

## Worship Helpers

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

	<b>Feb 10/11</b>	<b>Feb 17/18</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Linda D'Amico Karen Wert Laura Zimberg	Linda D'Amico Karen Wert Laura Zimberg
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
<b>Reader</b> .....	Rich Ferrante	Susan DePlato
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Bob Strassburg	Karen Wert
<b>Communion</b> .....		Susan DePlato
<b>Projection</b> .....	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Eli Schiferle	Tyler Pastore
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Paul Gerlach Darlene Helming	
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs Erhard Moosmann Ray Voit	Mike Zekas Adam Kaczmarowski Garrick Wright Gretchen Wright
<b>Reader</b> .....	Cindy Allsop	Jennalise Olson
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Ron Opferbeck	Nancy Stuckwisch
<b>Communion</b> .....		Wendy Binkley Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold John Faller Sue Steege Jason Christ Bill Wood
<b>Projection</b> .....	George Miller	
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Sue Steege	Sue Steege
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Lauren Ratajczak Rebekah Jaenecke	Jared Doebler Matthew Klapp
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Paul Gerlach	Jim Brese
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Dan Gietz	Fabian Family
<b>Reader</b> .....	Jennifer Tresch	Mark Bramwell
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny	Marsha Phillips Marsha Peth
<b>Communion</b> .....		Jim Passage Pat Canfield Marsha Peth Jon Whited Jason Christ
<b>Projection</b> .....	Edu Obot	Bill Wood

## 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>

### Adult Sunday Classes—10 a.m.

#### January 7—February 11

#### King David: A Man After God's Own Heart

Led by Jason Christ & 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.

#### The Ten Commandments

Led by Phil Reed (Lower Level)

This class will explore the ten commandments and help us apply them to daily life.

#### The Family Project

This class runs 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.

#### Begins Next Week

#### NEW - The Gospel of Mark

This class runs February 18 - March 25.

Led by Sue Steege (Lower Level)

The New Testament book of Mark is one of four Gospels that tell the story of Jesus' life. It was the first one ever written and is action-packed. Join us and dig into the life of Jesus--it will change you.

### 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.



### Altar Flowers

#### Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Friends & Family  
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 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.

### Sermon Topic

### More Than Conquerors

Ephesians 6:10-24

February 10/11  
2018

## Ash Wednesday Worship February 14, 12:30 & 7 p.m.

The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday. Worshipers will have the opportunity to receive ashes on their foreheads as a sign of penitence and baptismal remembrance. The ashes are prepared by burning palm branches from last Palm Sunday.



In a dramatic way, their use suggests God's judgment and condemnation of sin, our frailty and total dependence on God, and humiliation and repentance. The words spoken as ashes are imposed, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," were first spoken to Adam after his fall into sin. We are reminded of the words of the committal in the Christian Burial service, "... earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." Ashes also suggest cleansing and renewal. They were once used as a cleaning agent. Thus, ashes imposed in the shape of a cross symbolize both judgment and baptismal cleansing that Christ gives.

It is not pleasant to be marked with ashes, and to be reminded of our separation from God. It gives this season of Lent its penitential emphasis. But there is hope—hope in Christ!

### Ash Wednesday Dinner - 4:30-6:30 p.m.

First Trinity is hosting a completely FREE dinner prior to our 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship. We'll be having spaghetti with meatballs, homemade sauce, salad, bread, and drinks. It's a great time to invite friends or family for dinner and then worship together afterwards.

As we plan, it would be helpful to have an approximate headcount for our wonderful Chef, **Steve Mattheus**. If you think you're likely to come, please put your name and how many may attend on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

### In the News: Sexual Misconduct

An opportunity for participants to discuss the recent avalanche of sexual misconduct accusations. "From Hollywood to the media to politics, accusations of sexual misconduct are impacting prominent institutions in our cultural landscape," says Lifetree Café national director Craig Cable.

Participants will have the opportunity to discuss how to know when someone has crossed a line from accidental misconduct to sinister behavior.



