

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
September 13-19**

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 Donna Kuntzsch in memory of Jerry and by Jeff and Barb Grunder in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary and by Michael and Linden Rogers in honor of Ken and Lorie Mault's 40th wedding anniversary.

PARENT CONFIRMATION MEETING TODAY at noon in the Hearth Room. Please reach out to Vicar Sophie or Joe for more details!

The Adult Sunday School class will resume today. We meet between services in the Hearth Room most Sunday mornings. This year, we will begin with an intensive study of the Book of Romans. As always, everyone is invited, regardless of whether you have attended before. Looking forward to seeing you!

IGNITE VOLUNTEERS—Thank you to all our wonderful members who have taken the time to fill all Volunteer positions for Ignite! We appreciate everyone's dedication and hard work! If you are a volunteer for Ignite, please pick up your schedule booklet in the office.

Ignite Welcome Back Picnic Potluck---Wednesday, September 16 Bring a dish to pass and Join us for food (hot dogs, chips, lemonade provided), fellowship, and bounce house.



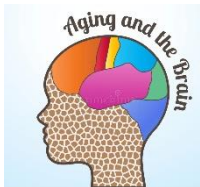
Wednesday, September 16th Pull Up a Chair for Pub Theology! This fall, adults of all ages are invited to gather at Nord Social on Wednesdays after Ignite for good conversation, meaningful connection, and thoughtful exploration of faith and life. Pub Theology is a national program that offers engaging conversation topics designed to deepen our understanding of God, one another, and the world we share. No theological expertise is needed—just bring your questions, your experiences, and

an open heart. Come as you are. Bring a friend. Pull up a chair. There is a place at the table for you! Contact Vicar Sophie with questions



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

CROP Walk: This year's **CROP Walk will be Oct 4th**, and the walk will begin at 2:00pm. Please join our team by going to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/home> and join "Trinity Lutheran Midland, Mi Team Awesome!" I know it's a long name, but at least it's easy to find. You can also donate to our team without joining by following that link, OR.... **Starting this Sunday** there will be a donation box in the narthex. **Every dollar** donated in this box will count as **one vote** toward deciding **which pastor's (Jeff, Sophie, or Joe) hair we are going to dye**, and what color we will dye it. With your donation you can fill out a piece of paper including how much you donated, whose hair you're voting for, and what color you want. The winner will be determined on Oct 4th, and the unfortunate pastor's hair will be dyed the following week.



Aging Brain Fitness Seminar: Wednesday, September 16th - 1:30 - 3:45 pm Your brain ages just like other body parts and systems but there are things you can do to cope with its changes plus maintain and improve your personal brain fitness. You are invited to attend this interactive program facilitated by Sue Montesi and sponsored by Trinity's XYZ program. You will learn how your brain works and changes as you age, learn behaviors and brain exercises to combat and cope with the undesirable effects aging often has on your brain, and be introduced to lifestyle actions that can improve your brain fitness. Advance registration is required as printed materials will be provided and attendance will be limited to 36 seniors who are willing to embrace behaviors that likely will positively impact their brain health. The registration sheet is located on the shelf near the nursery door across from the Trinity lobby Welcome Desk.

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.



If you enjoy music with a gospel flavor, the True Spirit Singers would welcome you to join our group. We always sing in English, accompanied by a piano. Our rehearsals are on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th (if there is one) Tuesdays of the month from 7:00-8:30 in the choir room downstairs. Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, September 8. Come try us. Contact Marijean if you have any questions 989.430.2706.

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>

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!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday School returns Sunday, September 20. All are welcome!



Listening in Love--Join us for compassionate listening, honest conversation, and prayerful learning as Trinity deepens its welcome and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people. Guided by ReconcilingWorks' Building an Inclusive Church resource, we will meet on the third Sunday of each month at **10:00 a.m.**, beginning **September 20**. Location to be announced. Contact Gaylene Levally at LevallyGaylene@gmail.com.

