

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Announcements

June 7-13

**Live Stream Worship Service**—A reminder that both Sunday services are live-streamed on our website (tlcmidland.org), available on YouTube (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.

**The flowers on the altar** are given by Betty and Leon Wallwey in honor of their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The Church Council** will be meeting this week on Tuesday, June 9 at 5:30pm. The congregation is reminded that all council meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

**TRINITY JOB POSTING - Part-Time Receptionist**----As many are aware, Jeri-Lynne Koenig has recently retired from her position as a Receptionist on our office staff. She is very appreciative of the love and support received over the past few months and she looks forward to spending time with her family and friends over the summer months and beyond. As we move forward, please see the following job posting link for a new part-time Receptionist to join our office staff. Within this position, we are seeking someone to work weekday afternoon/evenings and on Sunday mornings. Link to Job Posting: <https://www.indeed.com/job/front-desk-receptionist-77c2e4d827d319ff>. Please forward this on to anyone who you think may have the gifts and interest in this position. Questions can be directed to Sandy Schlesinger (sandschlesinger@gmail.com; 989-859-7843).



**Summer Choir!** This summer join with other singers at Trinity to learn easy-to-sing anthems for our Sunday worship services. Practice will be on Sundays at 11:15 am starting today in the choir room. Each rehearsal will be for the following Sunday, so you have the flexibility to attend the weeks you'll be available to sing. The first two anthems are scheduled for June 7 and June 14. If enough people participate, we will continue throughout the summer. Hope to sing with you!

XYZ 50+



**LOONS BASEBALL GAME**-- Sponsored by XYZ 50+ --- Friday July 10 7pm  
Families and all ages welcome--- tickets are \$12.50 per seat.

Foodie Friday - \$2.00 hotdogs, \$1.00 each 16oz drink, chips, ice cream sandwich. Dow Diamond is cashless – only credit or debit cards are accepted. This includes parking, concessions and Loon Loft. Using one of the small envelopes provided, fill out the front and place inside cash or a check made out to Trinity Lutheran Church for the total number of tickets requested. All seats are \$12.50 (children and adults). Give your completed envelope to a receptionist at the Welcome Desk or place it in the lock box by the door to the main office. Deadline for ticket money is JUNE 28. Your money envelope is your sign-up. Tickets will be available at the Welcome Desk beginning July 2. Contact Lorna Strautman 989-860-2906 or Nancy Perry 989-295-3014 with questions

**You are invited to participate in this year's Vacation Bible School - Road Trip VBS!**

**Please pray for preparations, volunteers, kids, and everyone who will hear the music and stories that we will learn.**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our VBS! You are invited to check the VBS display in the Narthex for props/decorations to borrow and snack donation requests. There are a few more items on the Amazon wish list. You are invited to help decorate on: Tuesday, June 16, 6:30-7:30 pm; Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday, June 18 from 9:30 - 2:30; and after worship on Sunday, June 21 (finalize decorations in the Sanctuary and the Gathering Room). Thank you for your prayers and support!

See the VBS Wish List here.





**Register Now for VBS! June 22 – 25 9 am - 12 pm**

Embark on a journey with God through the Bible! Join us for a thrilling road trip adventure where kids explore exciting destinations with the Navigator and their pup, Scout! Through Bible stories, games, and fun challenges, we will discover that God is always with us.



**Good people of Trinity!** Please help the Legacy Center in providing \$10.00 McDonald gift cards or large size, plain sweatshirts for the Legacy Center’s “Coalition for Substance Free Resiliency”. They will be distributed in backpacks given to clients upon discharge from jail. Many are homeless and these items will assist them with some of their needs. Multiple churches and agencies are helping with this endeavor. We hope to get 100 backpacks filled with needed supplies. If you have any questions, please see or call Pam Fagan.



**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 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

**Open Door** – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, June 10 and 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**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.



**COMMUNITY FREE SALE** ---- Our next Free Rummage Sale will be held on August 1, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Donations may be dropped off at any time. Please stop at the Welcome Desk to pick up the key and return it when you are finished. Important: Please do not enter the fenced area of the parking lot. You may drive on the grass to unload your donations.

You may also wait until July 18, which will be a special gathering day from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to:

- Unload cars
- Sort items inside
- Give breaks to other volunteers

If you have items to donate, please bring them on July 18 and we will help you unload them. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Avery at 989-600-8702.

