

Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
May 10-16

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 honor of all mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, soon to be mothers, and stand-in mothers for the love and nurturing you give throughout the year.



We welcome Communication and Office Administrator, Robin Kern-Hamilton to the Trinity Staff! As our new Communication and Office Administrator, Robin will spend the next few weeks learning from Stacy Thurston so she is prepared to take the lead in early June as Stacey transitions to the wonderful world of retirement!

An introductory message from Robin . . .

I am truly overjoyed to be joining the Trinity Lutheran Church community! This new chapter feels like a homecoming in more ways than one. I was born and raised in Michigan, surrounded by its lakes, forests and the natural beauty that quietly shapes a person. For a time, life carried me all the way to California, where I experienced a different kind of landscape and pace. It was a meaningful season, full of growth and adventure, but eventually my heart and soul pulled me back to the place that has always felt like home – Michigan!

At the center of my life is my family. My husband Andrew and our two boys, Brayden and Bennett, are my greatest joy, my grounding force and my daily reminder of God's goodness. Their laughter, curiosity and the love we share shape the way I move through each day. Faith and family are deeply intertwined in my life and I'm grateful for the ways they continue to strengthen and inspire me.

As I step into the role of Communication and Office Administrator at Trinity, I bring a grateful heart, a love for people and a desire to serve with joy. I'm so excited to grow in faith alongside this beautiful community, to share my gifts and be part of the meaningful, Spirit-led work happening here. I feel so blessed to be part of this congregation and look forward to the beautiful journey ahead!

Warmest wishes – Robin Kern-Hamilton



Would you like to help get ready for Vicar Sophie? We are looking for people willing to help clean the house before she arrives. There is no scheduled time, come when it is convenient for you. Just stop at the Welcome Desk for the key. We will supply all cleaning supplies. We are looking at such things as cleaning the floors, oven and refrigerator, etc.



In early June, Vicar Sophie Warnberg will be joining us from Luther Seminary in Minneapolis. She will be with us for about one year and will then enter the call process for ordained ministry. For more information, see the Trinity Tidings in your Friday email.

Trinity Tidings Newsletter—if you do not receive the Trinity Tidings Newsletter in your email on Friday, please contact the church to get you added to the email list. This newsletter has all the up-to-date information concerning what is happening at Trinity. You don't want to miss it!



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.



Get ready for an unforgettable Bonfire Night on Wednesday, May 13th! Gather your friends and family to roast marshmallows, share stories, play yard games and practice your swing with Birdie Bay Golf's mobile golf simulator! . The fun starts in our backyard at 6pm - come when you can!



Join us on Sunday, May 31 at the 9:30 am service as we celebrate our graduating seniors. Join us as we wrap them in God's love and continued blessings. Please join us after the service for cake in honor of the 2026 High School Graduates. Please call the church office 989-631-0692 to rsvp by May 22 and wear your graduation gown and the cap is optional.

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Beginning Memorial Day weekend and continuing through Labor Day weekend, our Sunday morning worship schedule will move to **one blended worship service at 9:30 am**. This means that throughout the summer, we will gather as one worshipping body—bringing together the beauty of traditional worship, the energy of contemporary praise, and the joy of seeing familiar faces from every service all in one room. This will be a beautiful way to proclaim that we are one church and that there is room for all our voices.

Our Saturday evening traditional worship at 5:00 pm will remain unchanged, continuing as a meaningful and beloved worship opportunity throughout the summer.

And the joy does not end with the final hymn. We are also planning for a rich fellowship time after worship each Sunday, with coffee hour and a place for conversations, and meeting new friends.



Personal safety is an important topic for us all. Trinity's own Ken Mault will be presenting a program on personal safety especially for seniors on Wednesday May 13th at 1:00pm in the Gathering Room. This will include situational awareness (paying attention to and assessing your surroundings) in public spaces, actions you might take in threatening situations (fire, intruder, shooter), and safety at home and while traveling, particularly alone at night. Ken retired from the Midland County Sheriff's Office as a Detective Lieutenant and is an adjunct instructor in the Delta College Police Academy. Anyone of any age who is interested in this program is welcome to attend.

A signup sheet is available near the nursery which allows us to plan for refreshments, but signup is not required.



