

Worship Helpers

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

	March 4/5	March 11/12
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	Martha Miller	Rich Ferrante
Communion	Tony D'Amico	
Prayers	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
Projection	Bill Wood	Charlie Ellis
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Brian Lackie	Peter Cross
Greeter	George Miller Julie Miller	Susan Brenan
Ushers	Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Ray Voit Walt Zimberg Mike Zekas Sue Lichenthal
Reader	Sophie Myers	Jubal Myer
Communion	John Faller Leo Figini Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Sue Steege Jason Christ	
Prayers	Bill Stuckwisch	Ron Opferbeck
Projection	Bill Wood	George Miller
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Ben Trautwein Rebekah Jaenecke	Jared Doebler Matthew Klapp
Greeter	Jim Brese	Jim Brese
Ushers	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie
Reader	Wendy Morris	Gordon Tresch
Communion	Kim Kwietniewski Marty Doster Wendy Morris Jon Whited Bekah Freed	
Prayers	Marsha Peth Jon Whited	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips
Projection	David Phillips	Edu Obot

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. **February 26-April 9**

Classes

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!

Office Administrator Opening

Grace Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls, is seeking a part-time Office Administrator. Qualifications include a warm and positive personality, attention to detail, and proficiency with Microsoft Office. For a position description or more information, please contact pastor@gracenf.org.

Save the Date for Camp Pioneer Golf Benefit

Monday, July 17, Brierwood Country Club, Hamburg

Please note the changes from last year – Monday instead of Friday, July instead of June – and a new golfing venue. More information will be given as details become available. Early bird registration will end on June 1.



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of my Dad
By Jennifer & Harris Bartz



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 Nature of God Explored

Exclusive footage from the movie *The Shack*, will be shown at Lifetree Café, and will be used to spark a conversation about the characteristics of God.

“Recent surveys show that 90 percent of Americans say they believe in God, but there is little consensus on how God interacts with humanity,” says Lifetree Café representative Craig Cable. “We’ll take time to examine different viewpoints people hold and how their views impact their lives.”



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

March 4/5
2017

Preparing for the Journey

Philippians 2:5-8, Mark 1:9-15

Getting ready for a long trip is an involved process. If you're like our family, you probably make a long packing list that includes not only the stuff you need to pack, but also the stuff for entertaining and feeding everyone while in the car, and possibly a list of things that need doing in the house before you leave.

Packed your socks? Cross it off the list. Car ride snacks present and accounted for? Draw a line through it. Took the trash out? Just get in the car already, we're running late! On and on it goes until you finally pull out of the driveway and begin the journey. A couple miles later, you realize something you forgot to put on the list and debate the merits of turning back or pressing on.

Jesus came to earth for a very specific reason. The moment He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, the journey began. There were many steps along the way, but things intensified when He turned 30 and began His public ministry. The road ahead would be long and arduous, and He had to prepare for that journey.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:9-11

Jesus came to be baptized by John, the Spirit descending upon Him, and the Father speaking a blessing on Jesus. Now that's a beginning to the journey! Jesus would later go into the desert to be tempted by Satan for 40 days. Jesus resisted all the temptations Satan could throw at Him, and then He began the journey to Jerusalem, where pain and suffering on the cross waited.

And so begins our own journey with Jesus this Lenten season, as we eagerly celebrate again the culmination of that long journey: the resurrection of Jesus!

Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries

Congregational Meeting Saturday, March 11 – 10 a.m.

Come for coffee and conversation at 9:30!

Child Care will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend.

Informational packets are available by the Welcome Center; please pick up a packet and join us for the meeting.

We would like your input on these topics under consideration:

- Special Offerings (Easter and Christmas)
- The schedule for Christmas Services 2017

Come For Worship! Wednesdays During Lent March 8 - Worship Service at 7 p.m.

