

## Worship Helpers

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

	<b>Feb 3/4</b>	<b>Feb 10/11</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> .....	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
<b>Reader</b> .....	Susan DePlato	Rich Ferrante
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Susan DePlato	Bob Strassburg
<b>Communion</b> .....	Susan DePlato	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	Charlie Ellis
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Jamie Mattheus	Eli Schiferle
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Susan Brenan	Paul Gerlach Darlene Helming Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs Erhard Moosmann Ray Voit
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Kevin Cross Jonah Cross Peter Cross Joe Carr	Cindy Allsop Ron Opferbeck
<b>Reader</b> .....	Jubal Myer	
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Ron Opferbeck	
<b>Communion</b> .....	Lisa Cross Leo Figini Joe Allsop Tom Knapp Sue Steege Bekah Freed	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Marlene Carr	George Miller
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Pat Canfield	Sue Steege
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Mara Tysick	Lauren Ratajczak Rebekah Jaenecke
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Jim Brese	Paul Gerlach
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Judy Pedersen Abby Pedersen Derek Pulver Amber Neumann	Rachel Bissell Ben Bell Dick McKie Dan Gietz
<b>Reader</b> .....	Wendy Morris	Jennifer Tresch
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny
<b>Communion</b> .....	Barb Reardon Wendy Morris Tracy Bramwell Marty Doster Sue Steege	
<b>Projection</b> .....	David Phillips	Edu Obot

## 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

**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](mailto:jchrist@FirstTrinity.com), 716-860-5007)



### Altar Flowers

#### Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of June Moosmann  
By Erhard Moosmann



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.

#### Whistleblower:

#### The True Story of an FBI Informant

The Archer Daniels Midland price-fixing scandal resulted in a record \$100 million fine—and at the center of the scandal was ADM executive Mark Whitacre. He participated in a crime that defrauded millions of Americans. The effects of his decision to cooperate with authorities in prosecuting the crime will be explored. "I wore a wire for three years, and it was the most pressure I've had in my life," Whitacre says. "Prison is a cakewalk compared to wearing a wire for the FBI." Participants may discuss times they've faced difficult moral 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

February 3/4  
2018

### Divine Imitation

Ephesians 5:15-33, 6:1-9

I've been told by several people that my son Eli is just like me, or asked whether I was just like Eli when I was little. It's a fair assessment of us—I know because my Mom says so and she's the foremost authority on young Jason and sees Eli first-hand often.

Kids have a way of imitating their parents. We often talk about how they "take after" one parent or the other. Part of that is probably genetic wiring. God knit them together in such a way that they lean toward similar behaviors or interests as their parents. Some of it is probably learned from watching those around them. And some is just their own uniqueness.

Our spiritual journey is one of imitation. Paul tells us:

*Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Ephesians 5:1-2 (NLT)*

We are to be imitators of God. God actually designed us that way. Just like we have a physical genetic makeup that causes us to lean towards similar interests and behaviors of our parents, we have a spiritual one that leans toward being like our heavenly Father. In Baptism, God joins His Spirit with our hearts and they start beating in rhythm with His.

God has designed you to imitate Him! Jesus came to save us, certainly, but also to set an example for how to live. Just as He loved us and sacrificed Himself on our behalf so that we might live, we too can **in Christ** sacrificially love others. We won't be perfect at doing this, but we can try.

It really starts with understanding the heart of God through prayer, worship, and reading His Word. As we do that, we naturally become more like Him. We become imitators of God. So let's get to it. Read. Pray. Worship. In doing so, you may just find yourself imitating God more and more each day!

*Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)*

## Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship

February 14, Dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Worship—12:30 & 7 p.m.

First Trinity is hosting a completely FREE dinner prior to our Ash Wednesday service. 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. If you think you're likely to come, please put your name and how many may attend on the sheet in the lobby.

Sign up by February 7 if you can. Thanks!

### 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.  
Connect With Us: [Facebook.com/FirstTrinity](https://www.facebook.com/FirstTrinity), [@FirstTrinity](https://www.instagram.com/FirstTrinity), [@FTMissions](https://www.facebook.com/FTMissions)

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John Faller, Mike VanDerPuy,  
Jeff Weber

## Calendar for February 4-11, 2018

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

Sunday 2/4	Thursday 2/8
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball
10 a.m. Education Hour	6:30 p.m. Confirmation
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	CONNECT
Monday 2/5	Friday 2/9
3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball	7:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday 2/6	Saturday 2/10
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball
6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball	5 p.m. Scrapbooking/Craft Night
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	6:30 p.m. Pickleball
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	Sunday 2/11
Wednesday 2/7	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	4 p.m. Saturday Bible Class
Servants of Christ Life Group	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
1 p.m. Senior Life Group	10 a.m. Education Hour
3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	4:30 p.m. Pickleball
Young Adult Life Group	

## Sermon Series—Who Do You Think You Are?

Feb 10/11 **More Than Conquerors** Ephesians 6:10-24

## New Sermon Series—Encounters By the Sea

Feb 17/18 **The Called** I Samuel 3:1-10, Mark 1:14-20  
 Mar 3/4 **Defeating Evil** Acts 19:11-17, Mark 5:1-20  
 Mar 10/11 **Persistent Faith** I Kings 17:17-24, Mark 5:21-43  
 Mar 17/18 **Experiencing Provision** Deuteronomy 8:2-10, Mark 6:30-44  
 Mar 24/25 **A Terrifying Love** Psalm 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).

## 2017 Giving Statements

We continue to be thankful for the life and ministry of Bill Stuckwisch! If you didn't know, one of his many volunteer jobs was providing the giving statements for donors. As we've transitioned, some systems had to change, including statement distribution. We are providing summary paper statements for anyone who has given more than \$50 to First Trinity in 2017. These were mailed directly to your home. Others can request a paper copy by contacting Jason Christ. Everyone can also view an itemized list of their donations through our website. Click on "give" at the top of the page, then look for the section "Check Your Giving History Online" for the specifics.  
**Jason Christ** ([jchrist@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:jchrist@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)

## 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)

## Kairos Prison Ministry

The mission field is nearer than we often think. God is at work inside the prisons at both Wende and Albion. Right now, He is assembling a team of servants for the next Kairos Weekend at the Albion Women's Correctional Facility. Each Kairos weekend is a Spirit-filled time of discipling, mentoring and friendship. We need your help, and there are many ways to serve in Prison Ministry, both inside and outside the fences. Let us tell you more! Please prayerfully consider your interest in attending an informational meeting about either prison's program. The date will be announced soon!  
 Questions, please contact **Carla Stone** (716-773-7881).

## Join Us for Pickleball!

Friday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 11 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)



## St. John Luth School Turkey Dinner

Sunday, Feb 11, 4-6 p.m. 6950 Ward Rd. (corner of Ward Rd & Niagara Falls Blvd)

Join us for our 27th Annual Turkey Dinner!

Tickets: \$5 Ages 5-10, \$10 Adults.

Call for reservations (716-693-9677).

## Visual Faith/Bible Journaling Group

Starts February 12, 7-9 p.m. (2nd 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)

## 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!

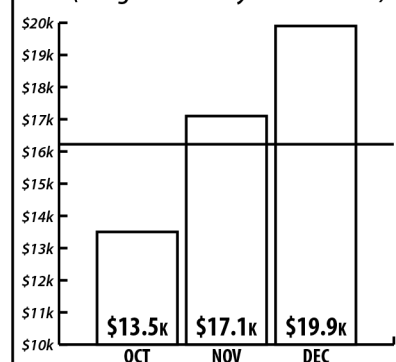


UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 517

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

(All data through December 31, 2017)