

Trinity Lutheran Church
ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 1-7

Micah 6:1-8 (page 672 of the Old Testament)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 (page 127 of the New Testament)
Matthew 5:1-12 (page 3 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by Judy and Maynard Chaussee in memory of Ray and Fran Chaussee.
and the Stuermer family in memory of Waldemar.

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.

Giving Statements are now available for pick up in the narthex.

New Members— Last Sunday we welcomed into the Trinity family:
Charles and Kathy Cribley
Lester and Anne Eichman
Barbara Roth
Please take a minute to welcome them.



Volunteers Needed for Funeral Dinners---We are looking for 2–3 people who would be willing to help with dishwashing during funeral dinners. This includes running the dishwasher and hand washing any items that cannot go through the machine. If you're able to help, please contact Marijean Fitzgerald at 989 430 2706.



Ushers Needed-- Can you spare about an hour on a Sunday morning once every 4–6 weeks? We are looking for men and women of all ages to help usher at the 8:45 and 11:00 worship services. You'll serve as part of a team of at least two other people, and training is simple. If you're interested in helping, please contact Cathy Bloomfield at the Welcome Desk.



Thank you to everyone who came to our first Board Game Extravaganza! Let's do it again in February! **Saturday, February 28th** from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Bring a game, bring a friend, or just come to learn hang out.



The annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 8 at 10:00am. Please plan to attend as we look back over the past year and celebrate all God has accomplished in and through Trinity. It's time to look forward in joyful anticipation of all that is to come. You will find a copy of the Annual Report available on our website. There are also hard copies available in the narthex.



Jazz and Jambalaya Dinner on Tuesday, February 17, 5:15pm. This will be a youth fundraiser for their mission trip this summer. A free-will contribution will be accepted.



Ash Wednesday worship services will be held February 18 at 12:00 noon and 7:00pm.



Lenten Soup Dinners will begin on Wednesday, February 25 at 5:15pm. Start thinking about what favorite homemade soup you can donate.



Desert Wandering and Wondering--During Lent, we turn inward for reflection. It is a time to sit with those things that have deeply shaped who we are and who we are becoming. Throughout scripture, God's people retreat to desert wildernesses as the place to do this kind of inward turning. On his recent trip to Egypt, Vicar Tim spent time in some of the wildernesses described in scripture. This Lent, he will give a homily series on the wanderings of God's people in the desert. How has God been active in the desert places you've experienced?



Holy Land Pilgrimage - January 18–28, 2027. We invite you to pray about joining a Holy Land Pilgrimage in January 2027. 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.

XYZ 50+

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR Simon & Garfunkel Tribute Musical Show & Noon Lunch at Zehnder's in Frankenmuth on Thursday, March 19th! *Mrs. Robinson,*

Homeward Bound, Bridge Over Troubled Water, The Sound of Silence, Scarborough Fair... these

are just a few of the featured timeless songs that will be included in this concert that pays tribute to these 2 American music icons of the 1960s through the early 80s. A 9-piece backup band will support the blending harmonies of this concert duo in this upbeat 90-minute show. 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 near the nursery across from the lobby Welcome Desk. Envelopes for your payment are provided in the clear plastic envelope posted on the Sign-Up Board. We only have a reservation for 30 people for this event sponsored by our XYZ group. Deadline is Sunday, February 1st.



Visioning Trinity's Future: We have created a spot on the church's website to keep you updated with our process of visioning and strategic planning. You will find meeting minutes, what is happening and what is next. On the website, look under the heading "About" for "Mission and Vision". Check back often to keep up to date on what is happening.

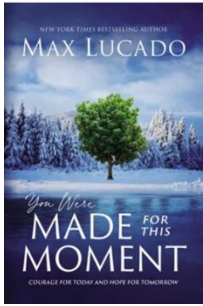


Will meet Wednesday beginning with a meal at 5:15pm. This week Team David will provide us with Pizza, a salad and cookies for dessert. Following the meal there will be programs for all ages. See you there!



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.

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 is studying "You Were Made for This Moment" by Max Lucado. All women are invited to join them at 1:00 pm on the third Tuesday of every month 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, February 26th 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.

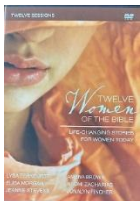


During Ignite and Sunday School we have been studying Moses and the Israelites in Egypt. The kids have practiced weaving, like the basket Baby Moses was put in; explored different instruments while singing about helping others; and made burning bushes and candle holders. Join us on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings!

Sunday School –Meet at 10:00-10:45 am (between the two services). “Children ages 4-5th grade will meet in the Activities Room downstairs (outside the Youth Room). Please contact Melanie Lonsway with any questions.”

The Adult Sunday School class will not meet this Sunday, February 1. We will also not meet on February 8 due to the Annual Congregational Meeting. We will meet again on Sunday, February 15, at 10 am (between services) in the Hearth Room. Please join us on that date as we conclude our series on “Good God Questions”. We will tackle the question: “If I am Forgiven, why will I be Judged?” .

Confirmation Class meets on Sundays at 10:00am and Wednesdays at 6:00pm.



Trinity Women's Life Group resumes meeting today at 10 am in the conference room. All women are invited and encouraged to join us as we continue our journey of learning about a new woman from the Bible each week. Come when you can! The nature of this study allows you to join us for fellowship, prayer, and discussion as your schedule allows. Questions? Please call or text Heidi Lang, 517.930.5037.

