

## Worship Helpers

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

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|                                | <b>April 2/3</b>   | <b>April 9/10</b>  |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> .....       | Ginny Schrembs<br>Beth Vance<br>Laura Zimberg  | Ginny Schrembs<br>Beth Vance<br>Laura Zimberg                                    |
| <b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>     |  |  |
| <b>Greeter</b> .....           | Evelyn Schleidt  | Martha Miller  |
| <b>Ushers</b> .....            | Tony D'Amico<br>Steve Puscheck   | Tony D'Amico<br>Randy Wert   |
| <b>Reader</b> .....            | Susan DePlato  | Rich Ferrante  |
| <b>Communion</b> .....         | Susan DePlato  |  |
| <b>Prayers</b> .....           | Bob Strassburg   | Karen Wert   |
| <b>Projection</b> .....        | Bill Wood  | Charlie Ellis  |
| <b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>       |  |  |
| <b>Acolyte</b> .....           | Noah Rockensuess   | Jamie Mattheus   |
| <b>Greeter</b> .....           | Tom Knapp<br>Debbie Knapp  | Paul Gerlach<br>Susan Brenan   |
| <b>Ushers</b> .....            | Gerry Schrembs<br>Ginny Schrembs   | Mike Zekas<br>Dave Shotwell<br>Walter Zimberg<br>Sue Lichtenthal<br>Cindy Allsop |
| <b>Reader</b> .....            | Fran Dawe  |  |
| <b>Communion</b> .....         | John Faller<br>Carl Fretthold<br>Wendy Binkley<br>Tom Knapp<br>Bekah Freed<br>Jason Christ |  |
| <b>Prayers</b> .....           | Cindy Allsop   | Bill Stuckwisch  |
| <b>Projection</b> .....        | Bill Wood  | George Miller  |
| <b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>      |  |  |
| <b>Worship Assistant</b> ..... | Pat Canfield   | Jason Christ   |
| <b>Acolyte</b> .....           | Paris Adams  | Haley Fabian<br>Lauren Ratajczak   |
| <b>Greeter</b> .....           | Jim Brese  | Paul Gerlach   |
| <b>Ushers</b> .....            | Rachel Bissell<br>Ben Bell<br>Dick McKie<br>Paris Adams                                    | Derek Pulver<br>Dan Gietz<br>Diane Warner<br>Nikki Warner                        |
| <b>Reader</b> .....            | Jennifer Tresch  | Pam Jones  |
| <b>Communion</b> .....         | Wendy Morris<br>Barb Reardon<br>Kim Kwietniewski<br>Marty Doster<br>Bekah Freed            |  |
| <b>Prayers</b> .....           | Anne DiCenso<br>Jon Whited   | Marsha Phillips<br>Marsha Peth   |
| <b>Projection</b> .....        | David Phillips   | Edu Obot   |

## 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. **Until April 9**

**Hebrews** *Led by Pastor Chuck on Lower Level.*

The New Testament book of Hebrews is a great contrast between the Old Testament and the New Testament, the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. It shows just how the Old Covenant pointed to Christ and how the New Covenant finds its fulfillment in Him.

**The Reformation** *Led by Gary Praetzel in the Library.*

At the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, it's a great time to learn about this pivotal event in world history. Who was Martin Luther? How did the Bible and the events of his life shape the reformation of the known Christian faith of his time? Come and explore!

**Bible Journaling Basics** *Led by Sue Steege on Upper Level.*

Bible journaling is a creative way to meditate on God's Word. This will be a hands on class for trying Bible journaling. You do not have to be an artist! Colors are involved!

## Movies You Won't Want to Miss

In addition to the Luther movie coming out April 6, you won't want to miss these Christian movies shown at the Transit Regal Cinema **one day only**. For more information and/or to view the trailers, go to [Fathomevents.com](http://Fathomevents.com).

**Thursday, April 6, *The Case for Christ*** – based upon the best-selling book by Lee Strobel.

**Tuesday, April 25,** Laugh, Cry, Love with **Chonda Pierce *Enough!*** Make it a ladies' night out with the queen of clean comedy!

