

Worship Helpers

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

	Jan 13/14	Jan 20/21
Altar Guild	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Pauline Shotwell Laura Zimberg	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Pauline Shotwell Laura Zimberg
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	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
Communion		Tony D'Amico
Projection	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Peter Cross	Daniel McKeehan
Greeter	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp
Ushers	Walter Zimberg Sam Gugliuzza Sammy Gugliuzza Louis Gugliuzza	Joel Rockensuess Dave Shotwell Jude Rockensuess Noah Rockensuess
Reader	Fran Dawe	Anne Miller
Prayers	Dorothy Rothrock	Nancy Stuckwisch
Communion		Jeff Weber Tom Knapp Bob Kopec Linda Kopec Bekah Freed Jason Christ
Projection	George Miller	Marlene Carr
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Pat Canfield	Jason Christ
Acolyte	Paris Adams	Colin Hurley Danny Leising
Greeter	Paul Gerlach	Jim Brese
Ushers	Fabian Family	Derek Pulver Zelda Pulver Diane Warner Nikki Warner
Reader	Joanne Wood	Gordon Tresch
Prayers	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny	Marsha Phillips Marsha Peth
Communion		Pat Canfield Marsha Peth Jon whited Kim Kwietniewski Bekah Freed
Projection	Edu Obot	Bill Wood

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.

January 7—February 11

The Family Project *This class runs from January 7 - March 25.*

Led by Pastor Chuck and Susan Whited (Upper Level)
This is a 12-part series from **Focus on the Family** which explores God's design and purpose for family. How can Christians live with purpose and an eternal perspective? And how can we model God's design for families to our neighbors, peers, and coworkers? The goal is to be a positive influence in our own family and, ultimately, our culture. Your family will be blessed by this series.

The Ten Commandments

Led by Phil Reed (Lower Level)
This class will explore the ten commandments and help us apply them to daily life.

King David: A Man After God's Own Heart

Led by Jason Christ and Sue Steege (Library)
This class will explore the Old Testament man, David, in two ways: we will look at events in his life and explore the corresponding Psalm to those events. In this way we will see both David's mind and his heart for his relationship with God—real life events connected to real conversation with God. This class will also be available on **Facebook Live**.

Saturday Bible Class:

Who Do You Think You Are?

January 13-February 17, 4-5 p.m.

Join us for a 6-week Bible Study that will explore the themes from the weekly sermons in a deeper way. We will be using the same material that our life groups are using.

The class will be taught by:
Jason Christ (jchrist@FirstTrinity.com, 716-860-5007)



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Edythe N. Miller
By Martha Miller



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.

Care for Caregivers: Meeting the Unique Needs of Those Who Sacrifice for Others

Features a screening of the short film *Life in Reverse*, chronicling the experiences of Florence Feldman who, for 10 years, served as a caregiver as her mother slowly sank into dementia.

"Being a caregiver can be both rewarding and exhausting," says Feldman. "It's easy to feel isolated and burdened. Getting the help and support needed to stay sane and healthy, let alone to thrive, is a challenge caregivers face."

Support, understanding, and Feldman's insights about meeting caregivers' needs will be offered.



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

January 13/14
2018

The One Who Took My Place

Psalm 8:1-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 1:14-18

Did you know that God's Word is alive? It's different from every other book in the world in this way. The Bible is not merely ink on paper, but a living thing. When John wrote his gospel, he started with the birth of Jesus, but his telling is different than the other Gospel writers. Check it out:

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John 1:1, 14 (NLT)

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. When we read the Bible, we are hearing directly from Jesus. It's alive and active, working on our hearts each time we read it. And what exactly is the Word (Jesus) doing when we hear and read it? John gives us a clue, which we see again and again in John's Gospel:

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. John 1:16 (ESV)

Jesus came not to bring grace, but grace upon grace. It's hard enough to understand the concept of grace, but grace upon grace? It's kind of mind-blowing. As John unfolds, we see so many characters receiving this grace upon grace.

There was the bridegroom at the wedding in Cana in John 2, who'd run out of wine, only to receive grace upon grace in the form of new and better wine. Or Nicodemus, who didn't understand how he could be born again in John 3, but received grace upon grace as Jesus explained how to be born again in the Spirit.

There was the thirsty woman of Samaria who received living water and the official whose son was healed in John 4. The 38-year invalid in John 5, healed by Jesus. The 5,000 who were fed. Lazarus who died and was raised. All received grace upon grace.

Jesus came to bring you grace upon grace. He lived and died and lives again, so that you may live again. Grace upon grace. Amazing grace indeed!

Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)

Haiti Mission Trip

January 10-17

Track our Haiti Team at FirstTrinity.com/Haiti

Raymond Click
Anne DiCenso
Dan Gietz
Renée Gietz
Alyssa Jaenecke
Dale Jaenecke
Kim Mansfield
Toby Mansfield

Anne Miller
Lindsey Murch
Patti Plotner
Beth Schmidt
Vilasini Shanbhag
Sue Steege
Chuck Whited
Jon Whited



Church Office Closed—Monday, January 15
Martin Luther King Day

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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Calendar for January 14-21, 2018

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

Sunday 1/14	Thursday 1/18
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel
10 a.m. Education Hour	6:30 p.m. REMIX Grades 6-8
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	CONNECT
4:30 p.m. Pickleball	Joshua's Men
Monday 1/15	Friday 1/19
Church Office Closed	6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 1/16	Saturday 1/20
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball
6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball	6:30 p.m. Pickleball
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	8 a.m. Work Team
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
Wednesday 1/17	Sunday 1/21
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	2 p.m. Youth Band Rehearsal
10 a.m. Preschool Chapel	4 p.m. Saturday Bible Class
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
7 p.m. Grief Support Group	10 a.m. Education Hour
7:30 p.m. Corvair Car Club	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	

Next Sermon Series—Who Do You Think You Are?

