

Worship Helpers

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

| | August 5/6 | August 12/13 |
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| Altar Guild | Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Laura Zimberg | Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Laura Zimberg |
| Saturday, 5:30 p.m. | | |
| Greeter | Evelyn Schleidt | Martha Miller |
| Ushers | Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck | Tony D'Amico Randy Wert Martha Miller Susan DePlato |
| Reader | Bob Strassburg | Bob Strassburg |
| Prayers | Bob Strassburg | Bob Strassburg |
| Communion | Bob Strassburg | Bob Strassburg |
| Projection | Bill Wood | Charlie Ellis |
| Sunday, 8:45 a.m. | | |
| Acolyte | Noah Rockensuess | Jamie Mattheus |
| Greeter | Julie Miller George Miller | Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan |
| Ushers | Mike Zekas Dave Shotwell Joe Carr Sue Lichtenthal | Walter Zimberg Joe Carr Joel Rockensuess Noah Rockensuess |
| Reader | Phil Reed | Fern Innes |
| Prayers | Dorothy Rothrock | Ron Opferbeck |
| Communion | Carl Fretthold John Faller Jeff Weber Tom Knapp Bekah Freed Jason Christ | |
| Projection | Marlene Carr | George Miller |
| Sunday, 11:15 a.m. | | |
| Worship Assistant | Pat Canfield | Jason Christ |
| Acolyte | Faith Hackett Zoey Schoenfeldt | Ana Bellanti Mara Tysick |
| Greeter | Dennis Cassidy | Paul Gerlach |
| Ushers | Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie | Derek Pulver Diane Warner Nikki Warner |
| Reader | Pam Jones | Gordon Tresch |
| Prayers | Anne DiCenso Jon Whited | Marsha Phillips Brian Bunny |
| Communion | Marsha Peth Kim Kwietniewski Wendy Morris Barb Reardon Bekah Freed | |
| Projection | Bill Wood | Stacy DiCenso |

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



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.

WOW, GOD!

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

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!*



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Thanksgiving For the Anniversary of Jim & Sue Brese
By The Rice Family



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

August 5/6
2017

How Does My Faith Affect My Life?

Daniel 3:13-18, Romans 12:1-2, Luke 19:1-10

Blast from the Past is a funny movie about a man who has been living in a nuclear fallout shelter for 35 years before having to go out into the world to forage for additional supplies. He wears a radiation suit to go out, but quickly discovers that there never really was a nuclear disaster. The world had continued without him for all these years, unknown to him until that moment.

In this movie, the characters were so sure there had been a nuclear disaster that they lived in such a way that they would survive the radiation. Our deepest held beliefs affect the way we live also. What you believe affects how you live. In fact, your words and actions reveal what's truly in your heart.

Zacchaeus experienced the powerful nature of faith in an amazing way. As a tax collector, he was greedy and deceitful, overcharging people to line his own pockets. But one day, he had an encounter with Jesus that changed everything. Luke records this unlikely transformation:

And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:8-10

Zacchaeus heard the Good News of salvation from Jesus, believed it, and everything changed in an instant. This new revelation changed how he lived. Where he once hoarded wealth, he now gave to the poor and repaid those he had defrauded. His belief in Jesus changed how he lived.

So it is with us. The closer we come to Jesus, the more our actions align with His will. As we come to believe in Him more and more each day, our faith starts influencing our decisions. How is your faith influencing your words and actions?

Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries



Lifetree Café will resume on September 11.

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, click on Coming Events, or call the church office (716-835-2220), so that we know how much food and supplies to buy.

