

Worship Helpers

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

	March 18/19	March 25/26
Altar Guild	Susan DePlato Laura Zimberg	Susan DePlato 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	Martha Miller
Communion	Bob Strassburg	
Prayers	Doreen Griebel	Karen Wert
Projection	Bill Wood	Jim Brese
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Daniel McKeenan	Jack Kaczmarowski
Greeter	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp	Fern Innes Charlene Beno
Ushers	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs Jonah Cross Kevin Cross	Joe Carr Erhard Moosmann Joel Rockensuess Jude Rockensuess
Reader	Anne Miller	Phil Reed
Communion	Lisa Cross Carl Fretthold Jeff Weber Tom Knapp Bekah Freed Jason Christ	
Prayers	Cindy Allsop	Nancy Stuckwisch
Projection	Marlene Carr	Russ Thomas
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
Acolyte	Zach Collins Nick MacVittie	Ethan Lyons Lucas Benton
Greeter	Jim Brese	Jim Brese
Ushers	Derek Pulver Dan Gietz Diane Warner Nikki Warner	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen
Reader	Pam Jones	Pete Bulger
Communion	Tracy Bramwell Pat Canfield Barb Reardon Gordon Tresch Jason Christ	
Prayers	Marsha Peth Anne DiCenso	Marsha Phillips Brian Bunny
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

Sundays, 10-11 a.m. Until April 9

Hebrews *Led by Pastor Chuck on Lower Level.*

The New Testament book of Hebrews is a great contrast between the Old Testament and the New Testament, the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. It shows just how the Old Covenant pointed to Christ and how the New Covenant finds its fulfillment in Him.

The Reformation *Led by Gary Praetzel in the Library.*

At the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, it's a great time to learn about this pivotal event in world history. Who was Martin Luther? How did the Bible and the events of his life shape the reformation of the known Christian faith of his time? Come and explore!

Bible Journaling Basics *Led by Sue Steege on Upper Level.*

Bible journaling is a creative way to meditate on God's Word. This will be a hands on class for trying Bible journaling. You do not have to be an artist! Colors are involved!

Schedules for Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Communion Assistants

Schedules for April-June 2017 have been emailed to those who have an email listed in our database. If you didn't receive your schedule, will you please contact me? Thanks!

Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)

Staff Prayer Partners Requested

Prayer Partners are requested for our staff for April—June. 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).



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of George & Hattie Kolb

By Carl & Deloris Makey



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

March 18/19
2017

Rest Stop on the Journey

Psalm 73:23-28, Philippians 3:7-14, Luke 10:38-42

Our Middle School youth went to Columbus, Ohio for a retreat last weekend. There are lots of traditions associated with the retreat, one of which involves rest stops. On the way home, we always stop at the same two stops, and there's always a race.

I'm not really sure how it started, but it's continued for years. Anyone who wants to participate can run around the rest stop and head for the cars. I'm not sure why it's so exciting but year after year, kids ask if we'll be doing the race around the rest stop again this year.

Rest stops are important on a long journey. Jesus was born and lived for a singular purpose: to save us from our sins. His journey would take Him to a wooden cross in Jerusalem, but first there were many stops along the way. At one, Jesus was visiting His dear friends Mary and Martha, one of whom understood the importance of rest:

And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. Luke 10:39 (ESV)

If your life is anything like mine, it probably feels very busy. We have so many commitments these days it seems. Rest is hard to come by in a crowded schedule. There's always just one more thing to do or place to go. I'm sure Mary experienced the same, yet she chose rest that day with Jesus.

What about you? Jesus is calling you to find your rest in Him. He knows this life is hard because He lived it. He endured the same trials and tribulations that we face and more, dying on a cross He didn't deserve in place of those who did. He knows your anxiety, pain, and despair—and invites you to sit at His feet, listening and resting. So let's join Mary in choosing the "good portion" (vs. 42) and rest at the feet of Jesus.

Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries

An Unsolved Mystery: Living With Life's Unanswered Questions

A filmed interview with Gary McMahan, an eye witness to an actual unsolved killing that occurred on the plains of northeastern Colorado.

"You spend your life out there, and you can explain almost everything that goes on," says McMahan. "I have no idea what happened."

During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their theories about who or what committed the crime.

LIFETREE CAFE
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



Sunbeam Sunday/Preschool Art Show! Next Sunday, March 26

Next weekend our preschoolers will be singing during the 11:15 service.

Preschool families will be joining us in worship.

Afterwards, our annual art show is open to the congregation. Stop by the preschool classrooms to see our beautiful art work.

Come For Worship! Wednesdays During Lent March 22 - Worship Service at 7 p.m.

Services feature personal testimonies to convey the hope Jesus gives.

Patti Plotner will give her testimony this week. Our prayer is that we will see the power Jesus has to change our lives. He heals, restores and cares.

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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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 March 19-26, 2017

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

Sunday 3/19	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:30 p.m. VBS Crew Leader Coaches' Mtg 4:30 p.m. Pickleball	Thursday 3/23	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Prep Gr 8 CONNECT 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Monday 3/20	6 p.m. Youth Advantage Basketball 7 p.m. Lifetree Café	Friday 3/24	Saturday 3/25
Tuesday 3/21	10:30 a.m. Creole Lessons 12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time 7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	Sunday 3/26	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 12:30 p.m. Preschool Art Show 4:30 p.m. Pickleball
Wednesday 3/22	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting Executive Ministry Team 12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff 7 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m. Volleyball		

Interested in Joining First Trinity?

