

Trinity Lutheran Church
ANNOUNCEMENTS
February 22-28
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The flowers on the altar are given by Sue Montesi in memory of her sister, Sandy Noblet and
By Sandy Avery in memory of her father, Paul Wietfeldt

Correction: Last week the flowers were listed in honor of the wedding anniversary of Jessica and Jim Miller.
It should have been Jessica and Jeff Miller.

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.

Women's Ministry Service Project ----Women of Trinity....Please join us on Sunday, March 1 from 1 to 3pm in the Gathering Room to support unhoused individuals from the Legacy Center. We will be making cards for those receiving the packages and are asking all attendees to choose items from the list below to contribute. Also, please feel free to invite a friend to help our community. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by the nursery. Please pay secretaries the \$15 fee to reserve your spot.



List of Supplies needed: Gas Cards, Food Cards, Blankets, Toiletries, Warm clothes, Hat/Gloves, Computer Mouse, Ear buds, Bags for computers.

If you are unable to shop ahead please consider a cash donation and we can shop for you. Also, if you are unable to attend yet you would like to drop off your purchase we will have a box in the Narthex area. Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to improving our community together one step at a time.

Blessings! From the Women's Ministry Team



Summer Elementary Camp

A classic camp experience designed for your child to discover the love and grace of Christian community as they also begin to discover who they are as children of God.

For: Kids entering grades 3-5

When: Sunday, July 5 - Friday, July 10

Where: Stony Lake, New Era, MI

Register: ASAP for Discoverers at elcalivingwater.com (registration link for

Tidings: <https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idCamp=1063&campcode=LWM&lang=en-Us>)

Questions? Melanie - mlonsway@tlcmidland.org



It's almost time to change your clocks! Spring Forward on March 8, 2026

We turn the clocks ahead for the daylight saving time change as of 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2026. Clocks spring forward and reset to 3 a.m.

Order your Easter Flowers—You can order tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, mums, azaleas, hydrangeas and lilies. Each plant can be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. Order forms are available on the last page of the announcements or at the Welcome Desk. Please return to Cathy or Jeri Lynne by March 15.





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 food 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 at 989.859.0409.



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.



Trinity Bowling (for young and not so young)---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 using the QR code or on the sign-up sheet at the bulletin board by the nursery. Payment (cash or check) is due when you register and can be turned in at the Welcome Desk 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.



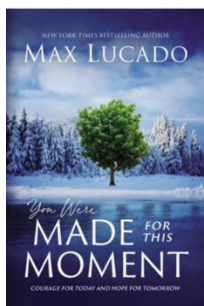
Next Wednesday, February 25, Ignite will begin with a soup supper at 5:00pm.

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.

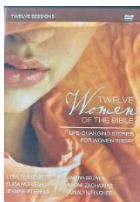
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL or CONFIRMATION on Sunday, February 22.



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 22, at 10 am (between services), in the Hearth Room. Join us as we continue with our series on “Good God Questions”. This week, we confront the question: “What Happens to Us After Death?”

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.



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

Confirmation Camp

All the fun camp activities plus bonding time with Joe & Pastor Jeff. It is an invaluable time for creating memories and growing in faith.

For: Kids entering grades 6-9

When: Sunday, June 14 - Friday, June 19

Where: Lutherwald, Howe, IN

Register: lomik.org (registration link for Tidings: https://lomikadmin.com/cr/register_selectsite.php)

Questions? Joe - jjohnson@tlcmidland.org

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, Joanne, Jerry, Gregg, Don, Karen, Joe, Jennifer, Terri, Eric, Gary, Greg, Khris, Carol, Kelly, Jen, Kevin, Andrea, Christopher, Brett, the family of Paul Wietfeldt (father of Sandy Avery), and the family of Terry Brown.

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

Stewardship Update

Attendance for Feb. 14/15: 258 in person 610 live-stream

Attendance for Ash Wednesday: 195 in person 384 live-stream

Received: \$ 45,597.00

Unified Fund Income (from Offerings & Donations) &

Expenses (aligned to the budget - Operations, Benevolence, Resources, Education, etc.):*

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

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

*Not included: Dedicated Fund and Trinity Trust Fund balances

Calendar
February 22-March 1

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| | Sunday, February 22 | | | Thursday, February 26 |
| 8:45am | Traditional Worship Service | | 7:30am | Men's Ministry |
| 10:00am | Adult Sunday School | | 9:00am | Quilting Workshop |
| 11:00am | Contemporary Worship Service | | 11:00am | Synod Council Meeting |
| 5:00pm | High School Youth Group | | 6:30pm | Fiber Arts Guild |
| | | | 7:00pm | Chancel Choir rehearsal |
| | Monday, February 23 | | 7:00pm | Recovery Group |
| 9:30am | Senior Yoga | | | |
| 1:00pm | Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee | | | Friday, February 27 |
| 5:30pm | Midland Doxa Dinner | | 9:30am | Senior Yoga |
| 6:00pm | JuBELLation Rehearsal | | | |
| 7:00pm | Midland Serenity Group | | | Saturday, February 28 |
| | | | 10:00am | Strings of Praise |
| | Tuesday, February 24 | | 1:00pm | Board Game Extravaganza |
| 9:00am | Fiber Arts Guild | | 5:00pm | Worship Service |
| 9:00 am | Coffee and Conversation at Stranded Yarn and Coffee | | 5:00pm | Youth Group Lock-In |
| 11:00am | Kiwassee Kiwanis | | | |
| 12:00pm | Staff Meeting | | | Sunday, March 1 |
| 6:00pm | Evergreen Garden Club | | 8:45am | Traditional Worship Service |
| 6:30pm | Sea Scouts | | 10:00am | Confirmation Class |
| 7:00pm | True Spirit Singers | | 10:00am | Sunday School for all ages |
| 7:30pm | Midland Horn Choir Club | | 11:00am | Contemporary Worship Service |
| | | | 12:15pm | Listening in Love |
| | Wednesday, February 25 | | 1:00pm | Women's Ministry |
| 9:00am | PEO | | 5:00pm | Scout Blue and Gold Banquet |
| 9:30am | Cooking at Open Door | | | |
| 10:00am | Sunday's Coming Bible Study | | | |
| 12:00pm | Disability Network | | | |
| 5:00pm | Lenten Soup Dinner & Ignite | | | |
| 6:30pm | MCO-Youth Program | | | |
| 7:00pm | Lenten Worship Service | | | |
| 7:00pm | Recovery Group | | | |
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2026 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

The following flowers may be ordered for Easter and picked up after the last service. Please leave a check or cash with your order and return this form to Jeri Lynne or Cathy by **March 15, 2026**. Thank you.

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| _____ Tulip \$9.50 | _____ Easter Lily \$12.00 |
| _____ Daffodil \$9.50 | _____ Hyacinth \$9.50 |
| _____ Mums \$11.75 | _____ Azalea \$17.00 |
| _____ Double Lily \$24.00 | _____ Hydrangea \$17.00 |
| _____ Jumbo Lily \$34.00 | _____ Pansy Bowl \$6.00 |
| _____ Mini Daffodils \$3.90 | |

The bulletin will list **memorials** or **"in honor"** (please specify) of a loved one on Easter Sunday: **(Please print clearly)**

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Name _____

Please Print Names

Phone _____

Please List Area Code

