

Trinity Lutheran Church  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22-28

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (page 625 of the Old Testament)

Romans 8:6-11 (page 120 of the New Testament)

John 11:1-45 (page 80 of the New Testament)

**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.

**The flowers on the altar** are given in thankfulness for God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness.



**Join us today** for a Service of Healing and Wholeness to be held in the chapel between worship services.



***Easter is coming! Mark your calendar:***

Palm Sunday worship—Saturday, March 29, 5:00pm and Sunday, March 30, 8:45 and 11:00am

Maundy Thursday---Thursday, April 2, Noon and 7:00pm

Good Friday---Friday, April 3, 7:00pm

Easter Vigil---Saturday, April 4, 5:00pm

Easter Sunday---Sunday, April 5, 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00am

There will be no Kids Praise on Sunday, March 29th, due to Spring Break. March 29th is Palm Sunday and the services will have palm branches and lots of singing. We also have children's bulletins available.

Children's Sunday School and Confirmation will not meet on Sunday, March 29th or Sunday, April 5th



We will be meeting today **from 1:00 – 2:00/2:30**. If time do not work for your family, please let Pastor Jeff know. Children of all ages are invited to join us for our **First Communion Class**, a joyful and meaningful time to learn about the gift of Holy Communion and what it means to gather at the table of grace. This class is family-friendly, and we encourage a parent or guardian to attend alongside their child. Learning together helps spark conversation, deepen faith, and make this milestone even more meaningful.



***Everyone loves a good soup!! Only one week left of Lent!***

**We're looking for volunteers to bring soup.** If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up in the narthex. Please bring enough soup to serve 10-12 people and bread or rolls to go with it. Your help would be greatly appreciated as we finish out the Lenten season together.

Please contact Holly Hellebuyck (989)859-4033 if you have any questions.



***Easter is getting closer and so is the Easter breakfast!*** Breakfast will be served on April 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30—11:15. The menu includes: gluten free egg casserole, French toast casserole, scrambled eggs, ham, baked goods, and fresh fruit. A Free Will Offering - Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please see the sign-up in the Narthex to volunteer time and/or treats.

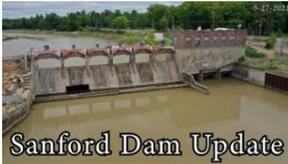


After 5 years of dedicated service, **Stacey Thurston is planning to retire as our Church Secretary at the end of June 2026!** We will celebrate Stacey's many contributions to our congregation later this spring. In the meantime, see below for a heartfelt message from Stacey:

Dear Friends and Colleagues - I am excited to share that I will be retiring, with my official retirement date being June 30th. My last working day will be June 5th. I want to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude for allowing me to work alongside such amazing, giving, and caring people. It's hard to believe that I've been here since May 6, 2021 — and I have truly loved and cherished every working day. I have especially enjoyed getting to know and serve both the congregation and our community. These experiences have meant so much to me, and I will carry them

forward with great appreciation. As I begin this new chapter, I look forward to spending more time with family and continuing to contribute through volunteering at Trinity and in our community.

With warmest thanks and appreciation, Stacey



XYZ 50+

**Do you remember May 19, 2020?** Following several days of heavy rains the Edenville Dam failed, leading to the failure of the Sanford Dam downstream. The Smallwood and Secord Dams also failed. This catastrophic event caused widespread flooding impacting over 4,000 structures and forced the evacuation

of about 11,000 residents. Damages in Midland County alone were estimated at \$245 million. **Trinity's XYZ group invites 20 persons to come to the Red Oak Family Restaurant in Sanford on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> for lunch at 11:15 am (your cost) and then hear from Village President Dolores Porte** about their community experiences and progress over the past six years. April 15<sup>th</sup> is the same day Sanford Lake will begin its refilling process! **Attendance is limited to 20 so you must sign up on the registration sheet** located on the counter near the nursery door. All 20 attendees will be expected to order lunch from the Red Oak Family Restaurant menu as they have graciously agreed to host us for this special program.



**Rummage Sale, April 25 from 9:00-2:00**---Items for our spring rummage sale may be dropped off beginning March 1. You can get the key to the building from Jeri Lynne or Cathy at the Welcome Desk.

Volunteers are needed to set-up for the sale. You are free to come and work at any time that is convenient for you. Just stop and get the key from Jeri Lynne or Cathy. Volunteers will also be needed on the day of the sale. If you have any questions you can contact Sandy Avery at 989.600.8702. **Please do not leave anything outside the door.**



**Our next event is scheduled for May 31st.** We will be learning from a local floral designer how to assemble floral bouquets from grocery store "build your own bouquet" flowers! Bring your own empty small vase to take home filled with beautiful flowers from God's creation! Pretty cupcakes and cookies will be served. Ladies of all ages are welcome! Sign-ups will begin May 1st.



### **Summer Elementary Camp**

A classic camp experience designed for your child to discover the love and grace of Christian community as they also begin to discover who they are as children of God.

For: Kids entering grades 3-5

When: Sunday, July 5 - Friday, July 10

Where: Stony Lake, New Era, MI

Register: ASAP for Discoverers at [elcalivingwater.com](http://elcalivingwater.com) (registration link for

Tidings: <https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idCamp=1063&campcode=LWM&lang=en-US>)

Questions? Melanie - [mlonsway@tlcmidland.org](mailto:mlonsway@tlcmidland.org)



### **Road Trip Vacation Bible School 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.



**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.

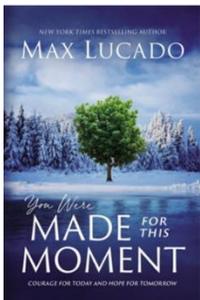


**Visioning Trinity's Future:** We have created a spot on the church's website to keep you updated with our process of visioning and strategic planning. You will find meeting minutes, what is happening and what is next. On the website, look under the heading "About" for "Mission and Vision". Check back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



**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.

**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** is studying "You Were Made for This Moment" by Max Lucado. All women are invited to join them at 1:00 pm on the third Tuesday (March 17) of every month 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, March 26, 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.