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

## Staff Prayer Partners Requested

Prayer Partners are requested for our staff for April—June. Sign up in the Lobby. A sheet of specific and general prayer requests will be provided to you. There is such joy in praying and our staff appreciates your prayer support. Questions, please contact **Dorothy Rothrock (716-694-3181, [dorothyrothrock@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothyrothrock@yahoo.com))**



### Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Friends & Family  
By Teri & John Mecca



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.

### Living After a Suicide: Finding Hope After Loved Ones Take Their Own Lives

The program explores the difficult aftermath that friends and family experience after a suicide.

"It's one of those things that if you've never had it in your life, you probably don't think about it," says Maxine Brandt, a grief outreach coordinator. "You hear about it in the news or read about it, but it doesn't seem like a real thing."

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss how suicide has impacted their own lives.



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

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

## Sermon Topic

**April 1/2  
2017**

## The Beginning or the End of the Journey?

1 Corinthians 3:10-17, Luke 19:11-27

**H**ave you ever been on a long road trip with kids? What's their favorite question to ask you? I'll give you a second... If you said, "Dad, may we wait patiently and quietly while you drive?" you'd be dead wrong. The right answer is of course: "Are we there yet?" I also would have accepted: "How much longer?"

Maybe you've had the same thought running through your head on a long journey. It might come from excitement because of what or who awaits you. Perhaps it's rooted in anxiety about where you're going. Something bad is coming and you're hoping the trip will take longer.

I imagine the disciples felt more excitement than anxiety. Based on what we know in the Gospels, I don't think they were expecting the tragic events waiting for them in Jerusalem. This journey ends in humiliation, pain, and death for Jesus, their beloved Teacher and Master.

Jesus saw it differently. Sure, it was an end of sorts, but really He was just getting started. The looming crucifixion would indeed be an end to the power of sin and death over mankind. But it was also the beginning of new life in Him.

*Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?  
1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)*

Paul reminds the church at Corinth of this new journey they are on because of Christ's sacrifice. God would no longer reside in a temple built by human hands, but in human hearts. The journey the disciples were walking with Jesus was just getting started. They would become His instruments for setting the world on fire for Him through His Word.

And He does the same for you. The Holy Spirit is living inside you and He has a journey in mind for you. You are indeed His holy temple.

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

## Interactive Good Friday

Following the **regular 12:30 p.m. corporate (that means all together) worship service**, our church's entire first floor will become a new, individual worship experience. There will be 16 stages depicting the events that Jesus endured on Good Friday. It will be a self-guided, meditative, and interactive worship event that's called, **Journey through Good Friday**.

At each stage there will be things for you to read, see, and do as you contemplate the suffering and sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Come anytime between 2 and 8 p.m. and stay as long or as little as you'd like, but anticipate around 30 minutes.

Please take a postcard from the Welcome Center and invite a friend or family member to come with you.

If you'd like to help set up on Thursday, April 13, please add your name to the list at the Sign-Up table in the Lobby.

**Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.**  
[KFigini@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:KFigini@FirstTrinity.com)

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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 2-9, 2017**

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

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| <b>Sunday 4/2</b>    | 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship<br>10 a.m. Education Hour<br>11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship<br>12:30 p.m. Workcamp Meeting<br>4:30 p.m. Pickleball | <b>Thursday 4/6</b> | 12 p.m. CCA Lunch for Staff<br>6:30 p.m. Confirmation Gr 7&8<br>CONNECT Gr 9-12<br>6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal                                 |
| <b>Monday 4/3</b>    | 6 p.m. Youth Advantage Basketball<br>7 p.m. Lifetree Café   | <b>Friday 4/7</b>   | 9 a.m. Men's Basketball  |
| <b>Tuesday 4/4</b>   | 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time<br>7 p.m. Band Rehearsal  | <b>Saturday 4/8</b> | 10 a.m. Youth Band Rehearsal<br>Church Cleaning for Holy Week<br>Easter Basket Prep for LaSanta Cruz<br>5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship<br>7 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit Life Group |
| <b>Wednesday 4/5</b> | 9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting<br>Servants of Christ Life Group<br>12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff<br>7 p.m. Lenten Worship<br>7:30 p.m. Volleyball    | <b>Sunday 4/9</b>   | 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship<br>10 a.m. Education Hour<br>11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship<br>4:30 p.m. Pickleball   |

