

## Worship Helpers

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

|                            | September 2/3   | September 9/10   |
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| Altar Guild.....           | Laura Zimberg   | Laura Zimberg  |
| <b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b> |   |  |
| Greeter.....               | Evelyn Schleidt   | Martha Miller  |
| Ushers.....                | Tony D'Amico<br>Steve Puscheck  | Tony D'Amico<br>Steve Puscheck                                 |
| Reader.....                | Bob Strassburg  | Martha Miller  |
| Prayers.....               | Bob Strassburg  | Karen Wert   |
| Communion.....             | Tony D'Amico  |  |
| Projection.....            | Bill Wood   | Charlie Ellis  |
| <b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>   |   |  |
| Acolyte.....               | Brian Lackie  | Jude Rockensuess   |
| Greeter.....               | Susan Brenan  | Paul Gerlach<br>Fern Innes                                     |
| Ushers.....                | Mike Zekas<br>Dave Shotwell<br>Joe Carr<br>Sue Lichtenthal                              | Walter Zimberg<br>Joe Carr<br>Gerry Schrembs<br>Ginny Schrembs |
| Reader.....                | Anne Miller   | Cindy Allsop   |
| Prayers.....               | Dorothy Rothrock  | Nancy Stuckwisch   |
| Communion.....             | Jeff Weber<br>Tom Knapp<br>Wendy Binkley<br>Paul Gerlach<br>Bekah Freed<br>Jason Christ |  |
| Projection.....            | Marlene Carr  | Marlene Carr   |
| <b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>  |   |  |
| Worship Assistant.....     | Jason Christ  | Sue Steege   |
| Acolyte.....               | Zach Collins<br>Nick MacVittie  | Ethan Lyons<br>Lucas Benton                                    |
| Greeter.....               | Jim Brese   | Paul Gerlach   |
| Ushers.....                | Derek Pulver<br>Diane Warner<br>Nikki Warner  | Frank Kraemer<br>Paris Adams<br>Abby Pedersen<br>Judy Pedersen |
| Reader.....                | Joanne Wood   | Wendy Morris   |
| Prayers.....               | Anne DiCenso<br>Jon Whited  | Marsha Phillips<br>Marsha Peth                                 |
| Communion.....             | Pat Canfield<br>Marsha Peth<br>Kim Kwietniewski<br>Wendy Morris<br>Bekah Freed          |  |
| Projection.....            | Bill Wood   | Stacy DiCenso  |

## FT Kids & Youth Sunday School Starts September 10

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

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

### One-Time Adult Education Class Sunday, September 10, 10 a.m. How Can I Be Jesus' Hands and Feet in a Practical, Real-life Way?

A special one-time class led by **Cathi Brese Doebler**, a trainer for the Center for Creative Leadership, a global provider of leadership development. This class will look at natural, practical ways that you can live out your faith in your everyday life. We'll look at the Bible, talk with each other and come away with doable action items for our real life. This class will meet on the Lower Level and will be interactive and fun!

### 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](mailto:thartnett@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)

### Portals of Prayer—Daily Devotions

*Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions featuring a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format. It can be picked up near the Welcome Center. If you know someone who would be blessed by a copy, please take an extra one to share.



### Altar Flowers

### Presented to the Glory of God

In Thanksgiving for Karin McGowan & Lori Hamlin for their Five Years of Service  
By First Trinity Preschool



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.



**Lifetree Café**  
will resume on  
**September 11.**

### Sermon Topic

## Joining Jesus on His Mission In My World

Isaiah 8:1-8, 1 Peter 3:13-17, Matthew 5:13-16

**September 2/3  
2017**

**W**hen there's not a ton of traffic, I actually enjoy driving into a major city. As you get close, you start to see the skyscrapers peaking above the horizon, which then begin to tower over you the closer you get. While it's possible to "hide" them behind trees or hills when you're far away, the closer you get, the more difficult it is to keep them from view.

Did you know that God describes you as a city on a hill?

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Matthew 5:14-15*

God is not calling you to be anonymous, but synonymous. In other words, when you live as a Christian, He's generally not calling us to be one in secret (anonymous), but to boldly show our connection with Him (synonymous). We are to be synonymous with His name.

The city on the hill stands as a beacon for all to see, shining into the darkness, commanding the attention of all in the region as they approach it. The city was designed to be seen by others. It was designed to stand out. In Christ, you are that city on the hill!

