

Worship Helpers

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

	Nov 11/12	Nov 18/19
Altar Guild	Laura Zimberg Susan DePlato	Laura Zimberg Susan DePlato
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
Reader	Susan DePlato	Rich Ferrante
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Karen Wert
Communion		Susan DePlato
Projection	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Tyler Pastore	Peter Cross
Greeter	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp
Ushers	Joel Rockensuess Jude Rockensuess David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Mike Zekas Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Joe Carr
Reader	Phil Reed	Fern Innes
Prayers	Nancy Stuckwisch	Ron Opferbeck
Communion		Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold Leo Figini Sue Steege Jason Christ Marlene Carr
Projection	George Miller	
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Zach Collins Nick MacVittie	Paris Adams
Greeter	Paul Gerlach	Jim Brese
Ushers	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Dan Gietz
Reader	Joanne Wood	Mark Bramwell
Prayers	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips
Communion		Marsha Peth Kim Kwietniewski Barb Reardon Marty Doster Jason Christ
Projection	David Phillips	Edu Obot

FT Kids & Youth Sunday School

Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.

Children	Just Us - Adults
Childcare Infants - Age 2 <i>Meets in Upper Preschool 2</i>	With Developmental Disabilities <i>Meets in Gym</i>
Preschool - Ages 3 & 4 <i>Meets in Upper Preschool 3</i>	Youth
Kindergarten - Age 5 <i>Meets in Lower Preschool 4A</i>	Middle School Grades 6 - 8 <i>Meets on Lower Level</i>
FT Kids - Grades 1-5 <i>Meets in Gym</i>	High School Grades 9 - 12 <i>Meets on Lower Level Lounge</i>

Adult Sunday Classes—10 a.m.


November 5—December 10

Covenants in the Bible Led by Pastor Chuck (Lower Level)
What is a covenant and why do they matter? This class will dig into this important idea in the Scriptures. You will learn more about the heart of God towards His people—and towards you!

A Christian Response to Racism Led by Susan Whited (Library)
Why is our country so divided by race? What is the origin of racism? What has fueled it? Most importantly, how do I, as a Christian, respond, and what can I do to change the tide in our culture?

Bad Girls of the Bible Led by Sue Steege (Upper Level)
We'll use some video teaching from Liz Curtis Higgs about the lives of some of the Bible's best-known femmes fatales. From Eve to Jezebel to Delilah, each woman's story and struggles come to life. We'll dig into the Bible, too!

SCRIP Gift Cards for Your Christmas Shopping

A large variety of cards are available on Sundays in the Main Office. 
Orders may also be placed for pick-up on the following weekend. Green order sheets are in your mailboxes, and they are available in the Office. Profits go to the high school and young adult mission trips.

Memorials make a lasting gift in someone's memory.

Altar Flowers 2018 Sign Up

Sign-up area in lobby. \$20 per date chosen may be placed in available envelope and placed in offering.

You may take the flowers after the 11:15 service or pick them up on Monday. *Please leave the green insert in the vase.*



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Memory of Mun Soh MD
By Beth Schmidt



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 online at our 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.

Smile...Even When You Think You Can't

This program will provide proven ways to cope with difficult situations in life. A short film will be shown featuring a wheelchair-bound man who competes in triathlon events.

"It's easy to feel overwhelmed by life's hardships," said Lifetree representative Craig Cable. "This program offers hope and some key skills that help overcome challenges."

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss a problem they're currently facing and brainstorm potential solutions.



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

November 11/12
2017

This is Us: We Give

Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 8:3-9, John 3:16-21

Do you remember the story of the tortoise and the hare? The tortoise— notoriously slow—challenged the quicker hare to a race, which ended in a surprise victory for the tortoise. The slow, methodical plodding of the tortoise overcame the speed (and overconfidence) of the hare.

This fable has been used over the years to teach several principles, but perhaps is best known today for this maxim: Slow and steady wins the race. The hare had more natural talent for racing, but he didn't use it well. The tortoise was diligent and determined, doing what he could and winning the race. Slow and steady wins the race... But maybe there's more to this parable. Maybe the lesson is to use what we have been given, the best it can be used.