**Sunday School –Meet at 10:00-10:45 am (between the two services).** “Children ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Activities Room downstairs (outside the Youth Room). Please contact Melanie Lonsway with any questions.” **Children's Sunday School will not meet on Sunday, March 29th or Sunday, April 5th**

**The Adult Sunday School class will meet today, Sunday, March 29, at 10:00am in the Hearth Room.**

**Confirmation Class** meets on Sundays at 10:00am and Wednesdays at 6:00pm. **There will be no confirmation class on March 29 (Palm Sunday) or Easter Sunday.**



**Trinity Women's Life Group--** All women are invited and encouraged to join us as we continue our journey of learning about a new woman from the Bible each week. Come when you can! The nature of this study allows you to join us for fellowship, prayer, and discussion as your schedule allows. Questions? Please call or text Heidi Lang, 517.930.5037.



**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.

**Open Door** – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, March 25. 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.



**Food Donations**—Don't forget that Trinity helps support the food pantry with non-perishable food, paper products, or personal care items on the 1st Sunday of each month. Your donations can be brought to the church at any time during the month and placed on the shelves near the elevator. Thank you!



**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.

**Mid-Michigan Classical Guitar Society presents Raphaella Smits in concert at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 12.** Miss Smits is an internationally acclaimed Belgian classical guitarist. She will present 19<sup>th</sup> century music of Sor, Giuliani, Diabelli, and Mertz. The concert will begin at 3:00pm—free admission—donations welcome.



**-Hey Middle and High School Youth: Let's play 'Killer Bunnies' (and possibly other games).** Alright guys, Aaron Tate has been trying to get us to play a game called 'Killer Bunnies' for months, and I've finally run out of excuses so LET'S DO THIS!!! We'll meet on Sunday, March 22nd in the gathering room from 5-9pm. Aaron says the game takes four hours to play, so we'll probably need that time. **HOWEVER**, if that's not your cup of tea, or you can't be there for the whole time, we'll have other games set up in the gathering room (and we'll hook up the Switch 2 to the big screen). Pizza and drinks will be provided around 5pm.

-Youth Group will be **Cancelled March 29th** (for spring break).

**-Easter and Apologetics:** A discussion for Middle School and High School Youth (interested adults are welcome to join). Have you ever heard that Easter is actually a pagan holiday? Or that the events of Easter Sunday didn't really happen? Or maybe you just want to know what the deal is with all the mutant bunnies running around laying eggs in hard-to-find places (I mean, bunnies don't lay eggs, what in world is going on with that?)? If so, come to Youth Group on April 5th (yes that is Easter Sunday) from 5-7pm for a presentation and discussion on the subject. Bring your questions (or just yourself) and we'll discuss the historical evidence for the life and resurrection of Jesus, the origin of the Easter holiday as we know it today, and we'll get to the bottom of whatever is going on with those weird rabbits!

**-Middle and High School Youth Lock-In Rescheduled for April 11th** starting at 5pm (you can come later if you want). Same great fun, slightly different month! And just to be clear, if you want to come, but don't want to stay all night, that's ok! You're not actually locked inside!

### **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.

We're teaming up with **Pastor Megan Crouch of Peace Lutheran Church** (yes, *that* Pastor Megan—she's BACK!), and we've got some incredible service projects, meaningful moments, and plenty of fun in the works. 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 actually matter.

**More details coming soon... you won't want to miss this!**



## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Remember in your prayers this week:** Adam, Connie, Jeri Lynne, Kelly, Carol, Eric, Toni, Joe, Gregg, Karen, Don, Michele, Theresa, Brett, Christopher, Julie, Deborah, and Brittany.

**Remember in your prayers those with Cancer:** Joe, Terry, Craig, Sara, June, Ann, Pam, Greg, Greg, Carol, Tom, Tim, Sharon, Barbara, Anne, Grace, Jacki, Ray, Mason, and Andrea.

### Stewardship Update

Attendance for March 14/15: 240 in person 597 live-stream  
Attendance for Lenten Worship: 84 in person 147 live-stream  
Received: \$ 12,668.00

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

February 2026 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through February 2026 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 126,810	Income:	\$ 176,545
Expenses:	\$ <u>96,615</u>	Investment Return:	\$ 115,240
	\$ 30,195	Expenses:	\$ <u>187,387</u>
			\$ 104,398

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

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

**Calendar  
March 22-29**

	<b>Sunday, March 22</b>			<b>Thursday, March 26</b>
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		7:30am	Men's Ministry
10:00am	Service of Healing		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	Confirmation		6:30pm	Fiber Arts Guild
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages		7:00pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		7:00pm	Recovery Group
1:00pm	First Communion Class			
5:00pm	Middle and High School Youth Group			<b>Friday, March 27</b>
			9:30am	Senior Yoga
	<b>Monday, March 23</b>			
9:30am	Senior Yoga			<b>Saturday, March 28</b>
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Anniversary Party
6:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		10:00am	Strings of Praise
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		5:00pm	Worship Service
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760			
				<b>Sunday, March 29</b>
	<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>			PALM SUNDAY
9:00am	Fiber Arts Guild		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
6:30pm	Sea Scouts			
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers			
	<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>			
9:00am	PEO			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
5:15pm	Lenten Soup Dinner & Ignite			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Lenten Worship Service			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board Meeting			