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

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Calendar for August 6-13, 2017

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

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| Sunday 8/6 | 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship | Thursday 8/10 | |
| | 10 a.m. Education Hour | Friday 8/11 | 1-6 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive |
| | 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship | | 3 p.m. Office Closes |
| Monday 8/7 | | Saturday 8/12 | 9 a.m. Men's Basketball |
| Tuesday 8/8 | 12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time | | 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship |
| | 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer | Sunday 8/13 | |
| | Horizon Support Grp | 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship | |
| | 7 p.m. Band Rehearsal | 10 a.m. Education Hour | |
| | Men's Basketball | 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship | |
| Wednesday 8/9 | | | |
| | 9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting | | |
| | EMT Meeting | | |
| | 12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff | | |
| | 7:30 p.m. Volleyball | | |



Upcoming Sermons

- August 12/13** **Joining Jesus on His Mission In Frederick - The Road**
Luke 24:13-49
- 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**

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. You are welcome to use Project Connect and we trust it will be helpful for you and your family and friends.

The Lutheran Hour

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

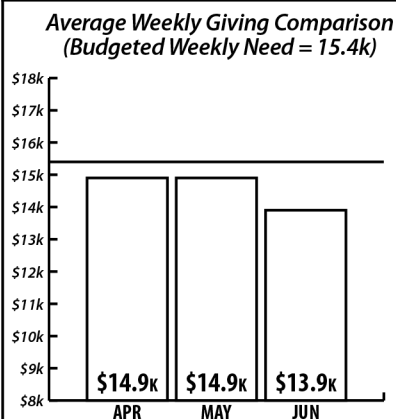
UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 466

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 138

JUNE BY THE NUMBERS

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)



AUG 2016

GIVING \$732.3K

NEED \$723.1K

JUL 2017

(All data through June 30, 2017)

Preschool 2017-18

Openings in 2- & 4-year old classes.

Debbie Ferrante

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716-835-2220, 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).

Preschool Teacher Opportunity

St. Mark Lutheran Church of North Tonawanda is in need of a part time preschool teacher.

To schedule an interview and submit your resume:
(716-693-3715, ask for **Liz Burkett** and email resume to stmarkprek.nt@gmail.com).

Reconciliation Training Events

Go and Be Reconciled: What Does This Mean?

Sept. 9—Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Lockport, NY, \$25.
This seminar is a full-day Bible study on reconciling relationships and resolving conflict. It reflects on the biblical teaching for reconciliation while reviewing the six chief parts of the Christian doctrine from Luther's Small Catechism. The study answers "What does this mean?" through two parts: "Be Reconciled to God" and "Be Reconciled to Others".

Lay Leadership Training

September 10 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, NY, \$49.
The objective of this interactive training is that you will be inspired and equipped to fulfill your responsibilities as a spiritual leader in vocations such as elder, council member, school board member, etc.

Coaching People through Conflict Practicum

September 11 & 12 Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center-as low as \$299.
Prepares leaders – reconcilers, pastors, elders, teachers, administrators, parents – to guide people to reconciliation through one-on-one coaching. Almost everyone can benefit from this training, since all of us at times give advice to others on responding to conflict.

Mediating People through Conflict Practicum

September 13 & 14 Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, as low as \$399.
Prepares leaders—reconcilers, pastors, elders and other lay leaders, to mediate disputes between parties in a biblically faithful manner. The practicum is presented in 2 intense days of practicing mediation skills. Your instructors will demonstrate specific skills and then you will practice parts of the mediation process. The first day you will practice parts of a mediation in exercises. The second day you will experience two longer mediation role-plays, both as a mediator and as a party. A special feature of this training is one-on-one live evaluation from one of our instructors.

If you would like more information on any of these Reconciliation Training Events, please speak to Pastor Chuck.

Horizon Health Services

Tuesday, August 8, 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)



Friday, August 11
1 - 6 p.m. at First Trinity

For an appointment,
call 1-800-GIVE LIFE
or go to RedCrossBlood.org.

Donors will receive
a \$5 Target eGiftCard via email!
Walk-Ins are Welcome!

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)

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!

Would you be interested in helping us make white baptism blankets? Lynn Shaffer has very easy instructions.

Lynn Shaffer (lynnshaffer@gmail.com, 716-837-4478)

Friday Summer Office Hours

8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.