God calls us to the best with what we've been given. God is a giver—He gave His only Son, Jesus—and now He wants us to give back to Him. It's not about the amount we give, but the act of giving. Paul writes:

2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord. 2 Corinthians 8:2-3 (ESV)

Paul is elevating the churches of Macedonia as an example to the Corinthian church. The people of this region were not particularly wealthy—in fact verse 2 describes them as being in "extreme poverty"—yet their giving showed a "wealth of generosity on their part." Why? Because they gave according to their means—and some beyond that even!

We don't all have the same earthly blessings—some live in extreme poverty as the Macedonians did while others live with great wealth and everything in between. Regardless, we can all give according to our means, which overflows "in a wealth of generosity" because of God's multiplying power. He takes what we give and grows it exponentially for His purposes. So be givers like our Heavenly Father is a giver, and see what amazing things He does with our meager gifts!

Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)

CARE Team Thanksgiving Baskets

Baskets are given to needy families in our congregation, community, and to La Santa Cruz Church. If you would like to donate towards the baskets, \$25 buys a turkey and \$35 fills a basket. Write **Holiday Food Baskets** on the memo line of your check or on a pew envelope. Donations may be placed in the offering until November 12.

To add the name of someone who would benefit by receiving a basket, contact: **Church Office (716-835-2220, kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)**



Thanksgiving Worship
Thursday, November 23, 10 a.m.



Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.
KFigini@FirstTrinity.com

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Worship Times

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

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Calendar for November 12-19, 2017

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

Sunday 11/12	Thursday 11/16
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel
10 a.m. Education Hour	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Baptism—John Matthew Henry	6:30 p.m. Remix Gr 6-8 CONNECT
4:30 p.m. Pickleball	Joshua's Men
Monday 11/13	Friday 11/17
10 a.m. Monday Bible Study	6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Lifetree Café Vespers Rehearsal	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 11/14	Saturday 11/18
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	10:15 a.m. Preschool 4 Yr M-F Thanksgiving
6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball	6:30 p.m. Pickleball
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Horizon Support Group	7 p.m. Vespers Rehearsal
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	Sunday 11/19
Wednesday 11/15	8 a.m. Work Team
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting Executive Ministry Team Mtg.	9 a.m. Thanksgiving Basket Assembly Men's Basketball
10 a.m. Preschool Chapel	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	7 p.m. Christian Music
7 p.m. Grief Support Group Corvair Car Club	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	10 a.m. Education Hour
	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Upcoming Sermons—This is Us

Nov 4/5	We Worship	Hebrews 10:19-25, Luke 2:25-38
Nov 11/12	We Give	Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 8:3-9, John 3:16-21
Nov 18/19	We Serve	1 Corinthians 10:23-33, Matthew 20:20-28

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

From Pastor Chuck

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, gifts, and yummy treats for my 15th anniversary celebration. I am truly humbled and grateful for all of you!



Preschool Custodian Needed

We are now accepting applications for a part-time custodial position for cleaning the Preschool Rooms 8-12 (flexible) 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)

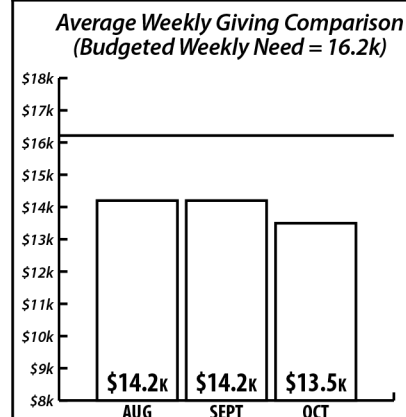
MINISTRY COUNCIL

Jennifer Tresch, Pam Jones,
Sophie Myers, Marlene Carr,
John Faller, Mike VanDerPuy,
Jeff Weber

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 526

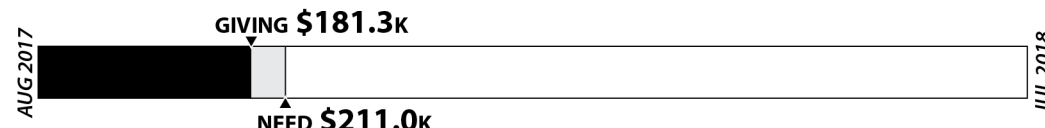
UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 206

OCTOBER 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 (\$844k Budgeted)



Give online at FTGives.com or text "give" to 716-710-8800.

