

## Worship Helpers

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement & inform the office.

	April 15/16	April 22/23
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Ginny Schrembs Beth Vance Laura Zimberg	Ginny Schrembs Beth Vance Laura Zimberg
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
<b>Reader</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	Martha Miller
<b>Communion</b> .....	Tony D'Amico	
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Susan DePlato	Doreen Griebel
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	Jim Brese
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Jonah Cross	Eli Schiferle
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Julie Miller George Miller	Darlene Helming Char Beno
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Jonah Cross Kevin Cross	Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright Joel Rockensuess Noah Rockensuess
<b>Reader</b> .....	Anne Miller	Jennalise Olson
<b>Communion</b> .....	Lisa Cross Leo Figini Jeff Weber Tom Knapp John Faller Carl Fretthold Sue Steege	
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Ron Opferbeck	Nancy Stuckwisch
<b>Projection</b> .....	Marlene Carr	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Faith Hackett Zoey Schoenfeldt	Ana Bellanti Mara Tysick
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Jim Brese	Jim Brese
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pederson	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Paris Adams
<b>Reader</b> .....	Joanne Wood	Wendy Morris
<b>Communion</b> .....	Jim Passage Jon Whited Tracy Bramwell Pat Canfield Marsha Peth Bekah Freed Sue Steege	
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Brian Bunny Anne DiCenso	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	Stacy DiCenso
<b>Youth Dance Team</b>	Haley Fabian, Daisy King, Abbie Morehouse, & Mara Tysick	

## Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.

### Children

**Childcare** Infants - Age 2

*Meets in Upper Preschool 2*

**Preschool** - Ages 3 & 4

*Meets in Upper Preschool 3*

**Kindergarten** - Age 5

*Meets in Lower Preschool 4A*

**FT Kids** - Grades 1-5

*Meets in Gym*

### Just Us - Adults

With Developmental Disabilities

*Meets in Gym*

### Youth

**Middle School** Grades 6 - 8

*Meets on Lower Level*

**High School** Grades 9 - 12

*Meets on Lower Level Lounge*

## Adult Education Classes

Sundays, 10-11 a.m. **April 9-May 14**

### Cat & Dog Theology, Part I

*Led by Pastor Chuck & Susan Whited in Library*

Do you enjoy deep theological discussions? Then this is a class for you! Just who is the main character of the Bible? Who do we live for? Who does God live for? What does it mean that God is a jealous God? What's the difference between a "help me" prayer and a "cause me" prayer? And what in the world do cats and dogs have to do with theology?

### A Man Like No Other

*Led by Carolyn Doster on Upper Level East*

There have been many good men and women throughout history that people have wanted to emulate. But what if you found out the personal qualities of the greatest person in history? In this concise, 4-week class you'll find out what made the man Jesus so successful and how you can apply his human characteristics to your own life. You'll discover how those same traits will benefit living the faith through your relationships and at work.

### Easter *Led by Phil Reed on Upper Level West*

At Easter we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. That amazing event changes everything! This class will take a "deep dive" into Easter and its meaning for life.

### Ruth *Led by Sue Steege on Lower Level*

The Old Testament book of Ruth is a beautiful love story that has a strong connection to Jesus. Perfectly sized for a four week exploration!

## Easter Orchestra - 8:45 a.m. Worship

**Violins** Stacy DiCenso, Noah Rockensuess, Peter Roseboom

**Cello** Bethany Erhardt **Flute** Tracy Bramwell

**Saxophone** Jim Brese, Wisken Whited

**Percussion** Susan Steege

**Trumpets** Doug Collins, Jake Collins, Josh Collins, Zachary Collins. Michael Van Der Puy

## Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.

*KFigini@FirstTrinity.com*



### Altar Flowers

## Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Dottie Jackson

By Kathy & Dean Yesny



FIRST TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Welcome!

If you are a guest with us today, we are so glad you are here! We invite you to fill out a yellow card from the pew rack and put it in the offering plate during worship.

You will find all of the words in the worship service projected at the front of the church. If you require a printed copy, they are available from the ushers in the back of the church.

If you have something you would like us to pray about this week, you can write it on the back of the yellow card. Our staff and prayer team will pray for the requests during the week. If you so choose, we will post your request at our online prayer wall as well.

First Trinity is a Bible-based church. We believe God's Word is the sole authority for this life. We are imperfect people loving imperfect people.

Our prayer for you today is that you would connect to God and grow closer and closer to Him each day.

## Amazing Grace

This program features an interview with Terri Roberts, mother of the Amish schoolhouse shooter, who was embraced by the Amish community following the tragedy.

"As I pulled up, I asked if my son was alive, and I learned he was not," Terri Roberts says. "Not only that, but I also learned that he was responsible for the worst crime I had ever heard of in my life."

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss times they've felt shame in their own lives and consider ways they can heal from it.



**This Monday night**  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Here in our beautiful, cafe-like lower level. Free snacks & beverages - hope you'll join us!

[LifetreeCafe.com](http://LifetreeCafe.com)

## Sermon Topic

## Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?

