

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
August 9-15**

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 Vern and Kay Klocke in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Our guest preacher today is Pastor Laurie Kenyon Woods. She serves as Director of Campus Ministries for United Campus Christian Fellowship (UCCF), serving students at Grand Valley State University, Kendall College of Art and Design, and Grand Rapids Community College. Pastor Laurie is passionate about creating welcoming, justice-centered communities of faith where students can explore spirituality, ask big questions, and grow in connection with God, one another, and the world. For more information about UCCF, head to our website at uccfmi.org.



Today is Epic Water Day! Stay after worship for water games, activities and more!

The Quilting Group will NOT meet on August 13. They are taking a short summer break.



Do you want to learn more about us? Whether you're new to our congregation or just want to learn more about who we are and what we believe, we invite you to join us for a New Members' Information Session. We will meet on **Sunday, August 16**, at 10:30am (following worship) 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.



Sunday, August 16 at 6pm, join us 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!



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 12. 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Claude, Linda, Dean, Sarah, Kathy, Laurie, Stephen and Jim.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Arn.

Stewardship Update
Attendance for August 1/2: 238 in person 284 live-stream
Received: \$ 10,920.00

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

June 2026		YTD through June 2026	
(Unified Fund Only*)		(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 69,926	Income:	\$ 489,142
Expenses:	\$ 93,698 ¹	Investment Return:	\$ 321,083
	\$ (23,772)	Expenses:	\$ 605,870
			\$ 204,355

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

¹Includes partial payment of \$43,835 for the Phase 3 Roofing Project

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

Calendar August 9-16

	Sunday, August 9				Thursday, August 13
9:30am	Worship Service			9:15am	Community Assist Meeting
10:30am	Epic Water Day!			12:30pm	Ladies Small Group
11:15am	Summer Choir Rehearsal			5:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra
				6:30pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
	Monday, August 10			7:00pm	Recovery Group
9:30am	Senior Yoga				
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee				Friday, August 14
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			9:30am	Senior Yoga
	Tuesday, August 11				Saturday, August 15
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			5:00pm	Worship Service
10:30am	Disability Network				
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis				Sunday, August 16
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			9:30am	Worship Service
5:30pm	Church Council			10:30am	New Member Informational Meeting
7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board Meeting			11:15am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
				6:00pm	Worship at Wixom Camp
	Wednesday, August 12				
9:00am	PEO Meeting				
9:15am	Cooking at Open Door				
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study				
12:00pm	Disability Network				
7:00pm	Recovery Group				