

Worship Helpers

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

	August 26/27	September 2/3
Altar Guild	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Laura Zimberg	Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
Reader	Rich Ferrante	Bob Strassburg
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Bob Strassburg
Communion		Tony D'Amico
Projection	Jim Brese	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Eli Schiferle	Brian Lackie
Greeter	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno	Susan Brenan
Ushers	Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Mike Zekas Dave Shotwell Joe Carr Sue Lichtenthal
Reader	Jubal Myer	Anne Miller
Prayers	Cindy Allsop	Dorothy Rothrock
Communion		Jeff Weber Tom Knapp Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Bekah Freed Jason Christ Marlene Carr
Projection	George Miller	
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Pat Canfield	Jason Christ
Acolyte	Jared Doebler Matthew Klapp	Zach Collins Nick MacVittie
Greeter	Dennis Cassidy	Jim Brese
Ushers	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie	Derek Pulver Diane Warner Nikki Warner
Reader	Mark Bramwell	Joanne Wood
Prayers	Brian Bunny	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited Pat Canfield Marsha Peth Kim Kwietniewski Wendy Morris Bekah Freed Bill Wood
Communion		
Projection	Edu Obot	

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

FT Kids & Youth Sunday School Starts September 10

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

One-Time Adult Education Class

Sunday, September 10, 10 a.m.

How Can I Be Jesus' Hands and Feet in a Practical, Real-life Way?

A special one-time class led by **Cathi Brese Doebler**, a trainer for the Center for Creative Leadership, a global provider of leadership development. This class will look at natural, practical ways that you can live out your faith in your everyday life. We'll look at the Bible, talk with each other and come away with doable action items for our real life. This class will meet on the Lower Level and will be interactive and fun!

Is there anyone in your life you could share the enclosed monthly Lifetree Café flier with?



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Bill Stenson
By Susie Stenson



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
At First Trinity**

Psalm 42:1-6a, Acts 2:41-47, Matthew 9:9-13

**August 26/27
2017**

Have you ever driven in a caravan with others? Or maybe just had to follow someone else to a destination? When you aren't the lead car, you just trail along and go where the first car goes. No worrying about maps, GPS, or exit signs. Unless of course the lead car is driven by a buffoon who's always getting lost!

Who you're following is important. Blindly follow the fool and you will charge headlong into foolish behaviors. But if you follow a wise person, you may just find yourself in better places and making wiser decisions. As you think about your life, who are you following?

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. Matthew 9:9 (ESV)

Serving God always starts with this simple invitation: "Follow me." Jesus uttered these words time and time again as He urged people to stop following their own desires and to join Him on His journey instead. He invites us to follow Him today and join with what He's already doing all around us.

So where are you in the caravan of life? Are you following or leading? Too often, we want to take the lead position and "follow" our own path. We somehow think that we know what's best. But still, God calls to us through His Son Jesus. Like the disciples before us, He invites us to "follow" Him instead.

Maybe you don't feel adequate for the "job" of following Jesus and joining Him on His mission, but here's the truth: God has uniquely shaped you for the opportunities He has for you! He doesn't leave us unprepared. In fact, one time His invitation to the disciples included a promise to train them for the work ahead: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19) So let's follow Him!

Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries

All-Church Study: Starting September 16-17 The Miracle of Mercy By Rick Warren

We are going to take **six weeks** as a congregation to see what mercy really looks like! Did you know that mercy is God's number one characteristic in the Bible? The world portrays God as a God of anger and judgment. But God shows Himself first and foremost as a God of mercy.

If mercy is God's number one characteristic that He reveals to us in the Bible—then it must be the most important thing for us to learn about Him. And it must also be the most important character trait that God wants to develop in us.

Classes offered: Saturdays	4:15 p.m.	Starting September 16
Sundays	10 a.m.	Starting September 17
Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.	Starting September 19
In Life Groups		Starting week of September 17

You can sign-up online at FirstTrinity.com or in the lobby. You can also pick up a book in the lobby for a suggested donation of \$10.



**Lifetree Café
will resume on
September 11.**

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.

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.