Women's Ministry--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-up on the Women's Ministry bulletin board by the flower board. The program will begin at 1:00pm.



Listening in Love— June 7 at 12:15pm in the Hearth Room. Many of us know and love someone who identifies with the LGBTQIA+ community. This group meets monthly to discuss how we can support one another and our loved ones.

How do we best have difficult conversations? In the last year, Trinity has begun to have intentional conversations about what it means to be welcoming, inclusive, and affirming. Many of these conversations have taken the form of large group education opportunities, but there are helpful approaches to learn for one-on-one dialogue, too.



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 Stacey at the church office with any questions.



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



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 will be meeting off-site for its May meeting. 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 Bible study.** Please join us on Thursday, at 12:30 in the Hearth Room.



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 this Sunday. Please join us next Sunday, May 17, at 10 am (between services), in the Hearth Room. Join us as we conclude our classes for this year with "The Spirit of Christ". Hope to see you then!

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.

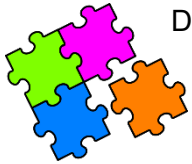
Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, May 13 and 27th. We arrive about 9:30, make lunch, and serve it. We are usually done around 1:30pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lee Smith at (989) 415-5020.



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.



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 or call 989.631.0241 Ex 1024.



Do you like jigsaw puzzles? Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) is hosting a puzzle competition, and you are invited. Join us on Thursday, May 14 at 6:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cost is \$10.00 each and a max of 4 people per team. You will get to keep the 500 piece puzzle at the end of the evening. The winning team will receive a prize. Register at

<https://tinyurl.com/RelayPuzzles2026> or scan the QR code. Come enjoy an evening with friends and be a piece of the cure!



Wednesday May 13th, we're having a bonfire out behind the church during Ignite time! This is a church-wide, family-friendly event, but all youth are especially invited! Let's get some games going out back and then light some stuff on fire! C'mon!!! It'll be fun!

Sunday, May 17th, High School Youth Group will be up at the camp on Wixom Lake. We'll car-pool there and back again (a hobbits tale), meeting at the church at 5pm and returning around 8pm.

Sunday, May 24th, Youth Group will be cancelled for Memorial Day.

LET'S GET READY TO RUMBLEEEEEEE! Join us for an epic Super Smash Bros. Tournament on **Wednesday, May 27th from 5–7 PM** in the gathering room! Open to all **Middle School and High School youth**. Whether you're a seasoned Smash veteran or just here to have some fun, it is time to pick your fighter, prepare your senses, and get to work! (Calvin Stangland has been talking trash all year, and it's about time someone puts him in his place... so who's it going to be?!?!).

Youth Group End of Year Party – Sunday May 31st from 5-8pm. Get ready to eat, be merry, play games, and.... Dance? Crazier things have been known to happen! Can't wait to see you there!

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. 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, Keaghan, Toni, Charly, Lori, Carol, Khris, Theresa, Nathan, Ashley, Kelly, Nancy, Cori, Jennifer, Harry, Joe, Dennis, and Gregg..

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for May 2/3: in person 579 live-stream

Received: \$ 19,593.50

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

March 2026 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through March 2026 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 91,954	Income:	\$ 268,499
Expenses:	\$ 99,903	Investment Return:	\$ (10,100)
	\$ (7,949)	Expenses:	\$ 287,290
			\$ (28,291)

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

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

**Calendar
May 10-17**

	Sunday, May 10			Thursday, May 14
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		9:15am	Community Assist Meeting
5:00pm	High School Youth Group		12:00pm	Ladies Bible Study
			6:00pm	Relay for Life Puzzle Competition
	Monday, May 11		7:00pm	Chancel Choir
9:30am	Senior Yoga		7:00pm	Recovery Group
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			
5:30pm	Asset Management			Friday, May 15
6:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra		9:30am	Senior Yoga
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		11:30am	Pre-School end of year picnic
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760			Saturday, May 16
			5:00pm	Worship Service
	Tuesday, May 12			
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Sunday, May 17
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
5:30pm	Church Council		5:00pm	High School Youth at Wixom Lake Camp
6:30pm	Sea Scouts			
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers			
	Wednesday, May 13			
9:00am	PEO			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
1:00pm	XYZ50+ Security Awareness			
6:00pm	Trinity Bonfire			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			