

Worship Helpers

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

June 17/18	June 24/25
Altar Guild..... 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 Susan DePlato	Susan DePlato
Prayers Doreen Griebel	Karen Wert
Communion Bob Strassburg	
Projection Bill Wood	Jim Brese
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.	
Acolyte Jonah Cross	Eli Schiferle
Greeter Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno
Ushers Mike Zekas Erhard Moosmann Walter Zimberg	Ray Voit Dave Shotwell Joe Carr Leo Figini
Reader Fern Innes	
Prayers Ron Opferbeck	Nancy Stuckwisch
Communion Wendy Binkley Tom Knapp John Faller Carl Fretthold Bekah Freed Jason Christ	
Projection Russ Thomas	George Miller
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.	
Worship Assistant Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte Ana Bellanti Mara Tysick	Ben Trautwein Rebekah Jaenecke
Greeter Dennis Cassidy	Jim Brese
Ushers Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Paris Adams
Reader Mark Bramwell	Gordon Tresch
Prayers Brian Bunny Anne DiCenso	Dorothy Rothrock Brian Bunny
Communion Marty Doster Jon Whited Tracy Bramwell Pat Canfield Jason Christ	
Projection Stacy DiCenso	David Phillips

Summer Classes - Sundays, 10-11 a.m.

June 18, 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*.

June 18 - Sept 3 Intergeneration 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

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)

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!



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God
In Loving Memory of John D. Miller
By Martha Miller



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

June 17/18
2017

Unity in the Church

Psalm 133:1-3, Romans 15:1-7, Mark 9:49-50

This July will mark seven years at First Trinity. There are many things I love about this place, but perhaps one of the best is the sense of community and family I find here. Being far from my own biological family, God has used the people in this church family to bless me more than I could imagine.

As in any family, though, it's not always picture perfect. Disagreements, differing opinions, and conflicts arise. We're human and this is normal. The important part is that even in the midst of any of those things, we must work to remain united. Scripture tells us how important this is to our mission:

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

We bring God glory when we have a spirit of unity. This desire of God's heart goes well beyond our little community here at 1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard as God calls us to work and be at peace with churches around WNY, our nation, and the world. I have also discovered how powerful this can be in expanding God's Kingdom through the work we do over on the University at Buffalo (UB) campus. Each of the ministries at UB has its own way of carrying out the mission of God in that place. Those differences are important, though we have to realize that being different can't mean being divided. If we are going to have a radical impact on that campus, unity is going to be our biggest resource.

With all the disunity and hatred in the world right now, we found that unity, among Christians (let alone between Christians and the rest of the world) is one of the most attractive things to those who don't know Christ. When people see people working together, joined under a common goal, they want to belong to that kind of community. Unity is hard work. It takes time and energy to listen and understand each other. It doesn't come easily and we need the endurance and encouragement promised by God in the verse above. It may be hard, but it's worth it... for our sake, the benefit of those around us, and God's glory!

Rebekah Freed, Director of High School and Young Adult Ministries

Imperfect Parents: Making Peace and Moving On

Features a screening of *And What Remains*, an award-winning short film.

"We've all learned lessons from our parents that have shaped who we are," says Lifetree rep Craig Cable. "This program is dedicated to unpacking how those lessons have changed us for good or for bad."

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss how the forces that shaped their parent's lives have impacted their own.



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

MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS

July 17-21, 9-Noon

Register at FirstTrinity.com

Participants: Kdgn to
completes Grade 5 in June

(Sorry, Nursery & Preschool are Full)

VBS is a high energy, child-centered, fun learning environment.

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Students learn that **GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.**

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



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

Calendar for June 18-25, 2017

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

Sunday 6/18	Thursday 6/22
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	Friday 6/23
10 a.m. Education Hour	Saturday 6/24
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
Monday 6/19	9 a.m. VBS Song Leader Rehearsal
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	4 p.m. Bible Study: <i>Guardrails</i>
Tuesday 6/20	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	Sunday 6/25
6 p.m. Higher Ed Fund Committee	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time	10 a.m. Education Hour
7 p.m. Band	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Generosity Team	
Men's Basketball	
Wednesday 6/21	
9:30 a.m. Executive Ministry Team	
Women's AA Meeting	
12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff	
1 p.m. OPUS Lunch	
7 p.m. Grief Support Group	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	



Upcoming Sermons

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
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 and 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 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)*

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!

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

Enroll now - classes fill quickly!
Openings in 2- & 4-year old classes.



Enroll for September 2017 now. If you are interested in enrollment, turn in your applications soon to assure a spot. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or FirstTrinityPreschool.com. For more information contact **Debbie Ferrante** (dferrante@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220)

Kairos Thank You!

Brian Bunny and Ron Opferbeck give thanks to Jesus and to all who prayed for K-60 at Wende Correctional Facility. Jesus, through the Holy Spirit blessed the ten inmates who participated. So many blessed moments!

Thanks also for the cookies and placemats! Once again, God demonstrated his great love for those in prison. ***This is what the Lord asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8***

Niagara Lutheran Health System

Donations made to the Guild drawer in the Main Hallway are greatly appreciated. We have received a wonderful thank you from **The Greenfields** for remembering their residents.

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)

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).

Bible Study: *Guardrails* Saturdays, Until June 24, 4-5 p.m. Led by Jason Christ in the 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.



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).

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.

Camp Pioneer Golf Benefit

We met our quota of 120 golfers. Thank you for your support of this Benefit that will enable children of our military to have a week's camping experience. Registration for the Benefit at Brierwood Country Club in Hamburg is 11 a.m., a buffet lunch at Noon, and a Shot-gun start at 1:30 p.m.

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)

Average Weekly Giving Comparison (Budgeted Weekly Need = 15.4k)

