



The Trinity Times

Weekly Announcements



Make sure to turn back your clocks Saturday night, November 1st.

NOVEMBER STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Thankful For Meaning and Purpose

When we, using our own reason, attempt to understand the meaning and purpose of life, inevitably the conclusion is dire.

Whether it is contemplations in the Book of Ecclesiastes or Albert Camus' interpretation of the Myth of Sisyphus, the conclusion is the same: life has no meaning and no purpose.

We are left to find meaning in the material world and to seek to satisfy our own desires. However, it does not take long to conclude that even pleasure is *meaningless, meaningless*.

The Word of God provides a very different formula for finding meaning in life, and one that is contrary to human logic. Instead of looking to please oneself, look to please God and look to the interests of others.

God's logic, indeed, His instructions, make no sense to our (finite) minds. Yet, it is true. Research consistently shows that selfless individuals are happier and have better social relationships.

The book of Philippians (2:4) told us centuries ago to look to the interests of others.

James 1:27 tells us to look after the orphans and widows.

The book of Chronicles (29:14) reminds us that everything comes from God and that we should give generously.

God orders our entire life: Work is God ordained (Genesis 2:15), He puts our very bodies in perspective, a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19), and assigns value to the unborn (Psalm 119:73).

As the world is increasingly lost and souls search for meaning, it is incumbent on us, *saints of God*, to share the Good News. Life has meaning only in God.

In this season of thanks, let's pause and **truly appreciate the Word of God and His love for us**. While the world tries to convince us that they know how to find happiness and contentment, thank God that He tells us where true fulfillment is found.

"God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there.
There is no such thing." – C.S. Lewis

Save the Date!
Fall Cleanup Nov. 8th
9:00-noon
Rain date is Nov. 22nd
(same time)



Thanks to all of you for the prayers,
cards, and gifts. I truly am grateful.
God's blessings,
Pastor Mike

Stewardship Corner

Matthew 5:6 – "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness – His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.



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Helping Our Neighbors

This is the time of year when many of us increase our support of local food pantries. Knowing that the holidays are coming up and in thanksgiving for the gifts we have received from God, our thoughts turn to how we can share with our neighbors in need. This year our neighbors find themselves in more desperate need than ever. With the government shutdown, those who rely on food assistance to take care of their families are finding it increasingly difficult, and with November's disbursement being threatened many are left wondering how they are going to survive. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you might be able to help our neediest neighbors during this challenging time. We have a long-standing collection point in the former coat closet off of the narthex for collecting food and other items for **St. Paul's Food Pantry** in Pontiac. You could also donate directly to one of the other food pantries in your own local neighborhood. Let us come together and work to demonstrate our thankfulness for all of God's blessings by showing our love for our neighbors in meaningful, concrete ways. -Pastor Paul

ANNUAL CRAFT WORKSHOP

TUES, NOV. 4th, 11th, & 18th
9:30am to 1:00pm

Lunches will be provided

We'll continue assembling items for our annual St. Trinity Holiday Market, held during the Train display in December. All ability levels of crafters welcome! Please call C.J. Hahn at 248-332-9730 with any questions.



St. Trinity Mitten Tree

Donations accepted until Nov. 6

The St. Trinity Mitten Tree is up in the Narthex. We are collecting mittens, socks, hats & scarves. Please leave your donations at the tree in the narthex. Sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary; all donations go to children in need in our community.



2025 ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES

Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

Dec. 3rd at Good Shepherd, Lake Orion

Dec. 10th (Dinner at 5:30pm) at St. Trinity

Dec. 17th at Journey Lutheran, Oxford

St. Trinity Children's Christmas Service

Sunday, Dec. 14 at 11:15am

ST. TRINITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

NOVEMBER 27TH at 2:00PM

GATHERING IN THE FLC CLASSROOM

ALL ARE INVITED & WELCOME

ATTENDANCE & POTLUCK
CONTRIBUTION SIGN-UP SHEET
AT THE NARTHEX INFO CENTER



sainttrinitylutheran.com



MORE INFO ON OUR
WEBSITE



ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

LITTLE CONDUCTORS WORKSHOP

BUILD & OPERATE YOUR OWN TRAIN DISPLAY
ENJOY A LIVE NATIVITY & PETTING ZOO

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 7TH
2PM - 4PM

AGES 3 & UP
SIGN UP FOR A TIME
SLOT ON OUR WEBSITE

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2026 Offering Envelopes are available on a table in the FLC Hallway, arranged in alphabetical order. If there's not a box for you on the table, please put your name on the signup sheet.