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Calendar for August 27-September 3, 2017

For calendar details, visit our website: FirstTrinity.com/calendar

Sunday 8/27	Thursday 8/31
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	Friday 9/1
10 a.m. Education Hour	12 p.m. Office Closes
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	Saturday 9/2
Monday 8/28	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
10 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
Tuesday 8/29	Sunday 9/3
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	10 a.m. Education Hour
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Men's Basketball	12:30 p.m. Baptisms Gianna Grisanti and Carmella Crowley
Wednesday 8/30	
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	
EMT Meeting	
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	
6:30 p.m. All Church Study Host/Leader Training	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	

Upcoming Sermons

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



Changing our World

Fill up a jar and help send a First Trinity missionary afar.

Our trademark Zanmi's name means "friend" in Creole – which is the language spoken in Haiti – and it's one of the places in the world we send our First Trinity missionaries. When you take a **plastic jar** and fill it up with coins and cash – you become a vital part of the mission work here at First Trinity.

Plastic jars and the safe for depositing your money are found in the main hallway in the metal shelving called, "First Trinity Gives." You may also keep a record of your donations and our church will acknowledge them for tax purposes.

Changing our World is a wonderful way to support mission work at First Trinity all year long!

Preschool 2017-18

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

Debbie Ferrante

(dferrante@FirstTrinity.com,
716-835-2220, FirstTrinityPreschool.com)



So Grateful for Debbie

Debbie Ferrante is celebrating her 5 year anniversary as **Preschool Director**. We give thanks to God for her Christ-like servant leadership.

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:KathyFigini@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.

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

If you do not have email and would like to get news from

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, Garrick Wright, 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 September 30th Congregational Meeting.

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)**.

Niagara Lutheran Health System

The Greenfields activity directors are sending their thanks to First Trinity members for the donations that you have placed in the *First Trinity Gives* bins.

Every item donated enriches the lives of their residents, and they send their sincere thank you!

Carol Butch (716-693-7048)

Mission Madness Is Coming SOON! Saturday, October 28, 11-2 p.m.

This is our once a year fundraiser for sending missionaries out to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Last year we raised over \$14,000 between baskets, lunch, and bake sale. This couldn't be done without your generous donations.

Please consider donating a basket with a retail value of \$50 (what it's worth- not what you spend), gift card/gift certificate in any amount. We are also in need of large ticket items (value \$200 or more), a great way for a whole life group to chip in. If making a basket isn't your thing, we will take your items and make the basket for you, or make a monetary donation and we'll shop for you too!

There will be an idea board soon. Please start bringing your donations to the Collection Center in the Main Hallway as soon as you have them, or by October 1.

Lutheran Emergency Response Team Training

October 7, 9:30 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

736 Cayuga Drive, Niagara Falls

This training equips volunteers to assist recovery in disasters such as the Lake Ontario flooding, tornados, fires, etc. The Eastern District's latest major response was to Baton Rouge one year ago this week. Participants will receive a FEMA wallet card allowing them access to disaster areas when working with first responders at almost any emergency. The cost is \$20/person.

Registration: **John Prochaska (minsk9@verizon.net), H 315-457-1632, C 315-278-9903**

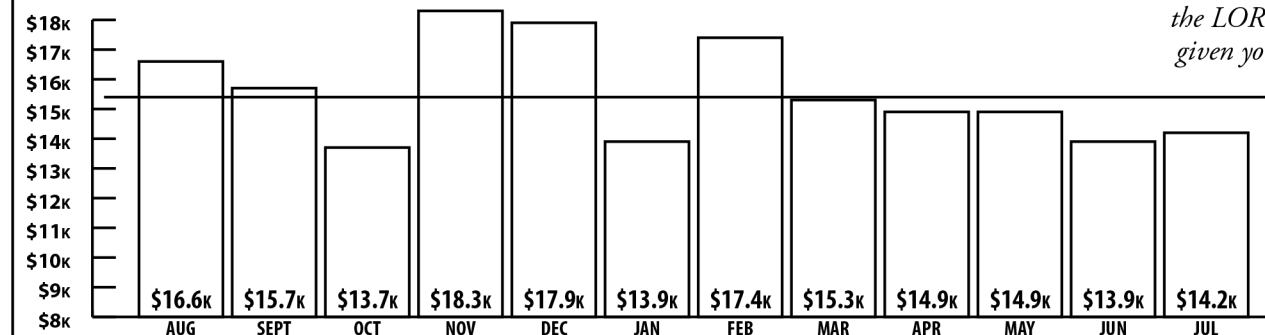
The Lutheran Hour
Sundays 9:30 a.m.
WXRL 1300AM LutheranHour.org

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 Office Hours Sept 1
8:30 a.m.—12 p.m.