

A Message from the Director of Music Ministries

What has 43 ranks in four divisions and can fill a large room? No, this isn't the intro to a bad joke, rather a description of our mighty Schantz organ! Installed in 1979 this organ incorporates over 2,000 pipes used in varying combinations of color and balance to accompany worship, liturgy and hymn singing with music that stirs the heart or soothes the soul. It has been here for weekly worship services, Christmases and Easters, hundreds of weddings and funerals, concerts, recitals and much more. It took a huge step of faith to form the vision, the plan, and to assemble the finances to install an organ which today would cost over \$1,000,000 to replace.

Now, nearly 50 years later, the organ suffers from a medley of structural and mechanical failures, some of which have been present for most of the instrument's life. Is this surprising information? You hear the organ every week and it sounds wonderful! All thanks to the skill of our organists past and present who carefully work around the dead notes and missing sounds to accompany worship without disruption from the defects. But the problems persist and have grown harder to mask and work around.

In our annual meeting last February, congregation members lifted up concerns for the future, including building maintenance, the camp, and among them concerns for the continued care and maintenance of the organ. In that spirit, with the blessing of the church council, I have formed a team to evaluate the state of the instrument, secure recommendations and quotes for repair and will prepare a plan for the congregation to consider, including potential funding avenues. This will be a large project and a significant investment in time and money. We will need your support, and that starts with understanding the scope of the problem. This team, which includes Patti Bowen, Peder Danielsen, Pam Fagan, Charly Sly, Jeff Gramza and myself, will provide more information of the problems. We pray you share our desire to restore and prepare the organ to accompany the congregation's voice in worship for another 50 years and beyond.

Serving alongside you in the mission of Christ,
Jonathan Lonsway
Director of Music Ministries

Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
May 31-June 6

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 Nancy and Rick Proskow in honor of our graduates.



Today 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.

NEW WORSHIP TIMES-- Remember that we will have only 1 worship service on Sunday 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.



There will be a Mobile Food Pantry held in our parking lot on Friday, June 5. If you need help with food or know someone that is struggling with needing food, please let them know. We will need people to help with this project. **If you can help**, please plan on being at the church about 8:30 that morning. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Fagan.



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 today** 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, June 10 and 24th. 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, June 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.



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.



Trinity Lutheran Church
Vision & Strategic Plan

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, 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 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 pulldown or check the Welcome Center for a printed copy. While you're on our website, enjoy shopping at our online store! Thank you.

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.



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, Margaret, Nancy, Grace, Carol, Kelly, Cori, Christopher, Eric, Cody, Juddson and the family of Ilene Harms.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for May 23/24: 168 in person 435 live-stream
Received: \$ 9,677.00

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

April 2026 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through April 2026 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 54,570	Income:	\$ 323,069
Expenses:	\$ <u>86,694</u>	Investment Return:	\$ 185,698
	\$ (32,124)	Expenses:	\$ <u>417,819</u>
			\$ 90,948

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

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

**Calendar
May 31-June 7**

	Sunday, May 31			Wednesday, June 3
9:30am	Worship Service		10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study
11:15am	Summer Choir Rehearsal		12:00pm	Disability Network
1:00pm	Women's Spring Gathering		5:30pm	Aktion Club
3:00pm	Strings of Praise Recital		7:00pm	Recovery Group
5:00pm	Middle/High School Youth Party			
				Thursday, June 4
	Monday, June 1		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
9:30am	Senior Yoga		12:00pm	Ladies Bible Study
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		6:30pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
6:00pm	Relay for Life		7:00pm	Recovery Group
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760			
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			Friday, June 5
			9:00am	Mobile Food Pantry
	Tuesday, June 2		9:30am	Senior Yoga
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			
11:00am	Kiwanee Kiwanis			Saturday, June 6
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		11:00am	Baby Shower
6:00pm	Toastmasters		5:00pm	Worship Service
6:00pm	Not Quite Home Band Rehearsal			
6:30pm	Sea Scouts			Sunday, June 7
			9:30am	Worship Service
			11:15am	Summer Choir Rehearsal