St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church & Preschool

THE TRINITY TIMES
WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 1, 2026

Page 1



Sunday's Sermon: "I've Got Nothin"

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Health, Happiness, and Giving

If you spend any time on social media, you will see lots of tips and insights into ways to boost your health, happiness, and longevity. These tips for a better life likely get a lot of views and attention because who doesn't want to enjoy a better, more fulfilling life?

Advertisers offer many options for achieving happiness – more possessions, a more attractive appearance, exotic vacations, and a seven-figure portfolio.

Unfortunately, these are just short-term *highs* and might leave us lamenting, "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 1).

Generosity and giving are often whispered in churches so as not to offend anyone; but, like every other precept in the Bible, it is Truth. God's Word makes it clear – we are to give generously. It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35).

This idea of giving away what *rightfully belongs to us* is counterintuitive to human nature. Or is it really? Psychology Today, hardly a stalwart Christian publication, reported that generosity boosts health, happiness, and even longevity.

Interestingly, giving is not a function of abundance. Nigerian Christians consistently rank among the most generous givers (as a percent of wealth). The median monthly income of a Nigerian is less than $100 USD.

In Scripture, we also see this when Paul talks about the church in Macedonia, "In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability" (2 Corinthians 8:2).

All of God's Word is provided for our instruction. In 2 Timothy, it says that all Scripture is breathed out by God…so that the **man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.** Giving is just part of God's plan for us so that we might be made complete!

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare." – C.S. Lewis

The Stewardship Team

Make sure to turn back your clocks Saturday night, October 31st.

Stewardship Corner

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.



To the Saints at St. Trinity,

Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and support, both during Pastor Appreciation Month as well as through this difficult season in the life of my family. Your generosity is humbling and your willingness to walk alongside me and uphold my whole family in prayer truly shows your great love for Jesus. You here at St. Trinity are clearly demonstrating what I begin most services talking about, that we are one people, one family, in and through Christ Jesus... and family pulls together in difficult times.

In Service to Christ,
Pastor Paul



BOXES OF CEREAL for COMMUNITY IMPACT WEEKEND



AS PART OF OUR "FUELING KIDS' FUTURES" PROJECT, WE ARE COLLECTING BOXES OF BREAKFAST CEREAL UNTIL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd.

PLEASE PLACE BOXES IN OUR COLLECTION GROCERY CART IN THE NARTHEX HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 200-BOXES!



ST. TRINITY THANKSGIVING DINNER
NOVEMBER 26TH at 2:00PM
GATHERING IN THE FLC CLASSROOM
ALL ARE INVITED & WELCOME
ATTENDANCE & POTLUCK CONTRIBUTION SIGN-UP SHEET IS NOW AT THE NARTHEX INFO CENTER

St. Trinity Mitten Tree

Donations accepted until Nov. 11th

The St. Trinity Mitten Tree is up in the Narthex. We are collecting children's/teens mittens, socks, hats & scarves. Please leave your donations at the tree in the narthex. Sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary; all items go to children in need within our local community.



POINSETTIA PLANT ORDERS

As part of our Christmas celebration, St. Trinity members will be able to furnish poinsettias for the purpose of decorating the sanctuary. Make sure you include cash or a check with your order form (forms at Info. Center in Narthex) and write “Poinsettias” on the check that is made out to "St. Trinity Lutheran Church". You may bring your order to the church office or place it in the basket provided in the Narthex. ***Red plants, $11.25 per 6” pot, all orders with cash or check payment are due by November 18th.***







CRAFTING WORKSHOPS FOR HOLIDAY MARKET



TUESDAY EVENINGS
NOVEMBER 3rd & 10th
BEGINNING AT 6:00pm
We will be assembling craft items ahead of our 2026 St. Trinity Train Display & Holiday Market. Dinners will be provided Hosted by Carol Trudelle & C.J. Hahn.
All ability level of crafters are welcome!

Please see Carol Trudelle or C.J. Hahn with any questions. (C.J. Hahn 248-332-9730)

We also welcome donations of already completed craft items & freshly-made baked goodies!

REMINDER: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd IS ELECTION DAY!

ST. TRINITY THANKSGIVING DINNER
NOVEMBER 26TH at 2:00PM
GATHERING IN THE FLC CLASSROOM
ALL ARE INVITED & WELCOME
ATTENDANCE & DESSERT CONTRIBUTION
SIGN-UP SHEET ARE ON
THE NARTHEX INFO CENTER





Would you like a ride to & from worship services or church events?

Can you provide someone rides for worship services or church events?

Please sign up at the Narthex info center



Saturday morning mixed 55+ Pickleball will begin on November 7th from 8:00-11:00am in our gymnasium. No need to sign up, just bring your paddle and join the fun! Please see Fred Hohnstadt if you have any questions.



COMMUNITY IMPACT WEEKEND

St. Trinity Partners With Fueling Kids' Futures

Sunday, November 8 • 11:00 AM
St. Trinity Lutheran Church Gym

This Impact Weekend, we're helping provide weekend food bags for Clarkston students who may not have enough food at home. Donate or volunteer to support this organization.

VOLUNTEER

Sign up to help on Nov 8 after church!

We'll be packing 100+ bags of food. Each child volunteer will give out one food item to the adults who stop to collect them, adding the food to their bag. Together, we will pack 100+ bags for Clarkston students.

Come serve together, have fun, and show a little love to kids right here in our community. Lunch and t-shirts will be provided.



