

Worship Helpers

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

	Sept 30/Oct 1	Oct 7/8
Altar Guild	Laura Zimberg Linda D'Amico Karen Wert	Laura Zimberg Linda D'Amico Karen Wert
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers	Tony D'Amico	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
Reader	Bob Strassburg	Martha Miller
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Karen Wert
Communion	Susan DePlato	
Projection	Jason Christ	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Jack Kaczmarowski	Jamie Mattheus
Greeter	Julie Miller George Miller	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan
Ushers	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Walter Zimberg Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright Sam/Sammy Gugliuzza
Reader	Fern Innes	Fran Dawe
Prayers	Dorothy Rothrock	Dorothy Rothrock
Communion	Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold Leo Figini Bekah Freed Jason Christ	
Projection	Marlene Carr	George Miller
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Zoey Schoenfeldt	Ana Bellanti Mara Tysick
Greeter	Dennis Cassidy	Paul Gerlach
Ushers	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Dan Gietz
Reader	Jennifer Tresch	Mark Bramwell
Prayers	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited	Brian Bunny Marsha Peth
Communion	Tracy Bramwell Pat Canfield Marsha Peth Wendy Morris Jason Christ	
Projection	Bill Wood	Stacy DiCenso

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>

All-Church Study:

The Miracle of Mercy By Rick Warren

It's not too late to join our All-Church Study. Even if you can only make one session, we'd love to have you!

Classes offered:

Saturdays	4:15 p.m.	Ends October 21
Sundays	10 a.m.	Ends October 22
Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.	Ends October 24

Cancer Companions First Meeting

Salem Lutheran Church

10 McClellan Circle, Buffalo, NY 14220

Wednesday, October 11, 2 p.m.

Cancer Companions (cancer-companions.org) is a Christian support group reaching out to those in treatment, post-treatment and/or their loved ones. The support group will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month and is free to all participants. For more information or to register, call **Salem Church (716-824-2787)**

Schedules for Ushers, Greeters, Readers, Communion Assistants, and Prayer Partners

Schedules for October-December have been emailed to those who have an email listed in our database. If you didn't receive your schedule, will you please contact me with your new email address or check your spam folder? Thanks!
Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)

Is there anyone in your life you could share the enclosed monthly Lifetree Café flier with?



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of my Dear Husband Bill
By Susie Stenson



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.

Making Life's Toughest Decisions: Dealing With Dilemmas

Features a screening of the award-winning short film *The Last Race*, the story of a family forced to decide whether to donate the organs of a loved one.

"Some decisions simply don't have easy solutions," says Lifetree Café national director Craig Cable. "We'll take a close look at these dilemmas and explore the different processes by which people finally make tough decisions."



**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

Mercy Forgives!

Isaiah 55:6-11, Ephesians 4:29-32, Matthew 6:7-14

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When you think about someone who has wronged you, what comes to mind? Do you recall how you felt in that moment? Maybe you still feel that way today even. You may or may not remember the specifics of your encounter, but feelings have a way of taking root and lasting far longer.

When you've been wronged, it's difficult to forgive. The bigger the hurt, the harder the forgiveness in many cases. Many of us hold onto the hurt and refuse to forgive until the other person shows some sort of remorse or sorrow over their actions. After all, forgiveness is our response to someone else's first step.

Well, sort of anyway... Forgiveness is indeed a response, but not in the way we commonly think. If we wait to forgive until the other person is ready, we end up only hurting ourselves. Instead, think of forgiveness as a response to what we have received from Jesus:

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32 (NLT)

Mercy forgives. God, in His ultimate mercy toward us, forgave us through Jesus. He didn't wait for us to make it right or to beg for it, He simply offered it as a gift in Christ. In Christ, we can believe and accept that gift of forgiveness, or we can continue to live without it.

God's mercy has repercussions not just for us, but for those who hurt us as well. He is calling you to be merciful in the same way to others now. When someone wrongs us, we are to forgive them, just as Christ forgave us. Our forgiveness of others is a joyful response to God's forgiveness for us in Jesus.

So who do you need to forgive today? What hurt are you still holding on to? Who are you waiting on to show remorse? Don't wait any longer—you're only hurting yourself. Forgive them, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)

First Trinity Women's Retreat

Living Life Together

October 20-22 Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center

(LCLCenter.org) Bemus Point, NY

All women, 18 years and older, are welcome!