Board of Human Care is collecting items for the Detroit V.A. Hospital. The following items have been specifically requested: **Family-size bottles of shampoo & body wash (no conditioner bottles). New large-tooth combs w/ handles. Deodorants.** Colored long or short sleeve t-shirts - Men's XL or larger; Rubber Shower Shoes -Men's size 9-15, Individually-wrapped hard candy, small-size candy bars. Please see Sharon Barrie or Stella Shepherd w/ inquiries.

**IN-HOME BIBLE STUDY**

HOST: T.B.D.

NOVEMBER 21ST

TOPIC: THE LIFE OF CHRIST



This 13-week Bible study, will meet at a different volunteer hosts' residence, the 3rd Friday each month at 7:00pm.

We are seeking a host for November!
Please see Judy Orler or Pam Boadway.

**Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child**

Completed boxes must be turned in no later than Sunday, Nov. 16. We will be checking the filled boxes at 11:30 am, Wednesday, Nov. 19, and they will be delivered to the local collection center after that. Please remember no liquids, food, medicines, nail polish, hand sanitizers, glue (glue sticks are allowed), or toys that resemble weapons.

Postage is \$10.00 per box with checks payable to Samaritan's Purse — note on the memo line that the gift is for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. If you have several boxes, you may place a check for all shipping in one envelope. Cash is also acceptable. If you have any other questions, please contact Pam Ferguson at (248) 425-3434 or Karen Smith at (248) 977-7002.

Thank you in advance for the continued participation in reaching children and their families for Christ.

	SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
8:30-9:15am	OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY All are welcome, in the Family Life Classroom.
10:45-11:45am	CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL Ages 3-years to 5th grade. In the Fellowship Hall
10:45-11:45am	LIVING GOD'S WORD VIDEO BIBLE STUDY This 8-week series will discuss CS Lewis' Mere Christianity by Eric Mextases. This study will gather in the L-Room.
10:45-11:45am	GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY All are welcome. in Family Life classrooms.

COME JOIN OUR

**Weekday Bible Study Opportunities**

- ♦ **Men's Bible Study** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am.
- ♦ **Women's Bible Study** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30am.
- ♦ **Home Bible Study** 3rd Friday of the month at 7:00pm, host varies.
- ♦ 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

Nov 2 J. Yaeger
Nov 9 F. Irish
Nov 16 J. Yaeger
Nov 23 F. Irish

Video Schedule

Nov 2 J. Ashley
Nov 9 R. Karstensen
Nov 16 J. Schorsch
Nov 23 J. Ashley

Greeters

November 2
 Dave & CJ Hahn
November 9
 Mel & Judy Spresney

Coffee Schedule

November M./J. Spresney
December Dave/C.J. Hahn

Lay Readers

Nov 2 Melissa Ehlke
Nov 9 Don Dees
Nov 16 Margaret Miller
Nov 23 Steve Pflieger

Counters

November 2
 Elaine Schultz
 David Thompson
November 9
 DeMonaco
 Steve & Chris Walker

Altar Circle

November
 Sharon Barrie
 Judy Spresney
December
 C.J. & Dave Hahn

Donuts / Bagels

November M./C. Schwartz
December Dave/C.J. Hahn

Elder on Duty

Nov 2 Dan Cardinal
Nov 5 Rich Trudelle
Nov 9 Aaron Meyer
Nov 12 Dan Cardinal
Nov 16 Bob Altman
Nov 19 Mark Drennan

Mowing Schedule

Nov 2 Kirk Costello / Jeff Feldmeyer / Lisa Thomas

Road Sign

November
 Joseph Ashley
December
 Fred Hohnstadt



Usher Schedule

November 2
 Rich Karstensen, Capt.
 Paul Orlor
 Joseph Ashley
 Kurt Schroeder

November 9
 Fred Hohnstadt, Capt.
 John Ehlke
 Richard Meyer
 Bob Schroer

November 16
 Stella Shepherd, Capt.
 Amy Costello
 Kirk Costello
 Jeff Feldmeyer



2026 Coffee Setup Volunteers

Needed to help set up coffee for Sunday mornings. This can be done Friday, Saturday, or early on Sunday. Access to the church is limited, so having a key is preferable. All Volunteers can set up before the office closes on Friday. All supplies are provided and you do not need to clean the coffee pots on Sunday. For more info, please contact Liz Meyer at 248-372-1178.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
 NOVEMBER 2ND**



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 BACK 1-HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT.**