

Worship Helpers

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

	Jan 20/21	Jan 27/28
Altar Guild	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Pauline Shotwell Laura Zimberg	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Pauline Shotwell Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
Reader	Rich Ferrante	Bob Strassburg
Prayers	Karen Wert	Susan DePlato
Communion	Tony D'Amico	
Projection	Bill Wood	Jim Brese
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Daniel McKeehan	Adam Kaczmarowski
Greeter	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp	Fern Innes Charlene Beno
Ushers	Joel Rockensuess Dave Shotwell Jude Rockensuess Noah Rockensuess	David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman Sue Lichtenthal Abbie Morehouse
Reader	Anne Miller	Sophie Myers
Prayers	Nancy Stuckwisch	Cindy Allsop
Communion	Jeff Weber Tom Knapp Bob Kopec Linda Kopec Bekah Freed Jason Christ	
Projection	Marlene Carr	Bill Wood
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
Acolyte	Colin Hurley Danny Leising	Faith Hackett Zoey Schoenfeldt
Greeter	Jim Brese	Jim Brese
Ushers	Derek Pulver Zelda Pulver Diane Warner Nikki Warner	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Rachel Bissell
Reader	Gordon Tresch	Wendy Morris
Prayers	Marsha Phillips Marsha Peth	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips
Communion	Pat Canfield Marsha Peth Jon Whited Kim Kwietniewski Bekah Freed	
Projection	Bill Wood	Stacy DiCenso

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 Anne 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.

News From the Future: A Futurist Gives a Sneak Peek

Features a filmed interview with Thomas Frey, senior futurist at the DaVinci Institute.

"There's an ongoing fear about the future," says Frey, who encourages people to be aware of developments shaping their futures. "The future will happen, so let's be engaged so we can take advantage of the opportunities. This is a wonderful time to be alive."

Participants will hear about key developments that Frey predicts will significantly change daily life in the coming decades.



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 20/21
2018**

All in the Family

Ephesians 2:11-22, 4:1-32

I'm not really a fan of shopping for clothes. Like **really** not a fan. The hassle of picking something out, making sure it fits well, and is within my price range is more than I want to deal with most days. Compounding the problem is that I have to give away old clothes to make room for the new. That's fine, but I liked those old clothes! Surely they will last a while longer, right?

But there's something fun about **getting** new clothes. If I don't have to do the shopping and sizing, new clothes aren't so bad. Putting on brand new clothes that someone else purchased for me is actually kind of fun. Especially socks. Aren't brand new socks just the best?

God's Word—the Bible—talks about changing who we are by changing our clothes. Did you know that? Check it out:

Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy. Ephesians 4:22-24

Our "nature" here is like a set of clothes. Left to ourselves, we tend to prefer the old set of clothes—our sinful nature. It's comfortable, familiar, and ... it's us. It just feels right. But God in Christ Jesus has given us a new set of clothes; a new nature. Galatians 3:27 talk about these new clothes:

And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on the character of Christ, like putting on new clothes. Galatians 3:27

God has done all the shopping and sizing already, providing soft new clothes for you. Better than that, it's a whole new nature. Where our old clothes were stained with selfishness and sin, these are pure and holy. God offers these new clothes freely because of Jesus—all we have to do is believe Him when He says they are for us. Praise be to God for this new nature in Christ!

Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)

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 worshiping 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.

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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Calendar for January 21-28, 2018

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

Sunday	1/21	Thursday	1/25
8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship	6:30 p.m.	Cornerstone Parent Blessing
10 a.m.	Education Hour		CONNECT
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	7:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Pickleball	Friday	1/26
Monday	1/22	3:30 p.m.	CCA Basketball
10 a.m.	Morning Bible Study	6:30 p.m.	Pickleball
3:30 p.m.	CCA Basketball	Saturday	1/27
7 p.m.	Lifetree Café	9 a.m.	Men's Basketball
Tuesday	1/23	4 p.m.	Saturday Bible Class
12:30 p.m.	Staff Prayer Time	5:30 p.m.	Traditional Worship
6 p.m.	Amherst Youth Basketball	Sunday	1/28
6:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Prayer	8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	Sound Team Meeting	9:45 a.m.	Special Voter's Meeting
7 p.m.	Band Rehearsal	10 a.m.	Education Hour
Wednesday	1/24	11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting	4:30 p.m.	Pickleball
	Executive Ministry Meeting		
12 p.m.	Lunch With the Staff		
1 p.m.	Senior Life Group		
3:30 p.m.	CCA Basketball		
6 p.m.	New Member Class		
7:30 p.m.	Volleyball		

Sermon Series—Who Do You Think You Are?

