

Worship Helpers

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

May 13/14

Altar Guild.....Linda D'Amico
Karen Wert
Laura Zimberg

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Greeter.....Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers.....Tony D'Amico
Steve Puscheck

Reader.....Bob Strassburg

Prayers.....Bob Strassburg

Communion.....

Projection.....Charlie Ellis

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

Acolyte.....Peter Cross

Greeter.....Paul Gerlach
Darlene Helming

Ushers.....Mike Zekas
Leo Figini
Ray Voit
Sue Lichtenthal

Reader.....Jubal Myer

Prayers.....Ron Opferbeck

Communion.....

Projection.....Marlene Carr

Sunday, 11:15 a.m.

Worship Assistant.....Pat Canfield

Acolyte.....Zach Collins
Nick MacVittie

Greeter.....Paul Gerlach

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

Reader.....Pam Jones

Prayers.....Marsha Peth
Marsha Phillips

Communion.....

Projection.....Bill Wood

May 20/21

Linda D'Amico
Karen Wert
Laura Zimberg

Martha Miller

Tony D'Amico
Randy Wert

Martha Miller

Doreen Griebel

Susan DePlato

Bill Wood

Daniel McKeenan

Ray Voit
Erhard Moosmann
Jonah Cross
Kevin Cross

Phil Reed

Ron Opferbeck

Lisa Cross

Tom Knapp

John Faller

Carl Fretthold

Bekah Freed

Jason Christ

Russ Thomas

Jason Christ

Ethan Lyons

Lucas Benton

Jim Brese

Derek Pulver

Dan Gietz

Diane Warner

Nikki Warner

Pete Bulger

Marsha Phillips

Brian Bunny

Jim Passage

Tracy Bramwell

Barb Reardon

Sue Steege

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. **April 9-May 14**

Cat & Dog Theology, Part 1

Led by Pastor Chuck & Susan Whited in Library

A Man Like No Other *Led by Carolyn Doster, Upper Level East*

Easter *Led by Phil Reed on Upper Level West*

Ruth *Led by Sue Steege on Lower Level*

New Classes Begin - May 21-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? (May 28-June 11)

Led by Ben Cben 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. The last week will be an open forum devoted to Q&A featuring a panel of men and women who are equipped to talk about these questions.

Accepting Applications for Custodian

We are now accepting applications for a part-time custodial position for cleaning the church 18-24 hours per week. Compensation is commensurate with prevailing rates and experience. Benefits are not provided. Complete job description, application and specific task requirements are available from:

Tim Hartnett (thartnett@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220)



Altar Flowers
Presented to the Glory of God
In Loving Memory of Carrie Lynn Bryant
By The Bryant 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 Wrong Right With You? The Surprising Truth About Self-Worth

This program features an exclusive documentary film about a skid-row project that provides makeovers for homeless mothers.

"Many people report feeling less than adequate," says Lifetree representative Craig Cable. "During this program, we'll examine a simple technique that greatly enhances self-worth—and helps people feel better about themselves."



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

May 13/14
2017

Lydia

Proverbs 31:10-31, Acts 16:14-15, Luke 24:44-49

What is one of the first things you ask someone new when you're getting to know them? I can think of five or six common starter questions covering home town, family, hobbies, interests, or where they went to school. I think one of the most common, however, is "Where do you work?"

I know I find myself answering that question regularly when meeting new people. In some ways, it feels like "work" has come to define who we are. Increasingly, people are finding their worth and self-esteem in their jobs instead of in their Creator.

Interestingly, we don't know much about today's *Obscure Character from the Bible*. The book of Acts reveals her job, but also something much deeper:

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. Acts 16:14 (ESV)

For those who know Lydia, the first (or only) fact they could tell you about her is that she is a "seller of purple goods". It's the second descriptor that's more meaningful however: Lydia was a "worshiper of God". Luke would continue with how "the Lord opened her heart" to Paul's message that day and how she and her household were baptized (verse 15).

I suspect that Lydia found her worth not in the selling of purple goods, but in Jesus whom she worshiped. What about you? Are you letting your job (or lack of job) define who you are and ascribe worth and meaning to your life or are you letting God define you? Work is important, valuable, and a gift from God. But let's be careful to never let the gift define us over the giver.

Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries

It Is With Great Joy

that we welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ into the membership of First Trinity Lutheran Church.

Marilyn Alfes

Maggie Bringhurst

Diana Leising & Brian, Jake, Danny

Jody Toth

Eric & Heather Williams

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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Calendar for May 14-21, 2017

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

Sunday 5/14 <i>New Members Received</i>	Thursday 5/18
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	6:30 p.m. Joshua's Men
10 a.m. Education Hour	Friday 5/19
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	Saturday 5/20
Monday 5/15	8 a.m. Spring Clean-Up day Work Team
6 p.m. Youth Advantage Basketball	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
Tuesday 5/16	7 p.m. Saturday Night Light Christian Band
12:30 p.m. Staff Appreciation Lunch	Sunday 5/21
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal Men's Basketball	10 a.m. Education Hour
Wednesday 5/17	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	12:30 p.m. Workcamp Mtg with Parents
12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff	
7 p.m. Grief Support Group Sound Improvement Meeting	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball Corvair Car Club	