(All data through October 31, 2017)

Christmas Ornaments

First Trinity is purchasing some Christmas Tree Cross ornaments that we are making available to you for a suggested donation of \$5. They make great Christmas gifts for teachers, relatives, friends, coworkers—whoever! Order forms (including a picture of the ornament) are available in mailboxes or at the Welcome Center. Supplies are limited, so don't delay!
Jason Christ (jchrist@FirstTrinity.com, 716-860-5007)

Mission Madness Raised \$17,118.30

Thank You to Chairpersons: Rachel Bissell & Beth Schmidt
Special thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who made Mission Madness run so smoothly, and to all of the people who came out to support us making Mission Madness a success.

Dona Trautwein & Kitchen Team

Karen Wert & Bake Sale Team

Youth/Adult Missionaries

Set-Up Crew

Clean-Up Crew

Life Groups

It is truly a blessing to know we will be able to send missionaries out to spread God's Word.

Kairos 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 December 7-10. 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 December 3.

Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)

Preschool Election Day Bake Sale

Thank you for all who helped make the Bake Sale a huge success by baking goodies, manning the tables or purchasing baked goods. We raised over \$587.63! We will use it to enhance our program.

Want to Support Our Preschool?

Join with the preschool in collecting needed supplies for Buffalo City Mission's Cornerstone Manor to help single moms and their children. Items needed:

- Diapers size 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1 (listed by priority)
- Baby wipes
- Underwear for boys & girls, size 2, 3, 4 T.

Collection Barrel is located on the preschool landing.

Donations collected until Thanksgiving.

2018 God's Creation Calendars - \$10

Sales will benefit our preschool. Forms are in mailboxes or at the Welcome Center. Please place your order and check in Debbie Ferrante's Main Hallway mailbox.

Debbie Ferrante

(dferrante@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220)

Join Us for Pickleball!

Sunday, November 12, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

Donation—\$3 per person.

In our gym—paddles are supplied or bring your own.

Rich Ferrante (Call or text 716-774-1060)



Horizon Health Services

Tuesday, November 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

Wednesday, November 15, 7 p.m.

Grief at the holidays is often intense and difficult. Our speaker, **Jean Hynd**, Clinical Social Worker, will talk on *Preparing for the Holidays*.

Questions: **Ron Opferbeck** (716-812-1695)

Sisters In Spirit Meeting (SIS)

Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m.

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

All women are welcome for Bible Study (Led by Cathi Doeblor, *The Power of Scripture in Difficult Moments*) and fellowship—bring a friend! All women welcome!

Sue Storch (716-280-3448)

GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m.

GriefShare is a 13-week study that includes comfort, answers, and hope. The program provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

GriefShare fliers are available at the Welcome Center.

Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695).

An Evening of Christian Music

Saturday, November 18, 7-9:30 p.m.

All are Welcome at First Trinity Lutheran Church

Live Music, Open Mic, Snacks

John Angelucci (716-946-9804,

LockportDrumShop@yahoo.com)

LuLaRoe Haiti Fundraiser

Saturday, November 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

LuLaRoe is a popular women's, men's and kid's clothing line that is having a Multi-Consultant Small Business Saturday at First Trinity. A portion of all proceeds will be donated and matched by the company.

Stephanie Krentz (smongiolo@aol.com)

Christmas Candlelight Vespers

Sunday, December 3, 4 & 7 p.m. at First Trinity