

Trinity Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 21-27

Amos 8:4-7 (page 664 of the Old Testament)

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (page 162 of the New Testament)

Luke 16:1-13 (page 60 of the New Testament)

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Lee and Kathy Skogan in honor of their 54<sup>th</sup> 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.



Trinity  
Lutheran Church  
Vision & Strategic Plan

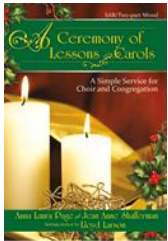
**Visioning Trinity's Future:** We have created a spot on the church's website to keep you updated with our process of visioning and strategic planning. You will find meeting minutes, what is happening and what is next. On the website, look under the heading "About" for "Mission and Vision". Check back often to keep up to date on what is happening.



**Thank you Trinity Members!** Your overwhelming response to my plea for help in securing a safe & affordable van for a youth in our community is being met. Whether you donated funds or helped facilitate connections to the right people with knowledge of handicap vans, I'm grateful to all! All of this will help kick off Neighboring Week in a fantastic display of kindness & being great neighbors! Thank you. From Pam Fagan.



**God's Work, Our Hands** will be Sunday, September 28, 1:00-3:00pm. We will be working at the Arnold Center, The Children's Grief Center, Midland Open Door, and with our own Trinity Quilters and Sanctuary Decorating. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.



**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 begin in October. Please indicate interest by signing up (clipboard in alcove by the nursery).



**Will meet Wednesday** beginning with a meal at 5:15pm. This week we will enjoy Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots and cupcakes for dessert. A green salad will be available at all meals. Following the meal there will be programs for all ages. See you there!

Midland Area  
CROP HUNGER WALK

**53rd Annual Midland Area CROP Hunger Walk on October 5, 2025.**

The CROP Hunger Walk is less than four weeks away! Will you join the walk to fight hunger here and throughout the world? For more information, or to join the walk or sponsor a walker, please contact Joe Johnson (email at [jjohnson@tlcmidland.org](mailto:jjohnson@tlcmidland.org)), and

sign-up online and select team: Trinity Lutheran Midland MI Team Awesome.

([www.crophungerwalk.org/midlandmi](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/midlandmi)) Together we can make a difference!



**True Spirit Singers** -- We welcome all who enjoy singing light, gospel-type music. Our rehearsals are the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, (and 5<sup>th</sup>, if there is one) Tuesdays of each month. We usually sing for the 5:00 Saturday worship service once a month. Come Join Us! If you have questions, please contact Marijean Fitzgerald at 989.430.2706.

**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.

**New Member Class:** The next New Member Class will be held on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the chapel. We look forward to seeing you there and welcoming you with open arms!



**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 Wednesday, September 24. 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 begins today at 10:00 – 10:45 am (between the two services).** Watch for more information to follow.

**"Children ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade** will meet in the Activities Room downstairs (outside the Youth Room). This year we are starting at the beginning of the Old Testament with the Creation story. Each week will include a different activity to Spark and Connect the children's faith with Jesus. Please contact Melanie Lonsway with any questions."

**The Adult Sunday School** class will reconvene today at 10 am (between services) in the Hearth Room. Please join us as we begin the year with a new program!

**Confirmation Class will meet on Sundays at 10:00am.**

**Beginning its 14<sup>th</sup> year, the Trinity Women's Lifegroup** is excited to kick off for Fall on Sunday, Sept 21 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. We are a no homework group, currently exploring several video choices to watch and discuss. Each week is a new topic 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.

**International Day of Peace.** Every year, on Sept. 21, we are called to join churches and communities across the globe to pray and take action for peace. **Lutheran Disaster Response** has worked for many years to respond to disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes and severe storms, in the United States and around the world. But Lutheran Disaster Response also accompanies those who are displaced by conflict, in need of health care in war-torn areas or at risk due to other humanitarian crises. Support from Lutheran Disaster Response provides emergency assistance such as food, water and shelter, but also long-term support such as trauma counseling and access to education. With global conflict on the rise, this work is more important now than ever.

