Coffee		9:00 am	Quilting Workshop
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		9:15am	Community Assist Meeting
7:00 pm	Midland Serenity Group		6:30pm	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
			7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	Tuesday, October 7		7:00pm	Recovery Group
9:00 am	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee			
11:00 am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			Friday, October 10
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		9:30am	Senior Yoga
4:00pm	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal			
6:00pm	Toastmasters			Saturday, October 11
			9:30am	Strings of Praise
	Wednesday, October 8		9:30am	DAR Meeting
9:00am	PEO		5:00pm	Worship Service
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00 am	Bible Study			Sunday, October 12
12:00 pm	Disability Network		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
5:15pm	Ignite		10:00am	Sunday School, Confirmation and Bible Study
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