Services will feature personal testimonies to convey the hope Jesus gives. 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 5-12, 2017

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

Sunday 3/5	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 4:30 p.m. Pickleball	Thursday 3/9	6:30 p.m. CONNECT 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Monday 3/6	7 p.m. Lifetree Café	Friday 3/10	5 p.m. Scrapbooking
Tuesday 3/7	10:30 a.m. Creole Lessons 12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Meeting 3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time 7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	Saturday 3/11	9 a.m. Men's Basketball 10 a.m. Congregational Meeting 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship 7 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit Life Group
Wednesday 3/8	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting Executive Ministry Team 12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff 6:30 p.m. Loss of Parent/Sibling 7 p.m. Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m. Volleyball	Sunday 3/12	Daylight-Saving Time Begins 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 4:30 p.m. Pickleball



Next Weekend!

Upcoming Sermons

Journey to Jerusalem

- March 4/5 Preparing for the Journey Philippians 2:5-8, Mark 1:9-15
- March 11/12 **Roadblocks on the Journey**
1 Kings 19:19-21, Hebrews 12:1-6, Luke 9:51-62
- March 18/19 **Rest Stop on the Journey**
Psalm 73:23-28, Philippians 3:7-14, Luke 10:38-42
- 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

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

Preschool 2017-18

Enroll now - classes fill quickly!
Openings in 2, 3, & 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. There is a job for everyone so round up your family and your friends for a wonderful day of work, fellowship, and fun.

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".

"You will hear us say this again and again: 'We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed.' We truly mean this. This means reaching the hard-to-reach people and places, the 'least of these.' They will be found, and they will be fed. With God's help we will work together with organizations and ministries across the globe to end hunger." - FMSC

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. The goal for this event is to pack 100,000 meals! Register at FirstTrinity.com under Coming Events. You will be contacted via e-mail to confirm your registration and you will receive any further needed information for the day.

Donate: You can also make a donation to support this SOS. Each meal costs approximately \$.22. If you can help in this way, please make a check out to **First Trinity Lutheran Church** and include the notation: **Feed My Starving Children** on your check. Donations may be placed in the offering plate. You may also donate online at FirstTrinity.com/SOS.

If you have any questions feel free to contact: **Patrick Canfield** (716-695-9845).

Lenten Devotions

Lutheran Hour Ministries Lenten Devotions, *From the Cradle to the Empty Grave*, are available to you and can be read online, heard as a podcast, and received by e-mail at LHM.org/Lent. They are also available at the Welcome Center. We hope these devotions will enrich the Lenten season for you, your family, and friends.

Join Us for Pickleball!

Sunday, March 5, 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)



Reformation 500

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.

Concordia University Chicago (River Forest)

Wind Symphony Concert

At Holy Ghost Lutheran Church
6630 Luther St., Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Come out to see the world renowned Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony deliver a night of music you won't soon forget. The concert will include music conducted by Dr. Richard Fischer – a distinguished Professor of Music and internationally demanded presenter, guest conductor, and clinician.

Horizon Health Services

Tuesday, March 14, 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)

Grief Support Group at First Trinity

TUESDAY, March 14, 7 p.m.

The topic is *Easter Joy Even While Grieving*. Learn how Jesus helped various people with the news of His resurrection from the dead. Ron Opferbeck will lead.
Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)

Sisters In Spirit Meeting (SIS)

Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m.

At Sue Storch's, 6542 Wills Hollow, Lockport 14094

All women are welcome for Bible study, *Our Unrivaled, Uncontested God*, and fellowship—bring a friend!
Sue Storch (716-280-3448)

Interested in Joining First Trinity?

Wednesday, April 26, 6-8:30 p.m.

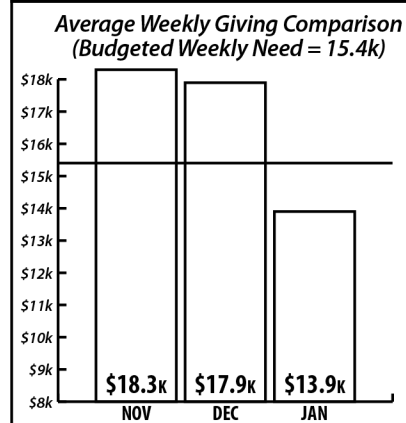
If you have been worshipping with us, and you would like to learn more about our church, or if you think you might be interested in becoming a member, we invite you to consider attending our next **New Member Class**.

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 the night 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.

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 536 UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 196

JANUARY 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 January 31, 2017)