Welcome to St. Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

Welcome! Some of us are here to seek relief from heavy pressures. Others are reaching out for comfort in sorrow. Still others are here to thank God for recent or ongoing blessings. What we all have in common is a great desire to know God and to be enabled to do His will. Join us in this quest!

PLACE YOUR FUNDRAISER ORDER TODAY

There are currently only eleven children attending St. Trinity Preschool. This makes this year’s annual fall fundraiser very important. We need to make sure we make the most of this endeavor so our preschool can have a successful year. Julie Schultz will be at all of the church services on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th to take orders. There will also be a catalog from which you can order in the church office through Sunday, October 23rd. The final day orders can be taken is Monday, October 24th. Please pay at the time you place your order with exact cash or a check made payable to St. Trinity Preschool. We appreciate your support!

FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

Friday, October 21st

Join us on Fri., October 21st at 7:00 pm for our Fall Festival that is open to everyone. Kids dress in costumes, but nothing scary please! Bring your friends & neighbors. Sign up in the Narthex.

Adults are needed to bring candy to hand out to the kids. You are welcome to wear a costume too and decorate a spot to pass out your goodies. Decorating your area is optional. We will then meet in the gym for refreshments, crafts, games & music. This event is fun for all ages, and we encourage everyone to come and bring friends, neighbors and family for an evening of Christian fellowship. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate candy for others to hand out, baskets are located in the narthex. Also, we need volunteers to help clean up at the end of the night. Many hands get the job done!
No matter how hard we try, we will never completely overcome our selfishness and greed. Even though Scripture tells us that worldly treasures can’t provide us with any real security, we don’t always distinguish between providing responsibly for our future needs and selfish hoarding. Jesus said, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). What we acquire in this life will at some time be lost; however, what we do for Christ will last forever.
**TODAY’S FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON THE ALTAR TO THE GLORY OF GOD & IN CELEBRATION OF SHIRLEY BARNETT & CARROL BELL’S BIRTHDAYS**

Flowers may be taken home after service on Sunday or can be picked up on Monday morning. Please ask someone from Altar Circle to assist in getting your flowers.
See CJ or Dave Hahn, Sue Ludwig, Julie or Jason Schultz or Jeanne Saunders

Dear Members of St. Trinity:

Stefanie and I would like to thank you for your generous financial gift. As we have settled into life in Milwaukee and the birth of our first child, this gift has been an incredible blessing! We cannot thank you enough.

We also appreciate all your prayers. It is wonderful knowing we have the support of our brothers and sisters in Christ as we go about doing His work.

Again, thank you for everything. We truly appreciate it.
In Christ, Jonathan, Stefanie, & William

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**Cost of Ministry for 2016**
**As of 9/30/2016**

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When we fall short of planned expenses, our part of God’s mission is not getting done.

**Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child**

Even though it is barely fall, the Holiday Season will soon be upon us. Look for the materials and supplies table now set up in the Narthex. God already knows the children who will receive our gift boxes. For information about this project, contact Sharon Gehrke at 248.620.2011.

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**Installation of Pastor Mike Duchene on**
**Installation**

**Sunday, October 23 at 8:15 & 11:00 am**

After the 11:00 am service, we will have a cake and coffee reception

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**Voters’ Assembly**

**Monday, October 17 at 7pm**

**Approval of the 2017 Budget & Election of Officers**

**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. At the second Voters’ Assembly meeting you attend, you may vote. You may get more information on this from the Constitution and Bylaws.

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**FALL CLEAN UP**

**SAT., OCTOBER 15 8:00 — NOON**

**RAIN DATE WILL BE SAT., OCTOBER 22**

**2017 OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers who can spare about 3 or 4 Sundays a year after church helping with counting the weekly offerings. Detailed instructions are provided and teams are formed with experienced counters to work with. If you have fair math skills and are willing to volunteer, please contact Gretchen in the church office or D’Arcy Gonzales at DRC221@comcast.net.

**2017 GREETERS NEEDED**

We are also in need of members to greet visitors on Sunday mornings. You may choose either the early or late service to serve. Just a handshake and a few welcoming words to visitors is all that is needed. Call the church office if you can serve as a greeter.

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**J.O.Y. Group (Just Older Youth)**

The J.O.Y. group meets again on **Thursday, October 20** at noon for a potluck and fellowship with guest speaker, Ron Gries. Ron is an author and public speaker that will share with us his story of personal & spiritual growth during a 5 year journey, covering the illness & death of his wife. He will introduce his book, “Through Death to Life.” Please join us and bring a dish to pass & a place setting for FUN, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP.

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**METHODS THAT ENLIVEN THE BRAIN AND BRING THE TOUCH OF CHRIST WORKSHOP**

with Dr. Diana Walters

**Saturday, October 29**

**9:00 am — Noon**

**Waypoint Church**

8400 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston

Call 248.623.1224 to register

Topics to be covered:

The unique needs of dementia patients, tools & skills for successful visiting and visiting so you both enjoy and benefit.
Publication Deadlines:
Weekly Church Announcements
For Oct. 23—Mon., Oct. 17@noon
Prayer Page for Worship Bulletin
Wednesdays at noon
November Newsletter was Friday, October 14

COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PAVER PROGRAM
Would you like to place a brick in St. Trinity’s Memorial Garden in honor of someone? We are taking orders through November at a special price. 4 x 8 bricks are $20.00 and 8 x 8 bricks are $30.00. Each brick is engraved with up to 5 lines with each line having a 14 character limit. Then in the spring, your brick will be placed in St. Trinity’s Memorial Garden. Now is the time to order one or several. Order forms are available in the Narthex and the church office.

Women’s Retreat
“The Precious Present”
November 4-6
Sponsored by Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
www.ourshepherd.net
Guest Speaker: Elise Arndt
Cost for Weekend $150 & Includes 5 meals & snacks and 2 nights lodging
Saturday Only $65 & Includes 3 meals & snacks

From Marty Franke: Thank you to all my St. Trinity friends for the many prayers and cards I received during my hospitalization & recovery. Your care and concern are greatly appreciated and have meant so much to me. What a blessing my St. Trinity family is to me.

Sunday Morning Bible Classes & Sunday School
9:45-10:45 am

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY
meets in the FLC classrooms every Sunday morning. Please join us.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES
“Faith in Action” is led by Mark Koenig & Alan Hahn. Current study is Andy Stanley’s program, “5 Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith.”
The Book of Hebrews is led by Phyllis Solmen and meets in the L-Room September through May.

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY

MISSION STATEMENT: “To involve the youth of St. Trinity in the full life of God’s church with focus on sharing the Gospel Message, Fellowship with one another, & encouraging a servant heart.”