

## Worship Helpers

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

	<b>Nov 4/5</b>	<b>Nov 11/12</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Laura Zimberg Susan DePlato	Laura Zimberg Susan DePlato
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
<b>Reader</b> .....	Martha Miller	Susan DePlato
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
<b>Communion</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	Charlie Ellis
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Brian Lackie	Tyler Pastore
<b>Greeter</b> .....	George Miller Julie Miller	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Kevin Cross Jonah Cross Joel Rockensuess Jude Rockensuess	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman
<b>Reader</b> .....	Jennalise Olson	Phil Reed
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Cindy Allsop	Ron Opferbeck
<b>Communion</b> .....	Lisa Cross John Faller Joe Allsop Cindy Allsop Bekah Freed Jason Christ	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	George Miller
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Jared Doebler Matthew Klapp	Zach Collins Nick MacVittie
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Dennis Cassidy	Paul Gerlach
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Derek Pulver Diane Warner Nikki Warner Amber Neumann	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen
<b>Reader</b> .....	Pam Jones	Jennifer Tresch
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny
<b>Communion</b> .....	Jon Whited Tracy Bramwell Pat Canfield Wendy Morris Bekah Freed	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Stacy DiCenso	David Phillips

## FT Kids & Youth Sunday School

### Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.

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

### Next 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!

### 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)

### 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 Family & Friends  
By Terri & John Mecca



## 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.

### Triumph Over Trauma: One Woman's Struggle with Anorexia

Features a filmed interview with a victim of anorexia whose eating disorder threatened to end her life.

"The behavior and the addiction are so strong. Breaking that cycle is hell," the woman featured in the film says. "The recovery was harder than anything I've ever had to do, and it meant addressing all the other issues I was facing in my life."

Participants will have the opportunity to share events that have impacted their own lives.



## Sermon Topic

**November 4/5  
2017**

### This is Us: We Worship Hebrews 10:19-25, Luke 2:25-38

Jaime and I love watching *This is Us* together. One of the things I love about the show is their honest look at family systems. The characters and their struggles feel like things I would experience in my own circles. Many of us have lived these same struggles.

A recurring theme throughout the show is a dad's lasting impact on his children. The father/child relationship continues to impact the entire family as the kids try to live in a way that's consistent with what he taught them. They eagerly desire to make him proud, even years after his death.

The Bible describes Christians as a family—brothers and sisters in Jesus—with a Father that loves us unconditionally. What does it look like to live as His kids in our homes, schools, workplaces, communities, and the world? As we start this new sermon series, we're going to see how we reflect the characteristics of our Heavenly Father, and how that relationship changes us from the inside out.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)*

Becoming the "us" that God wants us to be starts with putting Him first in all things. This is us: we worship. God calls us to worship Him with our lives, but also to come together weekly to worship together. But we don't worship God merely because He commanded it—but because it's good for us!

One of the reasons God invites us to worship Him is because it helps us order everything else in our lives correctly. When we worship God regularly—when we put Him first in all things—it changes the way we give, serve, and love others.

Putting God first makes everything else in our life seem more manageable because it's suddenly not us facing challenges alone. Instead, we face them with God at our side.

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)*

### Church Office Closed—Friday, November 10

### 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.

Connect With Us: *Facebook.com/FirstTrinity, @FirstTrinity, @FTMissions*

*Transforming our world, one life at a time, through the power of God's living Word.*

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## Calendar for November 5-12, 2017

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

<b>Sunday 11/5</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship 4:30 p.m. Pickleball	<b>Thursday 11/9</b>	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball 6:30 p.m. Gr 7&8 Confirmation CONNECT 6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday 11/6</b>	7 p.m. Lifetree Café Vespers Rehearsal	<b>Friday 11/10</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b> 5:30 p.m. Scrapbooking/Craft Night Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Pickleball
<b>Tuesday 11/7 Polling Site</b>	12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer 7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	<b>Saturday 11/11</b>	9 a.m. Homebound Visitor Training Men's Basketball 2 p.m. Loomis/Kelly Wedding 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
<b>Wednesday 11/8</b>	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting 1 p.m. Senior Life Group 6:30 p.m. Loss of Parent/Sibling Support Grp For Children 7 p.m. GriefShare 7:30 p.m. Volleyball	<b>Sunday 11/12</b>	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 10 a.m. Education Hour 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship Baptism—John Matthew Henry 4:30 p.m. Pickleball

## 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](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)

## Interested in Joining First Trinity? Sign-up Today!

**Wednesday, January 24, 6-8:30 p.m.**

If you have been worshiping 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](http://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.

### MINISTRY COUNCIL

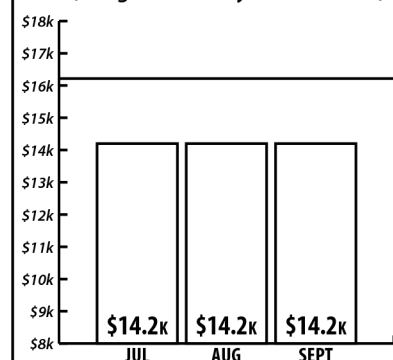
Jennifer Tresch, Pam Jones,  
Sophie Myers, Marlene Carr,  
John Faller, Mike VanDerPuy,  
Jeff Weber

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 495

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 223

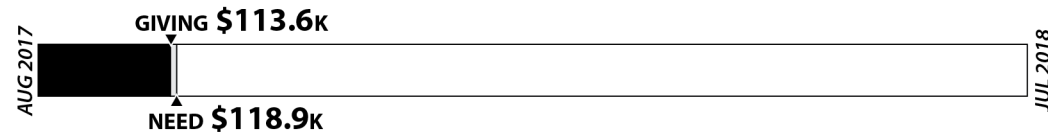
### SEPTEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison  
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 16.2k)



*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](http://FTGives.com) or text "give" to 716-710-8800.

(All data through September 30, 2017)

## Mission Madness Raised \$17,118.30

Thank You to our 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.



### 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!

### From Randy Wert

Thank you for all the prayers and cards that I received for my recent surgery.

### From The Wert Family

Thank you to our First Trinity Family for all of your calls, prayers, cards and meals with the passing of Kaden Wert our son, grandson, and nephew. Muchly Appreciated.

### From David & Jackie Foster

Thank you so much for the outreaching kindness and gift that was given to Jackie and me since coming to First Trinity! First Trinity exemplifies the true meaning of Christian Fellowship and reflection of Christ's love!

### 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.

### Preschool Election Day Bake Sale Tuesday, November 7

Please support the preschool by bringing in a baked good or signing up to man a table for one hour. Baked goods can be dropped off in the church workroom. Notices are in your mailbox or at the Welcome Center. Proceeds will help to purchase classroom equipment.

*Debbie Ferrante*

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

## Join Us for Pickleball!

**Sunday, November 5, 4:30 p.m.**

Donation—\$3 per person.

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

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



## GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

**Wednesday, November 8, 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.

We invite you to attend the **Grief Support Group** on November 15 and there will be no session on November 22.

*Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695).*

## Honor Our Military Personnel

**November 12, Veterans' Day Slide Show**

If you or your family members are in the military or a veteran, we would love to have a picture, in uniform. Please let us know the name, branch of service and years served.

Deadline for pictures is November 5.

Email pictures to *Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)*

or we can scan a picture in the office.



## 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 Doebler, *The Power of Scripture in Difficult Moments*) and fellowship—bring a friend! All women welcome!

*Sue Storch (716-280-3448)*

## 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.