Jan 6/7	Purpose, Praise, Prayer, and Power	Ephesians 1:1-23
Jan 13/14	The One Who Took My Place	Psalm 8:1-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 1:14-18
Jan 20/21	All in the Family	Ephesians 2:11-22, 4:1-32
Jan 27/28	A Secret Worth Sharing	Ephesians 3:1-21
Feb 3/4	Divine Imitation	Ephesians 5:1-33, 6:1-9
Feb 10/11	More Than Conquerors	Ephesians 6:10-24

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

Staff Prayer Partners Requested

Prayer Partners are requested for our staff for January-March. Sign up in the Lobby. A sheet of specific and general prayer requests will be provided to you. There is such joy in praying and our staff appreciates your prayer support. Questions, please contact **Dorothy Rothrock** (716-694-3181, dorothyrothrock@yahoo.com).

MINISTRY COUNCIL

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

Interested in Joining First Trinity?

Next New Member Class—Sign-up Today!

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

If you have been worshipping 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, click on **Coming Events**, or call the church office (716-835-2220), so that we know how much food and supplies to buy.

Friends of Night People Request

Due to the cold weather there is an increase in demand for food and donations for **Friends of Night People (FNP)**. This is a charitable organization that helps the poor, homeless and destitute in Buffalo. They provide food, clothing, medical care, counseling and hope to those in need.

All services are provided free of charge and they rely on the generosity of volunteers and contributors. We serve at FNP the third Sunday of every other month, our next date is Sunday January 21. Could you please consider making goulash, donating cookies, or serving the meal at their soup kitchen? Please check your mailbox to sign up to volunteer.

Cindy Allsop (cok79@aol.com, 716-471-7778)

Thank You From the McKeehans

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards sent to us during our mother/grandma's illness. We thank those who prayed for us and sent condolences in her passing. We rejoice she is spending Christmas with Jesus and those family members that are with Him too. **Karen, Mark, Michael & Daniel**

Give Thanks to God For Loved Ones

All Saints Service in November 2018

If you have a loved one who has passed away since January 2017 and you would like them remembered at our next **All Saints Service** on November 3/4, please email a photo (or give us one to scan) with name and date of death to **Kathy Figini** (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com).

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.

SCRIP Gift Cards

A variety of cards are available on Sundays in the Main Office. Orders may also be placed for pick-up on the following weekend. Profits go to high school/young adult mission trips.

Join Us for Pickleball!

Sunday, January 14 at 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)



Sisters In Spirit Meeting (SIS)

Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m.

At Carolyn Doster's, 24 Squire Court, Getzville 14068

All women are welcome for Bible Study (Led by Carolyn Doster) and fellowship—bring a friend! All women welcome!
Carolyn Doster (716-689-4806)

Grief Support Group at First Trinity

Wednesday, January 17, 7 p.m.

Topic is **Naming Grief** with Video and Discussion. Ron Opferbeck will be the leader.

Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695), **Marsha Peth** (716-238-3073)

Special Voter's Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 9:45 a.m.

This special meeting is needed to make nominations for the following positions:

- Eastern District President
- Eastern District Regional Vice President
- Regional Lay Member – Eastern District Board of Directors
- Synod Committee for Convention Nominations
- Alternate Congregational Delegate to Eastern District Convention

We will also have a motion to close the LCMS Foundation account and transfer the funds to the newly established TD Ameritrade Scholarship Fund account.

St. John Lutheran School

Open House - Kindergarten to Grade 8

6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, 14120

Tuesday, January 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

Bring your child, meet the teachers and see the classrooms.

We offer a great Christian Education.

(716-693-9677, stjohnnt.com)

Meal Providers Needed

At First Trinity we care and support each other - sometimes through providing meals for those who are going through hard times of sickness, or joyful times like new babies!

If you would like to volunteer occasionally to provide a meal for someone, please sign up on the Meal Provider sign-up sheet in the lobby. We will notify you via email about meal providing opportunities.

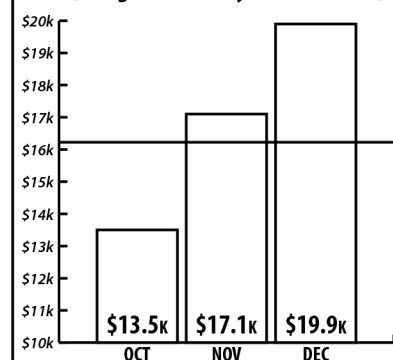
Marsha Peth (mpeth@FirstTrinity.com, 716-238-3073)

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 517

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 166

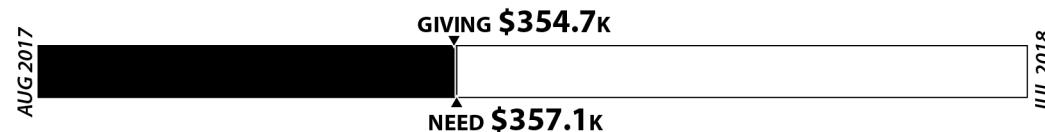
DECEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

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



One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11:24

Fiscal Year Giving to Mission and Ministry (\$844k Budgeted)



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

(All data through December 31, 2017)