Upcoming Sermons - Obscure Characters of the Bible

May 20/21	Melchizedek	Genesis 14:17-24, Hebrews 7:11-22
May 27/28	Naaman	2 Kings 5:1-14, 2 Kings 5:15-27, Matthew 8:1-4

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

Saturday Night Light—An Evening of Christian Music

Saturday, May 20, 7-9:30 p.m. (3rd Saturday of the Month)
All are Welcome at First Trinity Lutheran Church Live Music, Open Mic, Snacks

John Angelucci (716-946-9804, LockportDrumShop@yahoo.com)

the conversation project Saturday, June 10, 10-12 p.m.

10-11 a.m. The Conversation Project & Advance Care Planning, ECMC
11 a.m.-12 p.m. Darcy Thiel, MA, LMHC, Help for Healing

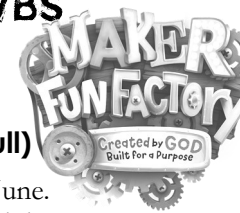
This free seminar will take place at First Trinity. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. "Your Voice, Your Values; the Conversation Project at ECMC" focuses on the importance of advance care planning for people at any age and any stage of their lives.

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)

MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS

July 17-21, 9-Noon
Register Now at FirstTrinity.com



(Sorry - Nursery & Preschool are Full)

Participants: Birth to completes Gr 5 in June.
Volunteers: Completes Gr 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!

Donations Needed

Help us keep our VBS free by taking a colored slip from the Donation Station in the main hallway (across from the mailboxes). You can return your item (with the slip attached) to the cabinet at the station by June 11.

If the item requested is a loan, please make sure your name is on the item. We need food supplies for snacks, craft supplies, decorating items, and things for demonstrations and storytelling. Thank you in advance for supporting this educational program that will reach 300 children.

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

Bible Study: Guardrails

Saturdays, May 20-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.

Kairos 60 Prayer Sign Up

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. Please sign-up to pray for our members **Brian Bunny** and **Ron Opferbeck** who will be working at Wende Correctional Facility June 8-11. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of the inmates and team. The prayer sign-up poster is in the Lobby.

Cookies for Kairos

Packaged cookies are needed for the inmates. The prison does not allow re-sealable packages, raisins, powdered sugar or chocolate liqueur. Please place cookies in the Kairos Bin in the main hallway by June 4.

If you would like to write encouraging notes to the inmates, please contact **Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)** or **Brian Bunny (716-834-0105)**.

Grief Support Group at First Trinity

Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m.

The topic is: *Complex Grief & Trauma?* Speaker is **Michelle Marabella**, an Individual & Group Therapist.
Questions: **Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)**

Sisters In Spirit Meeting (SIS)

Thursday, May 18, 7 p.m.

At Jennifer Tresch's, 260 Argonne Dr, Kenmore 14217
All women are welcome for Bible study and fellowship—bring a friend! All women welcome
Jennifer Tresch (716-875-4620)

It's Spring Clean-up Time!

Saturday, May 20
(rain date Saturday, June 10)



Join us for fun and service while we beautify God's House! Come whenever you can between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., we can use your help even if it's just for an hour. We're hoping young and old will come out because it will be fun to serve with one another! You can choose the job that best fits your abilities, inside or outside, and we'll break for a hot dog lunch. Please sign-up in the Lobby. Thank you.

Concordia New York (Bronxville)

Tour and Chamber Choirs

Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m. (Free Will Offering)
Holy Ghost Lutheran Church 6630 Luther St, Niagara Falls.
This year's tour program is entitled *500th Anniversary of the Reformation - Hymn Festival*. The program will feature primarily hymn-based choral and instrumental music, as well as offer audiences an opportunity to sing some beloved hymns together with horn and organ. The selections featured in the Hymn Festival will include music of Bach, Christiansen, Schalk, Weber, Ferguson, Walker, and Jason Thoms.



Fill up a jar and help send a First Trinity missionary afar.

Our trademark Zanmi means "friend" in Creole - which is the language spoken in Haiti - and it's one of the places in the world we send our First Trinity missionaries. When you take a **plastic jar** and fill it up with coins and cash - you become a vital part of the mission work here at First Trinity.

Plastic jars and the safe for depositing your money are found in the Main hallway in the metal shelving called, "First Trinity Gives." You may also keep a record of your donations and our church will acknowledge them for tax purposes.

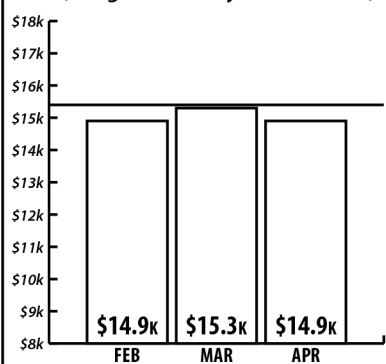
Changing our World is a wonderful way to support mission work here at First Trinity all year long!

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

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 610 **UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 186**

APRIL BY THE NUMBERS

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



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)