Wednesday, April 26, 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.

Reformation 500 Celebrations

Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m. *New Luther Movie* at Regal Transit Cinemas

Check your mailboxes or the Welcome Center for details about this movie!

Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. *Festive Choral Vespers* at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church

Upcoming Sermons - Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

- March 25/26** Traffic and Tears on the Journey
Ezekiel 18:27-32, Acts 17:22-31, Luke 13:31-35
- April 1/2** The Beginning or the End of the Journey?
Luke 19:11-27
- April 8/9** The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
Luke 19:28-40

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)

Next Saturday of Service (SOS) Mobile Pack Event, March 25

This is a one-day event, held quarterly, to compassionately serve others in Jesus' name. SOS complements our longer mission trip experiences by providing local mission and service opportunities. There is no commitment beyond that one day and no prior experience is needed.

We will be partnering with hundreds of WNY volunteers to work with **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** in a mass meal packing event at Villa Maria College in Cheektowaga. FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization on a mission to feed God's starving children "hungry in body and spirit".

There are two ways to participate:

Event: Join us for the **Mobile Pack Event** on **March 25**. Meet at First Trinity at 5 p.m., and after a quick briefing and devotion we will travel to Villa Maria College for the Event which will occur from 6-8 p.m. This event is open to all ages and is a great family service opportunity (young children will require 1:1 supervision). We will help to pack thousands of specially designed high nutrition meals for distribution around the world. Register at FirstTrinity.com under Coming Events.

Donate: You can also make a donation to support this SOS. Each meal costs approximately \$.22. Donate online at FirstTrinity.com/SOS or mark your check/envelope "SOS" and put in the offering plate. If you have any questions feel free to contact: **Patrick Canfield** (716-695-9845).

Easter Food Baskets

Baskets will be given to needy families in our community and to La Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in the city of Buffalo.

To volunteer to help assemble baskets on **Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m.**, or if you know a family in need, please contact: **Bill Stuckwisch** (westuckwisch@roadrunner.com, 716-625-8177) or the church office.

Thank You From:

Dave Gibson—I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my recent knee replacement surgery. It is so great to have such a wonderful Christian family supporting me during this time.
Carl Makey—I would to thank Pastor and Marsha Peth and all my friends at church for their prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital. Deloris and I also appreciated the help given to Deloris with transportation to and from the hospital. With God's help and good doctors I am home and feeling much better. Thanks for the kindness and encouragement from our First Trinity family.



Join Us for Pickleball!

Sunday, March 19, 4:30 p.m.

Donation—\$2 per person.
In our gym—paddles are supplied or bring your own.
Rich Ferrante (Call or text 716-774-1060)



Easter Plants for the Altar

In Memory of or In Thanksgiving for a Loved One

Order envelopes are in your mailboxes and are available at the Welcome Center.
All plants are 6 1/2 inch pots and cost \$8.50.



Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 26. Plants may be picked up after 11:15 a.m. worship on Easter Sunday.

Faith in the Home Workshop

March 29 or 30, 9-10:30 a.m.

Do you wish you had more quality time with your family? Do you want to help your kids or grandkids connect with Jesus but aren't sure how? Could you use some simple tools to help your family slow down, have fun, and enjoy life a little more?

Join us for a free "Faith in the Home" workshop (*The content is the same both days, we're just offering it twice. Pick which day fits your schedule best!*).

Each family that attends will receive a free "Family Five" kit with some tools to help your family connect more with each other and with Jesus!

Contact **Debbie Ferrante** (716-835-2220) if childcare is needed.

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Register April 1 at FirstTrinity.com

July 17-21, 9-Noon

Participants: Birth to completes Grade 5 in June.

Volunteers: Completes Grade 6 in June to Adult.

VBS is a high energy, child-centered fun learning environment. Students travel with a crew leader to various learning stations as they learn that **God will always love you!**

Songs! Bible Buddies! Videos! Games! Snacks! New Friends!
Tracy Bramwell (716-698-9608, tracybramwell@gmail.com)



Good Friday -

Individual Worship Experience 2-8 pm

Following the regular 12:30 p.m. corporate (*that means all together*) worship service, our church's entire first floor will become a new, individual worship experience. There will be 16 stages depicting the events that Jesus endured on Good Friday. It will be a self-guided, meditative, and interactive worship event that's called, **Journey through Good Friday**.

At each stage there will be things for you to read, see, and do as you contemplate the suffering and sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Come anytime between 2 and 8 p.m. and stay as long or as little as you'd like, but anticipate around 30 minutes.

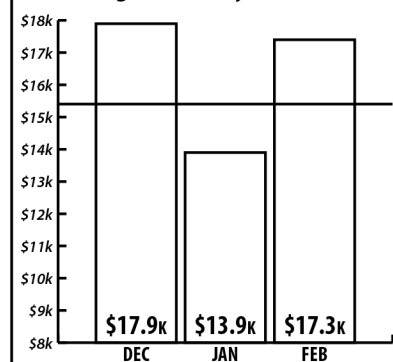
Please take a postcard from the Welcome Center and invite a friend or family member to come with you.

If you'd like to help set up on Thursday, April 13, please add your name to the list at the Sign-Up table in the Lobby.

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: **477** UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: **187**

FEBRUARY BY THE NUMBERS

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



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 February 28, 2017)