

## Worship Helpers

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

	May 6/7	May 13/14
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Linda D'Amico Karen Wert Laura Zimberg	Linda D'Amico Karen Wert Laura Zimberg
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
<b>Reader</b> .....	Martha Miller	Bob Strassburg
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	Bob Strassburg
<b>Communion</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	Charlie Ellis
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Brian Lackie	Peter Cross
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Debbie Knapp Tom Knapp	Paul Gerlach Darlene Helming
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Mike Zekas Dave Shotwell Walter Zimberg Sue Lichtenthal
<b>Reader</b> .....	Jennalise Olson	Jubal Myer
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Dorothy Rothrock	Ron Opferbeck
<b>Communion</b> .....	Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Leo Figini Jeff Weber Bekah Freed Jason Christ	
<b>Projection</b> .....	George Miller	Marlene Carr
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Jared Doebler Matthew Klapp	Zach Collins Nick MacVittie
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Jim Brese	Paul Gerlach
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Paris Adams
<b>Reader</b> .....	Confirmation	Pam Jones
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited	Marsha Peth Marsha Phillips
<b>Communion</b> .....	Jon Whited Marsha Peth Kim Kwietniewski Marty Doster Wendy Morris Pat Canfield Sue, Bekah, Jason	
<b>Projection</b> .....	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*

## Adult Education Classes

Sundays, 10-11 a.m. **April 9-May 14**

### Cat & Dog Theology, Part I

*Led by Pastor Chuck & Susan Whited in 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?

### A Man Like No Other

*Led by Carolyn Doster on Upper Level East*

There have been many good men and women throughout history that people have wanted to emulate. But what if you found out the personal qualities of the greatest person in history? In this concise, 4-week class you'll find out what made the man Jesus so successful and how you can apply his human characteristics to your own life. You'll discover how those same traits will benefit living the faith through your relationships and at work.

### Easter *Led by Phil Reed on Upper Level West*

At Easter we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. That amazing event changes everything! This class will take a "deep dive" into Easter and its meaning for life.

### Ruth *Led by Sue Steege on Lower Level*

The Old Testament book of Ruth is a beautiful love story that has a strong connection to Jesus. Perfectly sized for a four week exploration!



### Altar Flowers

### Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Cindy Innes Olson

By Fern Innes

### Last Week's Altar Flowers

### Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of My Godmother, Diane Wynia

By Bambi Layne



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

May 6/7  
2017

## Mephibosheth

2 Samuel 9:1-8, 2 Samuel 9:9-13, Luke 12:8-12

There's a difference between "thinking" something is true and "knowing" something is true. There have been many instances where I thought I knew what someone was saying or what I was getting, only to find out that I was wrong once I actually spoke with them or received something.

Case in point: When I started taking classes at the seminary several years ago, I **thought** it was going to be faster than expected. I was led to believe I would get credit for some classes because of my years of experience in church work. Eventually, I learned that would not be the case. **Knowing** this information certainly impacted my plans.

How do you really **know** if someone believes in Jesus? We can look at their actions and **think** we may **know**, but sometimes we misinterpret the signs or come to the wrong conclusion. The only sure way to **know** is to hear it direct from the individual.

*"And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. Luke 12:8-9 (ESV)"*

This weekend, we celebrate with 11 young people as they stand to confirm what we **think** about their walk with Jesus: That they do indeed believe in Jesus. Confirmation is the public acknowledgement that these students do believe in Jesus—they are **confirming** their faith in Jesus. Actions are joined with words so that we can **know** what's in their hearts.

Do people know your heart? Your actions reveal your heart in part, but words complete the picture. When you serve others, do they know it flows from your faith in Jesus? Maybe it's time to **confirm** that by looking for opportunities to talk about Jesus in our everyday lives as we serve Him in our homes, schools, workplaces, communities and worlds.

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

### Embracing Change: Taking the Fear Out of What Comes Next

This program examines why change is often difficult for people and features an exclusive screening of the award-winning short film *Baits and Hooks*.

"Whether it's major or minor, change can certainly cause anxiety. During this program we'll unpack why people feel uncomfortable with change and examine how to shift to a more positive perspective," says Lifetree representative Craig Cable.



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

## Congratulations To Our 2017 Confirmands!

We pray that you continue to grow in your faith.

