

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
September 20-27**

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 in honor of all those that help with the kickoff of Ignite.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



Sunday School classes begins today, September 20, at 10:00 in the Activity Room.



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 in the Chapel**. Come with your questions. Come with your experiences. Come with an open heart as we listen to one another and discern how Christ is calling us to love. Contact Gaylene Levally at LevallyGaylene@gmail.com.

Trinity Women's Life Group reconvenes on Sunday 9/20 and will meet 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.

Worship at Wixom Camp Bring a chair or blanket---we will supply s'mores. Come enjoy a campfire, songs, and fellowship. Directions to the camp can be found at the Welcome Desk.

XYZ50+ Planning Committee will meet on Monday, September 21 at 2:00pm in the Conference Room. If you are interested in what they do or want to help, please plan on attending this meeting.

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.



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.



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.

Ignite Menu for Wednesday is Teriyaki Chicken, Orange Chicken, Salad, and Rice Krispies. Hope to see you there.



NEW ITEMS



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.



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



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.



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.**



UP-COMING EVENTS



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 10:00 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!



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.



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



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.



BIBLE STUDY AND MEETINGS



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

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.*

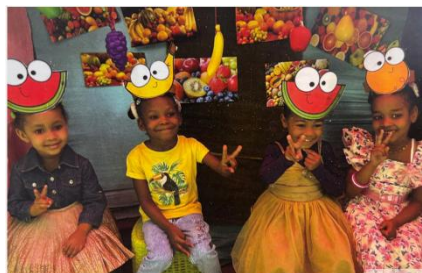
Stump The Pastor: Do you ever have questions about Church, Christianity, or our faith? Ever wish you could ask the pastor about what's really on your mind? Well, now you can! Join us on **Oct 18th from 5-7pm** for Stump the Pastor, with Pastor Jeff, Vicar Sophie, and Big Joe. Bring all your questions 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!



AROUND THE WORLD



ELCA GOOD GIFTS---After a civil war broke out in Sudan, Amal and her four children were among the refugees who sought safety in nearby countries. They eventually settled in Cairo, Egypt. When they arrived, Amal was unemployed, so it was difficult to consistently provide food for the family. Nour, one of Amal's daughters, struggled at her new preschool, finding it challenging to focus. Worried about her daughter's difficulties at school, Amal consulted a health specialist from an ELCA partner organization. They figured out that Nour had anemia and vitamin deficiencies, leading to fatigue and concentration problems. Thanks to your gifts to ELCA Good Gifts, Amal and her family started receiving

food boxes with extra vitamin supplements for Nour.

With nutritious food, proper vitamins and treatment for her anemia, Nour now excels in school. She is engaged in her classes and stays focused. Her teachers noticed that Nour became more cheerful and confident.

With the care and support made possible by your gifts, Nour's resilience has shone through. You ensure that refugees like Amal and Nour have enough food to not just survive but to flourish. You may place loose change in the offering plate on the second weekend of the month or envelopes in the pew racks any time to support the work of ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for your generosity.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Carol, Linda, Darlene, Taylor, Sharon, John, Kelly, Sarah, Laurie, Jeff, Tammy, Jen, Sara, Kevin, Bob, and Gregg.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Betty, Grace, Jack, Craig, John, Greg, and Michele.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for September 12/13: 288 in person 504 live-stream

Received: \$ 9520.00

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
September 20**

	Sunday, September 20			Thursday, September 24
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		7:30am	Men's Ministry
10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
10:00am	Listening in Love		12:30pm	Ladies Small Group
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
5:00pm	Middle and High School Youth to Wixom Camp		7:00pm	Recovery Group
6:00pm	Worship at Wixom Camp			
				Friday, September 25
	Monday, September 21		9:30am	Senior Yoga
11:00am	Funeral for Horst Bleich			
1:00pm	Coffee & Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Saturday, September 26
2:00pm	XYZ50+ Planning Committee		9:30am	PJ's and Pancakes
6:00pm	MCFAN Board Meeting		5:00pm	Worship Service
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Meeting			
6:00pm	Stephen Ministry Training Class			Sunday, September 27
6:30pm	Youth Coffee with Joe at Live Oak		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
6:45pm	Scout Troop 760		10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		10:00am	Confirmation Class
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
			1:00pm	Middle and High School Youth Kayaking
	Tuesday, September 22			
9:00am	Fiber Arts Guild			
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
1:00pm	Staff Meeting			
7:00pm	True Spirit Singers			
	Wednesday, September 23			
9:15am	Cooking at Open Door			
10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study			
11:00am	Daughters of the Union			
12:00pm	Disability Network			
5:15pm	Ignite			
6:00pm	Confirmation Class			
7:00pm	Recovery Group			
7:30pm	Pub Theology at Nord Social			