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

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)**.

Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship

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

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 will be 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, 716-835-2220)

Narcan Training at First Trinity

January 31 at 6 p.m. (Lower Level)

The Workshop is approximately 2 hours long, and there is NO COST to the trainees. The Workshop is open to all; anyone 16 and over is eligible to receive their own Narcan kit (dependent on NYSDOH supply availability). All will receive instructions on how to get Narcan at a pharmacy.

Learning Objectives

- The Opioid Epidemic in Erie County today – what happened?
- Signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose
- Good Samaritan Law
- ESAP and SEP
- Use of Narcan (naloxone) to reverse an overdose
- Reporting and follow up

If you would like to attend, please sign-up in the lobby.

Maximum of 100 participants.

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 soup, bread, green beans, baked potato, coffee, tea, dessert, and choice of Chicken Marsala, Ham or Manicotti. Sign up in lobby by February 12. Payment \$17 – to Erhard "Moose" Moosmann by February 11.



Join Us for Pickleball!

Sunday, January 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, January 26 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)



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.

Next Saturday of Service Event

Saturday, February 3, 2018

Saturday of Service is a one-day event, held quarterly, to compassionately serve others in Jesus' name. It complements our longer mission trip experiences by providing local mission and service opportunities. There is no commitment beyond that one day and no prior experience is needed. There is a job for everyone so round up your family and your friends for a wonderful day of work, fellowship, and fun.

We will be serving once again at **The Food Bank of WNY** assisting them with their mission to "Fight hunger one day at a time". We will be working in their warehouse on Holt Street in Buffalo to assist with the sorting and packaging of food items for distribution.

The Food Bank has some specific space limitations and safety requirements in their warehouse.

Age requirement: volunteers must be at least 16 years of age (14 years old with a parent).

Clothing: volunteers must wear closed toe shoes, sneakers or work-boots and long pants or jeans. T-shirts or short sleeves are fine, layers are recommended for comfort.

All participants will need to complete a volunteer release form for the Food Bank of WNY the morning of the event.

The number of volunteers they can accept is limited to 15 due to OSHA rules and space/work environment limitations in their warehouse. So our group for this event will be limited to the first 15 participants who register.

We will gather at First Trinity at 8 a.m. for a short briefing and devotion. We will then head to the Food Bank for a 9 a.m. start, and will work at the Food Bank from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and head home from there.

Once you register you will be contacted via e-mail to confirm your registration and any further information for the day.

If you have any questions feel free to contact:

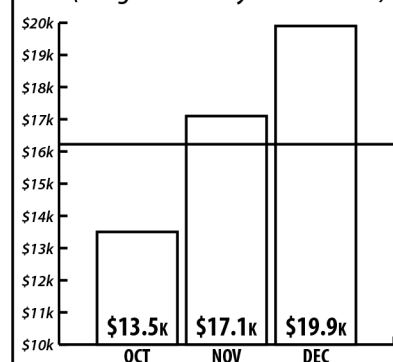
Patrick Canfield (716-695-9845)

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 517

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 166

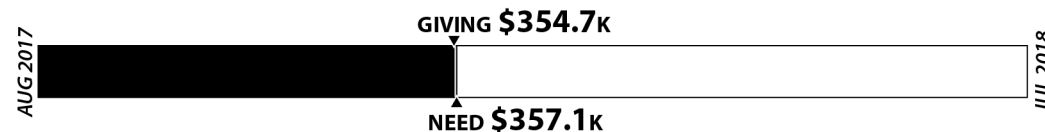
DECEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

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)