**Holy Week Worship**

**Maundy Thursday April 13**  
7 p.m. Lord's Supper & Stripping of the Altar

**Good Friday April 14**  
12:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service  
2-8 p.m. Journey Through Good Friday

**Easter Weekend**  
**Saturday, April 15** 5:30 p.m. Traditional  
**Sunday, April 16** 8:45 a.m. Traditional (Lord's Supper)  
10 a.m. Easter Breakfast - All welcome!  
10:30 a.m. Resurrection Party (Children)  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary (Lord's Supper)



**Upcoming Sermons - Listen to past sermons at [FirstTrinity.com/Listen](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)**

**April 8/9** **The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**  
Psalm 110:1-7, Philippians 2:8-11, Luke 19:28-40

**April 15/16** **Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?**  
Romans 10:9-17, Luke 24:1-12

**News from Sowers in Nepal**

We are having a very fruitful time in Nepal - 13,720 new souls came to Christ in the last two weeks in Gospel outreaches, and 90 new churches were started since last year.

We have given a few thousand Bibles and helped with a human trafficking project where 40 women are receiving tailoring classes, so after six months they can start a small business. More than 12,000 girls and young women are trafficked each year from Nepal to Asian human trafficking. We are also helping with school children's needs with food, school clothes, teachers' salaries, books, and more.

We are planning a trip to Nepal in late June. For more information, contact **Pastor Chuck** (716-835-2220 or [cwhited@firsttrinity.com](mailto:cwhited@firsttrinity.com))

**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)

**Thank You From Barbara Lyons**

I would like to say thank you a thousand times and it wouldn't be enough! Thank you for all the cards, telephone calls, and visits. I feel blessed by my church family; I really missed all of you. God bless you!

**Give Thanks to God For Loved Ones**  
**All Saints Service November 2017**

If you have a loved one who has passed away since January 2016 and you would like them remembered at our next **All Saints Service** in November, please email a photo (or give us one to scan) with name and date of death to **Kathy Figini** ([kfigini@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)).

**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.

**Join Us for Pickleball!**



**Sunday, April 2, 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)

**Come For Worship!**

**Wednesdays During Lent**  
**April 5 - Worship Service at 7 p.m.**

Services feature personal testimonies to convey the hope Jesus gives. **Terri Mecca** will give her testimony this week. Our prayer is that we will see the power Jesus has to change our lives. He heals, restores and cares.

**Help Needed—Sprucing Up the Church**

**Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m.**

If you would like to help us prepare the sanctuary and chancel for Easter, please join us and bring a pail and some rags. We will be cleaning and polishing the pews, altar, lectern, and pulpit.

Everyone is welcome to join us! Please contact Laura if you are able to help! **Laura Zimberg** (716-435-0020)

**MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS**

**Registration Opened April 1 at FirstTrinity.com**  
**July 17-21, 9-Noon**



**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))

**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.**

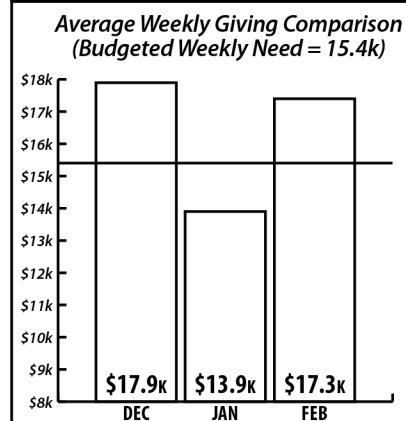
The topic is: **What is the Primary Task of Grief?** Speaker is **Rev. Mary Ann Pula**, former Chaplain at Beechwood Continuing Care. Questions: **Ron Opferbeck** (716-812-1695)

**Reformation 500 Celebration**

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

**UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 477** **UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 187**

**FEBRUARY BY THE NUMBERS**



*Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17*

**Fiscal Year Giving to Mission and Ministry (\$800k Budgeted)**



(All data through February 28, 2017)