

Sunday's Sermon: "Stewards Engaged in Faithful Giving"



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.

2026 ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm

Dec. 2nd at St. Trinity (Dinner at 6:00pm)
Dec. 9th at Journey Lutheran, Oxford
Dec. 16th Good Shepherd, Lake Orion

Each Wednesday afternoon at 1:00pm
worship at Crown of Life in Rochester

St. Trinity Children's Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 13th at 11:00am

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

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



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.



Stewardship Corner

Please see page 2 - **This is week 3 of our three-week stewardship focus entitled "Stewards Engaged in Faithful Giving"**



Stewardship Emphasis:

"Stewards Engaged in God's Work"

Week Three:

"Stewards Engaged in Faithful Giving"



This is the third and final week of our stewardship emphasis, **Stewards Engaged in God's Work (God Acting Through Us)**. Our focus for this week is giving faithfully. Faithful giving is one aspect of a Christ-like character. In our giving, we emulate Jesus Who showed us what it means to love and to give. *"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13). Jesus gave us the greatest and most perfect gift by offering Himself on the Cross. Through His suffering, death, and resurrection, we have the forgiveness of sins and life eternal with Him. An important way that we express our love and gratitude for Jesus is through our giving. In light of what God has done for us through His Son, how can we not give freely to Him?

God's nature is to give, and He created us to be giving people. However, Satan, our flesh, and the world tell us to put ourselves first and ignore the needs of others and God's Church. We are told that giving money is foolish and that happiness along with security comes only from having money, so we are encouraged to keep what we have. Through faith, God helps us discern these lies and overcome selfishness so that we can give willingly and cheerfully. As redeemed people of God, we are called and equipped to render willingly the firstfruits of our lives and resources to Him.



As Christians, we are in this world, but we are not of this world. We are warned not to *"love the world or anything in the world"* (1 John 2:15). We are not in love with this world because, as God's children, our love is directed toward Him rather than things in the world. We love and worship the Creator, not the creation. Through our faithful giving, we demonstrate both our love for Jesus and our ability, by His grace, to break the grip that things of this world can have on us.

Gifts from the Heart

Giving that pleases God is done from the heart. Love is what motivated God to give, and, because of His love, He did not give leftovers; He gave His best. He gave us what we needed — His own Son. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Through faith, we begin to understand God's tremendous love for us, and we are compelled to share with others the love of God that fills our hearts. By God's grace, we are compelled to give generously of our money, time, efforts, and abilities. The more fully we understand how richly God has blessed us, the deeper will be our love and gratitude to Him and the greater will be our desire to respond.

You can read about some Biblical examples of giving from the heart such as Abel's gift (Genesis 4:2-4), gifts from King David (1 Chronicles 29:10-22), gift from Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), gift from the Poor Widow (Luke 21:1-4), and gifts from the Macedonians (2 Corinthians 8:1-7). The same grace that enabled their giving enables ours as well.

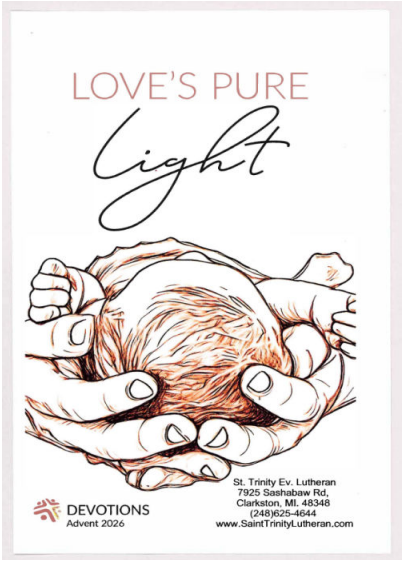


St. Trinity Children's Christmas Service
Sunday, Dec. 13 at 11:00am
(following our service at 9:30).
All children are welcome to participate.

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



2026 ADVENT DEVOTIONALS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE
IN THE NARTHEX



ST. PAUL PANTRY NEEDS

St. Trinity is always collecting food for our pantry that is delivered to St. Paul, Pontiac. As the holiday season approaches and the weather is turning colder, their Father's Hands Food Pantry is in urgent need of non-perishable food items. St. Paul has seen an increase in traffic to the pantry over the past month and it does not appear like it will slow down any time soon, especially in these challenging times.

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated and welcome:

Peanut Butter, Jams / Jellies
Canned Meats: Tuna, Chicken, Ham, etc.
Salad Dressings / Mayonnaise
Canned/Packaged Fruit
Canned/Packaged Vegetables
Soups / Chili
Dry or Shelf-Stable Milk
Canned Juices
Cereal / Oatmeal
Spaghetti Sauce / Dry Pastas (Macaroni, Spaghetti, etc.)
Instant Potatoes
Rice / Beans
All types of Baby Food

(NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE)
PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF ALL ITEM EXPIRATION DATES

Please place your donations on the table in the Narthex hallway, or in the old coat room.
Every item is appreciated and no donation is too small to make a big difference!





THANK YOU to everyone who participated in St. Trinity's Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project. We packed 58 shoeboxes for children around the world, sharing with them the hope and joy of the birth of our Savior!

Thank you to all those who shopped for, filled and returned boxes; donated money for postage; and/or donated items to put in the boxes.

A special thank you to Elaine Schultz, who once again tirelessly wrapped shoeboxes in Christmas paper.

Thank you also to Richard Trudelle who applied for and received a $250 Thrivent card to use toward filling more boxes. This year, we were able to pack 13 boxes with the help of the Thrivent card.

You all have made a difference in the lives of these precious children! Thank you!

Karen Smith & Pam Ferguson



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, mini candy bars, or other individually packaged treats.

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 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 @ 9:00a coffee & donuts / 9:30a 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
Dec 17th:	Preschool Family Chapel @ 9:00a coffee & donuts / 9:30a Chapel
Dec 17th:	Preschool Christmas Party - immediately following Chapel until noon
	Will include: games, crafts, photo booth, cookie decorating, and snacks!

	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 22 F. Irish
Nov 29 F. Irish
Dec 6 J. Yaeger
Dec 13 F. Irish

VIDEO SCHEDULE
Nov 22 J. Schorsch
Nov 29 J. Ashley
Dec 6 R. Karstensen
Dec 13 J. Schorsch

GREETERS
Nov 22 M./J. Spresney
Nov 29 F./C. Irish
Dec 6 Annette Ashley
Dec 13 J./L. Thomas

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 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. 22
A./J. Saunders
David Thompson
Nov. 29
Rich Karstensen
Ruth Stockwell
Rich Meyer

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

ELDER ON DUTY
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
Dec 16 **@Good Shepherd**
Dec 20 Bob Altman



ROAD SIGN

NOV.
Joseph Ashley

DEC.
R. Karstensen

Usher Ministry

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

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

December 6
Stella Shepherd, Capt.
Amy Costello
Kirk Costello
Jeff Feldmeyer

PLEASE NOTE:
THE CHURCH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
THURS NOV. 26th & FRI NOV. 27th
IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING.