## XYZ 50+



***The Search for Life in Space*** is the name of the spectacular show you are invited to attend on Wednesday, June 17th at the Delta College Planetarium in downtown Bay City. Journey from the depths of the Pacific Ocean into the far reaches of space on a quest to find something that changes everything...signs of life, somewhere else in the universe. And, as a bonus you will see some clips from shows that are designed for various ages of children so you will be comfortable bringing your grandchildren to a show when they visit you. Arrive at the Planetarium by 10:15 am Tickets are only \$5/person and must be paid at the time you sign up. Envelopes for your payment are

provided in a clear plastic envelope posted on the wall above the event registration sheet. You must sign up on the registration sheet posted on the counter by the nursery door entrance and then put your payment in an envelope provided and deposit it in the drop box outside the church office door. Our church van will not be available that day so if you need a ride to Bay City please contact Sue Montesi and she will try to arrange a ride with another person attending the event.

As a bonus opportunity, a lunch reservation for 20 people has been made at the Old City Hall Restaurant, less than a block from the Delta College Planetarium. You must check the box on the registration sheet if you want to be included in this lunch reservation. The cost of lunch is your personal responsibility.

This program is sponsored by Trinity's XYZ Group, but all are welcome including Trinity adults of all ages and non-Trinity guests.



Save the Date!

***It's Loons Baseball Time - June 19th!***

Trinity Family, you're invited to a Loons Game Night held on Friday, June 19th at 7:05pm. It's Foodie Friday with discounted food items, so invite your families for a fun-filled evening with your faith family.

Group tickets are \$12.50 per seat or \$9 for the lawn. Additional information and sign-up sheets will be located by the nursery as of May 1st. Come for fun and fellowship and cheer on the Loons! Contact Robin at the church office with any questions.



**Holy Land Pilgrimage** - January 18–28, 2027. We invite you to pray about joining a Holy Land Pilgrimage in January 2027. 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.



Vision & Strategic Plan  
what is happening.

***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

***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, June 16 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, June 25, 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, just a time for ladies to get together for prayer and sometimes a book study.



**There is no children's Sunday School. Enjoy your summer and we will see you in September.**

**The Adult Sunday School class will not meet over the summer.**

**Trinity Women's Life Group will resume in the fall with a new study.**



**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.



**Calling all Preschoolers!** Trinity Lutheran Preschool is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year for all church members, including current and returning preschool families. Class offerings will be for 3-5-year-olds, with a Lunchtime Learners program from 12-1 pm for the 4 & 5 year olds. Our preschoolers are constantly learning, laughing and growing as they explore art, math, science, and more while socializing with children their own age in a loving & caring environment. Stop in and see why Trinity Lutheran Preschool is one of the most honorable and highly recognized organizations offering early childhood education in the Midland area! Call Andrea at 989-631-0692 for information, a registration packet, and a tour of our facility. Email: [trinitylutheranpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylutheranpreschool@gmail.com) for more information.



**Bless someone in recovery** and help them maintain a job! Donate a working, used bike (tax deductible) to the Ten 16 Recovery Network Recovery Housing Program. They will pick up the bike if you live in the city of Midland. Email [Scassidy@1016.org](mailto:Scassidy@1016.org) or call 989.631.0241 Ex 1024.



**ACT UGANDA 2025 ANNUAL REPORT** - 2025 was a busy year full of exciting steps forward for ACT. Students attended and graduated from university, primary and high students were educated, healthy babies were born, and new adventures began for the future of ACT. Please take some time to read our 2025 Annual Report to learn about all these accomplishments. You can access the report on our website ([actuganda.org](http://actuganda.org)) in the "nonprofit data" section under the About ACT pulldown or check the Welcome Center for a printed copy. While you're on our website, enjoy shopping at our online store! Thank you.

*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.



### Confirmation Camp

All the fun camp activities plus bonding time with Joe & Pastor Jeff. It is an invaluable time for creating memories and growing in faith.

