

Sunday's Sermon: "Stewards Engaged in Serving"

Between God and Me…. Being Good Stewards of God`s Many Gifts

Sun., Nov. 15th and Wed., Nov.18th
Sun., Nov. 22nd and Wed., Nov. 25th



As we have in previous years, we will again have the opportunity to make our commitments to God in a confidential way for the new year.
We will be able to write down our commitments for the coming year in the areas of: *Time, Talents, Treasures, Other*
Our commitments will be totally confidential, placed in the locked `Between God and Me` box near the altar. They will remain there for the coming year after which they will be shredded in confidence. You may take a copy of your commitment with you.
Please be thinking and praying about how you will share the gifts God has given you in the coming year.

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 immediately following. **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.





ST. TRINITY THANKSGIVING DINNER NOVEMBER 26TH at 2:00PM

WE WILL GATHER IN THE FLC CLASSROOM
ALL ARE INVITED & WELCOME
PLEASE SIGN-UP AT THE NARTHEX INFO CENTER TO ATTEND & FOR DESSERT CONTRIBUTIONS.

POINSETTIA PLANT ORDERS



As part of our Christmas celebration, St. Trinity members are able to furnish poinsettias for the purpose of decorating the sanctuary. Make sure you include cash or a check with your order f(forms at Info. Center in Narthex) and write "Poinsettias" on the check & make it out to "St. Trinity Lutheran Church". Either bring your order to the church office or place it in the basket provided in the Narthex. ***Red plants, $11.25 per 6" pot.***

Orders & payment are due by November 18th.

Stewardship Corner

Please see page 2 - **This is week 2 of our three-week stewardship focus entitled "Stewards Engaged in God's Work"**



Stewardship Emphasis:

"Stewards Engaged in God's Work"

Week Two:

"Stewards Engaged in Serving"

In our second week of **Stewards Engaged in God's Work (God Acting Through Us)**, we are focusing on serving. In God's Word, we learn that "*The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve"* (Matthew 20:28). Though He was/is God, Jesus put aside His rights as God to become a common man, to become a servant (Philippians 2:6-7). He asks us to humble ourselves and live lives of servanthood as He did. We serve God by serving others.

When we, in response to Jesus' love for us, give water to those who are thirsty, clothe those who need clothes, or minister to those who are sick, we are living as servants. Jesus calls us to serve people in our families, at work, in our neighborhoods, and even throughout the world. We live the lifestyle of **Stewards Engaged in God's Work** as we use opportunities to serve. As the Holy Spirit enlightens our hearts and minds through the hearing of the Word and participation in the Sacrament, He changes us into servants who willingly serve Him by serving others.

Serving Wholeheartedly

Heartfelt service to the Lord is an integral part of our stewardship. As our Chief Steward, Jesus is a perfect model of service to emulate. Just prior to His death on the cross, Jesus gathered His disciples for the Last Supper. When the disciples were gathered around the table, *"[Jesus] rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him."* (John 13:4-5). After Jesus finished washing the disciples' feet, He said, "*If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you"* (John 13:12-15).



Jesus' directive could not be much clearer. We know He was talking not just to the disciples but to us, nor was He speaking of serving exclusively by washing feet. What Jesus did will always be our example and our encouragement to serve others. Regardless of who we are or what we have accomplished, God calls us to serve. Satan will try to deceive us by telling us that we are too busy or too important, but that should never be the case. *"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples"* (John 15:8). The instruction is clear that we are to render service and not sit in idleness.

