

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Announcements
November 1-7**

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 Ron and Ellen Myers in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary.



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



Ignite Menu for Wednesday is a Pasta Bar, green salad and Brownies for dessert.



NEW ITEMS



All Saints Memorial Garden: Trinity Lutheran's All Saints Memorial Garden is a special place to commemorate the lives of loved ones at the end of their faith journey. The cremated remains of loved ones are interred in the garden and an entry is made in the Memorial Book. A Memorial Brick with the person's name, date of birth and death is placed in the Garden courtyard and a Memorial Leaf is placed on the Memorial Garden Tree overlooking the Garden. For more information about the Garden, there are brochures available on the table under the Memorial Tree or talk to one of the Garden trustees:

Krista Blaser, Donna Frawley, Laurie Mault, Nick Messing or Lee Smith.



Today is your last chance to purchase Christmas Greens from the Youth

Fundraiser. 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! Thanks for all you do to support our youth!

With great joy and gratitude to God, we are pleased to share that the Church Council has recommended The Rev. Kristen Ulmanis to the congregation for a call to serve as our new part-time Associate Pastor of Congregational Care!

Pastor Kris' story is deeply connected to Trinity as she grew up in this congregation where her Christian faith and identity first took root. Please refer to recent Tidings communications for a more detailed introduction from Pastor Kris.

NEXT STEPS: On Sat. Nov. 14 (following the 5 PM service) and Sun. Nov. 15 (between the two services) we will have a 2-part congregational meeting, with each session to include 1) an opportunity to meet and learn more about

Pastor Kristen, 2) a short Q&A session to learn more about the position followed by 3) a congregational vote to call Pastor Kristen Ulmanis to serve as our new part-time Associate Pastor of Congregational Care. Voting members should plan to attend in person in order to vote during one of the two scheduled sessions (absentee ballots will not be available for this vote).

Please continue to pray for Pastor Kris, her family, and our congregation as we take these important next steps together. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us with wisdom, joy, and hope for our continued ministry together!

Sunday, November 8th there will be NO Sunday School class for children and NO Confirmation Class, due to The Charge. The Ignite schedule for Wednesday, November 4th & Wednesday, November 11th will stay the same (all classes will meet on Wednesday).

Help us help our neighbors—Will you help purchase turkeys and/or pies for the Thanksgiving baskets? A turkey will cost \$45.00. Place the money in an envelope and drop it off at the Welcome Desk. Please put “Turkey” on the memo line of your check. Pies may be purchased and placed in the refrigerator or freezer in the kitchen. Please put a note saying “Thanksgiving Basket” on the pie. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Thanksgiving Potluck on Wednesday, November 18 at 5:15. Please bring a dish to share with others. Trinity will provide the turkey. There is a sign up on the bulletin board by the nursery so that we know how many to plan for. Come enjoy a great Thanksgiving meal!



A Very Mixed-Up Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30pm

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, November 11 at 6pm and Sunday, November 15 at 10am!

These first two rehearsals will include relaxed auditions for speaking roles (no need to prepare, but please attend one of these dates). Questions? Ask Melanie at mlonsway@tlcmidland.org



REPEATING ITEMS



Christmas Poinsettia Orders—Order your white poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Each poinsettia costs \$20.00 and can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms are available at the welcome desk. Please return to Cathy or Carrie by December 13.



Christmas Eve Instruments--Last year we formed an instrumental ensemble for Christmas, which was a lot of fun for all involved. We had over 20 musicians and played a Christmas carol arranged for orchestra/band instruments. We also accompanied some hymns.

This is your invitation to join our ensemble for Christmas Eve this year!

We will rehearse on Wednesday evenings (7:00 pm) starting November 4. Will participate in the 2nd service on Christmas Eve, which starts at 6:30 pm. The music will be intermediate difficulty (think late middle school, early high school difficulty level). Adults are welcome, this is a great opportunity to dust off that instrument you haven't played in a while!

If you would like to participate, or have some questions, please contact Jonathan Lonsway.

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A Rainbow of Faith: Building an Inclusive Church This group equips and empowers people of faith to become informed, compassionate, and courageous allies of the LGBTQIA+ community. Rooted in the inclusive love of Christ, we listen, learn, share stories, explore scripture, and grow in our ability to advocate for the dignity and full belonging of every person. Whether you are a longtime ally or just beginning your journey, you are welcome in this grace-filled space for honest conversation and meaningful relationships. Our next meeting is November 8 at 10:00 in the Chapel.

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.



UPCOMING 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



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, November 11 and 25. 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 meet between services in the Hearth Room this Sunday. Join us as we continue with our intensive study of the Book of Romans. This week: Romans chapter 5. Hope to see you there!

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.

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!



PRAYER REQUESTS



Remember in your prayers this week: Noreen, Carol, Linda, Kathy, Isabel, Gage, Karen, Kelly, Taylor, Darlene, Jennifer, Nancy, Gary, Ron, Julie, Sara, Gregg, Lori, Jen, Kevin, and Cyndi.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Craig, Tom, June, and Keith.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for October 24/25: 282 in person 291 live-stream

Received: \$ 6990.00

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 September 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 November 1-8

	Sunday, November 1			Wednesday, November 4
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
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		6:00pm	Confirmation Class
5:00pm	High School Youth Group		7:00pm	Recovery Group
			7:15pm	Pub Theology (Nord Social)
	Monday, November 2			Thursday, November 5
9:30am	Senior Yoga		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation		1:00pm	PEO Chapter CZ
5:30pm	Stephen Ministry Training Class		7:00pm	Chancel Choir
6:30pm	Youth Coffee with Joe		7:00pm	Recovery Group
6:45pm	Scout Troop 760			
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			Friday, November 6
7:00pm	Recovery Group		9:30am	Senior Yoga
	Tuesday, November 3			Saturday, November 7
9:00am	Coffee and Conversation		5:00pm	Worship Service
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
1:00pm	Staff Meeting			Sunday, November 8
6:00pm	Toastmasters		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
6:00pm	Sea Scouts		10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
			10:00am	Confirmation Class
			10:00am	Rainbow of Faith Meeting
			11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service

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