

Worship Helpers

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

	June 10/11	June 17/18
Altar Guild	Laura Zimberg	Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
Reader	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Doreen Griebel
Communion		Bob Strassburg
Projection	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Jamie Mattheus	Jonah Cross
Greeter	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp
Ushers	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Mike Zekas Dave Shotwell Walter Zimberg
Reader	Anne Miller	Jennalise Olson
Prayers	Cindy Allsop	Ron Opferbeck
Communion		Jeff Weber Tom Knapp John Faller Carl Fretthold Bekah Freed Jason Christ Russ Thomas
Projection	Marlene Carr	
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
Acolyte	Faith Hackett Zoey Schoenfeldt	Ana Bellanti Mara Tysick
Greeter	Paul Gerlach	Dennis Cassidy
Ushers	Derek Pulver Nikki Warner Diane Warner	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen
Reader	Wendy Morris	Mark Bramwell
Prayers	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips	Marsha Peth Anne DiCenso
Communion		Marty Doster Jon Whited Tracy Bramwell Pat Canfield Jason Christ
Projection	Bill Wood	Stacy DiCenso

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

Adult Education Classes - Until June 11

Sundays, 10-11 a.m.

Cat and Dog Theology, Part 2

Led by Pastor Chuck & Susan Whited - Library

Philippians *Led by Sue Steege - Upper Level*

Why Does Pain and Suffering Exist?

Led by Ben Chen on the Upper Level

New Summer Classes

June 18, 10 a.m. Open Forum *Led by Ben Chen - Lower Level*

Open forum devoted to Q&A featuring a panel of men and women who are equipped to talk about **Why Pain and Suffering Exist**.

Led by Ben Chen on the Upper Level

June 18 - Sept 3 Intergenerational Sunday School

Led by Sue Steege - Lower 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

The Wittenberg Reformation (1545)

Monday, June 19, 7 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

6950 Ward Rd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Dr. John Stephenson, translator of this book, will share some thoughts on the Reformation.

Dr. Stephenson is the professor of Historical Theology at the St. Catharine's Seminary. He has a wealth of knowledge and is an entertaining speaker.



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 Warren Helming
By The Helming 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.

Surrounded by Stuff: Understanding the Hidden World of Hoarding

Filmed interview of a woman whose hoarding caused her such shame she wouldn't let a plumber into her home to fix broken pipes. "We didn't eat at our dining room table for four years because it was piled full of stuff," the woman says. "Pots and pans, clothes I sorted that never made it to the Salvation Army, and even dishes that had been swapped out."

Lifetree Café participants will have the opportunity to discuss why people often accumulate more stuff than they truly need.



This Monday night
7:00 - 8:00 PM

Here in our beautiful, cafe-like lower level. Free snacks & beverages - hope you'll join us!

LifetreeCafe.com

Sermon Topic

June 10/11
2017

The Trinity

Genesis 1:1-2, 1:31-2:3, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 28:16-20

The doctrine of the Trinity is one of the most difficult to explain and comprehend for the human mind. We use imperfect analogies to explain the concept, hoping to better understand it, but they all fall short. I'm not even sure our minds—bound by time and space—can grasp it.

Here's the basic concept: We worship the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I know, it's confusing, because we refer to "one" God, and yet there are seemingly three entities (we call them "persons") listed.

The clearest example of the Trinity is found in the Great Commission:

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

We see the three persons of the Trinity detailed here, but Deuteronomy helps us understand their oneness:

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Deuteronomy 6:4

So there you have it, crystal clear: God in three persons, but still only one. Makes sense right? I know, I don't fully understand it either, yet I believe it completely. I believe it because of God—the Triune God—and His work in my life.

I see God the Father at work in creation and providing for my ongoing needs. I see God the Son—Jesus—at work in His Word, bringing life and grace to me, even when I don't deserve it. And I see the Holy Spirit helping me to understand in part, and working faith to believe even when I don't fully understand.

What about you? How do you see the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—working in your life?

Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries

MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS July 17-21, 9-Noon

Register at FirstTrinity.com

Participants: Kdgn to completes Gr 5 in June. (Nursery & Preschool are Full)
VBS is a high energy, child-centered, fun learning environment.
Students learn that **God will always love you!**

Donations Needed By Extended Date of June 18!

Last chance to take a colored slip from the Donation Station in the main hallway (across from the mailboxes). Return your item (with the slip attached) to the cabinet at the station.

Be Part of the VBS Excitement! Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers: Those who complete Grade 6 in June to Adult.

We need many volunteers to make **VBS** a success.

Sign up online for: Greeters (Mon only), Nursery helpers, or Crew Leaders.

Talk to Tracy Bramwell about other small jobs.