Romans 10:9-17, Luke 24:1-12

**April 15/16**  
**2017**

At long last, Jesus had finally arrived at Jerusalem after a long journey. As He arrived, the crowds cheered and celebrated His arrival. What a high the disciples and Jesus' loved ones must have felt that day. But everything changed in a matter of days.

Jesus arrived on Sunday, but then everything started going downhill. On Thursday evening, after a special meal together, Jesus and His disciples went to the garden to pray. There, He was betrayed by one of His own. The religious leaders had Him arrested, tried, and executed on Friday.

What sorrow the disciples must have felt. Their Lord and Master, who days earlier had been praised by the crowds, was now dead. Laid in a tomb, all hope seemed lost. But then something miraculous happened. Some women went to the tomb to finish the burial rituals, but Jesus' body was nowhere to be found. Perplexed, two angels appeared:

*While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Luke 24:4-6a (ESV)"*

Hope was not lost. Death had been defeated—the tomb could not hold Jesus. The joyful high the women and disciples felt that first Easter far eclipsed the deep low from just a few days ago. Jesus, the one they loved, was no longer dead, but alive!

What "death" are you struggling with right now? What sorrow is weighing you down? Jesus bore that pain on the cross—and defeated it. He is indeed risen from the grave, and brings life in place of death. He offers it freely to you; all you have to do is believe. Will you?

*Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries*

## A Note About the Special Easter Offering

Each year, we have a special offering on Easter to benefit a local ministry. This year, we are partnering with Good Neighbors Health Clinic in Buffalo. Started in 2004, Good Neighbors has been serving the uninsured by providing a free medical and dental clinic. As the needs have grown, so has the clinic.

Since their founding, Good Neighbors writes on their website that they "have grown from offering medical care 3 hours a week, to adding vision, chiropractic, dental, counseling and advocacy services, and being open 3 half days per week ~ all provided without a single paid staff member! And we see His Hand in all of it, every time the doors are opened. We anticipate and prepare for the days when more services and more hours are added, until we are open 6 days a week."

To donate to this special offering, use the enclosed envelope, or mark your check "Special Easter Offering" and place in the offering plate today.

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### Worship Times

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

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*Transforming our world, one life at a time, through the power of God's living Word.*

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**The Lutheran Hour**  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.  
WXRL 1300AM [LutheranHour.org](http://LutheranHour.org)

**Calendar for April 16-23, 2017**

For calendar details, visit our website: [FirstTrinity.com/calendar](http://FirstTrinity.com/calendar)

<b>Sunday 4/16</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Resurrection Party (Children) 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	<b>Thursday 4/20</b>	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel 12:30 p.m. Vespers Meeting 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Prep, Gr 8 CONNECT Joshua's Men
<b>Monday 4/17</b>	6 p.m. Youth Advantage Basketball 7 p.m. Lifetree Café	<b>Friday 4/21</b>	5 p.m. Scrapbooking/Craft Night
<b>Tuesday 4/18</b>	10:30 a.m. Creole Lessons 12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time 7 p.m. Band Rehearsal Men's Basketball 7:30 p.m. Funeral Meals Meeting	<b>Saturday 4/22</b>	9 a.m. Men's Basketball 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
<b>Wednesday 4/19</b>	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting 10 a.m. Preschool Chapel 12 p.m. OPUS 7 p.m. Grief Support Group 7:30 p.m. Volleyball Corvair Car Club	<b>Sunday 4/23</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 4:30 p.m. Pickleball

**Project Connect Booklets**

Project Connect Booklets are distributed by **Lutheran Hour Ministries**, and are on our display rack by the Welcome Center. These booklets cover a wide variety of topics and are also available to you at [lhm.org/projectconnect](http://lhm.org/projectconnect). You are welcome to use Project Connect and we trust it will be helpful for you and your family and friends.

**Buffalo LWML Spring Mission Workshop**

**April 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Salem Lutheran Church, 10 McClellan Circle, Buffalo, NY  
\$5 registration fee. The morning speaker is from Cornerstone Manor. We will be assembling movie/activity kits and welcome kits for the residents and children at Cornerstone Manor. A chicken salad lunch will be provided by the ladies of Salem and we will have a prayer station activity in the afternoon. Detailed information, including items being collected, is on the flyer posted in the Main Hallway. Please RSVP by April 17 to:  
**Jennifer Bartz** ([bjen364@verizon.net](mailto:bjen364@verizon.net), 716-308-4941).

**Upcoming Sermons - Obscure Characters of the Bible**

<b>April 22/23</b>	<b>Stephen</b>	Acts 6:1-6, Acts 7:51-60, John 21:18-23
<b>April 29/30</b>	<b>Benaiah</b>	2 Samuel 23:20-23, 1 Peter 5:6-9, Luke 10:17-22
<b>May 6/7</b>	<b>Mephibosheth</b>	2 Samuel 9:1-8, 2 Samuel 9:9-13, Luke 12:8-12
<b>May 13/14</b>	<b>Lydia</b>	Proverbs 31:10-31, Acts 16:14-15, Luke 24:44-49

Listen to past sermons at [FirstTrinity.com/Listen](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)

**Preschool 2017-18**

Enroll now - classes fill quickly!  
Openings in 2- & 4-year old classes.



