

Trinity Lutheran Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 15-21

Exodus 24:12-18 (page 55 of the Old Testament)

2 Peter 1:16-21 (page 185 of the New Testament)

Matthew 14:1-9 (page 12 of the New Testament)

The flowers on the altar are given by Jessica and Jim Miller in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary.

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.



Community Assistance Needed—At our Community Assistance meeting this past Thursday, I was made aware of a need members of Whispering Pines Mobile Home Park have had for the past few months. As you may have read in the paper, most of the park is without water. Several groups have helped with large orders of water but an ongoing problem for the residents is the task of laundry. I would like to do a laundry detergent and coupon drive for those residents affected by this ongoing issue that will probably not be resolved for weeks. Laundry coupons can be picked up at Colby's Totally Clean (on Saginaw Rd near the Secretary of State's Office). You may drop them off at the church office, or if you prefer donating cash I will buy them for you. I'll have a bin to hold any laundry detergent donations, starting Monday, in the Narthex near our good pantry. Please consider a donation to help these residents. Most are at or below poverty level income and this is a huge strain on their meager budgets. If you have any questions please see or call Pam Fagan 989.859.0409.



Join us Tuesday for the Jazz and Jambalaya Dinner at 5:15pm. This is a youth fundraiser for their mission trip this summer. A free-will contribution will be accepted.



Ash Wednesday worship services will be held **Wednesday** 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?



Rummage Sale, April 25 from 9:00-2:00---Items for our spring rummage sale may be dropped off beginning March 1. You may drop them off earlier if you are willing to put them out on the tables and put the clothing on hangers. You can get the key to the building from Jeri Lynne or Cathy at the Welcome Desk.

Volunteers are needed to set-up for the sale. You are free to come and work at any time that is convenient for you. Just stop and get the key from Jeri Lynne or Cathy. Volunteers will also be needed the day of the sale. If you have any questions you can contact Sandy Avery at 989.832.9370



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.



Children of all ages are invited to join us for our **First Communion Class**, a joyful and meaningful time to learn about the gift of Holy Communion and what it means to gather at the table of grace. This class is family-friendly, and we encourage a parent or guardian to attend alongside their child. Learning together helps spark conversation, deepen faith, and make this milestone even more meaningful.

We will be meeting on Sunday afternoons, March 15 and 22, from 1:00 – 2:00/2:30. If these days or times do not work for your family, please let Pastor Jeff know.

Whether your child is just beginning to ask questions or feels ready to receive Communion, all are welcome to come, learn, and grow together.

We look forward to sharing this sacred journey with you and your family.



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.



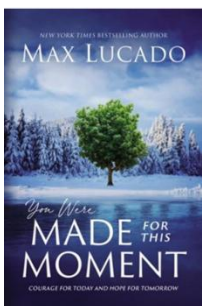
Next Wednesday, February 25, Ignite will begin with a soup supper at 5:00pm.

Following the meal there will be programs for all ages. Following at 7:00pm will be the first of our Lenten Worship Services. 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 meet this Sunday, February 15, at 10 am (between services), in the Hearth Room. Join us as we conclude our series on “Good God Questions”. This week, we 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 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.



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ELCA World Hunger. "I will never give up on my dreams and will continue to strive to do my best. Every young girl should follow their dreams," says Ruzica, who lives in Serbia. Ruzica has finished her first 8 years of education. She wants to continue her schooling, but her grandparents, who raised her, do not have money to cover the cost of continuing education.

Ruzica learned about the EHO (Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization) and their partnership with ELCA World Hunger. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger have made it possible for Ruzica to continue school and bring her closer to her dream of becoming a pediatric nurse. Your generosity enables women and girls around the world to keep learning, to increase their earning potential and to strengthen their futures. You may use envelopes in the pew racks to make a donation to ELCA World Hunger, or you may put loose change in the offering plate on the second weekend of each month to help countless women around the world who want to continue their education and support their families.

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.



TODAY! 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: Adam, Karen, Don, Terri, Gary, Gregg, Toni, Carol, Kelly, Eric, Greg, Nancy, Dave, Khrist, Jes, Brett, Andrea, Jennifer, Deborah, Lori, Finn, and Phil.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for Feb. 7/8: 260 in person 545 live-stream

Received: \$ 22,525.00

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

January 2026 (Unified Fund Only*)	
Income:	\$ 49,735
Expenses:	\$ <u>90,772</u>
	\$ (41,037)

YTD through January 2026 (Unified Fund & YTD Investment Return*)	
Income:	\$ 49,735
Investment Return:	\$ 71,942
Expenses:	\$ <u>90,772</u>
	\$ 30,905

**Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances*

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

**Calendar
February 15-22**

	Sunday, February 15			Wednesday, February 18
8:45am	Traditional Worship Service		10:00am	Sunday's Coming Bible Study
10:00am	Confirmation Class		12:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
10:00am	Sunday School for all ages		12:00pm	Disability Network
11:00am	Contemporary Worship Service		5:30pm	Aktion Club
2:00pm	Youth Group Snow Fest		7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship Service
			7:00pm	Midland Community Orchestra Board Meeting
	Monday, February 16		7:00pm	Recovery Group
9:30am	Senior Yoga			
1:00pm	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Thursday, February 19
6:00pm	MCFAN Board Meeting		9:00am	Quilting Workshop
6:00pm	JuBELLation Rehearsal		12:00pm	Kiwanis Board Meeting
7:00pm	Scout Troop 760		12:30pm	Disability Network
7:00pm	Midland Serenity Group		7:00pm	Chancel Choir rehearsal
			7:00pm	Recovery Group
	Tuesday, February 17			
9:00 am	Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee			Friday, February 20
11:00am	Kiwassee Kiwanis		9:30am	Senior Yoga
12:00pm	Staff Meeting			
12:30pm	DAR Book Club			Saturday, February 21
1:00pm	Antioch Circle		5:00pm	Worship Service
1:30pm	Stephen Ministry			
5:15pm	Jazz and Jambalaya			Sunday, February 22
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