

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
October 18-24**

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 Wendy Florey and Dale LeCaptain in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary, by Debbie and David Cress in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary and by Dick Lebsack in memory of Nyla and in honor of Lisa Moore's birthday.

Married at Trinity this weekend were Amanda Morgan and Tyler Heyl . May God bless them as they start their new life together. Congratulations!

We are sorry to announce the passing of Carol Fahlsing. Carol was not a member of Trinity but enjoyed taking part in many of our events and groups, especially the Quilting Workshop. Her funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 23, 2026, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 3109 Swede Avenue. Carol's family will receive friends at the church on Friday from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



Next weekend is Reformation Sunday. We commemorate the day in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the door of the All Saints' church in Wittenberg, Germany. In honor of this day, it is suggested that you wear red next weekend for worship.

Ages 4-5th graders meet downstairs in the Activities Room. Confirmation Classes meet in the Youth Room.

New Member Information Session today. 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, **at 10:am** (between worship services) in the Chapel. We look forward to seeing you there and welcome you with open arms.



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!



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



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.

Elementary Students will leave for Stoney Lake Camp on Friday and return on Sunday, October 23-25.



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, Bay City, MI 48708



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:



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!

Ignite Menu for Wednesday is Mediterranean Medley, a green salad, and Rice Crispy for dessert.



NEW ITEMS



With great joy and gratitude to God, we are pleased to share that the Church Council has recommended Rev. Kristen Umanis to the congregation for a call to serve as our Pastor of Congregational Care.

Pastor Kris's story is deeply connected to Trinity. She grew up in this congregation, where her Christian faith and identity first took root. In the coming weeks, the congregation will have an opportunity to meet with Pastor Kris and take part in a question-and-answer session. After that, we will gather to vote on whether to call her to serve as our Associate Pastor as Pastor of Congregational Care.

Please join me in praying for Pastor Kristen Umanis, her family, and our congregation as we take these next steps together. May the Holy Spirit guide us with wisdom, joy, and hope.

Open Door coordinator—We are in need of someone to act as coordinator for the volunteers that work at Open Door on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Lee Smith.

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.



UP-COMING 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



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.

Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, October 28. 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 NOT meet this Sunday. The class will resume on Sunday November 1 at 10 a.m. As we continue with our series on Romans. Please read Romans chapter 5 prior to our next session. Thanks!

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



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!



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Duane, Les, Taylor, Noreen, Carol, Kelly, Jennifer, Sarah, Toni, Kathy, Theresa, David, Jen, Kevin, Nicholas, Sara, and Gregg.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for October 10/11: 255 in person 435 live-stream

Received: \$

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

September 2026
(Unified Fund Only*)

Income:	\$ 93,302
Expenses:	\$ 80,657
	\$ 12,645

YTD through August 2026
(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)

Income:	\$ 734,410
-Investment Return:	\$ 333,424
Expenses:	\$ 859,762 ¹
	\$ 208,072

*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 18-25

	Sunday, October 18			Wednesday, October 21
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages		12:00pm	Disability Network
10:00am	Confirmation Class		5:15pm	Ignite
10:00am	New Member Informational Meeting		6:00pm	Confirmation Class
10:00am	Listening in Love		7:00pm	Recovery Group
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		7:15pm	Pub Theology (Nord Social)
5:00pm	High School Youth Group			
				Thursday, October 22
	Monday, October 19		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
9:00am	PEO		10:00am	Baby Sign Class
9:30am	Senior Yoga		5:00pm	Thornberry Condo Assoc. Meeting
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation		7:00pm	Recovery Group
6:00pm	MCFAN Board Meeting			
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Training			Friday, October 23
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Group Meeting		9:30am	Senior Yoga
6:30pm	Youth Coffee with Joe			Youth leave for Elementary Camp
6:45pm	Scout Troop 760			
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			Saturday, October 24
7:00pm	Recovery Group		10:00am	Strings of Praise
			5:00pm	Worship Service
			7:00pm	High School Scary Movie Night
	Tuesday, October 20			
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation			
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			Sunday, October 25
1:00pm	Staff Meeting		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
1:00pm	Antioch Circle		10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
6:00pm	Sea Scouts		10:00am	Confirmation Class
6:00pm	Toastmasters		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
			5:00pm	Trunk or Treat
			6:00pm	Chili Cook Off