

Trinity Lutheran Church
ANNOUNCEMENTS
March 22-28

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 by Gaylene and Brian LeVally in honor of their 20th anniversary and by Gwyn and Paul Bauschatz in honor of their 50th anniversary.



Easter is coming!

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

You are invited to take part in the Community Good Friday Worship Service at First United Methodist Church on Friday, April 3 from noon – 1:30. Pastor Jeff and Vicar Tim will be taking part in the service from noon – 12:30. You may stay for any part of the service or the entire service. The church is located on the corner of Main and Jerome (M-20/Isabella Rd).

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



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, April 12, at 10:00am (between services) 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.

If you are thinking about joining Trinity, please pick up a New Member Information form at the Welcome Desk. You may return the form to the desk or bring it to the session with you.



Thank You for Supporting our Lenten Soup Suppers!

With grateful hearts, we thank everyone who contributed soups, rolls, and desserts for our Lenten Soup Suppers. Your generosity, time, and care created not just meals, but a warm space for fellowship during this meaningful season. Each dish shared was a reflection of the kindness and spirit that make our church community so special. We truly appreciate everyone who helped—by cooking, serving, organizing, or simply showing up in support.
Thank you for helping make our Lenten gatherings such a success!



Thank you! Another TLC success at helping the Midland Community. \$1000 in laundry vouchers and 43 units of detergent were delivered last week to Whispering Pines residents. It was very much appreciated by the people affected by the water crisis in the park. I so appreciate the giving people of Trinity Lutheran Church! From Pam Fagan.



Easter is getting closer and so is the Easter breakfast! Breakfast will be served on April 5th 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.



NO IGNITE---There will be NO Ignite on Wednesday, April 1. Join us again on April 8, 15 and 22.

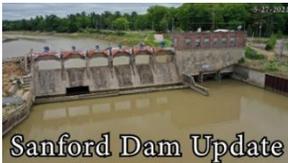


After 5 years of dedicated service, **Stacey Thurston is planning to retire as our Church Secretary at the end of June 2026!** We will celebrate Stacey's many contributions to our congregation later this spring. In the meantime, see below for a heartfelt message from Stacey:

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



Sanford Dam Update

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 15th 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 15th 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.



Confirmation Sunday, April 26, at the 11:00 worship service.

Graduation Sunday, May 31, at both worship services.

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 (registration link for

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

Questions? Melanie - 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.

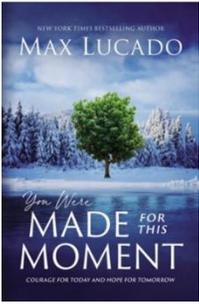


Visioning Trinity’s Future: We have created a spot on the church’s website to keep you updated with our process of visioning and strategic planning. You will find meeting minutes, what is happening and what is next. On the website, look under the heading “About” for “Mission and Vision”. Check back often 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, April 30, in the church conference room.



WEDNESDAYS

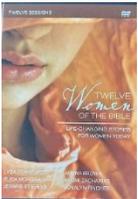
- **Sunday's Coming Bible Study** will not meet on Wednesday, April 1. We will meet again on April 8.

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



The Adult Sunday School class will meet today, March 29, at 10 am (between services), in the Hearth Room. Join us as we kick off a new Bible-based discussion series. Note: The class will not meet on Easter Sunday.

Confirmation Class will not meet 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, April 8 and 22.. 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 for more information.



March 21 was National Quilting Day and Lutheran World Relief has a lot to celebrate. For more than 80 years, compassionate people just like you have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts—over 28 million quilts! These gifts of love make life brighter, softer, and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster and conflict. THANK YOU!

Offerings given to ELCA World Hunger support Lutheran World Relief. While often working together, they are distinct entities. ELCA World Hunger focuses on sustainable, long-term development to combat root causes of hunger, while LWR specializes in international relief and development. Make a special gift to ELCA World Hunger using the envelopes in the pew racks. Thank you!

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 19th century music of Sor, Giuliani, Diabelli, and Mertz. The concert will begin at 3:00pm—free admission—donations welcome.



-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)
Questions? Joe - 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, Jeri Lynne, Carol, Kelly, Eric, Colleen, Nancy, Toni, Brett, Brittany, Theresa, Jerry, Betty, Christopher, Gregg, Jen, and Keven.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for March 21/22: 285 in person 528 live-stream
Attendance for Lenten Worship: 85 in person 149 live-stream
Received: \$ 14,588.00

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 29-April 4**

	Sunday, March 29			Thursday, April 2
	PALM SUNDAY			MAUNDY THURSDAY
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		12:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
			7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service
	Monday, March 30		7:00pm	Recovery Group
9:30am	Senior Yoga			
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Friday, April 3
6:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			GOOD FRIDAY
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		9:30am	Senior Yoga
			7:00pm	Good Friday Worship Service
	Tuesday, March 31			
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Saturday, April 4
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		1:00pm	Funeral for Jennifer Heinz at funeral home
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		5:00pm	Easter Vigil Worship Service
6:00pm	Evergreen Garden Club			
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers			
	Wednesday, April 1			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board			