

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
October 4 - 10**

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 Cheryl Potter and Dick Baker in memory of Chuck Potter and Diane Baker.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



Children's Ministry Team Meeting today following the 11:00 worship service (12:15) in the Conference Room. See you there!

CROP Walk is today beginning at 2:00pm.

Ignite Menu for Wednesday is Chicken Tacos with rice and beans, a green salad, and brownies for dessert.



NEW ITEMS



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!

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."

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.

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



Adult and Family Kayaking Trip. Join Pastor Jeff for a church-wide kayaking trip on October 11th. We will be meeting at the Tridge at 1:00pm. Signup will be posted outside the Sanctuary. If you want to come you must sign up by October 8th at the latest.



Holiday Chicken Lunch @ Zehnder's in Frankenmuth and the musical performance of the Three Men & A Tenor on Tuesday, December 1st. They are a nationally recognized, family-friendly vocal entertainment group that celebrates the best of American music — from patriotic anthems to holiday favorites and classic standards. Doors open at 11:30 am for the \$63/person event which includes your chicken meal, beverages, dessert, tax, tip, and entertainment. Transportation (limit of 14) will be by our church van, or you can drive yourself so you can spend some extra time in Frankenmuth. Payment (checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church) must be done at the time you sign up on the registration sheet located on the counter near the nursery door across from the lobby Welcome Desk. Envelopes for your payment are provided in the clear plastic envelope posted on the wall above the registration sheet. Deposit your envelope with payment in the drop box outside the church office door. We only have a reservation for 30 people for this event sponsored by our Trinity XYZ group. **Deadline is Sunday, October 11th.**



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!



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 (new dates). 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 14 and 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.

The Adult Sunday School class will NOT meet today, October 4. We will resume our study of the Book of Romans on Sunday, October 11, focusing on chapter 4. We meet between the two Sunday services in the Hearth Room. As always, 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.



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!

All Middle School and High School students are invited to join Joe for a movie night on Saturday, October 10th at 7pm in the Gathering Room. Food and Drinks will be provided.

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.

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!



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Isabel, Sarah, Laurie, Tammy, Jeff, Jim, William, Mary, Dawn, Michelle, Linda, Carol, Luke, David, Kelly, Gregg, Julie, and Sara.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: June and Russell.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for September 26/27: 296 in person 429 live-stream

Received: \$ 12423.68

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.