For: Kids entering grades 6-9      When: Sunday, June 14 - Friday, June 19      Where: Lutherwald, Howe, IN

Register: lomik.org (registration link for Tidings: [https://lomikadmin.com/cr/register\\_selectsite.php](https://lomikadmin.com/cr/register_selectsite.php))

Questions? Joe - [jjohnson@tlcmidland.org](mailto:jjohnson@tlcmidland.org)

### *High School Youth Group Mission Trip / July 13–19*

This summer, our High School Youth Group is hitting the road and heading to Gaylord, Michigan to make a real difference! We'll be serving a community still rebuilding after major ice storms last winter, along with other recent challenges—and we're THRILLED to be part of that work. The cost of attending is \$300 per person, and the last day to sign up will be Sunday, May 17th. If you're currently in high school—or *will be next year*—this trip has your name on it.

Come serve, grow, laugh, and make memories that matter together. ADULTS!!! Please consider joining us! We need chaperones, mentors, and handy folk to help, and we would LOVE to have YOU with us! For questions, please contact Joe Johnson.



### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Remember in your prayers this week:** Adam, Carol, Kelly, Jennifer, Joe, David, Mary, Marve, Colleen, Jen, Kevin, and Meradith.

**Remember in your prayers those with Cancer:** June, Jacki, Joe, Jerry, Angie, MaryBeth, Jodi, Sara, Craig, Judy, Jake, Tom, Greg, Barbara, Rayana, Sharon, and Anne.

## Stewardship Update

Attendance for May 30/31: 257 in person 273 live-stream  
Received: \$

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

<b>April 2026</b> (Unified Fund Only*)	<b>YTD through April 2026</b> (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)
Income:           \$    54,570	Income:           \$   323,069
Expenses:       \$    86,694	Investment Return:   \$   185,698
\$   (32,124)	Expenses:         \$   417,819
	\$    90,948

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

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

## Calendar

June 7—14

	<b>Sunday, June 7</b>			<b>Thursday, June 11</b>
9:30am	Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:30am	Reception for Stacey		12:00pm	Ladies Small Group
11:15am	Summer Choir Rehearsal		6:30pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
			7:00pm	Recovery Group
	<b>Monday, June 8</b>		7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra
8:00am	ServSafe Class			
9:30am	Senior Yoga			<b>Friday, June 12</b>
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		9:30am	Senior Yoga
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			
				<b>Saturday, June 13</b>
	<b>Tuesday, June 9</b>		5:00pm	Worship Service
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			
11:00am	Kiwanee Kiwanis			<b>Sunday, June 14</b>
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		9:30am	Worship Service
5:30pm	Church Council		11:15am	Summer Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers			Student leave for Confirmation Camp
			5:00pm	Little League Board Meeting
	<b>Wednesday, June 10</b>			
9:00am	PEO			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
11:00am	Ilene Harm Funeral			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			

## A Message from the Director of Music Ministries

What has 43 ranks in four divisions and can fill a large room? No, this isn't the intro to a bad joke, rather a description of our mighty Schantz organ! Installed in 1979 this organ incorporates over 2,000 pipes used in varying combinations of color and balance to accompany worship, liturgy and hymn singing with music that stirs the heart or soothes the soul. It has been here for weekly worship services, Christmases and Easters, hundreds of weddings and funerals, concerts, recitals and much more. It took a huge step of faith to form the vision, the plan, and to assemble the finances to install an organ which today would cost over \$1,000,000 to replace.

Now, nearly 50 years later, the organ suffers from a medley of structural and mechanical failures, some of which have been present for most of the instrument's life. Is this surprising information? You hear the organ every week and it sounds wonderful! All thanks to the skill of our organists past and present who carefully work around the dead notes and missing sounds to accompany worship without disruption from the defects. But the problems persist and have grown harder to mask and work around.

In our annual meeting last February, congregation members lifted up concerns for the future, including building maintenance, the camp, and among them concerns for the continued care and maintenance of the organ. In that spirit, with the blessing of the church council, I have formed a team to evaluate the state of the instrument, secure recommendations and quotes for repair and will prepare a plan for the congregation to consider, including potential funding avenues. This will be a large project and a significant investment in time and money. We will need your support, and that starts with understanding the scope of the problem. This team, which includes Patti Bowen, Peder Danielsen, Pam Fagan, Charly Sly, Jeff Gramza and myself, will provide more information of the problems. We pray you share our desire to restore and prepare the organ to accompany the congregation's voice in worship for another 50 years and beyond.

Serving alongside you in the mission of Christ,

Jonathan Lonsway

Director of Music Ministries