



The Trinity Times

Weekly Announcements



SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Teaching and Learning are Part of our Humanity

Martin Luther taught that education was essential, “both to understand the Word of Scripture and the nature of the world in which the Word would take root.”

God created the magnificent world in which we live. He has, in a sense, created the ultimate treasure hunt for us to discover. We have through our learning, discovered a range of miraculous treasures from the tiny quarks (the smallest *known* fundamental particles) to the massive expanse of the universe. We will never discover everything that He has created, but through our God-given intellect and curiosity, we will continue to pursue a deeper understanding.

However, as our knowledge and the innovations from this knowledge grow, do we risk handicapping our abilities to *think* and grow?

For example, Artificial Intelligence (AI) holds tremendous promise for speeding up our future inquiries into God’s Creation. We may find cures to debilitating and deadly diseases, and much more. However, AI should *augment* our thinking, not take it over.

A recent study from MIT looked at the neural and behavioral consequences of our modern technology.

When writing essays, one group had no help, the second group used search engines, and the third group used an AI platform. Not surprisingly, as the ease of the task was increased, the EEG of the brain showed decreased brain connectivity. Further, when those using AI went back to unaided learning, their brain connectivity remained low.

Even those involved in developing AI have warned that the use of AI without guardrails risks the *loss of control of our civilization*.

Knowledge without morality and without wisdom can be dangerous. Perhaps like no other human development, we need to seek God’s Wisdom.

Let us continue to grow in knowledge and find answers to help our fellow man, but this knowledge must begin with humbling ourselves before the Lord.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge – Proverbs 1:7

Stewardship Corner

Luke 14:11 – “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10). That’s called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.



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**Save the Date! ~ Sunday, September 14, 2025
Annual Homecoming, Rally Day, & New Member Celebration!**

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



Following worship, be sure to join us for our potluck picnic, games for all ages, fellowship, & fun!

Menu: Meat & beverages (both provided). Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

Please sign up at the Narthex Info Center

Ladies' Wednesday Bible Study - BEGINS 8-17-25

We will be starting up for the season on **September 17th**
We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the FLC classroom,
at 9:30am for coffee & social time, with 10:00am being the start of Bible study.

This year we will be doing a study called "Be Still and Know:

A Study of Rest and Refuge" by Deb Burma.

Please sign up at the Narthex Info Center, so we can place our book order.



Children's Sunday School

Ages 3-years old up to 5th grade
will begin on September 21st.



**Choir Rehearsals will resume
on Sunday, September 7th:**

8:00-8:30 am - Men's Chorus
8:35-9:05 am - Combined Choir
(mix of traditional and praise music)



Bible Study Opportunities



- ◆ **Confirmation Class with Pastor Paul for 6th, 7th & 8th graders** beginning Sept. 21st, 10:45am to noon, will take place in the L-Room.
- ◆ **Men's Bible Study** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am.
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study** Begins Sept. 17th, 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30am.
- ◆ 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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Confirmation Class - beginning September 21st

- ◆ Open to all students in 6th, 7th & 8th grades
- ◆ First class will be Sunday, September 21st
- ◆ Classes will meet in the L-Room following service & end at 12:00pm.
- ◆ Classes will be held every Sunday with a special/fun activity one Sunday per month.



Please contact Aaron Meyer at 248 842-5668 with any questions.

J.O.Y. Group

Our first get-together will take place on **Thursday, September 18th**

Please familiarize yourself with the September Bible verse on the bulletin board outside of the FLC classroom before 9/18.



Please arrive by 11:30am to help set up tables, dishes, etc. Our potluck lunch begins at 12:00pm

No desserts needed, as they will be provided

ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group



All ages welcome. No pre-registration needed. Always free of charge. For anyone who has recently lost a loved one. The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, September 9th at 7pm.**

Our session topic for September is "Powerlessness in Mourning." All meetings are led by a Bereavement Counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Meetings are held at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park at 6000 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. If you have any questions or want to be included on their monthly e-mail

list, please call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home (248) 625-5231 or email wintfuneralhome@gmail.com.

Also access their Online Grief Portal, which can be found at: <https://www.wintfuneralhome.com/griefwords>.

The Board of Human Care

We are collecting **Peanut Butter and Jelly** throughout the summer months to distribute to Lighthouse & St. Paul's food pantry. **ALL JARS MUST BE PLASTIC. (NO GLASS PLEASE!)**

Additionally, please remember we're always accepting **travel size personal care items** to donate to the Veterans Hospital in Detroit.

Thank you for your continuing support of all our projects.



**Sunday Ministry Assistants****Audio Schedule**

Aug 31 J. Yaeger
Sep 7 F. Irish
Sep 14 J. Yaeger
Sep 21 J. Yaeger

Video Schedule

Aug 31 J. Ashley
Sep 7 R. Karstensen
Sep 14 J. Schorsch
Sep 21 J. Ashley

Greeters

August 31
 Dave & C.J. Hahn
September 7
 Dave & C.J. Hahn

Coffee Schedule

September M./C. Swartz
October M./J. Spresney

Donuts / Bagels

September Trudelle's / Hahn's
October R./C. Trudelle

Lay Readers

Aug 31 Melissa Ehlke
Sep 7 Don Dees
Sep 14 Margaret Miller
Sep 21 Steve Pflieger

Counters

August 31
 R. Karstensen
 P. Boadway / F. Stark
September 7
 Elaine Schultz
 David Thompson

Altar Circle

September
 R./M. Karstensen
October
 R./C. Trudelle
 Carole Milton

Elder on Duty

Aug 31 Aaron Meyer
Sep 3 Bob Altman
Sep 7 Mark Drennan
Sep 10 Aaron Meyer
Sep 14 Dan Cardinal
Sep 17 Aaron Meyer

Mowing Schedule

Aug 31 Art Saunders / Dave Hahn / Fred Irish
Sep 7 Kirk Costello / Jeff Feldmeyer / Lisa Thomas
Sep 14 Lee Barrie / Bob Altman / Chuck Claus
Sep 21 Fred Hohnstadt / Kurt Schroeder / Mark Drennan
Sep 28 Art Saunders / Dave Hahn / Fred Irish

Road Sign

September
 Gordie Cloutier
October
 James Thomas

**Usher Schedule****August 31**

Rich Karstensen, Capt.
 Paul Orler
 Joseph Ashley
 Kurt Schroeder

September 7

Fred Hohnstadt, Capt.
 John Ehlke
 Richard Meyer
 Bob Schroer

September 14

Stella Shepherd, Capt.
 Amy Costello
 Kirk Costello
 Jeff Feldmeyer

**IN OBSERVENCE OF LABOR DAY,
 THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
 ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST.**

