Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
November 8-14

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 Rex and Janet Robinette in memory of Lori Robinette.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 8th there will be NO Sunday School class for children and NO Confirmation Class, due to The Charge. The Ignite schedule for November 11th will stay the same (all classes will meet on Wednesday).

Rainbow of Faith: Building an Inclusive Church meeting Sunday, November 8 at 10:00 in the chapel.

Wednesday, November 11 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6:00pm

Wednesday, November 11 Christmas Eve Instruments Rehearsal at 7:00pm.

Ignite Menu for Wednesday is a Nacho Bar with Cookies for dessert.

NEW ITEMS

Hope and Holly Boutique---We are asking for gently used or new Christmas decorations donations beginning Nov. 1st until Tuesday, Nov. 10 in the bin below the Women's ministry bulletin board or the Wittenberg room downstairs. We are hoping for tree decorations, garland, wreathes, outdoor decorations, Christmas dishes, etc. The proceeds of this will be for a charity in the community. The date of the Boutique will be Saturday, Nov. 14 from 11 to 3pm downstairs in the Activity room, by the sewing room and Sunday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 to 12:30pm. If you have any questions, feel free to call Jen Mishic at 989-835-7030 or Amy Danielsen at 989-430-8432.



It's Christmas Sharing Tree time. For over 40 years the Midland Sharing Tree has help fill holiday wishes for boys, girls, teens, women and men. They strive to make sure every person feels the touch of our caring community during the holiday season. Will you help? Take a tag from the tree, purchase the item requested and return it to church by November 29. Place the unwrapped gift in a gift bag, including the tag, and place it under the tree. Gift cards should be returned to the Welcome Desk. Let's make this a happy holiday for everyone.

<u>UPDATE to On-Line Giving Donations</u>
Transition to Subsplash: Many of our members choose to provide one-time or recurring gifts via on-line giving in support of our mission and ministry activities. After many years of using the Vanco platform for on-line giving, we are now in the process of transitioning all on-line giving to Trinity via credit card or ACH bank transfers to Subsplash – consolidating Trinity's digital giving options with the same platform we currently use for our church website.
Timing: Transition to Subsplash for on-line giving can start immediately. We plan to phase out all giving via Vanco by December 31, 2026. Starting January 1, 2027, Subsplash will be the sole digital giving option for all Trinity members.

Setting up a Subsplash Account: See the following link for guidance on 1) setting up a new Subsplash account and 2) discontinuing recurring giving via the Vanco platform. Link: https://www.tlcmidland.org/give. If you need any assistance, you can contact the church office (989-631-0692) for additional help with the process.
We appreciate your flexibility and partnership as we move through this important transition for on-line giving!

REPEATING ITEMS

With great joy and gratitude to God, we are pleased to share that the Church Council has recommended The Rev. Kristen Ulmanis to the congregation for a call to serve as our new part-time Associate Pastor of Congregational Care!
Pastor Kris' story is deeply connected to Trinity as she grew up in this congregation where her Christian faith and identity first took root. Please refer to recent Tidings communications for a more detailed introduction from Pastor Kris.
NEXT STEPS: On Sat. Nov. 14 (following the 5 PM service) and Sun. Nov. 15 (between the two services) we will have a 2-part congregational meeting, with each session to include 1) an opportunity to meet and learn more about
Pastor Kristen, 2) a short Q&A session to learn more about the position followed by 3) a congregational vote to call Pastor Kristen Ulmanis o serve as our new part-time Associate Pastor of Congregational Care. Voting members should plan to attend in person in order to vote during one of the two scheduled sessions (absentee ballots will not be available for this vote).
Please continue to pray for Pastor Kris, her family, and our congregation as we take these important next steps together. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us with wisdom, joy, and hope for our continued ministry together!



Help us help our neighbors—Will you help purchase turkeys and/or pies for the Thanksgiving baskets? A turkey will cost $45.00. Place the money in an envelope and drop it off at the Welcome Desk. Please put "Turkey" on the memo line of your check. Pies may be purchased and placed in the refrigerator or freezer in the kitchen. Please put a note saying "Thanksgiving Basket" on the pie. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Thanksgiving Potluck on Wednesday, November 18 at 5:15. Please bring a dish to share with others. Trinity will provide the turkey. There is a sign-up sheet near the Welcome Desk so that we know how many to plan for. Come enjoy a great Thanksgiving meal!



A Very Mixed-Up Christmas Pageant
Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30pm
Rehearsals begin Wednesday, November 11 at 6pm and Sunday, November 15 at 10am! These first two rehearsals will include relaxed auditions for speaking roles (no need to prepare, but please attend one of these dates). Questions? Ask Melanie at mlonsway@tlcmidland.org



Christmas Poinsettia Orders—Order your white poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Each poinsettia costs $20.00 and can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms are available at the welcome desk. Please return to Cathy or Carrie by December 13.



Christmas Eve Instruments--Last year we formed an instrumental ensemble for Christmas, which was a lot of fun for all involved. We had over 20 musicians and played a Christmas carol arranged for orchestra/band instruments. We also accompanied some hymns.
This is your invitation to join our ensemble for Christmas Eve this year!
We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm) starting November 4. Will participate in the 2nd service on Christmas Eve, which starts at 6:30 pm. The music will be intermediate difficulty (think late middle school, early high school difficulty level). Adults are welcome, this is a great opportunity to dust off that instrument you haven't played in a while!
If you would like to participate, or have some questions, please contact Jonathan Lonsway.
jlonsway@tlcmidland.org

A Rainbow of Faith: Building an Inclusive Church This group equips and empowers people of faith to become informed, compassionate, and courageous allies of the LBGTQIA+ community. Rooted in the inclusive love of Christ, we listen, learn, share stories, explore scripture, and grow in our ability to advocate for the dignity and full belonging of every person. Whether you are a longtime ally or just beginning your journey, you are welcome in this grace-filled space for honest conversation and meaningful relationships. Our next meeting is November 8 at 10:00 in the Chapel.

