

Worship Helpers

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

	July 1/2	July 8/9
Altar Guild.....	Susan DePlato	Susan DePlato
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	Karen Wert
Communion	Susan DePlato	
Projection	Bill Wood	Charlie Ellis
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Brian Lackie	Jude Rockensuess
Greeter	Julie Miller George Miller	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan
Ushers	Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Mike Zekas Dave Shotwell Joe Carr Sue Lichtenhal
Reader	Jubal Myer	Fran Dawe
Prayers	Cindy Allsop	Dorothy Rothrock
Communion	Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold John Faller Jason Christ	
Projection	Bill Wood	Marlene Carr
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
Acolyte	Jared Doebler Matthew Klapp	Zach Collins Nick MacVittie
Greeter	Dennis Cassidy	Paul Gerlach
Ushers	Derek Pulver Diane Warner Nikki Warner	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen
Reader	Pam Jones	Jennifer Tresch
Prayers	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny
Communion	Kim Kwietniewski Wendy Morris Barb Reardon Marty Doster Jason Christ	
Projection	Edu Obot	Bill Wood

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.

June 25 - July 2

Genesis 1-3 Led by Susan Whited - Library

Genesis 1-3 is God's revelation of our history and lays the foundation for the rest of Scripture. It also dispels common myths about origins. Join us for an informative and thought-provoking class.

July 9 - September 3

The Kings of the Old Testament

Led by Rev. Dr. Charles Whited - Library

First Trinity's Funeral Ministry

We are recruiting volunteers for Funeral Luncheons that are catered for the families experiencing the loss of a loved one.

Volunteers are needed as follows:

- Bakers
- Kitchen—Serving & Clean up

Sign up sheets are in the Lobby. Questions? **Karen Wert** (rkserv@verizon.net)
Jennifer Bartz (716-308-4941)



Staff Prayer Partners Requested

Prayer Partners are requested for our staff for July - September. 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)

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



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God
In Loving Memory of Frieda Schinke
By Her 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

July 1/2
2017

Humility Before Others

1 Peter 5:1-7, John 13:5-16

If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud. And a biggish step, too. At least, nothing whatever can be done before it. — C.S. Lewis

By nature, we are proud people—even though we don't like to admit it. We find joy or satisfaction in ourselves, whether it's our accomplishments, possessions, or virtuous living. Pride is a perfectly normal feeling—and is even good in some circumstances—but it can also lead us away from God to trust and worship ourselves instead of Him.

The antidote for pride is humility. We humble ourselves as we think less of ourselves and more of others. It takes our focus off of our accomplishments, possessions, and virtues and returns the focus to where it should be. Maybe this is why God calls us to be humble instead of proud:

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.
1 Peter 5:6-7 (ESV)

Jesus showed us what it was to be humble. He humbled himself by taking on the likeness of men (Philippians 2:5-8) and becoming obedient to death. He humbled Himself as He washed feet (John 13:5-16). Jesus, the only person who could rightly feel pride in Himself—He **is** God after all—instead chose humility.

Where are you struggling with pride in your life? Where are you letting your accomplishments, possessions, or own virtues take your focus off of Jesus and put it on yourself? Maybe it's time to admit our pride and ask God to make us humble. Maybe it's time to follow Jesus' example instead of going our own way.

Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries



L I F E T R E E
C A F É

**Lifetree Café is taking a
break for the months of
July & August.**

**We'll resume on
September 11.**

MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS

July 17-21, 9-Noon
Register at FirstTrinity.com

Participants: (Sorry, Nursery & Preschool are Full)
Kdgn to completed Grade 5 in June



Every year, our VBS does a service project during the week. This year, we are assembling hygiene kits for Friends of Night People in Buffalo (they have shower facilities at their building.) If you would like to participate, you can leave these items at the Donation Station (regular or travel sizes only):

shampoo toothpaste toothbrush deodorant
shower gel washcloths men's white socks

Church Office Closed Mon, July 3 & Tues, July 4

Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.
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

Calendar for July 2-9, 2017

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

Sunday	7/2	Thursday	7/6
8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship	Friday	7/7
10 a.m.	Education Hour	10 a.m.	Funeral
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	11 a.m.	Family Gathering
Monday	7/3	Office Closes at 3 p.m.	
	Office Closed	Saturday	7/8
Tuesday	7/4	9 a.m.	Men's Basketball
	Office Closed	5:30 p.m.	Traditional Worship
7 p.m.	Men's Basketball	Sunday	7/9
Wednesday	7/5	8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting	10 a.m.	Education Hour
	Executive Ministry Team	11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
12 p.m.	Lunch with the Staff		
7:30 p.m.	Volleyball		