We will be taking a look at the Scriptures together, helping us to pursue relationships that are rooted in rest, grace and reconciliation. Program begins Sat, October 21 at 9:15 a.m. Come for all or part of the weekend. Friday night we share appetizers and chit chat. Worship and brunch on Sunday.

- Come for part or all of the retreat.
 - Time for exercise, napping, reading, knitting, chatting, or whatever.
 - Massage and spa treatments are available for an extra cost.
- Sue Steege (716-440-5025 [talk or text], ssteege@FirstTrinity.com)**

Register: FirstTrinity.com/womens-retreat

Church Office Closed—Monday, October 9

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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Jeff Weber

Calendar for October 1-8, 2017

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

Sunday 10/1	Thursday 10/5
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	6:30 p.m. Confirmation
10 a.m. Education Hour	CONNECT
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	GQ Life Grp
Monday 10/2	Tysick Life Grp
6 p.m. Youth Advantage BBall	6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 10/3	Friday 10/6
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	Saturday 10/7
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
All-Church Study	11 a.m. Funeral
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	12:45 p.m. FACES
Men's BBall	4:15 p.m. All-Church Study
Wednesday 10/4	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	Sunday 10/8
Servants of Christ Life Grp	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	10 a.m. Education Hour
7 p.m. Grief Share	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	

THE MIRACLE OF MERCY

Upcoming Sermons

Oct 7/8	How Much You Matter to God Isaiah 53:3-7, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke 15:11-20
Oct 14/15	Your Ministry of Mercy Isaiah 58:5-12, Ephesians 2:1-6, Luke 1:40-45
Oct 21/22	Being an Agent of Mercy Lamentations 3:19-25, Galatians 6:1-5, Luke 6:27-38

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

First Trinity Has a Gift for You!

We are excited to share that First Trinity now has access to an extensive, new video library called **RightNow Media!** It's like the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" and has a HUGE library of faith-based videos that you can access whenever and wherever you want—on your phone, iPad, computer, or at home on your TV. There are over 20,000 titles, including 2,500 titles for kids.

If we have your email address, you should have received an email from **RightNow Media** sometime before today. Just click on the link and sign-up for an account and boom--you'll have access to those videos on your iPhone or Android phone, tablet, Roku, computer or Apple TV. And it is FREE to you! We hope you enjoy this tool. By the way—it is not limited to members of First Trinity. We can share with our friends, as well!

We are so thrilled to be helping God's Word get out into the world—in homes, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. Questions? Didn't get the invitation?

Contact **Sue Steege** (ssteege@firsttrinity.com or 716-440-5025, talk or text).

9th Annual Theme Basket Party!

Saturday, October 28, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Basket Auction, Lunch & Bake Sale

Check out the display in the Main Hallway for theme basket suggestions. You do not need to wrap your basket, just bring the new items in an open basket or bag and we'll do the rest.

Money donations or gift cards are appreciated, and we will make up a basket for you! Thank you for being part of our **only fundraiser event** that supports First Trinity missionaries as they serve others in Jesus' name.

Sue Steege (ssteege@FirstTrinity.com, 716-440-5025)

Chili—Please consider making your favorite recipe. Sign-up in the Main Hallway. We can accept donations early and will store it in the big kitchen freezer. Having chili in a plastic freezer bag labeled Mission Madness is helpful. **Dona Trautwein** (dtrautwein@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220)

Bake Sale donations are always welcome. Sign-up in Main Hallway. **Karen Wert** (RKserv@verizon.net, 716-876-4316)

How To Get News From First Trinity

Sign up to receive First Trinity's email updates including notices of events, funerals, and prayer requests. **Register online at FirstTrinity.com**. Scroll to the bottom to find "Register for Email Updates". If you change your email, you need to Register again with your new email address.

If you do not have email and would like to get news from First Trinity, please contact **Marsha Peth** (716-691-5799) to be linked with someone who will call you.

Baked Goods for Coffee Hour

We appreciate store bought or homemade! If you would be willing to buy or bake a goodie for Coffee Hour on Sundays, please sign up in the Lobby. Thank you for your help!

Preschool Request!

