

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
October 11-17**

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 Cathy Bloomfield in memory of Don.

Pastor Jeff and Vicar Sophie, you inspire us to love God more deeply and to serve others more joyfully. Thank you for your tireless service and your prayers. You are a blessing to our church family.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



Toni & Trish House: Annual Circle of Caring Luncheon, Wednesday, October 28 at 12:00—The Great Hall. Please RSVP by **Monday, October 12** [-Trishhouse@gmail.com](mailto:Trishhouse@gmail.com) or call 989.662.6400.

QUILT SUNDAY: Each Thursday from 9-11:00 Trinity quilters gather to assemble, tie and sew bindings on quilts, make quilt tops, quilt backs and fillers. We are blessed to have a resource for the fillers that go between the top and bottom. Premier Laundry in Saginaw generously gives us bundles of hospital blankets. Today the quilts are blessed before they will be boxed and taken to Valley Lutheran School in Saginaw for Ingathering with other churches and put on a truck to go to a LWR warehouse. We have already taken quilts to the Orphan Grain Train in Sebawaing to be shared mostly in African countries. There are always quilts available to be given locally to those in need or to an organization that can use some for clients. Also, there are lap quilts available for those in wheels chairs. If you know someone or some group that could use quilts or lap quilts contact Sheryl Daniels, Charlotte Roth or Judy Chaussee. If you have a free Thursday morning, come join us for fellowship and see what we do.



Adult and Family Kayaking Trip. Today meet Pastor Jeff at Chippawa Nature Center at 1:00pm.



Today is the deadline to sign up for the Holiday Chicken Lunch @ Zehnder's in Frankenmuth and the musical performance of the Three Men & A Tenor on Tuesday, December 1st.

Today is the deadline to sign up for CHARGE: Nov 6-8

A high-energy faith experience for students in grades 6–12 to grow in faith, build community, and develop leadership while enjoying the fun of Great Wolf Lodge. More info to follow!
Sign up at the bulletin board now to get your spot!

Good people of Trinity: The Benevolence team has been made aware of a need for food for the pantry at the Monarch Academy located in the juvenile facility here in Midland.

The pantry benefits both the residents at the facility and their families who are experiencing food insecurity. I would like to do a food drive to collect canned goods, boxed food items, cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, and snacks for the young people and their families. Please consider a donation for this worthwhile project! For the next week I'll have a donation box in the Narthex labeled "Monarch Academy at Juvenile Facility"

Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, October 14 . 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.



XYZ 50+ Chippewa Nature Center Fall Colors Golf Cart Tour

On Wednesday October 14, 2026, XYZ has arranged for a private golf cart tour of the Chippewa Nature Center to view and admire the fall colors. If you have wanted to go to the CNC but do not want to walk around, here is your chance. The tour will begin at 2pm and lasts about an hour.

Three golf carts are available with each holding five persons. There are seat belts for safety, and these are required to be worn. The limit for this program is fifteen persons, and the cost is \$10.00 per person payable the day of the tour. Please sign up on the signup sheet near the nursery so that we have a count. The Trinity van will be available, and I encourage you to use it because the walk from the parking lot can be long. Please indicate on the signup sheet if you would like to ride the van. Contact Nancy Perry at 989-295-3014 with questions.

Women's Retreat- Saturday, October 17 Women's Fall Retreat!

Make space for grace, renewal, and meaningful connection at Trinity's Fall Women's Retreat on October 17, from 10:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at beautiful Dow Gardens. We are delighted to welcome Rev. Angela Shannon as our retreat presenter. Together, we will explore the powerful and deeply personal gift of forgiveness—what it means to receive it, to offer it, and to live in its freedom. We hope you will join us for this special day of reflection, conversation, and fellowship. Registration is \$30.00 per person! Please visit the registration table in the Narthex to sign up! Spots are limited!

New Member Information Session. Whether you're new to our congregation or just want to learn more about who we are and what we believe, we invite you to join us for a New Members' Information Session on Sunday, **October 18, at 10:am** (between worship services) in the Chapel. We look forward to seeing you there and welcome you with open arms.

Ignite Menu for Wednesday is Pizza, a green salad, and cookies for dessert.



NEW ITEMS



Pipe Screams---Costume-clad performers grace the stage with their musical skills! Come and enjoy a Spooktacular family friendly program, sponsored by the Saginaw Valley American Guild of Organists. Featuring a variety of instruments, include the King of Instruments - the organ! Jonathan and Charly are both playing!

Children attend free, suggested donation of \$3.00 for teens and \$5.00 for adults. All funds raised support the continued work of the Guild in our community. Sunday, October 25, 2026 - 3:00 pm First Presbyterian Church---805 Center Ave, MI 48708



The 22nd annual Christmas Greens Youth Fundraiser is now in progress! This event provides a great opportunity for our youth to earn funds to cover expenses for Trinity-related youth events such as Confirmation camp, the CHARGE, Music camps, Mission trips, ELCA Gatherings and more. Items available for sale include wreaths (22-inch & 28-inch diameter), swags, 10-foot garlands, centerpieces and a cute reindeer/sleigh/gnome set! Flyers with photos of all items are available in the church office. All greens come from the Pacific Northwest and they still look wonderful in February! If interested, we can link you up with a youth who is selling the greens or your order can be given to Joe Johnson (jjohnson@tlcmidland.org) or to Sandy

Schlesinger (989-859-7843; sandyschlesinger@gmail.com). All orders must be received by Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026 by noon with delivery planned for the week before Thanksgiving. Thanks for all you do to support our youth!

Senior Connections Needs You! Trinity's six year old Senior Connections program was begun 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.