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

You are not a city on a hill for your glory, but for God's. When you are practicing synonymous living, you aren't hiding your identity; you are pointing to another. You may give or help others anonymously, but the act should always be synonymous with God. After all, it's not really you that is giving or serving, but God working through you for His glory.

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

### All-Church Study: Starting September 16-17 The Miracle of Mercy By Rick Warren

We are going to take **six weeks** as a congregation to see what mercy really looks like! Did you know that mercy is God's number one characteristic in the Bible? The world portrays God as a God of anger and judgment. But God shows Himself first and foremost as a God of mercy.

If mercy is God's number one characteristic that He reveals to us in the Bible—then it must be the most important thing for us to learn about Him. And it must also be the most important character trait that God wants to develop in us.

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| Classes offered: Saturdays | 4:15 p.m. | Starting September 16         |
| Sundays                    | 10 a.m.   | Starting September 17         |
| Tuesdays                   | 6:30 p.m. | Starting September 19         |
| In Life Groups             |           | Starting week of September 17 |

You can sign-up online at [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com) or in the lobby. You can also pick up a book in the lobby for a suggested donation of \$10.

**Church Office Closed Monday, September 4**

### 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 September 3-10, 2017

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

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| <b>Sunday 9/3</b>  | <b>Thursday 9/7</b>                          |
| 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship                            | <b>Friday 9/8</b>                            |
| 10 a.m. Education Hour                                   | 5 p.m. Scrapbooking/Craft Night              |
| 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship                          | <b>Saturday 9/9</b>                          |
| 12:30 p.m. Baptisms Gianna Grisanti and Carmella Crowley | 9 a.m. All-Church Study Host/Leader Training |
| <b>Monday 9/4</b>  | Men's Basketball                             |
| Labor Day—Church Office Closed                           | 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship                |
| <b>Tuesday 9/5</b>                                       | <b>Sunday 9/10</b>                           |
| 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting                                 | 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship                |
| 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer                           | 10 a.m. Education Hour                       |
| 7 p.m. Band Rehearsal                                    | 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship              |
| Men's Basketball   | Baptism Keegan Edward Orlando                |
| <b>Wednesday 9/6</b>                                     | 12:30 p.m. 2018 Haiti Mission Team Info Mtg  |
| 9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting                             |  |
| Servants of Christ Life Group                            |  |
| 12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff                             |  |
| 6 p.m. Aesthetics Committee                              |  |
| 6:30 p.m. Preschool Parents Orientation                  |  |
| 7 p.m. Grief Share                                       |  |
| 7:30 p.m. Volleyball                                     |  |

## Upcoming Sermon

**Sept 9/10** **Joining Jesus on His Mission In Nepal**  
Isaiah 30:18-22, Romans 6:3-11, Matthew 16:13-19

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



## Wrestling With the Devil—Lex Luger

**September 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**  
Renewal Church, 530 Meadow Dr, N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

The true story of a world champion professional wrestler—his reign, ruin, and redemption.  
For more information: [David Wetzel \(716-510-6191\)](mailto:DavidWetzel@FirstTrinity.com)

## Military Ministry

Please help me serve our military members by providing me with updated names and addresses for any military member or family member to whom I might be able to provide support and encouragement. I have increasingly had cards and prayer books returned to me as our servicemen have been reassigned and I have no forwarding address. You may put names and addresses of anyone you would like me to send cards/care packages to in my church mailbox ([Mary Ann Gettman](mailto:MaryAnnGettman@FirstTrinity.com)) or [maharhigetman@roadrunner.com](mailto:maharhigetman@roadrunner.com).

## Mission Madness Is Coming SOON!

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

This is our once a year fundraiser for sending missionaries out to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Last year we raised over \$14,000 between baskets, lunch, and bake sale. This couldn't be done without your generous donations.

Please consider donating a basket with a retail value of \$50 (what it's worth- not what you spend), gift card/gift certificate in any amount. We are also in need of large ticket items (value \$200 or more), a great way for a whole life group to chip in. If making a basket isn't your thing, we will take your items and make the basket for you, or make a monetary donation and we'll shop for you too!

An Idea Board is up at the Collection Center in the Main Hallway!. Please start bringing your donations as soon as you have them, or by October 1.

## Mission Madness

**Basket Auction, Lunch & Bake Sale**  
**October 28, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Chili was our number one seller at lunch last year. Please consider making your favorite recipe. We can accept donations early and will store it in the big kitchen freezer. Having chili in a plastic freezer bag labeled Mission Madness would be helpful.

