

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Announcements  
May 17-23

**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 those that give of their time and money to assist people in need. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**New Worship Times Begin Next Sunday**---Remember that, beginning next week, May 24, we will have only 1 worship service on Sunday. That will be held at 9:30am. It will be a blended service of traditional and contemporary worship. This service will continue through the summer ending on September 6, Labor Day weekend. We will continue to have the Saturday worship service at 5:00pm.

**PENTECOST**—Next Sunday, May 24, we will celebrate Pentecost. It is suggested that everyone wear something red in honor of the day.

**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.



**Please celebrate with us to honor Vicar Sophie**

We would like to be able to provide her with staples (products for the kitchen, bathroom, and laundry room). Suggestions: dish soap, laundry detergent, hand and bar soap, toilet bowl cleaner, scrubbing bubbles, Windex, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, Ziploc bags, plastic wrap, tin foil, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, cooking oil, dish cloths, dish towels, gift cards or cash (to be used to fill in the gaps). All donations will be greatly appreciated. All donated items should be turned in by May 29. Please leave all donated items in the tub under the coat rack. Cash or gift cards should be given to Cathy or Stacey. We are also in need of a dining room table and chairs. Please let us know if you may have one to donate. Thank you!



**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 May 31**, 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!



**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



**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.



**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



**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.



**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.



**Women's Ministry--Our next event is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1-3PM.** 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.



**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](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)



**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, May 28**, 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 meet this Sunday, May 17,** at 10 a.m. (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, 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](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 pull-down or check the Welcome Center for a printed copy. While you're on our website, enjoy shopping at our online store! Thank you.



**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](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:** Jacob, Adam, Carol, Kelly, Eric, Theresa, Lori, Toni, Nancy, Judy, Lisa, Harry, Grace, Alexis, Brittany, Gregg, Phil, Paul, and Gary.

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

<b>Stewardship Update</b>			
Attendance for May 9/10: 315 in person 353 live-stream			
Received: \$ 28,450.00			
<b>Unified Fund Income (from Offerings &amp; Donations) &amp; Expenses (aligned to the budget - Operations, Benevolence, Resources, Education, etc.):*</b>			
<b>March 2026</b>		<b>YTD through March 2026</b>	
<i>(Unified Fund Only*)</i>		<i>(Unified Fund &amp; YTD Investment Return*)</i>	
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 17-24**

	<b>Sunday, May 17</b>			<b>Thursday, May 21</b>
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		10:00am	Evergreen Garden Club Tea
5:00pm	High School Youth at Wixom Lake Camp		11:30am	PEO Chapter CZ
			12:00pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting
	<b>Monday, May 18</b>		12:00pm	Ladies Bible Study
9:30am	Senior Yoga		12:30pm	Disability Network
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		5:00pm	DAR Meeting
6:00pm	MCFAN Board Meeting		7:00pm	Chancel Choir
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		7:00pm	Recovery Group
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760			<b>Friday, May 22</b>
7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board Meeting		9:30am	Senior Yoga
	<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>			<b>Saturday, May 23</b>
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		5:00pm	Worship Service
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			<b>Sunday, May 24</b>
1:00pm	DAR Book Club		9:30am	Worship Service
1:30pm	Stephen Ministry			
6:00pm	Toastmasters			
6:30pm	Sea Scouts			
	<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
5:30pm	Aktion Club			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			