

Worship Helpers

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

	Oct 21/22	Oct 28/29
Altar Guild	Laura Zimberg Linda D'Amico Karen Wert	Laura Zimberg Linda D'Amico Karen Wert
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
Reader	Rich Ferrante	Bob Strassburg
Prayers	Karen Wert	
Projection	Jim Brese	Jason Christ
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Jaime Mattheus	Eli Schiferle
Greeter	Fern Innes Charlene Beno	Darlene Helming
Ushers	Joel Rockensuess Noah Rockensuess Kevin Cross Peter Cross Abbie Morehouse	Mike Zekas Sue Lichtenthal Dave Shotwell Leo Figini Adam Kaczmarowski Cindy Allsop
Reader	Jubal Myer	
Prayers	Nancy Stuckwisch	
Projection	George Miller	Marlene Carr
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Mara Tysick	Lauren Ratajczak Rebekah Jaenecke
Greeter	Dennis Cassidy	Jim Brese
Ushers	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Dan Gietz Gordon Tresch
Reader	David Fabian	
Prayers	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny	
Projection	Bill Wood	Bill Wood

**Thank you to our
devoted weekly
worship helpers!**

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

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

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>

Education Hour October 29—All Ages—10 a.m. No Other Classes

Marty's Party Celebrating Reformation (Gym)

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!

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!



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



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Memory of Our Parents
By Jim & Susan Brese



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

**October 21/22
2017**

Being an Agent of Mercy

Lamentations 3:19-25, Galatians 6:1-5, Luke 6:27-38

Some burdens are better shared. There have been plenty of times in my life when I could do something by myself, but asking for help would make it easier or faster. Imagine something as simple as rearranging your living room furniture. You can probably do it yourself, but an extra set of hands makes it go faster and could save you some back pain in the morning.

As we wrap up our all-church study on *The Miracle of Mercy*, we're reminded about the importance of sharing burdens:

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (NLT)

Mercy is coming alongside those who are hurting and sharing their burden. In this way, we are God's agents—working on His behalf—to extend mercy to others. In fact, we are fulfilling the law of Christ—loving God and others—through these acts of mercy. No Christian is exempt from this call. We are all agents of mercy, but sometimes our sinful selves resist the opportunity to show mercy. We use excuses like, "Someone else will do it.", "I don't have time right now.", or "That's not really my responsibility."

Our excuses are rooted in selfishness. We consider ourselves more important than the one needing mercy, so we choose not to act. The New Living Translation has a harsh word for that mentality:

If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important. Galatians 6:3 (NLT)

Jesus was certainly too important to show mercy to us, yet that is exactly what He did. If the Son of God was willing to die to show us mercy, what are we willing to do? You are an agent of God's mercy. So go. Be an agent of mercy wherever God has planted you: in your home, school, workplace, community, or maybe even the world. People are hurting all around us. Let's answer the call, and so obey the law of Christ.

Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)

The Black and White Truth About Racism: Will We Ever Live in a Colorblind World?

An exclusive interview with author Daryl Davis, the Black Man who infiltrated the KKK. "I wanted to question those people who wanted to hurt me, or hang me," Davis says. "I needed to get direct answers about why they could hate me when they didn't even know me."

Participants will have time to discuss their own experiences with prejudice or racism.



**This Monday night
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Here in our beautiful, cafe-like
lower level. Free snacks &
beverages - hope you'll join us!

9th Annual Theme Basket Party! Mission Madness

Saturday, October 28, Ticket Sales 11-1:30 p.m. Drawing at 2 p.m.

This is our one big fundraising event for short term mission trips. There will be over 150 baskets worth at least \$50, plus some big ticket items including:

- * Hockey Tickets
- * Grill
- * Apple TV
- * Bucket of Cash
- * Snow Blower
- * 6 One-Hour Massages

Basket Tickets \$5 (1 sheet) or \$20 (5 sheets)

Big Ticket Items \$5 (1 ticket) or \$20 (5 tickets)

- **Lunch:** chili, hot dogs, turkey wraps, nachos, yogurt, and beverages.
- **Bake Sale:** baked goods from many in our church family.
- **Meet our missionaries.**

Now is the time to bring in your Mission Madness items or completed baskets. During office hours, they can be left in the main office. All items will be stored in a secure location.