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

### It Is With Great Joy

that we welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ into the membership of First Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Kenneth Burkhardt**  
**Sarah Burkhardt**  
(Gianna, Sammy)  
**Sue Coe**  
**Thomas Farrell**

**Joyce Innes**  
**Tony & Carrie McHugh**  
(Sydney, Quinn)  
**Katelyn Musall**  
**Ron & Susan Wolfe**

### 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.

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

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## Calendar for February 11-18, 2018

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

Sunday 2/11	Monday 2/12	Tuesday 2/13	Wednesday 2/14	Thursday 2/15	Friday 2/16	Saturday 2/17	Sunday 2/18
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	10 a.m. Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m. Executive Ministry Team	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel	3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball	8 a.m. Work Team	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10 a.m. Education Hour	3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Gr 7&8	7 p.m. Lifetree Café	9 a.m. Men's Basketball	10 a.m. Education Hour
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	12:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	6:30 p.m. Crossroads CONNECT Gr 9-12	9:30 a.m. Executive Ministry Team	4 p.m. Saturday Bible Class	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
4:30 p.m. Pickleball	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel	7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Dinner	4:30-6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Dinner	7:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Pickleball	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship	4:30 p.m. Pickleball
	7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	6:30 p.m. Loss of Parent Support Grp (Children)	6:30 p.m. Loss of Parent Support Grp (Children)	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8 a.m. Work Team	8 a.m. Work Team	
	7:30 p.m. Volleyball	7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	9 a.m. Men's Basketball	9 a.m. Men's Basketball	
	8 p.m. Young Adult Life Group	7:30 p.m. Volleyball	7:30 p.m. Volleyball	8 a.m. Work Team	4 p.m. Saturday Bible Class	4 p.m. Saturday Bible Class	
		8 p.m. Young Adult Life Group	8 p.m. Young Adult Life Group	9 a.m. Men's Basketball	6:30 p.m. Pickleball	6:30 p.m. Pickleball	

## New Sermon Series—Encounters By the Sea

Feb 17/18	<b>The Called</b>	I Samuel 3:1-10, Mark 1:14-20
Feb 24/25	Guest Preacher (Rev. Ernie Greene)	
Mar 3/4	<b>Defeating Evil</b>	Acts 19:11-17, Mark 5:1-20
Mar 10/11	<b>Persistent Faith</b>	I Kings 17:17-24, Mark 5:21-43
Mar 17/18	<b>Experiencing Provision</b>	Deuteronomy 8:2-10, Mark 6:30-44
Mar 24/25	<b>A Terrifying Love</b>	Psalms 46:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 6:45-52

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

## Military Ministry

Please help me serve our military members by providing 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** or send info to [maharhigetman@roadrunner.com](mailto:maharhigetman@roadrunner.com).

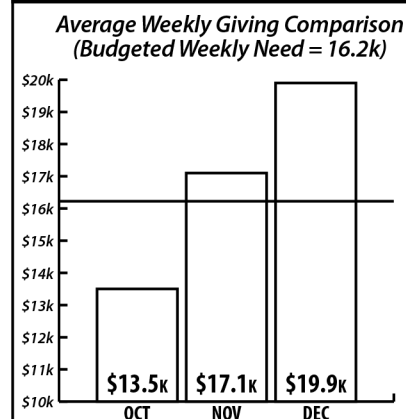
## MINISTRY COUNCIL

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

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 517

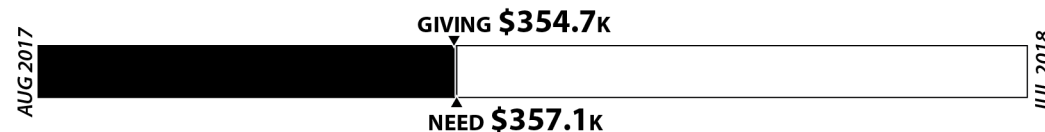
UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 166

## DECEMBER BY THE NUMBERS



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

(All data through December 31, 2017)

## Staff Conference in Phoenix, AZ February 21-25

Many of our staff members will be attending the *Best Practices in Ministry Conference* which is Bible-Based, Gospel-Centered, Mission-Driven, & Future-Oriented. This is a FREE conference encouraging pastors, church workers and lay people as we reach out with the Gospel of Christ. It is for those who love: the local church, the unchurched, and the LCMS.

