

## Worship Helpers

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

	August 12/13	August 19/20
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Laura Zimberg	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno 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> .....	Workcamp	VBS Reunion
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Susan DePlato	Karen Wert
<b>Communion</b> .....		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 Darlene Helming	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Walter Zimberg Joe Carr Joel Rockensuess Noah Rockensuess	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs
<b>Reader</b> .....	Workcamp	VBS Reunion
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Ron Opferbeck	Nancy Stuckwisch
<b>Communion</b> .....		Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold Leo Figini Sue Steege Jason Christ
<b>Projection</b> .....	George Miller	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Ana Bellanti Mara Tysick	Ben Trautwein Rebekah Jaenecke
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Paul Gerlach	Jim Brese
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Derek Pulver Diane Warner Nikki Warner	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen
<b>Reader</b> .....	Workcamp	VBS Reunion
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Marsha Phillips Brian Bunny	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips
<b>Communion</b> .....		Marty Doster Jim Passage Jon Whited Tracy Bramwell Jason Christ
<b>Projection</b> .....	Stacy DiCenso	David Phillips

## Summer Classes

Sundays, 10-11 a.m.

Until September 3



### Intergenerational Sunday School

Led by Sue Steege - Upper Level

All Ages welcome! Parents, come with your kiddos. This summer we'll be digging into **The Armor of God** as it's found in Ephesians 6.

### The Kings of the Old Testament

Led by Rev. Dr. Charles Whited - Library

## Interested in Joining First Trinity?

Tuesday, August 22, 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.

## Thank You

Jennifer and I have been members of this Christian community since 1979, having served in various capacities over the years. But, never before have I (we) been the recipients of its healing ministry. At a vulnerable time, it had real effect. Thank you so much for your caring and being a visible presence of our faith. Much appreciated. **Gordon & Jennifer Tresch**



Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.

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### Worship Times

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



### Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Ginny Opferbeck  
By Ron Opferbeck



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.

## Sermon Topic

Joining Jesus on His Mission

In Frederick - The Road

Luke 24:13-49

August 12/13  
2017

On our way home from vacation, we came up US-15/I-99 from Pennsylvania through Corning and then the 390 through Dansville. If you've ever driven that stretch before, you know how beautiful the winding mountain roads can be. It was nice to have such beauty in the midst of a long road trip.

The previous morning had been spent driving through downtown Washington D.C., an experience I wouldn't wish on my worst enemy. Car-jammed streets with local and touring pedestrians clogging street corners and crosswalks made navigating challenging at best. The torrential rains near the end of that harrowing experience weren't very helpful either.

As we remember what happened during our recent youth Workcamp, we explore the concept of "The Road", and how we encounter Jesus there. While we walk similar roads filled with joy and sorrow, hard times and good, the specifics vary from person to person. Despite those differences, Jesus comes to each of us in the same place:

*As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. But God kept them from recognizing him. Luke 24:15-16 (ESV)*

Jesus met some of His disciples along a literal road leading to Emmaus, a small village a few miles outside Jerusalem. More importantly, He met them where they were on their spiritual road. Hurting and disappointed, Jesus met them where they were and walked with them, loving them along the way.

Jesus is walking with you on your road too, even if you haven't recognized Him yet. Like the disciples, we are sometimes blind to this fact, but nevertheless, Jesus is meeting us where we are on our spiritual road. Even now, He is speaking through His word to quiet our anxious hearts, calm our fears, or work good in the midst of bad.

Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries



Lifetree Café  
will resume on  
September 11.



GOD MADE YOU  
FOR A REASON.

VBS Reunion  
Sunday, August 20

We hope you will come celebrate during worship!

Food trucks, Franks Gourmet Hot Dogs & Chilly Billy's Ice Cream, will be available from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for your purchasing pleasure.

We need the Niagara Falls Blvd. parking lot EMPTY by 11 a.m., so please park in the Glenhurst Rd. parking lot or move your vehicles by 11 a.m.!

Connect With Us: [Facebook.com/FirstTrinity](https://www.facebook.com/FirstTrinity), @FirstTrinity, @FTMissions

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

## STAFF

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

## Calendar for August 13-20, 2017

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

<b>Sunday 8/13</b>	<b>Thursday 8/17</b>
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	<b>Friday 8/18</b>
10 a.m. Education Hour	3 p.m. Rugs Cleaned
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	Office Closes
<b>Monday 8/14</b>	<b>Saturday 8/19</b>
10 a.m. Morning Bible Study	8 a.m. Work Team
<b>Tuesday 8/15</b>	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	7 p.m. Sat Night Light—Christian Music
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	<b>Sunday 8/20</b> VBS Reunion
Men's Basketball	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Sound Improvement Meeting	10 a.m. Education Hour
<b>Wednesday 8/16</b>	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Food Trucks
EMT Meeting	
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	
7 p.m. EMT/Council Meeting	
Grief Support Group	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	



## Upcoming Sermons

- August 19/20** **Joining Jesus on His Mission At VBS**  
Bible Points and Memory Verses
  - August 26/27** **Joining Jesus on His Mission At First Trinity**  
Psalm 42:1-6a, Acts 2:41-47, Matthew 9:9-13
  - Sept 2/3** **Joining Jesus on His Mission In My World**  
Isaiah 8:1-8, 1 Peter 3:13-17, Matthew 5:13-16
  - Sept 9/10** **Joining Jesus on His Mission In Nepal**  
Isaiah 30:18-22, Romans 6:3-11, Matthew 16:13-19
- Listen to past sermons at [FirstTrinity.com/Listen](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)**

## 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.

## Preschool 2017-18

Openings in 2- & 4-year-old classes.