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

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Calendar for October 22-29, 2017

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

Sunday 10/22	Thursday 10/26
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball
10 a.m. Education Hour	6:30 p.m. Gr 7&8 Confirmation
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	CONNECT
Baptisms—Reagan Tomeny	GQ Life Grp
12:30 p.m. Baptisms—James Ayers, Ellia Schilling, GiGi Schilling, Rosa Bui, Gerald Manley	Tysick Life Grp
	6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Monday 10/23	Friday 10/27
10 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study	6 p.m. Mission Madness Set-Up
4:30 p.m. Vesper Committee Meeting	
6 p.m. Youth Advantage Bball	Saturday 10/28
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	11 a.m. 9th Annual Mission Madness
Vespers Rehearsal	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
Tuesday 10/24	Sunday 10/29
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	Reformation 500 Celebration
6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	10 a.m. Marty's Party
All-Church Study	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	
Wednesday 10/25	
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	
Executive Ministry Team Mtg	
1 p.m. Senior Life Group	
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Mtg	
7 p.m. GriefShare	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	

Upcoming Sermon

Oct 28/29 **500th Anniversary Reformation**

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

Fill up a jar - help send a First Trinity missionary afar!



Changing our World

Our trademark Zanmi's name 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 at First Trinity all year long!**

MINISTRY COUNCIL

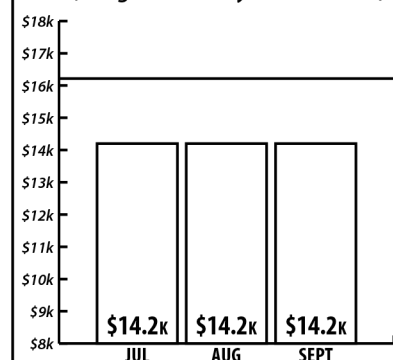
Jennifer Tresch, Pam Jones, Sophie Myers, Marlene Carr, John Faller, Mike VanDerPuy, Jeff Weber

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 495

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 223

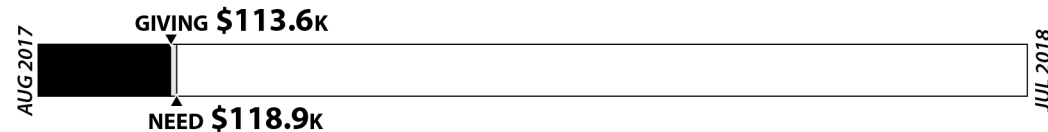
SEPTEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

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 or text "give" to 716-710-8800.

(All data through September 30, 2017)

Celebrating God's Gift of Pastor Chuck!

Fifteen years ago God brought Rev. Dr. Charles E. Whited Jr. to First Trinity Lutheran Church. What a blessing he has been to us all! We thank God for Pastor Chuck and for all God has done in and through him!

We are celebrating Pastor's 15th Anniversary at First Trinity this weekend during the coffee hours after each worship service. We are also celebrating with fifteen days of Pastor. Please join in the fun by showering Pastor with prayers, cards and gifts.

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)

Support Disabled American Veterans in Our Area



We are seeking your assistance to help our local homeless and needy veterans. The vets and their families are in need of new underwear, small household items, easily prepared meals, and canned goods.

Thanks for your help! Collection bin is in the Main Hallway.

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.

Christmas Eve/Day Schedule

We are thankful for your feedback at the Congregational Meeting in March. We're excited to share our decision based on that feedback.

Saturday, December 23
No Worship Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Sunday, December 24
10 a.m. & 7 p.m. Traditional
5 p.m. Contemporary

Christmas Day Monday, December 25 10 a.m.
Worship with The Lord's Supper & The Little Orchestra



Christmas Candlelight Vespers

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

Rehearsals Begin at First Trinity—October 23
Mondays, 7-9 p.m. (until November 27)

If you enjoy singing with a large choir and good fellowship as we practice and perform, please join us!

David Werth (djwerth@roadrunner.com, 716-276-8263)

GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

Wednesday, October 25, 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)**.

National Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FT member, **Dr. David Gettman**, has made us aware that the closest drop-off stations to First Trinity are Millard Fillmore Suburban and DeGraff. This is a great opportunity for those who have accumulated unwanted, unused drugs, syringes and needles to safely dispose of them. Everything collected will be incinerated thereby preventing diversion and environmental contamination, and increasing patient safety.

David Gettman (gettmand@dyc.edu)

Reformation Sunday Vespers Service

Sunday October 29, 3 p.m.

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

Give Thanks to God For Loved Ones

All Saints Service November 4/5, 2017

If you have a loved one who has passed away since January 2016 and you would like them remembered at our next **All Saints Service** on November 4/5, please email a photo (or give us one to scan) with name and date of death to **Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)**.

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 October 31.

Email pictures to **Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)** or we can scan a picture in the office.

