

HAVE YOU TRIED LIFETREE CAFÉ—If you’re looking for a simple way to engage the world. If you like meeting new people. If you like expressing your thoughts on a wide range of interesting topics then Lifetree may be perfect for you. Join us every Sunday night at 7 p.m. at O’Halloran’s Public House, 112 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens. \*\*There is no Lifetree on Suday, Dec. 24 or Sunday, Dec. 31. For info, contact Pam Jones at 586-790-2004 or email mspamelaj@yahoo.com. Upcoming topics include:

- Nov. 26 - Religious Freedom
- Dec. 3 - Secrets of Finding Contentment
- Dec. 10- Children With No Place to Go
- Dec. 17 - Overcoming Hardship

UPWARD YARD SIGNS – Thanks to all who helped spread the word about Upward Sports! We are near capacity, with some room available for Grades 3-4. Please store the yard sign until next October.

QUILTERS WANTED—The Trinity Quilters for Lutheran World Relief meet the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center. Upcoming meetings: Dec. 19. Bring a lunch.

PILLOW CASE DRESSES – Your efforts have brought smiles to hundreds of children all over the world. Please continue to make these beautiful dresses. Everything you need is in the bag, which are available near the Youth Lounge.

STOCK THE FOOD PANTRY—The Food Pantry is in need of canned food, canned fruit and canned meat, boxed potatoes, pancake mix, syrup, pasta sauces, rice, macaroni and cheese, jelly, cereal, peanut butter, soups, crackers, non-refrigerated juice drinks and other non-perishable food. Donations for the food pantry can be left on the carts at the donation center between the Youth Lounge and the Nursery. If you are interested in donating small gift cards to local restaurants, such as fast food chains, or bus passes, see Pastor Gary.

FAMILY OF GOD—Family of God is making an impact in many people’s lives by bringing the Good News of Christ to those who are poor, hungry, and homeless. We help by serving dinners at Family of God on Oct. 18, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13. If you would like to be a part of this by contributing money or time, contact Brian Lanko at 586-350-0444 or email brilank@aol.com or Pam Jones at 586-790-2004 or email mspamelaj@yahoo.com. Karen Langreet is coordinating the casse-  
role donations. Contact her at 586-445-2460. We are always in need of people to give a listening ear and share the love of our Lord Jesus with them and also donations of paper products, hygiene products and diapers.

>**SCHOOL AND EARLY CHILDCARE CENTER**  
TRINITY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. Trinity school students will use their gifts and Talents to help us to focus on the true meaning of the season.

DO YOU USE AMAZON? Did you know that shopping on Amazon can benefit Trinity? Just use Amazon Smile. Just like Kroger donates a percentage of sales to a designated institution, Amazon Smile helps non-profits raise money as their community shops online. To set up Trinity as your designated non-profit, visit Smile.Amazon.com and search for Trinity Lutheran Church Clinton Township. Select it as the organization to support. Shop at Smile.Amazon.com and all sales earn Trinity .5% of the total. Smile.Amazon.com is the same as Amazon.com. The “Smile” just ensures that the purchases are directed to the organizations. You can find everything you would normally buy at Amazon. For more information, contact Jeremy Ashley at jashley@trinityct.org.

For more information about Trinity Church, School or Early Childhood Center and their ministries go to [www.trinityct.org](http://www.trinityct.org).

This week at Trinity—Nov. 27-Dec. 1, 2017	
For a complete list of events at Trinity, visit <a href="http://trinityct.org">trinityct.org</a> and click Today at Trinity	
Monday (27)	1 p.m. Alanon—Church Lounge 7 p.m. Bible Study—“Discerning the Voice of God”—Chapel 7 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training—Meeting Room 1
Tuesday (28)	9:30 a.m. Bible Study “Handle’s Messiah”—Meeting Room 4/5 10 a.m. Joining Jesus Book and Video—Meeting Room 1 Noon Fellowship with Seniors—Community Center 7 p.m. MOMSnext—Church Lounge 7 p.m. Mission Council—Chapel
Wednesday (29)	6 a.m. Men’s Study– Mere Christianity—Church Lounge 9 a.m. MOPS—Church Lounge Noon Kiwanis—Community Center
Thursday (30)	7 p.m. AA-Community Center 8 a.m. Fleece Blanket Project—Church Lounge 7 p.m. Purls Knitting—Church Lounge 7 p.m. Voices in Praise—Choir Room
Friday (1)	7 p.m. NA Meeting—Community Center
Saturday (2)	7:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study—Meeting Room 1 8 a.m. LERT Chainsaw Training—Church Lounge 5 p.m. Worship—Sanctuary