Ana Grace Bellanti  
Lucas Charles Benton  
Jonah James Cross  
Haley Alanna Fabian  
Faith Ann Hackett  
Jack David Kaczmarowski

Ethan Edward Lyons  
Payton Rodney McKissic  
Noah Joel Rockensuess  
Benjamin Charles Trautwein  
Wisken Israel Whited



May the Lord bless you...  
all the days of your life. *Psalm 128:5*

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

**Calendar for May 7-14, 2017**

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

<b>Sunday 5/7</b>	<b>Thursday 5/11</b>
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	6:30 p.m. Crossroads Event Gr 8-12
10 a.m. Education Hour	6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Confirmation	<b>Friday 5/12</b>
4:30 p.m. Pickleball	10:30 a.m. Mother's Day Tea Presch 4 Yr M-F
<b>Monday 5/8</b>	<b>Saturday 5/13</b>
10 a.m. Morning Bible Study	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
6 p.m. Youth Advantage Basketball	11 a.m. Baptism—Cayla Mallory
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
<b>Tuesday 5/9</b>	New Members Received
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	<b>Sunday 5/14</b>
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Horizon Support Group	New Members Received
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	10 a.m. Education Hour
Men's Basketball	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
<b>Wednesday 5/10</b>	New Members Received
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	
Executive Ministry Team	
12 p.m. Lunch with the Staff	
1 p.m. Senior Life Group	
6:30 p.m. Loss of Parent/Sibling Support Grp	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	

**Upcoming Sermons - Obscure Characters of the Bible**

<b>May 13/14</b>	<b>Lydia</b>	Proverbs 31:10-31, Acts 16:14-15, Luke 24:44-49
<b>May 20/21</b>	<b>Melchizedek</b>	Genesis 14:17-24, Hebrews 7:11-22
<b>May 27/28</b>	<b>Naaman</b>	2 Kings 5:1-14, 2 Kings 5:15-27, Matthew 8:1-4

Listen to past sermons at [FirstTrinity.com/Listen](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)

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

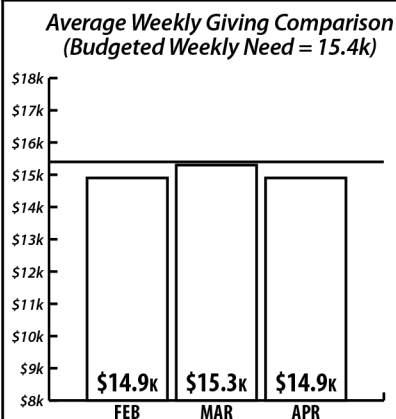
10-11 a.m. The Conversation Project & Advance Care Planning, ECMC  
11 a.m.-12 p.m. Darcy Thiel, MA, LMHC, Help for Healing

This free seminar will take place at First Trinity. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be served. *The Conversation Project*, co-founded by Pulitzer Prize winner Ellen Goodman, is a public engagement campaign with a goal that is both simple and transformative: to make sure that every person's wishes for end-of-life care are expressed and respected.

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](mailto:gettmand@dyc.edu))

**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)

**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)

**MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS**

July 17-21, 9-Noon  
Register Now at [FirstTrinity.com](http://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!

**Tracy Bramwell** (716-698-9608, [tracybramwell@gmail.com](mailto:tracybramwell@gmail.com))

**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.

**St. John Lutheran School**

**Open House - Tuesday, May 9, 6-7:30 p.m.**

(corner of Ward Road & Niagara Falls Blvd, N Tonawanda)  
Why would we choose to send our children to a Christian School? Not only does a school shape a child's *mind*, but one also cannot ignore the impact that a school has on the *heart* of a child. The goal of Christian education is to guide children towards an understanding that God is at the center of *every* pursuit of knowledge. Come to meet the teachers, visit the classrooms, receive an information packet, and ask questions. (716-693-9677, [stjohnnt.com](http://stjohnnt.com))

**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.

**Join Us for Pickleball!**

**Sunday, May 7, 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)

**Monday Morning Bible Study**

**Monday, May 8, 10 a.m.**

Everyone is invited to join us for a viewing of the movie **God's Not Dead**. After he refuses to disavow his faith, a devout Christian student (Shane Harper) must prove the existence of God or else his college philosophy professor (Kevin Sorbo) will fail him. Please join us!

**Horizon Health Services**

**Tuesday, May 9, 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**

**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)

**Niagara Lutheran Guild**

**Kentucky Derby Luncheon & Spring Fundraiser**

**Thursday, May 18, 11:30 a.m.**

**GreenField Manor 5953 Broadway, Lancaster**

Wear your finest hat as we enjoy an afternoon of food, fellowship, and fun.

Parade of Hats \* Table Prizes \* Door Prizes \* Theme Baskets

You must reserve your \$15 ticket in advance, but payment is due at the door.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 8:

**Sally Gollmann** (716-836-1528)

**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.