*Dona Trautwein*  
([dtrautwein@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:dtrautwein@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)

## Ministry Council Nomination Committee is Formed

The Constitution and governing By-Laws of First Trinity provide that the voting members of First Trinity (that's all confirmed members over the age of sixteen) must elect a President, Vice-President, as well as one at-large member to serve as the leadership that develops policies, procedures and ministries as required to execute the vision of First Trinity. Terms on the Council are staggered every other year.

This September the Council will need to fill the position of **President, Vice-President, and one at-large board member**. The positions are all for two year terms. A Nominating Committee consisting of **Kevin Cross, Joel Rockensuess, Garrick Wright, and Christine Hartnett** (as well as Pastor in a non-voting capacity) has been formed to identify those individuals who would be willing to serve.

If you are aware of a member who would be particularly suited to such a position, please submit that name to **Kevin Cross** (*Cell: 716-698-0905 or Home: 716-831-9811*) or in writing in a sealed envelope to the church office. Additionally, if you would like to hear more about the open positions' responsibilities or the nominating process, please feel free to contact any member of the committee.

**Please submit your nominations as soon as possible! The formal election will take place at the Congregational Meeting on Saturday, September 30 .**

## Grief Share: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

**Wednesdays, Begins September 6, 7 p.m.**

Grief Share 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. Grief Share fliers available at the Welcome Center.

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

## 2018 Haiti Mission Trip

### Information Mtg

**Sunday, September 10, 12:30 p.m.**

Our next Haiti Mission Team is forming. If you are interested in hearing more about the trip, including dates, possible mission focus and projected costs, please join us.

For more information, contact:  
**Renee Gietz (716-773-2847, [rgietz@roadrunner.com](mailto:rgietz@roadrunner.com))**

## Horizon Health Services

**Tuesday, September 12, 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 \(716-907-2585\)](mailto:ColleenBabcock@FirstTrinity.com)

## 2018 International Youth/Young Adult Mission Trip to Guatemala!

This trip is for those in Grade 10 through Young Adult Age and will take place **July 28-August 5, 2018**.

**Come to one of the three info meetings to find out more!**

**September 13 - 7 p.m.** at Bekah's House  
**September 14** after Youth Parent Mtg at 8 p.m. at First Trinity  
**OR**

**September 17** at 12:30 p.m. after worship  
**Rebekah Freed ([RFreed@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:RFreed@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)**

## Choir Practice Starts September 14

**Thursdays, 7:45-9 p.m.**

*Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth. Psalm 96:1*

God desires our praise, and we desire your presence in our choir. You are so welcome to join us!

**Susan Brese ([sbrese@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:sbrese@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)**

## Fall Youth & Parent Meeting

**Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

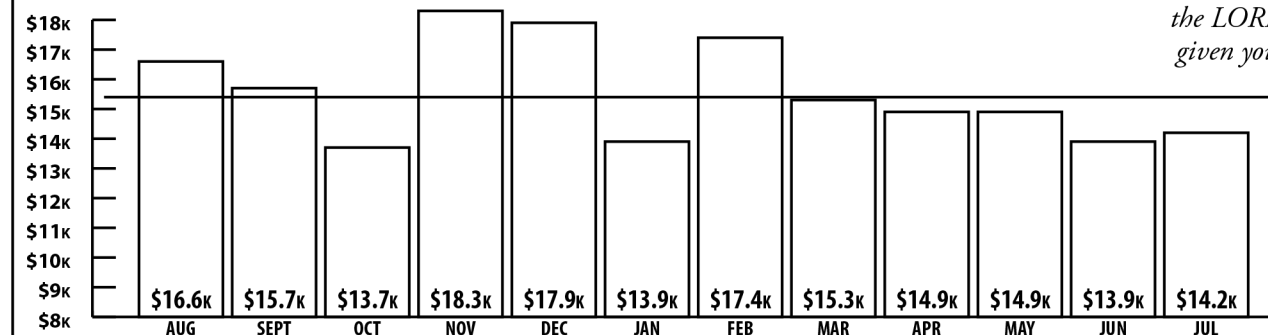
This informative meeting will provide program details for both the **Middle School** (Cornerstone) and **High School** (Crossroads) groups. The schedule is as follows:

- 6:30 Middle School Ministry  
(Parents and Students in Grades 6-8)
- 6:50 Confirmation Information and Expectations  
(Parents and Students in Grades 7-8)
- 7:15 Middle School meeting ends.
- 7:20 High School Ministry  
(Parents and Students in Grades 9-12)
- 8:00 High School meeting ends.

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