

Worship Helpers

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

July 8/9	July 15/16
Altar Guild..... Susan DePlato	Susan DePlato
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	
Greeter..... Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
Ushers..... Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
Reader..... Bob Strassburg	Martha Miller
Prayers..... Karen Wert	Bob Strassburg
Communion.....	Tony D'Amico
Projection..... Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.	
Acolyte..... Jude Rockensuess	Peter Cross
Greeter..... Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp
Ushers..... Mike Zekas Dave Shotwell Joe Carr Sue Lichtenthal	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs
Reader..... Fran Dawe	Anne Miller
Prayers..... Dorothy Rothrock	Ron Opferbeck
Communion.....	Jeff Weber Tom Knapp Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Jason Christ Bill Wood
Projection..... Marlene Carr	
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.	
Worship Assistant..... Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte..... Zach Collins Nick MacVittie	Ethan Lyons Matthew Klapp
Greeter..... Paul Gerlach	Jim Brese
Ushers..... Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie
Reader..... Jennifer Tresch	Wendy Morris
Prayers..... Marsha Peth Brian Bunny	Brian Bunny Marsha Peth
Communion.....	Jim Passage Jon Whited Tracy Bramwell Pat Canfield Bekah Freed Stacy DiCenso
Projection..... 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.

July 9 - September 3 The Kings of the Old Testament

Led by Rev. Dr. Charles Whited - Library

Nepal Mission Trip News

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 to 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.

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



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Jane Baker
By Maurine Baker-Stein



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 8/9
2017**

Worthy Words

Proverbs 6:16-22, Ephesians 4:25-32, John 6:41-47

The tongue is the most important body part to control. James likens it to a rudder on a ship in James 3:4-5, steering the body into dangerous deeps or calm coves. Words produced with the tongue can build someone up or tear down.

The tongue is often the most difficult part of the body to control, however. Maybe that has to do with the fact that others have to interpret our words. Words that seem harmless to you can last a lifetime for the hearer. For good or for ill, your words and speech have a lasting impact on others.

The Apostle Paul told Timothy about the importance of words in one of his letters to him:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 3:14-15 (ESV)

Paul urged Timothy to continue reading the sacred writings (in other words: the Bible) because they are "able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." God's Word is so powerful that it can create faith in people's hearts, bringing life where death reigned.

We have a chance to speak words of life as well. Jesus has created faith in our hearts through His Word, and empowers us to speak worthy words to others. We have opportunity to encourage and build up, support and soothe, to comfort and not condemn.

How are you doing with taming the tongue? Are your words pointing others to the hope and grace that is found only in Jesus?

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

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 9-16, 2017

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

Sunday 7/9	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	Thursday 7/13	5:30 p.m. VBS Stage Set-Up 7 p.m. Crew Leader Training
Monday 7/10	10 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study	Friday 7/14	Office Closes at 3 p.m.
Tuesday 7/11	12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Horizon Support Group 7 p.m. Men's Basketball Band Rehearsal	Saturday 7/15	8 a.m. Work Team 8:30 a.m. Workcamp Meeting 9 a.m. Men's Basketball 10 a.m. FREE Carwash Service Project 2 p.m. Crew Leader Training 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship 7 p.m. Saturday Night Light, Christian Music
Wednesday 7/12	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting Executive Ministry Team 12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff 6 p.m. VBS Song Leaders 7:30 p.m. Volleyball	Sunday 7/16	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 1:30 p.m. VBS Song Leaders

Upcoming Sermons

- 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**

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** (tkserv@verizon.net)

Jennifer Bartz (716-308-4941)



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!

Please Pray for our Workcamp Missionaries!

We have 19 youth and adult leaders who will be heading out to Frederick, MD this July 22-30. Sign-up in the lobby to be a prayer partner for one of these missionaries. After you sign up, you'll receive a mailing with information about your student and the trip in general to help you know what to pray for! Thanks!

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.



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)

FREE Car Wash (No, really...FREE!)

Saturday, July 15

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

First Trinity Parking Lot

on Niagara Falls Blvd.



Stop by and invite your friends!

Youth Community Service Project

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.

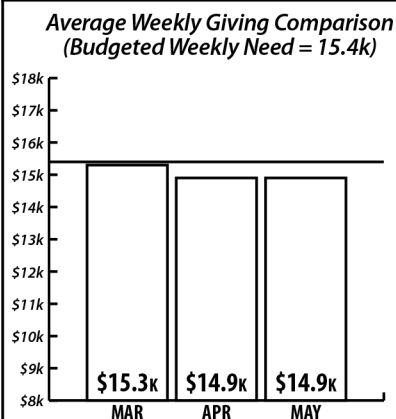
Please register at FirstTrinity.com, click on **Coming Events**, or call the church office (716-835-2220), so that we know how much food and supplies to buy.

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 521 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 160

MAY BY THE NUMBERS

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)