Sunday's Sermon: "The Hidden Work of God"



SIGN UP AT THE NARTHEX INFO CENTER
TO JOIN THE FUN & HOST A TRUNK!!!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we would like to honor both Pastor Paul and Pastor Mike with gifts. We are asking members to show their appreciation for our Pastors by placing a monetary gift **(cash only, please)** in an envelope and placing it in the designated box set in the Narthex near the main sanctuary doors. **Please Do Not place it in the offering plate and we cannot accept a check.** You may use separately labeled envelopes for your gifts for each Pastor, or one combined envelope for both Pastors.

LAST DAY for contributions is Sunday, October 18th.

Stewardship Corner

Matthew 22:21 – "Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." So what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes — and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the church and in society.



ST. TRINITY ENDOWMENT FUND - OCTOBER UPDATE

One Year Ends, Another Endowment Fund Year Begins!!

Beginning October 1st, applications are being accepted for 2027 grant funding. In October, the Endowment Board will determine the amount available for 2027 grants based on the funds balance and investment earnings over the last 12-months.

What ministry idea do you have?

The Endowment Fund can support ministry opportunities in three areas:

Mission & Outreach

* Community service projects
* Local or global mission efforts
* New outreach ministries

Church Worker Training & Scholarships

* Support for students preparing for church vocations
* Continuing education or skill development for staff

Special Purpose Projects

* Disaster relief efforts
* One-time ministry needs or improvements

What might this look like?

* Supporting a mission trip or community outreach event
* Helping a student attend seminary
* Launching a new ministry program
* Funding a one-time project that meets a real need in our church or community

Applications are available in the Family Life hallway or by contacting the church office.

The Board has already received two applications for 2027 grants:

- $500.00 for Community Impact "Fueling Kids Futures" project
- $500.00 for the Oxford Pregnancy Center

The Endowment Board has unanimously approved these grant requests and church council has concurred.

The Endowment Fund is more than a financial resource. It is a way to leave a legacy of faith, ensuring that the Gospel continues to be proclaimed and lives continue to be touched by God's grace long after we are gone.

Thank you all who have supported the Endowment Fund through gifts, memorials, and planned giving. Together, we are helping carry Christ's mission forward for future generations.

-- The St. Trinity Endowment Board

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.



Poinsettias

Again this year 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 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, orders with payment are due November 18th.***

LADIES' GUILD MEETING

TUESDAY, OCT. 20th

Please see Pam Boadway for specific details

CRAFTING WORKSHOPS FOR HOLIDAY MARKET

TUESDAYS OCTOBER 20th & 27th,
NOVEMBER 3rd & 10th
BEGINNING AT 6:00pm

We will be assembling craft items in preparation for the 2026 St. Trinity Train Display & Holiday Market. Dinner is provided 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)

In addition, we welcome donations of already completed craft items & freshly made baked goods!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED SUPPLIES. WE ARE GOOD FOR THIS YEAR!



Thank you to Richard & Marsha Karstensen for the wonderful new autumn-themed altar banners



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!

Voters' Assembly

Sunday, October 25th @ 10:45 am

Topic: Approval of 2027 Budget

BECOMING A VOTING MEMBER:

If any confirmed member of St. Trinity (18 years or older) would like to become a voting member, you must first attend a Voters' meeting. Then, at the second Voters' Assembly meeting you attend, you may vote. You may get more information on this from the Constitution and Bylaws. Copies are available from the office.

No adult Bible Study that day.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at ST. TRINITY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th
APPOINTMENTS FROM NOON TO 6:00PM

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TO DONATE TODAY

www.RedCrossBlood.org
or call 1-800-733-2767
Sponsor Code: SaintTrinity
Church Zip Code: 48348

American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

QR Code for Electronic Giving to St. Trinity

Online giving is easy and secure. Scan this QR code for online giving to St. Trinity. You can make either a one time gift or recurring gifts.

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.

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.

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.







UPCOMING PRESCHOOL / PRESCHOOL-FRIENDLY EVENTS



Oct 20th:	Preschool Field Trip to Spicer's Orchard
Oct 29th:	Preschool Halloween Parade (begins at 9:15am)
Oct 29th:	Preschool Class Halloween Party (10:30-11:45am)
Oct 30th:	STELC Trunk or Treat (from 6:00-7:00pm)
Nov 8th:	STELC Impact Weekend Project (community service event)
Nov 19th:	Preschool Family Chapel
Nov 29-Dec 22nd:	Holiday Train Display, Holiday Market & Santa (Tues, Thurs & Sun)
Dec 6th:	Little Conductors Model Train Workshop

	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 "TRUTH RISING" VIDEO & DISCUSSION 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
Oct 18 J. Yaeger
Oct 25 F. Irish
Nov 1 J. Yaeger
Nov 8 F. Irish

VIDEO SCHEDULE
Oct 18 J. Ashley
Oct 25 R. Karstensen
Nov 1 J. Schorsch
Nov 8 J. Ashley

GREETERS
Oct 18 J./L. Thomas
Oct 25 D./C.J. Hahn
Nov 1 D./C.J. Hahn
Nov 8 J./L. Thomas

COFFEE SETUP
Oct. R./C. Trudelle
Nov. M./J. Spresney

DONUTS / BAGELS
Oct. M./C. Schwartz
Nov. R./C. Trudelle

LAY READERS
Oct 18 R. Trudelle
Oct 25 D. Dees
Nov 1 N. Ehlke
Nov 8 D. Dees
Nov 15 M. Ehlke
Nov 22 S. Pflieger

COUNTERS
Oct 18
Rich Karstensen
Pam Boadway
Oct 25
A./J. Saunders
Ed Salter

ALTAR CIRCLE
Oct. R./C. Trudelle
Carole Milton
Nov. Sharon Barrie
Judy Spresney



ELDER ON DUTY
Oct 18 Dan Cardinal
Oct 21 Dan Cardinal
Oct 25 Dave Hahn
Oct 28 Bob Altman
Nov 1 Dave Hahn
Nov 4 Bob Altman
Nov 8 Aaron Meyer
Nov 11 Mark Drennan

2026 SATURDAY MOWING SCHEDULE
Oct. 17 L. Barrie / B. Altman / C. Claus
Oct. 24 F. Hohnstadt / K. Schroeder / M.Drennan
Oct. 31 A. Saunders / D. Hahn / F. Irish

ROAD SIGN

OCT.
James Thomas

NOV.
Joseph Ashley

Usher Ministry

October 18
Fred Hohnstadt, Capt.
John Ehlke
Richard Meyer
Tim Hunt

October 25
Stella Shepherd, Capt.
Amy Costello
Kirk Costello
Jeff Feldmeyer

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



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!!