Two Awesome Events, One Night! Sunday, October 25

Trunk or Treat 5-6pm Chili Cook Off 6-7pm

Scan the QR code to sign up.

Join us for **Trunk or Treat** in our main parking lot. Bring your trunk, help with games, donate candy, and more! Will your trunk be the 2026 winner?



Following the outdoor fun, join us inside for a **Chili Cook Off!** This is a free event, and our high schoolers are raising money for the ELCA National Gathering in Minneapolis in June 2027. Is your secret recipe the Best Chili? Sign up to bring chili, your trunk, or to help with games:



UP-COMING EVENTS



Are you cleaning out your closets for the upcoming winter season? Donate your gently used or new winter items to help those in need. Items needed: coats & jackets, sweaters & hoodies, hats, gloves, & mittens, blankets & warm bedding. **Items can be dropped off any time before October 20 at the Youth Center.** Key is available at the Welcome Desk. Free Rummage Sale will be held Saturday, October 24, 9:00am-2:pm

Adventure Elementary Retreat---October 23-25, 2026 (Friday – Sunday) 3rd-5th grade campers will dive into the adventure stories of the Bible while picking up real wilderness skills – the kind that make kids feel capable, confident, and ready for anything. Activities include Fire Building, Slingshot, and Archery. Every activity is led by trained, caring staff in a safe, structured environment. Your child can take on new challenges with confidence, and you can feel great about sending them. Cost: \$75 per camper – meals included. Register here as soon as possible: <https://elcalivingwater.com/retreats/> If you have questions please contact Melanie Lonsways.



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



Christ In Our Home The newest edition of Christ In Our Home is now available at Trinity's Coffee Café! This daily devotional offers inspiring Scripture readings, reflections, and prayers for October, November, & December. Both regular and large-print editions are available. Be sure to pick up your free copy today and enrich your daily walk with Christ.

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.

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BIBLE STUDY AND MEETINGS



Sunday School for all ages meet at 10:00am.

The Adult Sunday School class will meet today, Sunday, October 11 between the two Sunday services in the Hearth Room. We will resume our study of the Book of Romans, focusing on chapter 4. Everyone is invited, regardless of whether you have attended before. Looking forward to seeing you!

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. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29, in the church conference room.

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



American Cancer Society and Relay for Life invite you to take part in a virtual community fundraiser. On Friday, October 16 order Panda Express online (pandaexpress.com) or from their App, for pickup or delivery.

You can order from any Panda Express nationwide. Apply code 9018199 in the Fundraiser Code box during check out. 28% of all sales will be donated to the American Cancer Society. There is no extra cost to you. Help Panda Express help the American Cancer Society in its fight to end cancer.

Imagine waking up on Thanksgiving morning and realizing it's just another Thursday. You haven't heard from family in a long time. No one is expecting you to show up. No place at the table is waiting for you. Just another day wondering if you'll have a meal to eat. Together, we can set a place for them at our table.

You can give a Thanksgiving meal for just \$2.30 and offer a seat at the table to a neighbor in need.

Want to make room for even more neighbors? **Provide meals and care for an entire table!** You can give online at: midlandopendoor.org



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!

Stump The Pastor: Do you ever have questions about Church, Christianity, or our faith? Ever wish you could ask the pastor about what's really on your mind? Well, now you can! Join us on **Oct 18th from 5-7pm** for Stump the Pastor, with Pastor Jeff, Vicar Sophie, and Big Joe. Bring all your questions and discussion topics and ask us about ANYTHING (yes, even that). If you would like to **submit a question anonymously**, there will be a box in the youth room where you can leave your written questions. Anyone is welcome to attend!

High Schoolers, we will have a scary movie night on October 24th starting at 7pm in the Gathering Room. Food and Drinks will be provided.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Carol, Kelly, Duane, Taylor, Noreen, Sara, Jennifer, Jen, and Kevn.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Craig, June, Russell, Tim, and Greg.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for October 3/4: 289 in person 468 live-stream

Received: \$ 10,212.00

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

August 2026 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through August 2026 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 64,051	Income:	\$ 633,388
Expenses:	\$ 81,235	Investment Return:	\$ 374,400
	\$ (17,184)	Expenses:	\$ 776,423 ¹
			\$ 231,365

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

¹Includes partial payment of \$50,000 for the Phase 3 Roofing Project

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

**Calendar
October 11-18**

	Sunday, October 11			Thursday, October 15
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages		12:00pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting
10:00am	Confirmation Class		12:30pm	Disability Network
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		1:00pm	PEO Chapter CZ
1:00pm	Adult Kayaking Trip		7:00pm	Chancel Choir
7:00pm	Youth Movie Night		7:00pm	Recovery Group
				Friday, October 16
	Monday, October 12		9:30am	Senior Yoga
9:00pm	PEO		12:30pm	Disability Network Movie Day
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation			
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Training			Saturday, October 17
6:30pm	Youth Coffee with Joe		10:15am	Women's Retreat
6:45pm	Scout Troop 760		2:00pm	Wedding
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		5:00pm	Worship Service
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
				Sunday, October 18
	Tuesday, October 13		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation		10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		10:00am	Confirmation Class
1:00pm	Staff Meeting		10:00am	New Member Informational Meeting
5:30pm	Church Council		10:00am	Listening in Love
6:00pm	Sea Scouts		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers		5:00pm	High School Youth Group
	Wednesday, October 14			
9:30am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
2:00pm	XYZ50+ Chippewa Nature Tour			
5:15pm	Ignite			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
7:15pm	Pub Theology (Nord Social)			
7:30pm	Aktion Club Talent Show			