Upcoming Sermons

- July 8/9** **Worthy Words** Proverbs 6:16-22, Ephesians 4:25-32, John 6:41-47
July 15/16 **How do I start reading the Bible?** Psalm 1, 2 Timothy 3:13-17, John 6:66-71
July 22/23 **How do I pray?** 2 Chronicles 20:5-12, James 5:13-18, Luke 11:1-13
July 29/30 **How do I let go of sin & guilt?** Psalm 103:8-14, Romans 5:12-21, John 19:28-30
August 5/6 **How does my faith affect my life?** Daniel 3:13-18, Romans 12:1-2, Luke 19:1-10
- Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen**

Nepal Mission Trip News June 18-30

Pastor Chuck & Marsha Peth were on a mission trip to Nepal with Sowers Ministries. What an amazing mission trip this has been! God has done a mighty work!

- *Worshipped, taught, and prayed over 3,000 believers in twelve churches.*
- *Baptized 52 people in one day in the river and 2 special girls one night in a roof top baptism.*
- *Gave school supplies and computers, sang and danced with 1,000 children in five schools.*
- *Supported and instructed 400 pastors at a pastoral conference.*
- *Gave certificates and celebrated 26 young women who completed sewing school.*
- *Encouraged 25 pastors and believers in their mission against human trafficking.*
- *Gave the Good News of Jesus, the light of the world in a VBS program for 39 children.*
- *Dedicated one new church.*
- *Thousands of lives impacted for the Kingdom of God.*
- *Thousands of people who have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*
- *One very thankful American-Chinese-Indian-Nepali missionary team!*
- *Glory to God! Alleluia!*

If you would like to donate for Bibles, they are each \$3.

Checks are payable to First Trinity with Nepal Bibles on memo line.

Preschool 2017-18

Openings in 2- & 4-year old classes.

Debbie Ferrante

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



Niagara Lutheran Health System

The NLHS Guild is volunteers who serve affiliates of the NLHS, primarily *The Greenfields*. Their mission is to enrich the quality of life for the residents. We are asking for your help.

They are in need of birthday napkins, markers, colored pencils, jewelry, small stuffed animals, baseball caps, and snack-sized candy bars. Please place donations in the drawer labeled Niagara Lutheran Health System Guild in the main hallway. The Guild welcomes and encourages everyone to join.
Carol Butch (716-693-7048)

Kid's Jeans Wanted!

If your kids have outgrown their jeans, please donate them to *Harvest House* for children in need. First Trinity families have given almost 500 pairs of kid's jeans. **They are always thrilled when we bring a new batch!** There is a bin in the Main Hallway marked "Jeans for Children". Thank you!

Summer Concert Series

The GreenFields Gazebo

5949 Broadway, Lancaster 684-8400

Wednesday, July 12

Jack Civiletto Sings Sinatra 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26

Carnival Kids Steel Orchestra 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 9

Classic Car show with Terry Buchwald as Elvis
Car Show 5:30 p.m., Music 6:30 p.m.



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)

Lutheran Hour Ministries

LHM invites you to download the "Project Connect" Mobile app. As a topical booklet ministry Project Connect is an excellent evangelism resource. It gives congregations and individuals an outreach program that works and is easy to maintain. This app not only allows you to download and share these great resources, but to listen to high quality recordings as well. Topic categories include *Abuse Addiction, Domestic Violence, and Life Skills*.

Download the app and start sharing today!

St. John's Annual Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 30th at Deerwood Golf Course.

Included are 18 holes of golf and a cart, 2 hot dogs or hamburger and drink at the turn, delicious meal, and prizes. Registration is \$95 per golfer. Please join us for fun, fellowship and to support Christian education.

To register, please call the office at **St. John (716-693-9677)**.

Horizon Health Services

Tuesday, July 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, July 15, 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 Support Group at First Trinity

Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m.

The topic is: *Role of Gratitude in Grief. Really?*

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

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.

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)**.

Honor Our Military Personnel

If you or family members are in the military or a veteran, we would love to have a picture, in uniform, to include in a slide show for Veteran's Day 2017. Please let us know the name, branch of service and years served.

Deadline for pictures is October 31.

Email pictures to **Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)**

or we can scan a picture in the office.

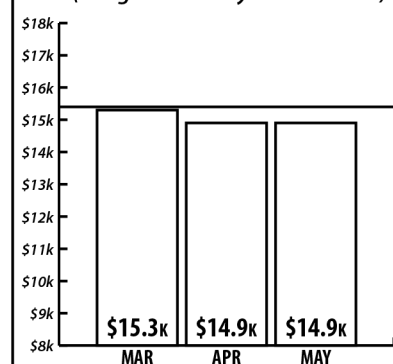


UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 521

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 160

MAY BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 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

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



(All data through May 31, 2017)