Open Door – We are looking for help with making and serving lunch on Wednesday, February 11 and 25th. 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.



Food Donations—Don't forget that Trinity helps support the food pantry with non-perishable food, paper products, or personal care items on the 1st Sunday of each month. Your donations can be brought to the church at any time during the month and placed on the shelves near the elevator. Thank you!



Calling all Preschoolers! Trinity Lutheran Preschool is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 school year for all church members, including current and returning preschool families. Class offerings will be for 3–5-year-olds, with a Lunchtime Learners program from 12-1 pm for the 4 & 5 year olds. Our preschoolers are constantly learning, laughing and growing as they explore art, math, science, and more while socializing with children their own age in a loving & caring environment. Stop in and see why Trinity Lutheran Preschool is one of the most honorable and highly recognized organizations offering early childhood education in the Midland area! Call Andrea at 989-631-0692 for information, a registration packet, and a tour of our facility. Email: trinitylutheranpreschool@gmail.com for more information.



High School Youth Group Mission Trip | July 13–19

This summer, our High School Youth Group is hitting the road and heading to **Gaylord, Michigan** to make a real difference! We'll be serving a community still rebuilding after major ice storms last winter, along with other recent challenges—and we're THRILLED to be part of that work.

We're teaming up with **Pastor Megan Crouch of Peace Lutheran Church** (yes, *that* Pastor Megan—she's BACK!), and we've got some incredible service projects, meaningful moments, and plenty of fun in the works. If you're currently in high school—or *will be next year*—**this trip has your name on it**. Come serve, grow, laugh, and make memories that actually matter.

More details coming soon... you won't want to miss this!

SNOW FEST! Sunday, February 15 | 2–4 PM

Bundle up and join us for an afternoon of pure winter chaos and fun! We'll be building snow forts, launching snowball battles from said forts (**Middle School vs High School?**) and warming up with plenty of hot cocoa (and then probably getting cold again... so more hot cocoa). This is a youth event, but all are invited and welcome to join in the fun! Expect games, laughter, winter shenanigans, and various sundry activities that are guaranteed to make it a good time! **Dress for snow play!** Warm layers and waterproof clothes are highly encouraged—you'll thank yourself later.

P.S. If February forgets to bring snow (rude), we'll take the fun inside and play games instead. Snow or no snow, **the good time is still on.**

Youth Lock-In! Saturday, February 28th

Middle School & High School youth, get ready for a night to remember! We'll watch movies, play games, tell scary stories, go ghost hunting, run away from the ghosts, have a full-on Nerf gun battle, and attempt to sleep... (in a deeply, *deeply* haunted basement). What could possibly go wrong? Come and find out. Sleep is optional. Fun is guaranteed.

Parents: we'll need a few brave volunteer chaperones to survive the night with us. If you're interested, please contact Joe Johnson.

NAMI Family to Family Program Spring 2026

The NAMI Middle Michigan Affiliate will be hosting their Family to Family Program beginning Tuesday evenings February 14th thru April 14th. Classes are Virtual, and begin at 6:15 p.m., concluding at 8:45 p.m. each evening.

NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-week educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidence-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, and includes presentations, discussions and interactive exercises.

NAMI Family-to-Family not only provides information and strategies for taking care of the person you love, but you'll also find out that you're not alone. Recovery is a journey, and there is hope!

Registration is now open. If you are interested in registering or would like to know more, you may contact our Program Facilitator, Jen Mishic at 989.798.7752. Jen's email address is jennifermishic@gmail.com.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember in your prayers this week: Adam, Karen, Jennifer, Carol, Kelly, Linda, Joyce, Karen, Don, Toni, Kay, Khris, Greg, Gary, Ron, Gregg, Brett, Andrea, and Lori.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Joe, Sara, Craig, June, Ann, Endura, Greg, and Sharon.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for January 27/28: 299 in person 648 live-stream

Received: \$ 11,619.89

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

December 2025 (Unified Fund Only*)	
Income:	\$ 123,092
Expenses:	\$ 88,359
	\$ 34,753

YTD through December 2025 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 958,815
Investment Return:	\$ 335,814
Expenses:	\$ 1,117,976
	\$ 176,653

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

If there are any questions, please contact Council Treasurer, Peder Danielsen.

**Calendar
February 1-8**

	Sunday, February 1			Wednesday, February 4
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study
10:00am	Confirmation Class		12:00pm	Disability Network
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages		5:15pm	Ignite
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		5:30pm	Aktion Club
11:00am	Horns of Traverse Quartet Rehearsal		6:00pm	Confirmation Class
12:15pm	Listening in Love		7:00pm	Recovery Group
5:00pm	High School Youth Group			
				Thursday, February 5
	Monday, February 2		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
9:30am	Senior Yoga		7:00pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		7:00pm	Recovery Group
6:00pm	Relay for Life Meeting			
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal			Friday, February 6
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760		9:30am	Senior Yoga
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group			
				Saturday, February 7
	Tuesday, February 3		10:00am	Pre-School Open House
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee		5:00pm	Worship Service
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			Sunday, February 8
6:00pm	Toastmasters		8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
6:30pm	Sea Scouts		10:00am	Confirmation Class
7:30pm	Midland Horn Choir Club		10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
			11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
			5:00pm	High School Youth Group