

## Worship Helpers

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

**June 24/25**

Altar Guild.....Laura Zimberg

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.**

**Greeter**..... Evelyn Schleidt

**Ushers**..... Tony D'Amico  
Steve Puscheck

**Reader**..... Rich Ferrante

**Prayers**..... Karen Wert

**Communion**.....

**Projection**..... Jim Brese

**Sunday, 8:45 a.m.**

**Acolyte**..... Eli Schiferle

**Greeter**..... Darlene Helming  
Charlene Beno

**Ushers**..... Leo Figini  
Dave Shottwell  
Joe Carr

**Reader**.....

**Prayers**..... Nancy Stuckwisch

**Communion**.....

**Projection**..... George Miller

**Sunday, 11:15 a.m.**

**Worship Assistant**..... Pat Canfield

**Acolyte**..... Ben Trautwein  
Rebekah Jaenecke

**Greeter**..... Jim Brese

**Ushers**..... Rachel Bissell  
Ben Bell  
Dick McKie  
Paris Adams

**Reader**..... Gordon Tresch

**Prayers**..... Dorothy Rothrock  
Brian Bunny

**Communion**.....

**Projection**..... David Phillips

**July 1/2**

Susan DePlato

Martha Miller

Tony D'Amico  
Randy Wert

Rich Ferrante

Susan DePlato

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Bill Wood

Brian Lackie

Julie Miller  
George Miller

Gretchen Wright  
Garrick Wright  
David Gettman  
MaryAnn HarhiGettman

Jubal Myer

Cindy Allsop

Wendy Binkley

Paul Gerlach

Carl Fretthold

John Faller

Jason Christ

Bill Wood

Jason Christ

Jared Doebler  
Matthew Klapp

Dennis Cassidy

Derek Pulver

Diane Warner

Nikki Warner

Pam Jones

Anne DiCenso

Jon Whited

Kim Kwietniewski

Wendy Morris

Barb Reardon

Marty Doster

Jason Christ

Edu Obot

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Paul Fromm  
By Clara Lou Fromm & 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.

## What's Your Pet Trying To Tell You?

Featuring a filmed interview with Alexa Boyes, a professional animal communicator.

"For me, I try to be the voice of the animal and I try and repeat what I hear as nicely as I can," says Boyes. "Sometimes what animals have to say is not what people want to hear."

During the program, you will have an opportunity to share experiences in which an animal has tried to communicate with you.



**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](http://LifetreeCafe.com)

## Sermon Topic

**June 24/25**  
**2017**

## Christian Love

Leviticus 19:33-34, Romans 12:9-21, John 15:12-17

Jesus was confronted once by a lawyer about which of the hundreds of religious laws was most important. In a few brief moments, Jesus summarized the entirety of the law in these incredibly simple yet profound truths: We are to love God and love others. (Matthew 22:34-40)

As you start to plumb the depth of these statements, you'll find some fascinating connections between the two. While our first priority is to love God, we cannot neglect loving others, for to love God **IS** to love others. When we are loving God, we will naturally love others.

This love for God and others then becomes the motivation for all we do. It is the fountain from which life-giving action springs. It forms the foundation on which our relationships with other believers is built. Here's what Jesus had to say about loving others:

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13:34 (ESV)*

Jesus is speaking here to the disciples, but also more broadly to His followers in the subsequent generations that would hear and believe. Like His summary of the law, His command here is both simple and profound: Love one another as I have loved you.

What does it mean to love others as Christ loved us? It means sacrificing all we have for the sake of others.

*Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 (ESV)*

Jesus has set the example for us, so let's join Him in loving one another, even as He loved us.

*Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries*

## MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS

**July 17-21, 9-Noon**

**Register at [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com)**

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



**Thank you** to all who donated supplies to help make our VBS a success. The First Trinity family is so generous which keeps our VBS free. Our Maker Fun Factory staff is so grateful for your donations.  
*Tracy Bramwell, Director* (716-698-9608, [tracybramwell@gmail.com](mailto:tracybramwell@gmail.com))

**Church Office will be Closed**  
**Monday, July 3 & Tuesday, July 4**

**Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.**  
[KFigini@FirstTrinity.com](mailto: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.*

## STAFF

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**The Lutheran Hour**  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.  
WXRL 1300AM [LutheranHour.org](http://LutheranHour.org)

## Calendar for June 25-July 2, 2017

For calendar details, visit our website: [FirstTrinity.com/calendar](http://FirstTrinity.com/calendar)

**Sunday 6/25**

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10 a.m. Education Hour  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

**Monday 6/26**

10 a.m. Morning Bible Study  
7 p.m. Lifetree Café

**Tuesday 6/27**

12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time  
6 p.m. VBS Song Leader Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time  
7 p.m. Band  
Men's Basketball

**Wednesday 6/28**

9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting  
12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff  
7 p.m. Crew Leader Training  
7:30 p.m. Volleyball

**Thursday 6/29**

6:30 p.m. High School Ministry Planning Mtg

**Friday 6/30**

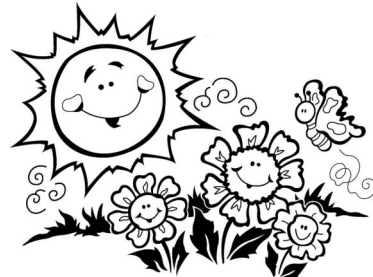
Office Closes at 3 p.m.

**Saturday 7/1**

9 a.m. Men's Basketball  
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

**Sunday 7/2**

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10 a.m. Education Hour  
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship



## Upcoming Sermons

**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 & 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](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)

## Nepal Mission Trip News June 18-30

Pastor Chuck & Marsha Peth are on a mission trip to Nepal with Sowers Ministries.

- We went to two public schools. First one had hundreds and hundreds of people. They had never seen white people or Chinese people. We have computers, TVs, backpacks and pay for the teachers.
- Pastor training. Expecting four hundred pastors. Pastor Kelvin and I taught at a church. The kids here are beautiful.
- We had a wonderful time of worship at a nearby church. Praise the Lord! Many children, parents, grandparents all praising God. A beautiful time of prayer. The Holy Spirit is moving in a mighty way!
- The bus ride home was a time of rejoicing and singing in Nepalese, Chinese, and English joining together in the same songs! Praising God as we join Jesus in His mission!
- So important for these Nepali pastors to hear our teaching as they are out on their own in small churches around Nepal and face much persecution. The Nepali government complies with the India government which has been burning down Christian churches, so there is persecution in Nepal as well.
- Nepali believers are so gracious and full of God's love! Please keep Nepali churches in prayer!

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](http://FirstTrinityPreschool.com). For more information contact **Debbie Ferrante** ([dferrante@FirstTrinity.com](mailto: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)**

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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)**.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## 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!

## 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)).

## 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](mailto:lynnshaffer@gmail.com), 716-837-4478)

## 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](mailto:kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)) or we can scan a picture in the office.



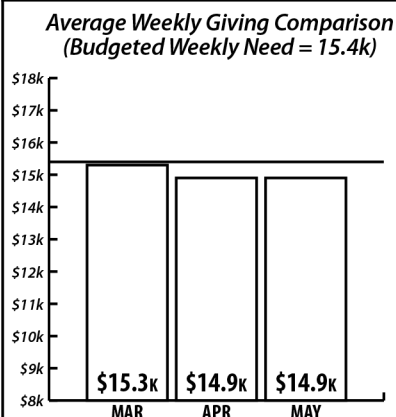
UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 521

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 160

### MAY BY THE NUMBERS

*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)