DONATE

Bring a box of cereal to St. Trinity!

We're collecting 200 boxes of cereal to add to the food provided by Fueling Kids' Futures.

Bring in your cereal by November 2.

Community Impact Team

Over 500 volunteers help with home repairs and yard cleanup and partner with local non-profit organizations to better the Clarkston community.

THE COMMUNITY IMPACT TEAM

Want to volunteer?

Part of Fall Community Impact Weekend, serving Clarkston area community.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Completed boxes must be turned in no later than Sunday, Nov. 15th. We will be delivering them to the local collection center after that.

Suggestions for filling the boxes include one "wow" item like a doll, stuffed animal, ball with pump, or toy truck; small toys; school supplies; non-liquid hygiene items like toothbrushes, combs, hair brushes; accessories like socks, T-shirts, hair clips; and a personal note and/or photo of you.

Please remember: NO food or candy, toothpaste, soap, liquids, gels, glue (solid glue sticks are allowed), aerosols, toys that resemble weapons, fragile items or used or broken items.

Postage is $10.00 per box. You may include cash or **checks payable to "Samaritan's Purse"** —on the memo line that the gift is for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. If you have several, you may place a check or cash for all shipping into one envelope.

Thank you in advance for your participation in reaching some of the world's neediest children and their families for Christ.

Please do not hesitate to contact Karen Smith at248-977-7002 or Pam Ferguson at 248-425-3434 with any questions you may have.

Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child





INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

Hi! My name is Miss Paige, and I'm so excited to be the Director of St. Trinity Preschool! I have a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and 11-years of experience working with young children. I'm passionate about creating a warm, loving environment where children can learn, grow, and build a foundation in faith. I feel blessed to be part of the St. Trinity family and look forward to making wonderful memories with our children and families!

~ Paige Schlager



UPCOMING PRESCHOOL / PRESCHOOL-FRIENDLY EVENTS

Nov 8th:	STELC Impact Weekend Project (community service event)
Nov 19th:	Preschool Family Chapel
Nov 29-Dec 22nd:	Holiday Train Display, Holiday Market & Santa (each Tues, Thurs, & Sun)
Dec 6th:	Little Conductors Model Train Workshop (reservations to open soon!)

	SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES	
8:30-9:15am	OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY	FLC CLASSROOM
10:45-11:45am	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL	FELLOWSHIP HALL
10:45-11:45am	GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY	FLC CLASSROOM
10:45-11:45am	SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY	L-ROOM



Weekday Bible Study Opportunities

* **Men's Bible Study** - 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30am in the FLC Classroom
***Women's Bible Study** - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 9:30am in the FLC Classroom

* A list of **weekday Bible Study Opportunities at sister LCMS churches** is available at the Narthex Information Center. Churches include: Good Shepherd in Lake Orion, Journey in Oxford, and Crown of Life in Rochester.



Sunday Ministry Assistants

AUDIO SCHEDULE

Nov 1	J. Yaeger
Nov 8	F. Irish
Nov 15	J. Yaeger
Nov 22	F. Irish

VIDEO SCHEDULE

Nov 1	J. Schorsch
Nov 8	J. Ashley
Nov 15	R. Karstensen
Nov 22	J. Schorsch

GREETERS

Nov 1	D./C.J. Hahn
Nov 8	J./L. Thomas
Nov 15	D. Schneider
Nov 22	M./J. Spresney

COFFEE SETUP

Nov.	M./J. Spresney
Dec.	D./C.J. Hahn

DONUTS / BAGELS

Nov.	R./C. Trudelle
Dec.	D./C.J. Hahn

LAY READERS

Nov 1	N. Ehlke
Nov 8	D. Dees
Nov 15	M. Ehlke
Nov 22	S. Pflieger
Nov 29	R. Trudelle
Dec 6	Noah Ehlke

COUNTERS

Nov 1
Elaine Schultz
Margaret Miller
Jason/Julie Schultz

Nov 8
L./J. DeMonaco
Pam Boadway

ALTAR CIRCLE

Nov. Sharon Barrie
Judy Spresney
Dec. C.J./D. Hahn



ELDER ON DUTY

Nov 1	Dave Hahn
Nov 4	Bob Altman
Nov 8	Aaron Meyer
Nov 11	Mark Drennan
Nov 15	Mark Drennan
Nov 18	Aaron Meyer
Nov 22	Rich Trudelle
Nov 25	Dan Cardinal

2026 SATURDAY MOWING SCHEDULE

Oct. 31 A. Saunders / D. Hahn / F. Irish

ROAD SIGN

NOV.
Joseph Ashley

DEC.
T.B.D.



November 1
Rich Karstensen, Capt.
Paul Orler
Joseph Ashley
Kurt Schroeder

November 8
Fred Hohnstadt, Capt.
John Ehlke
Richard Meyer
Tim Hunt

November 15
Stella Shepherd, Capt.
Amy Costello
Kirk Costello
Jeff Feldmeyer

Board of Human Care is collecting items for the Detroit V.A. Hospital. Requested items include: *Family-size pump bottles of shampoo, body wash, & Lotion (no conditioner needed). Large-tooth combs w/ handles, Deodorants, Colored long or short sleeve t-shirts - Men's XL or larger; Rubber Shower sandals unisex or men's size 9-15, Individually-wrapped hard candy, miniature candy bars.* Please see Sharon Barrie or Stella Shepherd if you have any questions.