The Church Office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 21-23, due to our attendance at the Conference.

## The Sowers Ministry

**"Let's Reach the World Together"**

First Trinity has the privilege of partnering with The Sowers Ministry in mission work across Asia. People's eternal destiny has been changed by the Good News of Jesus' amazing love and grace. Thousands are coming to Christ! God's Word is powerful, so the goal remains to get a Bible to every person.

They also care for God's people by providing for their physical needs, such as water wells, housing, food, and medical supplies. The need is still great, especially following the devastating floods in Nepal and the extreme cold this winter.

Neil Anderson, the head of The Sowers Ministry, has told us there is currently an urgent need for Bibles and Blankets. Please pray for The Sowers Ministry and God's work across Asia. If you would like to give, you can donate to First Trinity, marking "The Sowers Ministry" on the memo line.

For stories about what God is doing, check out [Sowers.org](http://Sowers.org).

## Next Mission Trip to China May 13-24, 2018

The China Mission Team will join The Sowers Ministry to bring Bibles and Bible teaching to believers in house churches in China. We look forward to all God will do on this mission trip! Interested in going? Contact **Pastor Chuck** for more information. ([cwhited@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:cwhited@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)

## Thank You From La Santa Cruz

Our church is very grateful for all the donations we receive on Holidays and during the seasons. The donations that are sent to us are special and are blessings to our families and our church. May God multiply your blessings. Sincerely, **LaSanta Cruz Members**

## 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!



## Silent Witnesses - LMH

Lenten Devotions *Silent Witnesses* from Lutheran Hour Ministries are available to read on line, to hear as a podcast, and also as a daily e-mail beginning Ash Wednesday. Please go to [LHM.org/lent](http://LHM.org/lent) for more information and share with others.

## Join Us for Pickleball!

Sunday, February 11 at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Donation—\$3 per person.

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

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



## Visual Faith/Bible Journaling Group

Starts February 12, 7-9 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month)

St Luke Luth Church, 900 Maryvale Dr, Cheektowaga

Do you love to doodle and color and would also like to focus more on God's Word? It's amazing how coloring can focus your mind and relax you; and when it is centered around Scripture--you can make a wonderful connection with God.

**Bev Wicher** will be leading the class. I will have a short devotion on one scripture verse and then we will have some time to color and/or journal about that verse. Coloring sheets and Bible margins will be available as well as journaling pages. If you are familiar with Bible journaling and have a journaling Bible or a favorite faith-based coloring book, bring that along to use.

Basic supplies will be available, but bring along your favorites. We will start simple--I am not an expert--and see where God leads us. I will also have resources on other Visual Faith activities. Questions? **Bev Wicher** ([bev.wicher@gmail.com](mailto:bev.wicher@gmail.com), 716-913-4140, text or call)

## OPUS Valentine's Day

Luncheon at Pane's  
(Older People Up to Something)

Tuesday, February 13, Noon  
984 Payne Ave., N. Tonawanda 14120



Meal includes choice of Chicken Marsala, Ham or Manicotti. Sign up in lobby by February 12.

Payment \$17 – to Erhard "Moose" Moosmann by February 11.

## Horizon Health Services

Tuesday, February 13, 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, February 21, 7:45 p.m.

Topic is *Understanding Grief*; walking through the valley of the shadow of death. **Note Time Change.**

Ron Opferbeck will be the leader.

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

## Thank You Thrivent Members

Because of your *Choice Dollars Designations* to First Trinity, we have received \$559 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. These monies have been designated to specifically help fund our Short Term Mission trips.