**PRAYER LIST**

***Members Who Are Ill/Recovering***  
Helen Luft, George Willerhausen, Joan Turner, Caroline Gallagher, Caritza Alvarez, Carol Jobse, Beverly Mueller, Tim Crosby, Hal Geddes, Roy Jackson, Taryn Maurer, Arletha Kandt, Renee and Victor Hecker, Cynthia Chilcutt, Kathy Czische, Jim Ringstad, John Gehm, Onalee Young, Kristie Bennett, Josephine Young, Mark Albright, Patti Kennedy, Carol Matthews, Frank and Kathy Carpenter, Jim Cook, Gail Sellers, Faith Briggs, Jon Kohlmann, Dean Teschler, Don Hartop

***Others Who Are Ill/Recovering***  
Bob Willits, Debra Ley, Rita Baker, Bernard Kliemann, Kathy Kotas, Johnson family, Sherry Smith, Larry Card, Liza Marvin, Larissa Peck and Charles Diotte, Nancy Sielaff, Garnett Bulloch, Richard Adlen, Jerry Zarling, Roger Caylor, Mary Lou Weber, Robert Standfest, Liz Grupe, Jason Cartwright, Annabelle Braga, Don Leal, Turvey Family, Carol Terrell, Abe Qaza, Frank Carpenter, Jack Hoisington, Sidnee Sayers,The Jack Smith family, Justin Defer, Rose Logsdon, Joann Bible, Liz Grupe, Rich Hamick, Patricia Losey, Kathleen Morris, Norma Hewson, Kelly Tanzey, Chip Arbanas

***\*If you have submitted a prayer request for a non-member, please update the church office on the status so that this list remains current.\****

***Special Prayers:***  
† For the Sick and Suffering  
† For our Trinity IMPACT Missions  
† For the addicted and the imprisoned  
† For the unborn, the disabled, and aging

***In Memorium:*** Esther Ortner, Glenn Snow, Richard Tipton (father for of Susan Zaffarano)

***Those Serving in the Armed Forces***  
Art Baker, Daniel Bergstresser, Jeremy Bridgeman, Louis Cage, Shelby Clippard, Joe Cognitore, Chad Czischke, Richard Dembowski, Jorge Dimmer, Don Ehrke, John Fill, Melissa Flood, Anthony Gaiera, Isaac Gibson, Matthew Hudson, Joseph Jedenasty, Michael Kayser, Daniel Klein, Kory Kramer, Tyler Konwinski, Garret LaBudde, Thomas LeClair, Ethan LeClair, Jason Lipka, David A. MacArthur, Sally Maize, Anthony Marsack, Mario Marval, Robert McDonald, M. Scott McCormick, Rodrigo Mendoza, Matthew Moeser, Michael Niemczyk, Renae Niemczyk, Derek Olivares, Brandon Pirrone, Graham Puranen, John Renard, Zachary Rice, Michael Rich, Tyler Rakowski, Sean Schess, Troy Sears, Joshua Schumaker, Christopher Stanifer, Adam Taber, Jeremy Webber, Thomas Woloszyk, Zachary Woomer

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**Today at a Glance:** Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017

- Christmas Flower Sales—Church Foyer
- 8 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Worship—Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Lifetree Café—O’Halloran’s , 112 Macomb Place, Mt. Clemens

**What’s Happening at Trinity**

MCREST SIGN UP UNDERWAY! Our homeless MCREST guests will be arriving on Christmas Eve this year. If you haven't yet had a chance, please check out the Giving Tree and "Big Board", which are set up in the lobby. Consider taking an ornament to gift our MCREST guests with some necessities and/or sign up on the "Big Board" for one of the many opportunities to make MCREST week comfortable, safe, and special for our guests. We have opportunities in areas such as hospitality, food prep, providing rides, overnight assistance, and set up and take down. If you have any questions, or might have an idea for a hospitality (or other) event for MCREST week, call co-chair J. Schuler (901-857-0921) or the coordinator for your area of interest.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES—We have a number of special Advent and Christmas worship opportunities coming up, including our annual Blue Christmas, midday worship and school and Early Childhood Center Christmas programs. Pay special attention to our Christmas Eve schedule as there will be no Sunday morning worship, only our traditional Christmas Eve evening services. Check the “Engage God” section of the Announcer for a complete listing, which is also available at Trinityct.org, to find the services that work best.