**In honor of the International Day of Peace, will you consider a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response to accompany people whose lives have been disrupted by violence? [Right now, all gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response will be MATCHED, dollar for dollar, until we reach \\$10,000!](#)**



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

**Parents of High Schoolers:** There will be a short meeting (10-15 minutes) today, **September 21st**, between services at 10:00am in the Gathering Room so Joe can talk to you about the year, get your opinions, and ask a few questions. If you can't make it, please let Joe know at [jjohnson@tlcmidland.org](mailto:jjohnson@tlcmidland.org) so he can fill you in. Thanks!

**This Sunday**, Sept 21 we will meet at Valley Lanes on Bay City Rd for Bowling and Lazer Tag. If you need a ride let Joe know. We hope to see you there!

**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. Appetizers in one person's living room, entrees in someone else's kitchen, and who knows where desert will end up. (Will there be secret recipes? It's possible. Will there be weird furniture? Only if we go to Pastor Gramza's house. Will there be adorable puppies? Most definitely!)

To make sure we have enough food, there will be a sign-up sheet at the bulletin board. So let us know you're coming and what, if any, food allergies you may have.

It's going to be a culinary pilgrimage! A holy buffet on wheels! A... ok, you get the point. So come find out which of us owns a crock pot and who still uses paper plates (hint: its Vicar Tim). See you there! (Bring your appetite and some walking shoes.)

#### **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](mailto:jjohnson@tlcmidland.org)



  **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:** Carl, Jerry, Steve, Brett, Barb, John, Vern, Carol, Eric, Jennifer, Sara, Colleen, Lori, Gregg, Jen, Kevin, Nick, Pamela, and Jes and family.

**Also, those suffering with cancer:** Sharon, Julie, Pam, Gabby, Laurie, Craig, Jeff, Barb, Mason, Bob, Kirt, Amber, Renee, Terri, Erin, Mookie, Barb, Tracey, Sue, and Jane.

### Stewardship Update

Attendance for September 13/14: 290 in person 498 live-stream  
Received: \$ 6,636.00

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

<b>August 2025</b>	
<i>(Unified Fund Only*)</i>	
Income:	\$ 94,144
Expenses:	<u>\$ 82,075</u>
	\$ 12,069

<b>YTD through August 2025</b>	
<i>(Unified Fund &amp; YTD Investment Return*)</i>	
Income:	\$ 654,270
Investment Return:	\$ 223,754
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  
September 21-28**

	<b>Sunday, September 21</b>			<b>Thursday, September 25</b>
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		7:30am	Men's Ministry
10:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study		9:00am	Open Door Rummage Sale
10:00am	Youth Parent's Meeting		9:00 am	Quilting Workshop
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		10:00 am	Pre-school Playgroup
1:00pm	Funeral Luncheon		7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm	High School Youth Group		7:00pm	Recovery Group
	<b>Monday, September 22</b>			<b>Friday, September 26</b>
1:00pm	Coffee at Stranded Yarn & Coffee		9:00am	Open Door Rummage Sale
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			
7:00 pm	Midland Serenity Group			<b>Saturday, September 27</b>
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760		9:00am	Open Door Rummage Sale
			11:30am	Bridal Shower
	<b>Tuesday, September 23</b>		5:00pm	Worship Service
9:00am	FiberArts Guild			
9:00 am	Coffee at Stranded Yarn/Coffee			<b>Sunday, September 28</b>
11:00 am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
12:00 pm	Staff Meeting		10:00am	Confirmation Class
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers Rehearsal		10:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
			11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
	<b>Wednesday, September 24</b>		12:00pm	God's Work, Our Hands
9:00am	Open Door Rummage Sale at Youth Center		5:00pm	High School Youth group
9:00am	PEO			
9:15am	Legacy Center Meeting			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00 am	Bible Study			
12:00 pm	Disability Network			
5:15pm	Ignite			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			