



The Trinity Times

Weekly Announcements

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY 10 AM — 4:30 PM
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 10 AM — 1 PM



We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you. You are a constant reminder of how God uses people to be a blessing. We are truly thankful for your many wishes, prayers, and gifts to us during the Christmas holidays. It is a privilege to serve our Lord and each of you. May God continue to bless you richly as you continue to be a great blessing to us.

In His Service and Yours,
Pastor Paul Undlin, Pastor Mike DeVries, Mandi Ressler

Gretchen Goolsby, Mary Stempien

Pam Boadway, Debbie Jackson

Pam Hughes, Karen Benedict, Liz Bor, Denise Evanson,

Meghan Dyckman, Ansley Helland, Shelley Schafer



To the members of St. Trinity,

Thank you for the love and cards given to me on December 22nd when I was recognized for 40-years of teaching at St. Trinity, 1984 to 2024.

My heartfelt thanks to my last Bible study class for the gift of a solar bird feeder for my home, as a reminder of your love.

All praise and thanks to our loving God from whom all blessings flow.

Sincerely, Phyllis Solmen



Stewardship Corner

Luke 2:40 “And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.” At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?



January Stewardship Message

“A New Commandment I Give You”

For what shall we aspire in the New Year?

Many people will make personal, career, or spiritual commitments as the New Year unfolds. Some are realistic, some are not. Some will be kept, most will not.

As we consider where we might focus in the ensuing months – consider a theme throughout God’s Word. Something mentioned not just occasionally, but hundreds of times. That one word is love.

In I John 4:7-11 where love is mentioned more than 20 times it is clear that God is serious about love – genuine love. We are also warned about disingenuous love.

If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. - I Corinthians 13:3

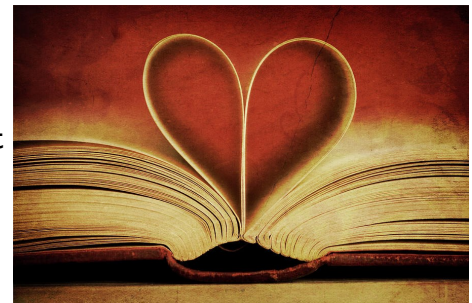
Giving to others in need can be God honoring, but if it is about self-adulation – we are missing the point. God, throughout His Word is trying to get us to focus *outward*, not *inward*. It’s not about being unselfish (inward focus) it’s about love (outward focus).

C.S. Lewis in his address at the University Church of St. Mary of the Virgin in Oxford England, titled "The Weight of Glory," explains the difference between unselfishness and love. "The negative idea of Unselfishness carries with it the suggestion not primarily of securing good things for others, but of going without them ourselves, as if our abstinence and not their happiness was the important point. I do not think this is the Christian virtue of Love."

This year like every year, we will stumble, make mistakes, say and do foolish things, but – if we have love, it will cover a multitude of sins (I Peter 4:8).

Embrace the New Year by keeping the *new* commandment that Jesus gave us in the front of our mind:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. - John 13:34

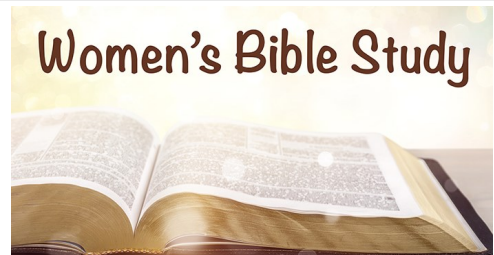


The Stewardship Team

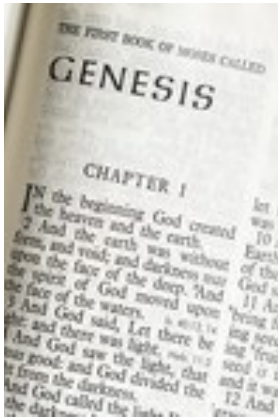


DISTRICT 101 on JANUARY 12, 2025

Laura Thomas, the MI Director of Development will be giving a presentation, briefly as part of the service, and then more in-depth during the Bible Study hour.



There will be no Women’s Bible Study on Wednesdays for the month of January, as Mandi will be in Tanzania.