It is love that motivates us to be servants. Our desire to love and serve our neighbors is our response to the Lord's love for us. "*We love because He first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). To love is to serve; service is the natural outcome of love. Love is what gives us the energy and desire to serve. When our hearts are filled with love and gratitude for who God is and what He has done for us, we serve with joy. Awed and grateful, we are compelled to share His love by living as

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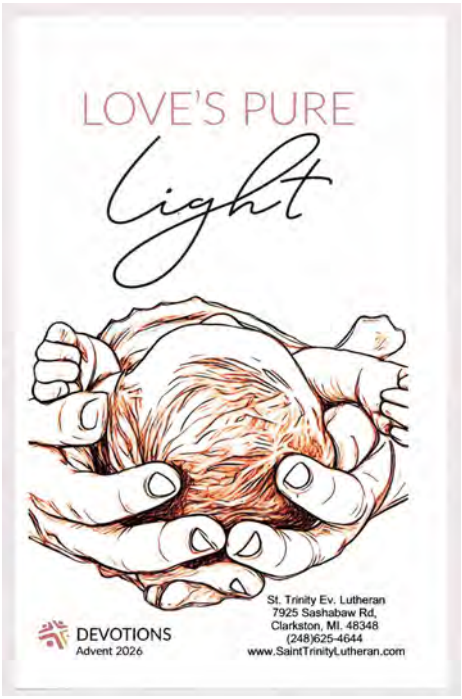
servants. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, our eyes and hearts are opened so that we are made aware of the needs of others.

To be faithful in our serving, we must be available. We may at times need to have our agendas interrupted for service opportunities. Our service opportunities are not limited to helping our friends only but may expand to include even our enemies. True service is not limited to the deserving. If service were just for the deserving, why would Christ have died for us while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8)? To remind ourselves to remain available to serve, we may want to pray this prayer each morning: "Lord Jesus, as it would please You, bring me someone today whom I can serve."

The theme for next week is "Stewards Engaged in Faithful Giving."

2026 ADVENT DEVOTIONALS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE
IN THE NARTHEX



St. Trinity Children's Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 13 at 11:00am
(following our service at 9:30).
All children are welcome to participate.

COOKIE CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED;
NUT-FREE ONLY PLEASE.
SIGN-UP AT THE NARTHEX INFO CENTER



MIDWEEK ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2nd @ 6:00pm
Sign up at the Narthex Info Center
with your main dish contribution.
Please see Elaine Schultz w/ any questions.



Save the Date!
Fall Cleanup Dec. 5th
9:00-noon

PLEASE BRING YOUR LEAF BLOWER
Rain date is Dec. 12th (same time)



Please contact Russ Tarnowsky with any questions



COMMUNITY IMPACT WEEKEND

St. Trinity Partners With Fueling Kids' Futures

This Impact Weekend we partnered with Fueling Kids' Futures-Clarkston to help provide weekend food for local students experiencing food insecurity.

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY!
Thank you to everyone who planned this event, donated cereal, volunteered packing bags and transporting the food for delivery! Putting our faith into action!



We had over 60 volunteers, including 16 community volunteers outside of St. Trinity who joined alongside us.









Our youngest volunteers took their places at 11 food stations, handing out items as adults made their way around the room filling bags. This was reverse trick-or-treating! With so much enthusiasm and participation, we packed the bags in just 10 minutes! We are already planning to double the number of bags for next time!

Community Impact Team

Ours was just one of over 40 projects on Impact Weekend. With over 500 volunteers, we were part of the group that helped with home repairs and yard cleanup and partnering with non-profit orgs to better the Clarkston community.

THE COMMUNITY IMPACT TEAM
Offering a hand up to our neighbors in need.

Mark your calendar: Spring Impact Weekend April 24-25, 2027



St. Trinity Endowment Fund – November Update

We Are Making an Impact. What's Next?
God is at work through the people and ministries of St. Trinity, and the Endowment Fund is helping make that work possible!
We are excited to share that more than $9,000 remains available for 2027 ministry grants!
Two $500 grants have already been approved.

- **Community Impact Team – Fueling Kids' Futures:** Supporting efforts to help Clarkston students experiencing food insecurity.
- **Oxford Pregnancy Center:** Supporting its work serving and caring for women, children, and families in our community.

