

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
August 16-22**

Live Stream Worship Service—A reminder that both Sunday services are live-streamed on our website (tlcmidland.org), available on You Tube ([TLCMid3701](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMid3701)), and Facebook ([facebook.com/MidlandTLC](https://www.facebook.com/MidlandTLC)). Please be aware that you may be seen on camera as you go up for the children's message or communion.

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



Do you want to learn more about us? Join us today at 10:30 in the Chapel. During this session you will have the opportunity to learn about our church mission, beliefs and ministries, meet some awesome church members, discover ways to get connected and involved and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you there and welcome you with open arms.



Join us this evening at 6pm for an evening of fellowship, fun, and community! Come enjoy yard games, gather around the campfire for camp songs, and share in delicious s'mores as we spend time together celebrating God's goodness. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another, build new friendships, and welcome new faces. Bring a chair, your picnic dinner (drinks provided!), invite your friends, and come as you are—everyone is welcome! Camp address is 5213 Wixom Drive, Beaverson. Maps are available at the Welcome Desk.



Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 23 Students, educators, & school staff of all ages are welcome to bring their backpacks for a blessing at the end of the worship service!



Listening in Love--Join us for compassionate listening, honest conversation, and prayerful learning as Trinity deepens its welcome and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people. Guided by ReconcilingWorks' Building an Inclusive Church resource, we will meet on the third Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m., beginning September 20. Location to be announced. Contact Gaylene Levally at LevallyGaylene@gmail.com.



Trinity's Free Rummage Sale will be open on Thursday, September 3 from 9:00-2:00 as part of the Project Community Connect. Then again on Saturday, September 5 from 9:00-2:00. If you are available to help, please contact Sandy Avery at 989-600-8702.

SAVE THE DATE

Ignite's Welcome Back Picnic Potluck---Wednesday, September 16



Pull Up a Chair for Pub Theology! This fall, adults of all ages are invited to gather at Nord Social on Wednesdays after Ignite for good conversation, meaningful connection, and thoughtful exploration of faith and life. Pub Theology is a national program that offers engaging conversation topics designed to deepen our understanding of God, one another, and the world we share. No theological expertise is needed—just bring your questions, your experiences, and an open heart. Come as you are. Bring a friend. Pull up a chair. There is a place at the table for you! Contact Vicar Sophie with questions.

Sunday School returns Sunday, September 20. All are welcome!

Trinity Women's Life Group resumes on Sunday, Sept 20 at 10 am, between the two services, in the conference room. Beginning our 14th year, we invite women of all ages to join us for conversation, video studies, and prayer. More will be shared on opening topic soon. Call/text Heidi Lang for more info, 517.930.5037.



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, August 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.



Trinity's Stephen Ministry is looking to recruit and train new Stephen Ministry care givers in September. Trained care givers provide one on one, distinctively Christian care to those experiencing a difficult time in life and share Christ's love and support to them. If you decide to take on this ministry, you will be provided with considerable training. The training consists of 50 hours, meeting once a week from September through May, after which you will be commissioned. After commissioning you will be asked to attend monthly meetings with other Stephen Ministers to receive continuing education and support.

We are hoping to get a group of 5 or more, so tell your friends, pray for guidance in joining this important ministry. If you are interested, and would like more information, contact one of the SM leaders or ask a SM caregiver with a blue nametag. You will love this ministry!

SM Leaders are: John Burke, 989-295-4990 Kathy Allen, 989-492-4091 Heather Wolters, 913-680-9243
Kathy Skogen, 989-859-1295



Holy Land Pilgrimage - January 14-28, 2028 (new dates). Due to continuing unrest, we have postponed our pilgrimage. This sacred journey will take us to the places where Jesus lived and taught—Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and more—combining worship, learning, and reflection along the way. Led by Pastor Jeff, this pilgrimage is an invitation to walk the land of the Bible and let scripture come alive in new and meaningful ways. Questions are always welcome.



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.

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.



Antioch Circle--- Please join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, August 18, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hearth Room. Contact Judy Richardson for details.



Trinity Men's Ministry All Men Welcome! Last Thursday of the month at 7:30am. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, in the church conference room.

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.

THURSDAYS

- **Ladies Small Group.** Please join us on Thursday, at 12:30 in the Hearth Room. This is not a Bible study, it is a time for ladies to get together for prayer and sometimes a book study.



Sunday School classes will begin September 20.



The Coffee and Conversation Group meet on Monday afternoons at 1:00pm and Tuesday mornings at 9:00am at Stranded Yarn and Coffee. Please join us.

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in each pew. This helps us welcome visitors to our worship service and allows you to put a name with a face among members you may not yet know.



Progressive dinner: September 13th from 5pm-8pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IS BACK BABYYYYYYY!!! To kick off the year we are having our 2nd annual progressive dinner! We'll share a three-course meal together, but the catch is each course will be at a different person's house! We'll go between Pastor Jeff's, Vicar Sophie's, and Joe's house, and get to know each other a bit on the way. Can't wait to see you there! Signup or tell Joe you're coming by September 6th so we can make sure we've got enough food!

Kayaking: Sept 27th

Join Joe the last Sunday in Sept for a youth group kayaking trip after church! We'll meet at the Tridge at 1pm. The trip will take 2-3 hours, and we can go get some food downtown afterwards. Sign-up available on the bulletin board. *You need to sign up by September 20 at the latest.*

CHARGE: Nov 6-8

A high-energy faith experience for students in grades 6–12 to grow in faith, build community, and develop leadership while enjoying the fun of Great Wolf Lodge. More info to follow!
Sign up at the bulletin board now to get your spot!



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Dean, Carol, Kelly, Jennifer, Claude, Paul, Stacey, and Sara.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Tim, Craig, June, and Arn.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for August 8/9: 221 in person 336 live-stream

Received: \$ 26,455.00

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

July 2026		YTD through July 2026	
(Unified Fund Only*)		(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 80,195	Income:	\$ 569,337
Expenses:	\$ 88,016	Investment Return:	\$ 306,380
	\$ (7,821)	Expenses:	\$ 700,052 ¹
			\$ 175,665

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

¹Includes partial payment of \$50,000 for the Phase 3 Roofing Project

If there are any questions, please contact Council Treasurer, Glen Mutscher.

**Calendar
August 16-23**

	Sunday, August 16			Thursday, August 20
9:30am	Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:30am	New Member Informational Meeting		12:00pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting
11:15am	Summer Choir Rehearsal		12:30pm	Ladies Small Group
6:00pm	Family Day at Wixom Lake Camp		12:30pm	Disability Network
6:00pm	Little League Board Meeting		6:30pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
			7:00pm	Recovery Group
	Monday, August 17			
9:30am	Senior Yoga			Friday, August 21
11:00am	Funeral of Arnold Gatzke		9:00am	Ten 16 Staff Meeting
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		9:30am	Senior Yoga
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry			
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			Saturday, August 22
			5:00pm	Worship Service
	Tuesday, August 18			
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Sunday, August 23
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		9:30am	Worship Service
11:00am	Horns of Traverse Rehearsal		11:15am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			
12:00pm	Stephen Ministry			
1:00pm	Antioch Circle			
6:00pm	Toastmasters			
	Wednesday, August 19			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
5:30pm	Aktion Club			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			