Bible Study Opportunities

- ◆ **Young (ish) Adult Bible Study** will meet Sunday mornings at **10:45 am** In the Youth Room.
- ◆ **Bible Study on the book of Genesis at 8:30 am.** Fred Hohnstadt leads this study.
- ◆ **Bible Study with Pastor Paul at 10:45 am** in the FLC classrooms.
- ◆ 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, Rochester.

St. Trinity Preschool is hiring



Imagine being part of a dynamic team that empowers young minds to flourish!

St. Trinity Preschool is currently hiring for a dedicated and caring co-teacher, or assistant teacher. Our faith-based program fosters a nurturing environment where children learn through interactive play.

Benefit from a flexible schedule with part-time hours, no evenings or weekends, and low student to teacher ratios. We welcome individuals with little to no experience and provide training for substitutes and assistants. A background check is required.

For more details, contact Pam at (248) 620-6154 or email StTrinityPreschool@gmail.com



Donuts & Bagel Pick-up

Volunteers are needed to pick up donuts and bagels on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lynnette Cardinal for more information.

Please sign up for 2025!



Coffee Setup for 2025

Additional volunteers are 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. 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 information, please contact Liz Meyer at 248 372-1178



Voters' Assembly - Sunday, January 19 @ 10:45 am

Any confirmed member of St. Trinity who is 18 years or older can become a voting member by attending A regular Voters' Assembly and register to become a voting member. You will then be eligible to vote at the **NEXT** Voters' Assembly (regular or special). Any voting member who has missed 4 consecutive regular Voters' Assemblies shall be considered inactive until you attend a Regular Voters' Assembly. In order for an inactive voting member to become active, you must attend a Regular Voters' Assembly, and sign-in. You will then be allowed to vote at the **NEXT** Voters' Assembly (regular or special).



No adult Bible studies on January 19.



Promise Stars

There are stars by the Christmas bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, we are asking that everyone takes a star and put your name on it (if it's not already on one). Place this star somewhere you will see it everyday to remind yourself of the promises fulfilled in Christ's birth and the promises yet to come in His return.

Family Prayer Event

On Sunday January 26th, after worship we are having a family prayer event! This is perfect for people of all ages. In the gym there will be interactive prayer stations, and each child attending will receive a prayer pillow. Please sign up on the website or with the QR code to let us know you will be there!

Contact Mandi with any questions.



Family Prayer Event
Sunday January 26th
10:45am in the sanctuary

Join us for an interactive prayer event for people of all ages! Use the QR code to sign up.





Sunday Ministry Assistants

Video Schedule

- Jan. 5 John Schorsch
- Jan. 12 Joseph Ashley
- Jan. 19 Rich Karstensen
- Jan. 26 John Schorsch

Road Sign

- January Richard Karstensen
- February Joseph Ashley

Donut/Bagels

- January Rich & Carol Trudelle

Coffee Schedule

- January Skip & Elaine Schultz

Greeters

- January 5 James & Lisa Thomas
- January 12 David Thompson

Elder on Duty

- Jan. 5 Bob Altman
- Jan. 8 & 12 Mark Drennan
- Jan. 15 & 19 Dan Cardinal
- Jan. 22 Dave Hahn
- Jan. 26 Aaron Meyer
- Jan. 29 Rich Trudelle

Counters

- January 5 Skip & Elaine Schultz
David Thompson
- January 12 DeMonaco
Bob/Karen Schroer

Lay Readers

- Jan. 5 Margaret Miller
- Jan. 12 Noah Ehlke
- Jan. 19 Melissa Ehlke
- Jan. 26 Melissa Ehlke

Altar Circle

- January Julie Meyer
Susan Piercy
- February Jeanne Wightman
Stella Shepherd
Crystal Schwartz

Usher Schedule



- January 5 Richard Karstensen, Capt.
Paul Orler
Joseph Ashley
Kurt Schroeder

- January 12 Stella Shepherd, Capt.
Amy Costello
Kirk Costello
Jeff Feldmeyer

- January 19 Fred Hohnstadt, Capt.
John Ehlke
Richard Meyer
Bob Schroer

Poinsettia Plants

We have some Poinsettias left from Christmas. Please feel free to take one (or more) home with you after worship today.



Happy New Year
Prayers
AND BLESSINGS
FOR YOUR FAMILY

2025 Offering Envelopes



The 2025 Offering envelopes are now available. They are on a table in the FLC Hallway in alphabetical order. If there is not box for you on the table, please put your name on the signup sheet.