



The Trinity Times

Weekly Announcements



SUNDAY'S SERMON: "My Neighbor's Sin"

Who Are We?

The recent sermon series at Church has been focused on this question: What Are We Doing Here? One of those messages was simple: God is in control.

But does the world (and importantly, do we) live like God, the author of life, the creator of everything, the One who lives outside of time and space, is in control? Or do we live as if we know better than God?

Our "more enlightened" society emphasizes self over God and even supplants God altogether. Instead of viewing human life as sacred, we have a profane, irreverent view of human life that can be dismissed and discarded when that life is inconvenient.

Christian author/speaker/lawyer, Abdu Murray said in a recent speech, "We had this thick, beautiful, robust idea of what it meant to be human. But over the course of some centuries, we began to under-spiritualize and over-psychologize what it meant to be human...He goes on to say that our identity got "thinner and thinner and thinner."

The world does not have a robust view of what it is to be human. The world tells us to create our own identity. The more we focus on ourselves, the more we live like we are in control and the more disillusioned and angrier we become.

As Abdu Murray stated, "The idea of 'the soul' became less communal, horizontally, and vertically and became more inwardly driven..."

Our identity apart from Christ is thin and fragile. And when that thin identity is challenged, it threatens us, and we can become defensive.

Do not allow the world to deceive. We are here by God's grace, and as His child we ALL have purpose and meaning. The God who is in control tells us we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-14), we are His offspring (Acts 17:28), and we are loved (John 3:16). This is the most robust definition we can hold of ourselves and others.

Who are we? Children of the Almighty, who is *still* in control.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139: 13-14(a)).

~The Stewardship Team

IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY, THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th.

Stewardship Corner

Matthew 18:4 – "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!



CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 20th.

CLASSES WILL MEET IN THE YOUTH ROOM (WITHIN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL)

**Save the Date! ~ Sunday, September 13, 2026
Annual Homecoming, Rally Day, & New Member Celebration!**

Beginning with a celebration service at 9:30 in the Sanctuary where we will welcome our new congregation members.

Following worship, make sure to stick around for our traditional potluck picnic and family-fun activities.

Menu: Pulled pork, corn on the cob, & beverages will be provided. please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

Please sign up at the Information Center in the Narthex



BIBLE BLESSING

On Sunday, Sept. 27th during worship we will be doing a Bible Blessing! We encourage everyone (kids and grownups) to bring their Bibles to church that day as we thank God for the gift of His Word and pray that as we enter this new school year, the Word of God dwells in our hearts and minds.



St. Trinity's Ministry Fair

Will be held Sunday, September 27, 2026 after worship in the Narthex. St. Trinity Boards and other Ministries will have displays. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, as well as find out ways you can serve at our church, in the community, and in the world!



Board Members: Tables will be set up on Saturday morning (9/26), and ready for your displays and decoration to be added between 10:00 & Noon on Saturday, or before Worship on Sunday morning.

J.O.Y. Group

**Our first autumn get-together will take place in the FLC Classroom
on Thursday, September 17th**

Please arrive by 11:30am to help set up tables, dishes, etc.

Our potluck lunch begins at 12:00pm

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!





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Choir Rehearsals will resume Sept 20th
on Sunday Mornings:

8:00-8:30am - Men's Chorus

8:35-9:10am - Combined Choir

(mix of traditional and praise music)

We gladly welcome all skill levels.

If you have any questions about joining, please contact
Steve Pflieger or Pam Boadway.

Donuts & Bagel Pick-up

Volunteers are needed to pick up donuts and
bagels on Sunday mornings. Please contact
Lynnette Cardinal for more information.

Months Still Open:
October & November



Serving Our Neighbors: Clarkston Community Impact Weekend Returns - November 7-8

St. Trinity is excited to once again support **Clarkston Community Impact Weekend**, a local effort that brings volunteers together to serve neighbors who need a helping hand.

Twice each year, volunteers throughout the Clarkston area come together for a variety of community service project, including helping with **yard clean-up, small home repairs, and other projects** for community members who are unable to complete the work themselves.

Do You Know Someone Who Needs a Hand?

We are currently looking for community members who could benefit from help with a small home repair or yard clean-up project. If you know someone who may need assistance, please contact the church office with their information so we can explore whether their project might be a good fit. ***We need to submit these projects by September 14.***

Church Office Emails: OFFICE@SaintTrinityLutheran.com or OFFICE2@SaintTrinityLutheran.com

And There's More!