Enroll for September 2017 now. If you are interested in enrollment, turn in your applications soon to assure a spot. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or [FirstTrinityPreschool.com](http://FirstTrinityPreschool.com).

For more information contact **Debbie Ferrante** ([dferrante@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:dferrante@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)

**Movies You Won't Want to Miss**

You won't want to miss these Christian movies shown at the Transit Regal Cinema **one day only**. For more information and to view the trailers, go to [Fathomevents.com](http://Fathomevents.com).

**Tuesday, April 25**, Laugh, Cry, Love with **Chonda Pierce Enough!** She is the queen of clean comedy!

**Tuesday, May 2**, Sight & Sound Theatres presents **Jonah - On Stage!** An amazing production for the entire family.

**Thank You!**

"God is Good!" Praise to Him from whom all blessings flow. Day by day I am thankful for all your constant prayers and support. I will never forget your kindness. **Nancy Murszewski**

**Thanks From the Staff**

We are so grateful to the **Staff Care Team** who takes such good care of us. The delightful Spring Brunch was enjoyed by all! If you are interested in joining the Staff Care Team, contact **Sheri Ellis** (716-998-4956, [guardianangel@aol.com](mailto:guardianangel@aol.com)).

**It's Spring Clean-up Time!**

**Saturday, May 20** (rain date Sat., June 10)

Join us for fun and service while we beautify God's House! Come whenever you can between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., we can use your help even if it's just for an hour. We're hoping young and old will come out because it will be fun to serve with one another! You can choose the job that best fits your abilities, inside or outside, and we'll break for a hot dog lunch. Please sign-up in the Lobby. Thank you.

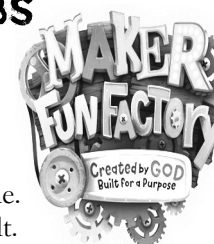
**MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS**

**July 17-21, 9-Noon**

**Register Now at FirstTrinity.com**

(Sorry, Nursery & Preschool are Full)

**Participants:** Birth to completes Gr 5 in June.  
**Volunteers:** Completes Gr 6 in June to Adult.



VBS is a high energy, child-centered fun learning environment. Students travel with a crew leader to various learning stations as they learn that **God will always love you!**

Songs! Bible Buddies! Videos! Games! Snacks! New Friends!

**Tracy Bramwell** (716-698-9608, [tracybramwell@gmail.com](mailto:tracybramwell@gmail.com))

**Sowers Ministry**

**Save the Date:** Sowers Ministry annual missions banquet will be May 5. We are planning a trip to Nepal in late June.

For more information, contact:  
**Pastor Chuck** (716-835-2220, [cwhited@firsttrinity.com](mailto:cwhited@firsttrinity.com))

**OPUS (Older People Up to Something)**

**Wednesday, April 19, Noon in the Library**

**Pot Blessing Lunch—"Getting to Know You"**  
**Special Attraction - "Ladies First Quartet"** including our own **Bonnie Sugrue** as lead singer!

Please sign up in the lobby indicating the dish you will bring by April 16. Friends are welcome!

**Jean Schultz** (716-810-9821, [jrschu5@gmail.com](mailto:jrschu5@gmail.com))

**Grief Support Group at First Trinity**

**Wednesday, April 19, 7 p.m.**

The topic is: *What is the Primary Task of Grief?* Speaker is **Rev. Mary Ann Pula**, former Chaplain at Beechwood Continuing Care. Questions: **Ron Opferbeck** (716-812-1695)

**Join Us for Pickleball!**

**Sunday, April 23, 4:30 p.m.**

Donation—\$2 per person.  
In our gym—paddles are supplied or bring your own.  
**Rich Ferrante** (Call or text 716-774-1060)



**Reformation 500 Celebration**

**Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. Festive Choral Vespers**  
at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

**Sisters In Spirit Meeting (SIS)**

**Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.**

At Sue Storch's, 6542 Wills Hollow, Lockport 14094  
All women are welcome for Bible study, *Our Unrivaled, Uncontested God*, and fellowship—bring a friend!  
**Sue Storch** (716-280-3448)

**Interested in Joining First Trinity?**

**Wednesday, April 26, 6-8:30 p.m.**

If you have been worshipping with us, and you would like to learn more about our church, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a member, we invite you to consider attending our next **New Member Class**.

Participation in the class does not commit you to church membership, but it is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church and to give prayerful consideration to entering into membership. We start with a light supper served at 6 p.m.

Please register at [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com), click on Coming Events, or call the church office (716-835-2220), so that we know how much food and supplies to buy.

**Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**  
**Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

The next DEA National Drug Take-Back Day for collection of unwanted pharmaceuticals is scheduled. It is a drive-up event and any drugs, medications, syringes and needles are accepted. Everything collected will be incinerated thereby preventing diversion and environmental contamination, and increasing patient safety.

Drop off sites are: Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, DeGraff Memorial Hospital, or Kenmore Mercy Hospital.