Trinity Women's Life Group resumes on Sunday, Sept 20 at 10 am, between the two services, in the conference room. Beginning our 14th year, we invite women of all ages to join us for conversation, video studies, and prayer. More will be shared on opening topic soon. Call/text Heidi Lang for more info, 517.930.5037.



PJ's & Pancakes-- Saturday, September 26, 9:30-11:00am join us for this family event! We will have pancakes, story time, crafts, & games. PJ's not required but highly encouraged.

Women's Retreat- Saturday, October 17 Mark your calendar to join us for a Women's Fall Retreat to be held at Dow Garden's classrooms from 10:00am-4:00pm. Rev. Angela Shannon will be our special presenter. 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. Registration information will be coming soon.



Adult and Family Kayaking Trip on October 18th. Watch for details coming soon.



Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25. Enjoy an evening of family friendly fun!

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.



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.

Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, September 23. 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.



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.

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, September 15, 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, September 24, 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.



Sunday School classes will begin September 20.



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.

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.



Today Join Us For A Progressive dinner from 5pm-8pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IS BACK BABYYYYYYY!!! To kick off the year we are having our 2nd annual progressive dinner! We'll share a three-course meal together, but the catch is each course will be at a different person's house! We'll go between Pastor Jeff's, Vicar Sophie's, and Joe's house, and get to know each other a bit on the way. Can't wait to see you there! Tell Joe you're coming so we can make sure we've got enough food!

Coffee with Joe

Starting on September 14th, 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!

Youth at Wixom Lake! September 20th

Do you like starting fires? How about the seminal game "Where's My Chicken"? Then join the Youth Group on September 20th when we will be going up to Wixom for worship and games. Middle School and High School are welcome! Meet at church at 5pm, and we'll all go together. See you there!

Middle and High School Youth Kayaking: Sept 27th

Join Joe the last Sunday in Sept for a youth group kayaking trip after church! We'll meet at the Tridge at 1pm. The trip will take 2-3 hours, and we can go get some food downtown afterwards. Sign-up available on the bulletin board. *You need to sign up by September 20 at the latest.*

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!

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, Marilyn, Dean, Carol, Kelly, Jennifer, and Sara.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Grace, Jacki, Craig, Greg, and John.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for September 5/6: 253 in person 270 live-stream
Received: \$ 7521.23

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

August 2026		YTD through August 2026	
<i>(Unified Fund Only*)</i>		<i>(Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)</i>	
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
September 13-20**

	Sunday, September 13			Thursday, September 17
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	Adult Sunday School Class		11:00am	PEO Chapter CZ
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		12:00pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting
12:00pm	Confirmation Parent Meeting		12:30pm	Disability Network
5:00pm	Youth Progressive Dinner		12:30pm	Ladies Small Group
			7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	Monday, September 14		7:00pm	Recovery Group
9:30am	Senior Yoga			
1:00pm	Coffee & Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Friday, September 18
4:00pm	DOXA Dinner		9:30am	Senior Yoga
5:30pm	Asset Management			
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Training Class			Saturday, September 19
6:30pm	Youth Coffee with Joe at Live Oak		9:30am	DAR Meeting
6:45pm	Scout Troop 760		10:00am	Strings of Praise
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		5:00pm	Worship Service
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			
				Sunday, September 20
	Tuesday, September 15		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		10:00am	Adult Sunday School
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		10:00am	Listening in Love
1:00pm	Antioch Circle		10:00am	Confirmation Class
6:00pm	Toastmasters		10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
			11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
	Wednesday, September 16		5:00pm	Middle and High School Youth to Wixom Camp
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study		6:00pm	Worship at Wixom Camp
12:00pm	Disability Network			
1:00pm	Staff Meeting			
1:00pm	XYZ50+ Brain Fitness Seminar			
5:00pm	Ignite Potluck Picnic			
5:30pm	Aktion Club			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board Meeting			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
7:30pm	Pub Theology at Nord Social			