We are also looking at ways for **St. Trinity members to serve together right here at church**. We hope to host a service project in our gym, such as preparing snack bags or meal kits for those in need. We also are looking to bring the kids in for letter writing/card making for first responders, teachers, or other community helpers.

This is a great opportunity to **serve our neighbors, work alongside one another, and welcome others into our St. Trinity community.**

Whether you're able to lend a hand on a project, help prepare supplies, or simply spread the word, we hope you'll join us!

"Love your neighbor as yourself." - Matthew 22:39

Watch for more details as November 7-8 approaches.





CRAFT CREATION DONATIONS FOR HOLIDAY MARKET

We are looking for completed craft item donations in preparation of this year's holiday market, which coincides with our train display.

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



UPCOMING PRESCHOOL EVENTS

- Sep. 4 to Sep. 7: No School (Labor Day weekend)
Sep. 17: Family Chapel - 9:00am
Oct. 1: Picture Day
Oct. 20: Field Trip to Spicer's Orchard
Oct. 30: STELC Trunk or Treat (from 6:00-7:00pm)



Please Slow Down!

Please use caution when entering or exiting our parking lot as well as driving by the Preschool entrance.
We have many little ones crossing to enter the building in the morning & afternoon.
Slow down to keep everyone safe!



	SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES	
8:30-9:15am	OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY (FLC Classroom)	- Resumes September 20th
10:45-11:45am	CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL (Fellowship Hall)	- Resumes September 20th
10:45-11:45am	GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY (FLC Classroom)	- Resumes September 20th
10:45-11:45am	SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY (L-ROOM)	- Resumes September 27th



Weekday Bible Study Opportunities

- ♦ Men's Bible Study - 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:30am -Resumes Sept. 1st
- ♦ Women's Bible Study - 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 9:30am -Resumes Sept. 16th
Both Bible Studies meet in the FLC Classroom
- ♦ A list of weekday Bible Study opportunities at sister LCMS churches is available at the Information Center. Churches include: Good Shepherd in Lake Orion, Journey in Oxford, and Crown of Life in Rochester.



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Sunday Ministry Assistants

Audio Schedule

Sep 6 J. Yaeger
 Sep 13 F. Irish
 Sep 20 J. Yaeger
 Sep 27 F. Irish

Video Schedule

Sep 6 J. Ashley
 Sep 13 R. Karstensen
 Sep 20 J. Schorsch
 Sep 27 J. Ashley

Greeters

Sep 6
 Dave & C.J. Hahn
 Sep 13
 Rich & Carol Trudelle

Coffee Schedule

Sept. Nancy & Jeff Feldmeyer
 Oct. Rich & Carol Trudelle

Lay Readers

Sep 6 Noah Ehlke
 Sep 13 Rich Trudelle
 Sep 20 Melissa Ehlke
 Sep 27 Don Dees

Counters

Sep 6
 Elaine Schultz
 Donna Schneider
 Jason/Julie Schultz
 Sep 13
 Lou & Janet DeMonaco
 Michele Weingust

Altar Circle

September
 R/M Karstensen
 October
 Rich & Carol Trudelle
 Carole Milton

Donuts / Bagels

Sep. Lynnette Cardinal
 Oct. **T.B.D.**

Elder on Duty

Sep 6 Rich Trudelle
 Sep 9 Dan Cardinal
 Sep 13 Bob Altman
 Sep 16 Dave Hahn
 Sep 20 Dave Hahn
 Sep 23 Mark Drennan

2026 Saturday Mowing Schedule

Sep 5 Art Saunders / Dave Hahn / Fred Irish
 Sep 12 Kirk Costello / Jeff Feldmeyer / Lisa Thomas
 Sep 19 Lee Barrie / Bob Altman / Chuck Claus
 Sep 26 Fred Hohnstadt / Kurt Schroeder / Mark Drennan



Road Sign

September
 Jerry Yaeger

October
 James Thomas



Usher Schedule

September 6

Fred Hohnstadt, Capt.
 John Ehlke
 Richard Meyer

September 13

Stella Shepherd, Capt.
 Amy Costello
 Kirk Costello
 Jeff Feldmeyer

September 20

Rich Karstensen, Capt.
 Paul Orlor
 Joseph Ashley
 Kurt Schroeder



Thank You

We want to thank our wonderful church family for their love and prayers following Vera Hahn's passing. Your prayers, condolences, the Pastor's service, and the incredible volunteers who cooked and served us all the wonderful food— we have been blessed by you all.

With love and gratitude,

The family of Vera Hahn

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" John 13:35