

Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
May 24-30

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 Judy and Maynard Chaussee in honor of their 54th wedding anniversary.

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, MONDAY, MAY 25, IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY.

NEW WORSHIP TIMES BEGIN TODAY---Remember that, beginning today, 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.

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.



The Coffee and Conversation Group will not meet tomorrow, May 25, because of Memorial Day. Hope to see everyone on Monday, June 1, at 1:00pm at Stranded Yarn and Coffee.



Join us next Sunday, May 31, 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. Graduates, call the church office 989-631-0692 to RSVP. Please wear your graduation gown and the cap is optional.



Women's Ministry—Join us next Sunday, May 31st 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.



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!

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

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

Second, please consider donating your time as a volunteer. You can volunteer during VBS as a guide through our stations, a greeter in the morning, a leader of crafts, games or Bible stories, a snack helper or a music leader! You can volunteer to decorate before we begin or help tear down on our last day. Please see the sign-up sheets at the VBS table or email mlonsway@tlcmidland.org

Third, please consider donating an item from our wish list. Melanie will also post requests for snack items, props & decorations to borrow, and other items in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your support of Road Trip VBS - on the go with God!

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, 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.



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, July 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 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

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.

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, 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 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 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.



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) 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 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? Crazy 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, Alexas, Carol, Kelly, Eric, Gregg, Toni, Theresa, Brett, Sally, Brittany, and Nick.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for May 16/17: 299 in person 489 live-stream

Received: \$ 27,272.00

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

April 2026 <i>(Unified Fund Only*)</i>	YTD through April 2026 <i>(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)</i>
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 May 24-31

	Sunday, May 24		Thursday, May 28
9:30am	Worship Service		7:30am Men's Ministry
			9:00am Quilting Workshop
	Monday, May 25		12:00pm Ladies Bible Study
	OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY		6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		6:30pm Fiber Arts Guild
			7:00pm Recovery Group
	Tuesday, May 26		
9:00am	Fiber Arts Guild		Friday, May 29
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		9:30am Senior Yoga
11:00am	Kiwanis		
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		Saturday, May 30
12:45pm	Disability Network		10:00am Strings of Praise
6:00pm	Not Quite Home Band Rehearsal		5:00pm Worship Service
6:00pm	Evergreen Garden Club		
6:30pm	Sea Scouts		Sunday, May 31
			9:30am Worship Service
	Wednesday, May 27		11:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am	PEO		1:00pm Women's Ministry Spring Gathering
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door		3:00pm Strings of Praise Recital
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study		5:00pm Youth End of Year Party
12:00pm	Disability Network		
5:00pm	Youth Super Smash Tournament		
7:00pm	Recovery Group		