

Worship Helpers

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

	June 3/4	June 10/11
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	Bob Strassburg
Prayers.....	Susan DePlato	Susan DePlato
Communion.....	Tony D'Amico	
Projection.....	Bill Wood	Charlie Ellis
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte.....	Noah Rockensuess	Jamie Mattheus
Greeter.....	Julie Miller George Miller	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan
Ushers.....	Joe Carr Ray Voit Sue Lichtenthal Mike Zekas	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman
Reader.....	Cindy Allsop	Anne Miller
Prayers.....	Dorothy Rothrock	Cindy Allsop
Communion.....	Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Lisa Cross Leo Figini Sue Steege Jason Christ	
Projection.....	George Miller	Marlene Carr
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant.....	Pat Canfield	Jason Christ
Acolyte.....	Haley Fabian Lauren Ratajczak	Faith Hackett Zoey Schoenfeldt
Greeter.....	Dennis Cassidy	Paul Gerlach
Ushers.....	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Paris Adams	Derek Pulver Dan Gietz Diane Warner Nikki Warner
Reader.....	Joann Wood	Mark Bramwell
Prayers.....	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips
Communion.....	Jim Passage Marsha Peth Kim Kwietniewski Wendy Morris Bekah Freed	
Projection.....	Edu Obot	Bill Wood

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

New Classes - Until June 11

Sundays, 10-11 a.m.

Cat and Dog Theology, Part 2

Led by Pastor Chuck & Susan Whited in the Library

Do you enjoy deep theological discussions? Then this is a class for you! Just who is the main character of the Bible? Who do we live for? Who does God live for? What does it mean that God is a jealous God? What's the difference between a "help me" prayer and a "cause me" prayer? And what in the world do cats and dogs have to do with theology?

Philippians

Led by Sue Steege on the Lower Level

Paul's letter to the Philippians is short (4 chapters) but packed with joy and beauty. This class will explore Paul's message and apply it to daily living.

Why Does Pain and Suffering Exist?

Led by Ben Chen on the Upper Level

An apologetic and philosophical approach to answer life's difficult questions, and finding comfort and meaning in the midst of trials and hardships.

Sunday, June 18, 10 a.m. Open Forum

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

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

Thanks to all who prayed for me this past year.
By Sophie Myers



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.

The Church and Gays: One Pastor's Dilemma

Features a filmed interview with Danny Cortez, a pastor whose changing views regarding same-sex attraction led to his being removed from his denomination. Cortez explains how the church's traditional response to same-sex attraction never gave him a sense of peace.

"I remember thinking about Jesus and the way he gave life, and I started thinking maybe the church is wrong. Maybe the traditional interpretation of this issue is wrong. Maybe I don't believe what I grew up believing," says Cortez.



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 3/4
2017

Work of the Spirit

Genesis 1:1-5, Romans 8:15-17, John 14:16-27

When we think of teachers, school probably comes to mind. You probably have several images of people come to mind when you just hear the word "teacher". Beyond school, we encounter teachers at work, in our personal life, and on radio, TV, or the internet.

If you think about the best teachers in your life, they are probably the ones who were able to connect with you in some way and unlock complex or difficult topics, making them more understandable and accessible. It might have been about math or history, or it could have been about how to do your job more effectively. Maybe it was about learning a new hobby or skill.

Have you ever found it difficult to understand the Bible? I know I have. Some passages are incredibly simple while others have entire books written about them. Wouldn't it be nice to have a teacher with you 24/7 to unlock all the secrets of God's Word? As it happen, you do!

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.
John 14:26*

God has certainly blessed us with many great teachers and scholars that can help us understand and apply His Word. I suppose He could have stopped there, but He went several steps further. God has sent His Holy Spirit to live inside us through baptism. The Holy Spirit has many jobs, but one of them is to "teach you all things" about God and His love for you.

So the next time you're reading your Bible—or maybe the first time you pick it up!—ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and heart to God's Word. Pray this simple prayer: "Holy Spirit, help me learn about God and grow closer to Him as I read. Amen."

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—Help us keep VBS free!

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 by June 11.