We also saw this ministry in action on November 7th! St. Trinity's Outreach Committee planned and led our Community Impact Weekend project, bringing our members and the community together to support **Fueling Kids' Futures** and help provide food for Clarkston students. We collected and donated 200 boxes of cereal and packed 100 bags of food. What a wonderful example of our congregation putting faith into action!

What could we do next?
These are just two examples of how Endowment grants can support ministry. We invite you to think about the needs and opportunities around us:

- **Missions & Outreach** – Community service, local or global mission efforts, or new outreach opportunities.
- **Church Worker Training & Scholarships** – Helping prepare future church workers or supporting continued education and development for our staff.
- **Special Purpose Projects** – Addressing a one-time need, improving a ministry, or responding to a significant community need.

Maybe you have noticed a need, have an idea for a new ministry, or see an opportunity to serve someone in a meaningful way. **Don't assume an idea is too small or too different to share!** The Endowment Fund is here to help turn ministry ideas into action.
Applications are available in the Family Life hallway or by contacting the church office. You can also reach out to any Endowment Board member with questions.
Every gift and every ministry opportunity helps carry Christ's love beyond our walls and strengthen the work of St. Trinity for generations to come.
What could God do through your idea?

— The St. Trinity Endowment Board





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 Connie Irish or Shawn Hahn with any questions.



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

NOVEMBER 29TH
THROUGH
DECEMBER 22ND

SUNDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
12PM TO 2PM	12PM TO 2PM	5PM TO 7PM

MORE INFO ON OUR WEBSITE

ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAY

CHRISTMAS MARKET & SANTA



7925 Sashabaw Rd. Clarkston, MI 48348



BUILD AND OPERATE A MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY!

AGES 3+

ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY CHILDREN

SIGN UP FOR A TIME SLOT ON OUR WEBSITE

ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

LITTLE CONDUCTORS WORKSHOP



SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH 2PM - 4PM

7925 Sashabaw Rd. Clarkston, MI 48348

UPCOMING PRESCHOOL / PRESCHOOL-FRIENDLY EVENTS



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 *SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE!*
Dec 13th:	Children's Christmas Program @ 11:00am

	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 15	J. Yaeger
Nov 22	F. Irish
Nov 29	F. Irish
Dec 6	J. Yaeger

VIDEO SCHEDULE

Nov 15	R. Karstensen
Nov 22	J. Schorsch
Nov 29	J. Ashley
Dec 6	R. Karstensen

GREETERS

Nov 15	D. Schneider
Nov 22	M./J. Spresney
Nov 29	F./C. Irish
Dec 6	Annette Ashley

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 15	M. Ehlke
Nov 22	S. Pflieger
Nov 29	R. Trudelle
Dec 6	Noah Ehlke
Dec 13	R. Trudelle
Dec 20	M. Ehlke
Dec 27	Don Dees

COUNTERS

Nov. 15
Rich Karstensen
Michele Weingust

Nov. 22
A./J. Saunders
David Thompson

ALTAR CIRCLE

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

ELDER ON DUTY

Nov 15	Mark Drennan
Nov 18	Aaron Meyer
Nov 22	Rich Trudelle
Nov 25	Dan Cardinal
Nov 29	Dan Cardinal
Dec 2	Dan Cardinal
Dec 6	Aaron Meyer
Dec 9	@Journey
Dec 13	Mark Drennan



ROAD SIGN

NOV.
Joseph Ashley

DEC.
R. Karstensen



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

November 22
Rich Karstensen, Capt.
Paul Orler
Joseph Ashley
Kurt Schroeder

November 29
Fred Hohnstadt, Capt.
John Ehlke
Richard Meyer
Tim Hunt



The deadline for Trinity Times submissions is 12:00pm on Tuesday, for the upcoming Sunday's edition. Please send all items/information to Mary at OFFICE2@SaintTrinityLutheran.com THANK YOU!!