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

Project Connect Booklets

Project Connect Booklets are distributed by **Lutheran Hour Ministries**, and are on our display rack by the Welcome Center. These booklets cover a wide variety of topics and are also available to you at lhm.org/projectconnect. You are welcome to use Project Connect and we trust it will be helpful for you and your family and friends.

Reformation Sunday Vespers Service

Sunday October 29, 3 p.m.

Vespers service with light reception following.
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 875 Eggert Dr, N. Ton 14120

GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

Wednesday, October 4, 7 p.m.

GriefShare is a 13-week study. The content includes comfort, answers, and hope. Provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. **GriefShare** fliers available at the Welcome Center.

To reserve your place, call **Ron Opferbeck** (716-812-1695).

Horizon Health Services

Tuesday, October 10, 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)

Join Us for Pickleball!

Friday, October 13 & 20, 6:30 p.m.

Donation—\$2 per person.

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

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



Joining Jesus on His Mission as a Homebound Visitor

Would you enjoy spending a little time each month visiting someone who can't come to church? Would your children enjoy a visit to one of our homebound members? Has God given you these gifts: a loving and kind spirit, a desire to encourage older adults?

You can be a Homebound Visitor!

Attend two Homebound Visitor training sessions:

Session 1- Saturday, **October 14**, 9-11:30 a.m.

Session 2- Saturday, **November 11**, 9-11:30 a.m.

Marsha Peth (716-691-5799, mpeth@FirstTrinity.com)

OPUS Meeting

(Older People Up to Something)

Wednesday, October 18, Noon

Subs, Wraps & Cookies - \$5

Sign up in the Lobby. Pay on Oct. 18.

Sue Steege will speak about The Reformation.

Questions? **Erhard Moosmann** (716-688-6854)



Renaissance Feast & Luther Talks

Saturday, October 21, 1 p.m.— Dinner at 5:30

St. Matthew Luth Church, 875 Eggert Dr, N Ton 14120

Dr. Daniel Zager of the Eastman School of Music (Rochester) will present: "Luther Sets the Tone: Luther on Liturgy and Music". He will emphasize how Luther's presuppositions and work paved the way for a distinctive Lutheran church music through the centuries, up to and including our own day.

Other presentations will be followed by a dinner featuring foods that would have been familiar to Luther and his contemporaries. Entertainment will include the Recorder Consort of the Society for Creative Anachronism, Injest performer Nels Ross, and a special appearance by Dr. Martin Luther himself.

Reserve \$30 tickets by Oct. 7; no tickets available at the door.

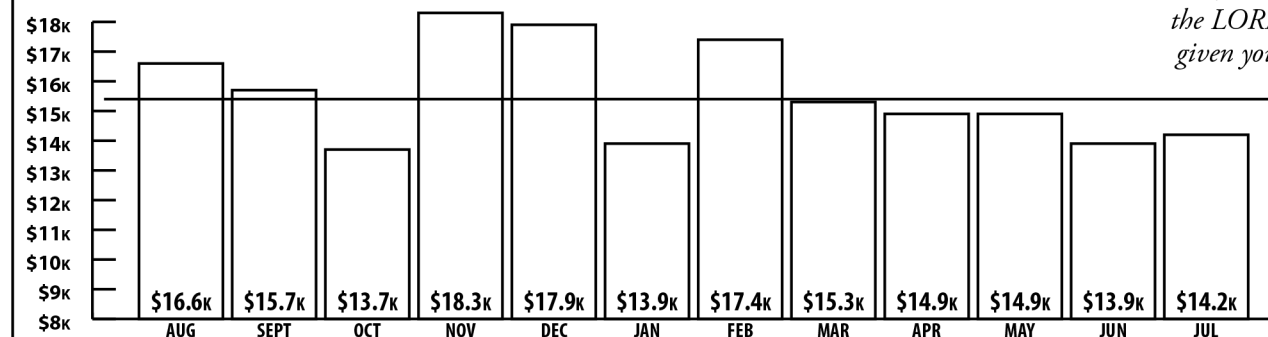
Dave Werth (716-731-7183, djwerth@roadrunner.com)

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 979

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 321

FISCAL 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison (Needed Weekly Average = 15.4k)



Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17

\$800,000
Budgeted Giving

\$806,145
Actual Giving