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 4-11, 2017

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

Sunday 6/4	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	Thursday 6/8	6 p.m. VBS Song Leader Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry End of Year Party (Gr 6-12)
Monday 6/5	7 p.m. Lifetree Café	Friday 6/9	5 p.m. Scrapbooking/Craft Night 6 p.m. Piano Recital
Tuesday 6/6	12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time 7 p.m. Band Men's Basketball	Saturday 6/10	9 a.m. Health & Wellness Conversation Men's Basketball 4 p.m. Bible Study: <i>Guardrails</i> 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
Wednesday 6/7	9:30 a.m. Executive Ministry Team Servants of Christ Life Group Women's AA Meeting 12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff 7 p.m. VBS Station Leaders Meeting 7:30 p.m. Volleyball	Sunday 6/11	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour High School Senior Blessing Event 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship <i>Baptism—Thomas Charles Tangeman</i> 1 p.m. Piano Recital

Upcoming Sermons

June 10/11	Trinity Sunday Genesis 1:1-2, 1:31-2:3, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 28:16-20
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!

workhorse

noun, a person who works tirelessly at a task, assumes extra duties, etc. For many years, Moose and June Moosmann took care of cutting our church's lawns and adding beauty to our gardens. We are so thankful for their devoted work. Now, Tony D'Amico and Gary Binkley are cutting the grass on our expansive campus and again, we are so very grateful for their tireless work. Twenty volunteers – from ages **11** to **84** years old – gathered to spruce up our gardens. We'd like to thank...

Sue Bish	Dan & Cindy Chamberland
Cindy Conwell	Mark Cook
Sue Crimmen	Kim David
Tony D'Amico	Sue DePlato
Carolyn Doster	Pam Jones
Sue Steege	Cindy, Brian & Will Lackie
Judy Toth	Judy & Abby Pederson
Jeff Weber	Walt Zimberg

It has been estimated that between last year's major, 20-hour Spring Clean Up and this year's 7-hour Clean Up, volunteers have saved our church close to **\$8,000**. The outside of any building gives people their first impression of what goes on inside. We believe we have in part provided an awareness, that here at First Trinity, we care about God's house and we enjoy serving Him.

Israel Isidor Foundation Thanks

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ - we thank God for you every time we think of you. Due to your grace and giving, the needs of the children at The Children of Israel Orphanage are met on a monthly basis and you continue to give and give. What a joy to serve alongside you and be continually encouraged by your generosity of spirit. May God bless you abundantly and turn His face upon you. You are continually in our prayers! Blessings, Barb (*for the Israel Isidor Foundation*)

Kairos 60 - Prayer Sign Up in Lobby Wende Correctional Facility June 8-11

Kairos Prison Ministry is a Christian faith based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of those who are incarcerated, by sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Sign-up to pray for our members **Brian Bunny** and **Ron Opferbeck**. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of the inmates and team **Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)** or **Brian Bunny (716-834-0105)**.

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.

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.

the conversation project

Saturday, June 10, 10-12 p.m.

10-11 a.m. Advance Care Planning, ECMC

11 a.m.-12 p.m. Darcy Thiel, MA, LMHC, Help for Healing

This free seminar will take place at First Trinity. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served.

"Your Voice, Your Values; the Conversation Project at ECMC" focuses on the importance of advance care planning for people at any age and any stage of their lives.

Too many people die in a manner they would not choose, so *The Conversation Project* offers people the tools, guidance and resources they need to begin talking with their loved ones, around the kitchen table, about their wishes and preferences. *The Conversation Project* is not about promoting any specific preference for end-of-life care; instead, it seeks to encourage and support people in expressing their end-of-life wishes for care.

David Gettman (gettmand@dyc.edu)

OPUS Meeting

(Older People Up to Something)

Wednesday, June 21, Noon

Pizza Lunch - \$5 Sign up in the Lobby.

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)*.

Preschool 2017-18

Openings in 2- & 4-year old classes.

Debbie Ferrante

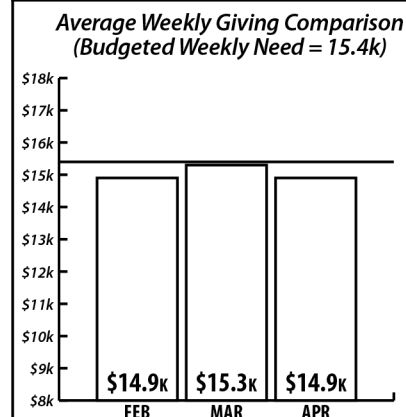
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UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 610

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 186

APRIL BY THE NUMBERS



Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. Malachi 3:10

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



(All data through April 30, 2017)