

## Worship Helpers

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

	April 8/9	April 15/16
<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> .....	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
<b>Reader</b> .....	Rich Ferrante	Bob Strassburg
<b>Communion</b> .....		Tony D'Amico
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Karen Wert	Susan DePlato
<b>Projection</b> .....	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Jamie Mattheus	Jonah Cross
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan	Julie Miller George Miller
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Mike Zekas Dave Shotwell Walter Zimberg Sue Lichtenthal	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Jonah Cross Kevin Cross
<b>Reader</b> .....	Cindy Allsop	Anne Miller
<b>Communion</b> .....		Lisa Cross Leo Figini Jeff Weber Tom Knapp John Faller Carl Fretthold Sue Steege
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Bill Stuckwisch	Ron Opferbeck
<b>Projection</b> .....	George Miller	Marlene Carr
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Haley Fabian Lauren Ratajczak	Faith Hackett Zoey Schoenfeldt
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Paul Gerlach	Jim Brese
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Derek Pulver Dan Gietz Diane Warner Nikki Warner	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pederson
<b>Reader</b> .....	Pam Jones	Joanne Wood
<b>Communion</b> .....		Jim Passage Jon Whited Tracy Bramwell Pat Canfield Gordon Tresch Marsha Peth Bekah Freed Sue Steege
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Marsha Phillips Marsha Peth	Brian Bunny Anne DiCenso
<b>Projection</b> .....	Edu Obot	Bill Wood

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

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

## New Classes April 23 - 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!

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

*KFigini@FirstTrinity.com*



## Altar Flowers

**Presented to the Glory of God**

In Loving Memory of Eileen Almquist & Emma Almquist  
By Quentin Almquist



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.

## Smile Awhile: An Hour of Happy

The program explores the mental and physical benefits of smiling and features a screening of the short film *The Honey and Bears*.

"When facing everyday pressures, including work, finances, and even the current political scene, it's easy to lose track of what makes you happy," says Craig Cable. "This program is dedicated to giving people an hour-long reprieve while also bringing a smile to their faces."

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss times in life they have felt genuinely happy.



**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

## Sermon Topic

**April 8/9  
2017**

## The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Psalm 110:1-7, Philippians 2:8-11, Luke 19:28-40

## Good Friday: Two Worship Experiences Tenebrae & Individual!

Following the 12:30 p.m. *regular Tenebrae* worship service, our church's entire first floor will become a new, individual worship experience.

There will be 16 areas depicting the events that Jesus endured on Good Friday. It will be a self-guided, meditative, interactive, walk-through worship event that's called, **Journey through Good Friday**.

- At each of the 16 stages 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 - 8 p.m.** and stay as long or as little as you'd like, but anticipate around 30 minutes.
- This was **designed with children in mind**, so please bring your kids! We have a special booklet for them where they can collect a sticker at each stage, they'll get a glow bracelet to wear around, and receive a free gift near the end!

*Please take a stamped postcard from the table in the Lobby  
and invite a friend or family member to come with you.*

***It's sure to be a Good Friday journey you'll never forget!***

*Carolyn Doster, Journey Through Good Friday Team Leader*

## 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)**



## 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)



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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 9-16, 2017

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

Sunday 4/9	Monday 4/10	Tuesday 4/11	Wednesday 4/12	Thursday 4/13	Friday 4/14	Saturday 4/15	Sunday 4/16
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	10 a.m. Monday Bible Study	10:30 a.m. Creole Lessons	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship	12:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship	8 a.m. Work Team	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10 a.m. Education Hour	6 p.m. Youth Advantage Basketball	12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff	2-8 p.m. Journey Through Good Friday Worship	2-8 p.m. Journey Through Good Friday Worship	9 a.m. Men's Basketball	10 a.m. Easter Breakfast
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	7 p.m. Lifetree Café	6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time	6:30 p.m. Loss of Parent/Sibling Support Grp	10 a.m. Easter Orchestra Rehearsal	10 a.m. Easter Orchestra Rehearsal	10 a.m. Easter Breakfast	10:30 a.m. Resurrection Party (Children)
4:30 p.m. Pickleball	7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	Horizon Support Group	7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Youth—Easter Breakfast Prep	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship	10:30 a.m. Resurrection Party (Children)	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
	7 p.m. Men's Basketball	Horizon Support Group	7:30 p.m. Volleyball	Traditional Worship	Sat. Night Light/Christian Music		

### Reformation 500 Celebration

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

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

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

## 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.

### 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!

Thank you to my First Trinity Family for your many cards, wishes and prayers during my recent surgery. I ask for your continued prayers for the radiation to come. HE is my strength and my salvation. **Russ Thomas**

### 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)



### 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.

**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))

## Join Us for Pickleball!

**Sunday, April 9, 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)



### Horizon Health Services

**Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

**Horizon Parent & Family Support Group**  
Understanding Substance Abuse & Addiction

Meets at First Trinity the second Tuesday of each month.  
For more information: **Colleen Babcock** (716-907-2585)

### Saturday Night Light

### An Evening of Christian Music

**Saturday, April 15, 7-9:30 p.m.**

All are Welcome at First Trinity Lutheran Church  
(3rd Saturday of the Month) Live Music, Open Mic, Snacks

**John Angelucci** (716-946-9804,  
[LockportDrumShop@yahoo.com](mailto:LockportDrumShop@yahoo.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)

### 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**.

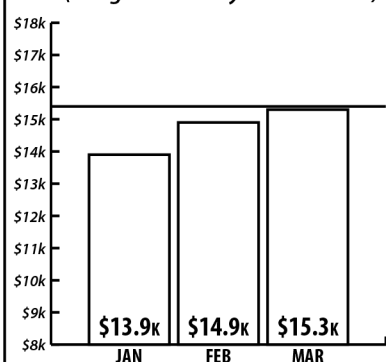
Participation in the class does not commit you to church membership, but it is an opportunity for you to find out more about the life and ministry of our church and to give prayerful consideration to entering into membership. We start with a light supper served at 6 p.m.

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.

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 509      UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 181

#### MARCH BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison  
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 15.4k)



*One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11:24*

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



(All data through March 31, 2017)