

Trinity Lutheran Church
ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 8-14
Isaiah 59:1-9a (page 533 of the Old Testament)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (page 127 of the New Testament)
Matthew 5:13-2 (page 3 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given in thankfulness to those that have served Trinity as members of the Church Council, various committees and boards. Thank you for giving of your time and talents.

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.

Today is the Congregational meeting being held at 10:00 between worship services. We will look at 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.

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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



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

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



Everyone loves a good soup!! It's time for Lenten soup suppers. Please look for the sign-up on the bulletin board across from the Food Pantry shelves and bring your favorite soup to share. Your soup should serve 10 to 12 people. We ask that you also bring bread, rolls or chips that will go along with your soup. We will have ladles and bread baskets to use so there is no need to bring your own. If you can't make soup, please consider bringing a dessert. Thank you for participating in this wonderful fellowship! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Holly Hellebuyck (989) 859-4033 or hahelleb@aol.com.



Meet the Bishop Join us for a special evening of **Ignite on Wednesday, February 25**, as we welcome Bishop Julie Schneider-Thomas as our guest. To make room for everyone, we'll begin our shared meal a bit earlier at **5:00 pm**. At **6:00 pm**, Bishop Julie will lead an open and engaging conversation during the adult class. Then, at **7:00 pm**, she will be our guest preacher for midweek Lenten worship. It promises to be a meaningful night of conversation, worship, and connection. We hope you'll join us for this special evening together.



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?



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 a game and hang out.



Sunday, March 1----Women's Ministry will put together care packages for the Legacy Center. Watch for details soon.



Trinity Bowling----Sunday, March 8th, 2pm-4pm

Join us for an afternoon of bowling at Valley Lanes! Everyone is invited to check out the Valley Lanes Private VIP Suite and compete for bragging rights. Cost is \$15 per person, including bowling and bowling shoes. Food, beverages, or other activities at Valley Lanes are not included. Register and pay (cash or check) by Monday, March 2nd.



Sunday, May 31---Women's Ministry Spring Gathering. Watch for details soon.



Road Trip Vacation Bible School June 22 – 25 9 am - 12 pm

Embark on a journey with God through the Bible! Join us for a thrilling road trip adventure where kids explore exciting destinations with the Navigator and their pup, Scout! Through Bible stories, games, and fun challenges, we will discover that God is always with us.



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.

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.

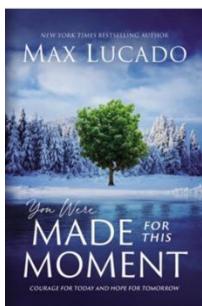


Will meet Wednesday beginning with a meal at 5:15pm. This week Team David will provide us with Pizza, a salad and cookies for dessert. Following the meal there will be programs for all ages. See you there!



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.



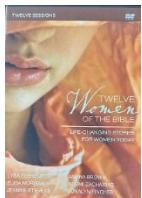
During Ignite and Sunday School we have been studying Moses and the Israelites in Egypt. The kids have practiced weaving, like the basket Baby Moses was put in; explored different instruments while singing about helping others; and made burning bushes and candle holders. Join us on Wednesday nights or 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 8, due to the Annual Congregational Meeting. Please join us again next Sunday, February 15, at 10 am (between services), in the Hearth Room 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-- 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.

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.



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

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!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember in your prayers this week: Tim, Linda, Rab, Toni, Don, Karen, Carol, Kelly, Scott, Terri, Gregg, Andrea, Jes, Finn, Brett, Deborah, Jennifer, Eric, Jerry, Lori, and Jody.

Remember in your prayers those with Cancer: Ann, Joe, Tom, Greg, Sharon, and Andrea.

Stewardship Update

Attendance for Jan. 31/Feb. 1: 273 in person 616 live-stream

Received: \$ 24,133.00

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

December 2025 (Unified Fund Only*)		YTD through December 2025 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 123,092	Income:	\$ 958,815
Expenses:	\$ 88,359	Investment Return:	\$ 335,814
	\$ 34,753	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 8-15

	Sunday, February 8			Wednesday, February 11
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		9:00am	PEO Meeting
10:00am	Congregational Meeting		9:30am	Cooking at Open Door
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages		10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		12:00pm	Disability Network
12:15pm	Listening in Love		5:00pm	Girl Scouts Cooking Night
5:00pm	High School Youth Group		5:15pm	Ignite
			6:00pm	Confirmation Class
	Monday, February 9		7:00pm	Recovery Group
9:30am	Senior Yoga			
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Thursday, February 12
7:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760		9:15am	Community Assist Meeting
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		1:00pm	PEO Chapter CZ
			7:00pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
	Tuesday, February 10		7:00pm	Recovery Group
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis			Friday, February 13
12:00pm	Staff Meeting		9:30am	Senior Yoga
5:30pm	Church Council		11:45am	Disability Network Movie Day
6:30pm	Sea Scouts		5:00pm	Girl Scout World Thinking Day
7:30pm	Midland Horn Choir Club			
				Saturday, February 14
			9:30am	DAR Meeting
			5:00pm	Worship Service
				Sunday, February 15
			8:45am	Traditional Worship Service
			10:00am	Confirmation Class
			10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
			11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service
			2:00pm	Youth Group Snow Fest