Senior Connections Needs You! Trinity's six year old Senior Connections program was launched during the COVID pandemic as an outreach program for senior members of Trinity, especially those unable to attend worship services. We mail monthly packets (see samples on the bulletin board near the Coffee Café) and, if desired, have a volunteer contact them by phone at least monthly. We need **volunteer callers!** Please call Betty Wallwey at 989.835.5992 for more information about Connections, or to volunteer to serve our seniors in this way.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Holy Land Pilgrimage - January 14-28, 2028. Due to continuing unrest, we have postponed our pilgrimage. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Kid's Praise—Just a reminder that we have Kid's Praise for children 3 years old through 3rd grade during both worship services on Sunday morning. The children leave following the Children's Sermon and return shortly after the sermon. If you have questions or would like to help with this program, please contact Melanie Lonsway.

CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES — Are you interested in discussions and actions taking place during monthly Church Council meetings? See the following link to the Church Council page on Trinity's website for summaries from recent meetings. Link: https://www.tlcmidland.org/church-council



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.

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.

Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, November 11 and 25. 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.

BIBLE STUDY AND MEETINGS



Sunday School for all ages meet at 10:00am. Ages 4-5th grade meet downstairs in the Activities Room. Confirmation Classes meet in the Youth Room.

The Adult Sunday School class will meet between services in the Hearth Room this Sunday. Join us as we continue with our intensive study of the Book of Romans. This week: Romans chapter 6. Hope to see you there! Note: The Adult Sunday School class will NOT meet on November 15.

Trinity Women's Life Group meets every Sunday at 10 am in the conference room. All women are invited to join us for this weekly time of prayer, Bible reading, conversation, and connecting. New topics each week so new attendees are always welcome to join any Sunday. We'll always make room for you around our table. Please contact Heidi Lang (call/text 517.930.5037) with questions.



Trinity Men's Ministry All Men Welcome! Last Thursday of the month at 7:30am. .

Antioch Circle invites all women to our Bible study on the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Hearth Room. This fall, we are finishing our study of Esther in Max Lucado's book You Were Made for This Moment. Newcomers are welcome anytime. No need to purchase the book; we can share. We read the book aloud together and answer questions that apply the text to our daily lives. Contact Judy Richardson for details. Please join us!

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.



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.

AROUND THE WORLD

Relay for Life—American Cancer Society—Craft Show---Saturday, November 14, 9:00am-3:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. No entry Fee—lunch will be available. Don't miss this great opportunity to find the perfect gifts and support a great cause! Together we can find a cure for cancer!



Coffee with Joe

Every Monday Joe will be at Live Oak Coffee House on Ashman St. from 6:30-8:30pm. Come and hang out, do homework, talk philosophy and theology, or just read a book! I'll buy you a drink!



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Tim, John, Sam, Jill, Gage, Sharon, Duane, Sara, Carol, Kelly, Jennifer, Jes, Brett, Gregg, Jessica, and Crystal.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Craig, Tom, June, Joe, and Keith.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for October 31/November 1: 300 in person 381 live-stream
Received: $ 9,719.00

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

September 2026 *(Unified Fund Only*)*			**YTD through September 2026** *(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)*		
Income:	$	93,302	Income:	$	734,410
Expenses:	$	80,657	Investment Return:	$	333,424
	$	12,645	Expenses:	$	859,762[1]
				$	208,072

**Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances*
[1]Includes partial payment of $50,000 for the Phase 3 Roofing Project

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

Calendar
November 8/15

	Sunday, November 8			**Thursday, November 12**
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	Rainbow of Faith Meeting		9:15am	Community Assist Meeting
10:00am	Adult Sunday School		7:00pm	Chancel Choir
10:00am	Women's Life Group		7:00pm	Recovery Group
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service			
				Friday, November 13
	Monday, November 9		9:30am	Senior Yoga
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11:00am	Robert Baker Funeral			**Saturday, November 14**
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation		9:00am	Relay for Life Craft Sale
5:30pm	Asset Management Meeting		11:00am	Hope & Holly Boutique
5:30pm	Stephen Ministry Training Class		3:00pm	Wedding
6:30pm	Youth Coffee with Joe		5:00pm	Worship Service
6:45pm	Scout Troop 760		6:00pm	Congregational Meeting
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
				Sunday, November 15
	Tuesday, November 10		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation		9:30am	Hope & Holly Boutique
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		10:00am	Congregational Meeting
1:00pm	Staff Meeting		10:00am	Confirmation Class
3:00pm	Disability Network Dinner		10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
5:30pm	Church Council		10:00am	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
6:00pm	Sea Scouts		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers		5:00pm	High School Youth Group
	Wednesday, November 11			
8:30am	Legacy Center Meeting			
9:00pm	PEO			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
5:15pm	Ignite			
5:30pm	Aktion Club			
6:00pm	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Christmas Eve Instruments Rehearsal			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
7:15pm	Pub Theology (Nord Social)			