### Debbie Ferrante

([dferrante@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:dferrante@FirstTrinity.com),  
716-835-2220, [FirstTrinityPreschool.com](http://FirstTrinityPreschool.com))



## 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)).

## How To Get News From First Trinity

Sign up to receive First Trinity's email updates including notices of events, funerals, and prayer requests.

Register online at [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com).

Scroll to the bottom to find "Register for Email Updates".

If you do not have email and would like to get news from First Trinity, please contact **Marsha Peth** (716-691-5799) to be linked with someone who will call you.

## Ministry Council Nomination Committee is Formed

The Constitution and governing By-Laws of First Trinity provide that the voting members of First Trinity (that's all confirmed members over the age of sixteen) must elect a President, Vice-President, as well as one at-large member to serve as the leadership that develops policies, procedures and ministries as required to execute the vision of First Trinity. Terms on the Council are staggered every other year.

This September the Council will need to fill the position of **President, Vice-President, and one at-large board member.**

The positions are all for two year terms. A Nominating Committee consisting of **Kevin Cross, Joel Rockensuess, Phil Reed, and Christine Hartnett** (as well as Pastor in a non-voting capacity) has been formed to identify those individuals who would be willing to serve.

If you are aware of a member who would be particularly suited to such a position, please submit that name to **Kevin Cross** (Cell: 716-698-0905 or Home: 716-831-9811) or in writing in a sealed envelope to the church office. Additionally, if you would like to hear more about the open positions' responsibilities or the nominating process, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

Please submit your nominations as soon as possible! The formal election will take place at the mid-September Congregational Meeting.

## OPUS Picnic

(Older People Up to Something)  
**Wednesday, August 16 At Noon**  
**Mayor's Park**  
In N. Tonawanda off of Sweeney Street

*Hot Dogs provided.  
Bring a dish to pass.  
Sign-up sheet  
in Lobby!*

## Grief Support Group at First Trinity

### Wednesday, August 16, 7 p.m.

The topic is: **Tuesdays With Morrie, What can a grieving person learn from a dying person?** Answers may surprise you! Ron Opferbeck will lead.

Questions: **Ron Opferbeck** (716-812-1695)

## Saturday Night Light

### An Evening of Christian Music

### Saturday, August 19, 7-9:30 p.m.

All are Welcome at First Trinity Lutheran Church  
Live Music, Open Mic, Snacks

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

## Grief Share: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

### Wednesdays, Begins September 6, 7 p.m.

Grief share is a 13-week study. The content includes comfort, answers, and hope.

To reserve your place, call **Ron Opferbeck** (716-812-1695).

## Knitters and Crocheters!

We give handmade white baby blankets to every child baptized at First Trinity. We also give prayer shawls to sick and bereaved members.

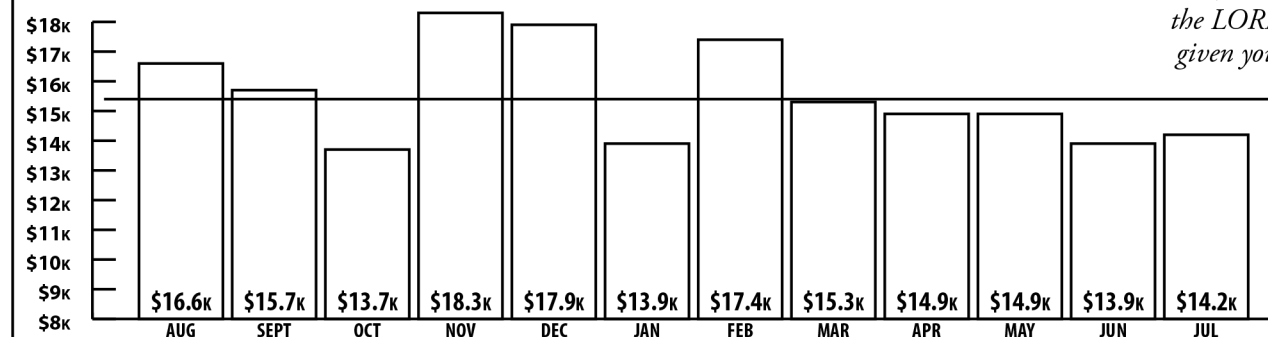
Would you be interested in helping us make baptism blankets or prayer shawls? Lynn Shaffer has very easy instructions.  
**Lynn Shaffer** ([lynnshaffer@gmail.com](mailto:lynnshaffer@gmail.com), 716-837-4478)

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 979

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 321

### FISCAL 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison (Needed Weekly Average = 15.4k)



*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*

**\$800,000**  
Budgeted Giving

**\$806,145**  
Actual Giving

**Friday Summer Office Hours**  
**8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.**