Tracy Bramwell (716-698-9608, tracybramwell@gmail.com)



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

Calendar for June 11-18, 2017

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

Sunday 6/11	Monday 6/12	Tuesday 6/13	Wednesday 6/14	Thursday 6/15	Friday 6/16	Saturday 6/17	Sunday 6/18
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	10 a.m. Morning Bible Study	12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	9:30 a.m. Executive Ministry Team	6 p.m. VBS Song Leader Rehearsal	8 a.m. Work Team	8 a.m. Work Team	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10 a.m. Education Hour	7 p.m. Lifetree Café	6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time	12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff	6:30 p.m. Joshua's Men	9 a.m. Men's Basketball	9 a.m. Men's Basketball	10 a.m. Education Hour
High School Senior Blessing Event	1 p.m. Senior Life Group	Horizon Support Group	1 p.m. Senior Life Group	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	10 a.m. Youth Band Rehearsal	10 a.m. Youth Band Rehearsal	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Baptism—Thomas Charles Tangeman	6:30 p.m. Loss of Parent/Sibling Grp	Band	6:30 p.m. Loss of Parent/Sibling Grp	Contemporary Worship	4 p.m. Bible Study: <i>Guardrails</i>	4 p.m. Bible Study: <i>Guardrails</i>	Contemporary Worship
Piano Recital	7:30 p.m. Volleyball	Men's Basketball	7:30 p.m. Volleyball	Traditional Worship	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship	Traditional Worship
Contemporary Worship				Sat. Night Light Christian Music	7 p.m. Sat. Night Light Christian Music	7 p.m. Sat. Night Light Christian Music	

Upcoming Sermons

June 17/18	Unity in the Church	Psalm 133:1-3, Romans 15:1-7, Mark 9:49-50
June 24/25	Christian Love	Leviticus 19:33-34, Romans 12:9-21, John 15:12-17
July 1/2	Humility Before Others	1 Peter 5:1-7, John 13:5-16
July 8/9	Worthy Words	Proverbs 6:16-22, Ephesians 4:25-32, John 6:41-47

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

Nepal Mission Trip June 18-30

Please pray for the upcoming Nepal Mission Trip with The Sowers Ministry.

Team Members:

Charles Whited, Marsha Peth, Sally Henien (UB Campus Ambassadors)

Robin Schara & Faye Lyne Noel (Eastern Hills Wesleyan), **Kelvin McDaniel** (Houston, TX)

We are so excited for all that God will do to bring people to Christ in this mission trip!

While in Nepal the team will be joining Jesus in His mission by teaching in churches, distributing Bibles, celebrating baptisms, leading pastoral training conferences, aiding local public schools, and encouraging ministries in their fight against human trafficking. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!



Celebrate Our Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations to our high school seniors who will be recognized at our 11:15 a.m. worship service this weekend.

Ana Beck

Alexander Cook

Jordan DiVirgilio

Joshua Gilbert

Alexandra Hartnett

Elisa Heldarskarð

Sydney Hoffman

Jennalise Olson

Michael Reardon

Matthew Riggi

Alyssa Schoenfeldt

Eric Sugrue

Elizabeth Thompson

Lauren Trautwein

Jacob Tucker

Preschool 2017-18

Openings in 2- & 4-year old classes.

Debbie Ferrante

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716-835-2220, FirstTrinityPreschool.com)



Thanks From Nancy Stuckwisch

Thank you to my First Trinity family for all the love and prayers supporting my family and me during Bill's illness, and especially since he went to his Heavenly rest. I am so grateful for all the different kinds of help I continue to receive during this difficult time. The memories of Bill written in the cards you've sent are wonderful to read! May God bless you all!

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 \(kfigini@FirstTrinity.com\)](mailto:kfigini@FirstTrinity.com).

Portals of Prayer—Daily Devotions

Portals of Prayer is great for personal devotions featuring a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format. It can be picked up near the Welcome Center. If you know someone who would be blessed by a copy, please take an extra one to share.

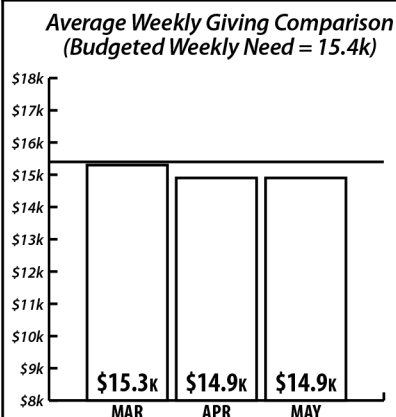
UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 521

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)

Bible Study: Guardrails

Saturdays, Until June 24, 4-5 p.m.

Led by Jason Christ in the Library

Guardrails: a system designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off-limit areas. They're everywhere, but they don't really get much attention ... until somebody hits one. And then, more often than not, it is a lifesaver. Ever wonder what it would be like to have guardrails in other areas of your life - areas where culture baits you to the edge of disaster and then chastises you when you step across the line?

Your friendships. Your finances. Your marriage. Maybe your greatest regret could have been avoided if you had established guardrails. In this six-week video based study, Andy Stanley challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish some personal guardrails.

Horizon Health Services

Tuesday, June 13, 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, June 17, 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, June 21, 7 p.m.

The topic is: **Three C's of Grief: Choice, Communication, Compromise**. Speaker is **Beth Lenegan PhD**, Director of Pastoral Care at Roswell Park Memorial Hospital. Questions: **Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)**

OPUS Meeting

(Older People Up to Something)

Wednesday, June 21, Noon

Pizza Lunch - \$5 Sign up in the Lobby. Pay on June 21.

Ron Talboys will speak about Habitat for Humanity.

Questions? **Erhard Moosmann (716-688-6854)**

Picnic & Paddles in the Park!

Wednesday, June 28, 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to an informal picnic at Beaver Island State Park on Grand Island. Bring your own food and drink and an appetizer or dessert to share. We'll meet adjacent to the marina by the kayak launch. This event is sponsored by SIS, but all are invited...the more the merrier! If you have a kayak or canoe - it's a great place to paddle. :)

For more info: **Carolyn Doster (adoster@verizon.net)**.