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## > ENGAGE GOD

**PREACHING SERIES: UNPACK YOUR BAGS**— When Jesus sent the disciples into the mission field he told them not to take anything with them; “no bag, nor sandals, nor staff, etc.” Each of us, however, carry around a lot of “life baggage” wherever we go. We carry baggage that prevents us from experiencing the abundance of God’s grace and limits our ability to be in mission with Jesus. Join us as we engage God; leaving our baggage at the foot of the cross, living in His grace, and letting God do his work through us.

**IT’S BAPTISM TIME!** The next Baptism preparation class for families interested in having a child baptized at Trinity will be Thursdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 14 from 7 to 8 p.m. The gathering is very relaxed and conversational in nature. Childcare is available at no cost if requested in advance. Please contact Jeremy Ashley at [jashley@trinityct.org](mailto:jashley@trinityct.org) for more information regarding the baptism class or scheduling your child’s baptism.

**CROSSTALK AUDIO DEVOTIONS FOR ADVENT**—Beginning Monday, Dec. 4, we will once again be providing a daily audio devotion directly to your email inbox. Just click and listen. If you have not received these in the past and would like to, make sure you contact Rebecca Thomas at [rthomas@trinityct.org](mailto:rthomas@trinityct.org), so that we have your email address. These 4 – 5 minute devotions that are a super easy way to spend some time each day in God’s Word. These audio devotions can be used at home, at work, in the car during your commute to work – wherever you can get your email. You can also check them out online at [Trinityct.org/crosstalk](http://Trinityct.org/crosstalk).

**MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP** will be held on Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 at noon in the chapel. The service is 30-40 minutes in length and focuses our attention on our soon coming King! This is a great opportunity, if you work close enough to Trinity, or you have flexibility in your schedule, to take a few moments in the middle of the day to spend some time with God.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS** will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. This service is intended for those who have experienced a significant “loss” in their life (loved one, job, home, hope) and are seeking the hope and comfort of Immanuel – “God with us.” Anyone is welcome. If you know of someone who has experienced a significant loss, consider inviting them to this special service. For more information, contact Lisa Riviera at [Iriviera@trinityct.org](mailto:Iriviera@trinityct.org).

**ADVENT VESPERS AND PRAYER SERVICE** will be held Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. This is a beautiful, reflective, candlelight service designed to help worshipers spend time with Jesus in scripture, prayer, repetitive song (Taize) and quiet times, as we focus on the coming of Christ our Savior and King. We will also take time to pray for the sick and to anoint them with oil in keeping with James 5:14. A fellowship time will take place immediately following the service.

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP**—Please note there will be no morning worship services (or Saturday evening service) the weekend of Dec. 23/24. Our Christmas worship will be held Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. (Family Worship), 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. (both candlelight worship). Christmas Day we will celebrate with worship at 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES – NOTE: NO Adult Bible classes, 252, Preschool Sunday School or Middle School Ministry TODAY**

**JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION** – Continues on Sundays at 9:30 in the Community Center. Open table spaces are still available. Questions? Contact David Brown, 586-463-2921 x. 108 or [dbrown@trinityct.org](mailto:dbrown@trinityct.org).

**“PARABLES AND QUESTIONS”** - Here's a brief study of four parables from Matthew and Luke. Come discuss questions and answers about the meanings of: Wheat and Tares; Persistent Widow and Crooked Judge; Invitation to a Wedding Banquet and consider the Cost of Discipleship. Continues on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Rooms 4-5.

**NEW SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: "Advent: The Clash of Two Kingdoms"**. Advent is an immensely important event. It's more than a nice tale about a baby being born in difficult circumstances. It is the strategy of God and the tactics of the Son. It's about life, death, blood, confrontation, darkness, light, and war. It's the clash of two kingdoms. Join us for a 4-week study continues Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m. Room 4-5, Leader: Kathy Bell.

**252**—Our Sunday morning experience for K-5th graders continues today at 9:30 a.m. in the Early Childhood Center. Come join us in 252 as we learn about how friendship is a reflection of the character of God. Jesus demonstrated friendship in the most generous way possible. For info, contact Jeremy at [jashley@trinityct.org](mailto:jashley@trinityct.org) or 586-463-8803.

**ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:** We meet in the Youth Lounge for our Sunday morning middle school gathering at 9:30 a.m. Can’t wait to see y’all.

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL** meets at 9:30 a.m. in the kindergarten classroom. It is open to children 3 and 4 years old. For more information, contact Jeremy Ashley at [jashley@trinityct.org](mailto:jashley@trinityct.org) or 586-463-8803.

**HIGH SCHOOLERS:** We meet weekly at Pastor Brian and Erin’s house for dinner and conversations - every Sunday at 5 p.m. You’re invited to join us.

### MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

**NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY – “HANDEL’S MESSIAH”** – The Scripture texts behind the Masterpiece. During the Christmas season we often hear it sung or played but may not realize that the entire text of the musical is drawn from Scripture - and it includes many of the Old Testament passages that shaped Israel's hope for their Redeemer. These eight sessions will deepen your understanding of the biblical passages about the coming of the Messiah. Continues Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Leaders: Lila Tirsell and Mary Hartman. Location: Rooms 4-5.

**NEW MEN’S BIBLE STUDY – “Mere Christianity”** – Come discover and dig deep into one of the most popular introductions to the Christian faith ever written. Based on broadcasts over the BBC during World War II, British speak C.S. Lewis shared talks giving a powerful and rational case for the Christian faith. Continues Wednesdays, 6-7 a.m. Church Lounge. (book donation: \$5)

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**—A ladies Monday night Bible study continues Monday, at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We are studying "Discerning the VOICE of GOD" by Priscilla Shirer. Please join us. Books are \$13. Questions? Please contact Bonnie Young at 586-350-3222 or [Bonnie@youngsplace.org](mailto:Bonnie@youngsplace.org).

**LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS** –New class scheduled! You are at your best when you do what you naturally do best. This 7-week journey will help you uncover and affirm your areas of greatest talent. They’re evident in and impact all your relationships and all you do! Mark your calendar for Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 27 – March 7 (no class on Ash Wed). Sign up available Dec. 17 at the Welcome Center. Contact Sue von Fange for more info.

## > ENGAGE GOD’S PEOPLE

**TIE FLEECE BLANKETS – COME FOR FUN!** We will be tying fleece blankets in the Church Lounge on Thursday, Nov. 30, 8 AM –Noon. Come any time that works for you. These blankets will go to students at the Pellerin Center (an alternative high school for 14-20 year olds.) Please sign up at the Welcome Center or let Jodi Pace, 586-260-2074 or Sue von Fange at [svonfange@trinityct.org](mailto:svonfange@trinityct.org) know you plan to come. This opportunity to be a blessing is funded through a Thrivent Action Team.

**COME MAKE CARDS**—Christmas cards have been sent for hundreds of years, and today 45% of all cards sent are Christmas cards. Trinity’s Paper Hugs Crew is gathering to make handmade Christmas cards of its own to send to Trinity members who need encouragement. They would love for you to join them. Usually Paper Hugs meets on the first Wednesday of the month. But in December, we will meet the day before, on Tuesday, December 5. It’s an open house—come between 4 and 8:30, to stay as long as works for you.

**NO TIME TO BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES?** We’ve got you covered! Purchase your homemade cookies, candies, breads, soup mixes and much more at the Women’s League Cookie Walk, Sat. Dec. 9 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. You can freeze your purchases until you need to make up that cookie tray for your Christmas guests. Proceeds from the sale will benefit church and community mission ministries. Attention: Anyone baking for the sale should bring your items to church Friday, Dec. 8 between 3-6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, Dec. 9.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**—Our Stephen Ministers are trained to listen. They will hear what you share and provide loving, non-judgmental support and you work through personal challenges or difficult life situation. For more information, call the church office at 586-463-2921.

**BARNABAS MINISTRY**—Would you or someone you know like a friendly visit from our Barnabas Ministry? We share the love of Jesus with others. Call Church Office at 586-463-2921 set up a monthly visit with a volunteers. If you are interested in joining the Barnabas team, contact Pastor Gary at [pas-torgary@trinityct.org](mailto:pas-torgary@trinityct.org) or call 586-463-2921.

## > ENGAGE THE WORLD

**DO YOU HAVE POP AND BEER CANS AND BOTTLES?** The Groundwork Guatemala team for 2018 is having their first pop can collection on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3 followed by Jan. 6 and 7. Bring your bottles to the sidewalk between the church and community center and a Guatemala team member will take them from you. Every little bit helps!

**MISSION TRIP TO HAITI**—A new mission trip: HOPE FOR HAITI, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 –April 11. Hope for Haiti works to improve the quality of life for the Haitian people, particularly children. The mission uses a holistic approach that connects, heals, and empowers rural communities on the road to sustainable, long-term development. The Trip Focus is rebuilding a guesthouse destroyed in the 2010 earthquake or helping a young man build a home for his family; blessing people through food distribution at multiple sites. Cost is \$1100. If you missed the information meeting last Sunday and want information, please contact Sue von Fange, [svonfange@trinityct.org](mailto:svonfange@trinityct.org), by the end of November.