

Worship Helpers

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

	Jan 25/26	Feb 1/2
Altar Guild	Ginny Schrembs Beth Vance Laura Zimberg	Karen Wert Linda D'Amico Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
Reader	Susan DePlato	Susan DePlato
Prayers	Karen Wert	Bob Strassburg
Communion		Susan DePlato
Projection	Jim Brese	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Noah Schiferle	Joey Guetti
Greeter	Debbie & Tom Knapp	Fern Innes
Ushers	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs Sophie Myers Erhard Moosmann	Sam Gugliuzza Sammy Gugliuzza Louis Gugliuzza Peter Cross
Reader	Fern Innes	Dave Foster
Prayers	Dorothy Rothrock	Cindy Allsop
Communion		Joe Allsop Cindy Allsop Lisa Cross Tom Knapp Sue Steege
Projection	Marlene Carr	Bill Wood
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Vicar Jason Christ	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Eric Kaczmarowski	Lorelai Russell
Ushers	Dick McKie Adam Kaczmarowski Amber Neumann Gavin Neumann	Derek Pulver Zelda Pulver Preston Pulver Paris Adams
Reader	Mark Bramwell	Tony Battaglia
Prayers	Marsha Phillips Marsha Peth	Anne DiCenso Marsha Phillips
Communion		Kim Kwietniewski Tracy Bramwell Kelsey Trautwein Barb Reardon Sue Steege
Projection	Alex Hartnett	Jennifer Pritchard

The Lutheran Hour
Sundays 9:30 a.m.
WXRL 1300AM LutheranHour.org

Announcements Deadline - Thursday at 9 a.m.
KFigini@FirstTrinity.com

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Worship Times
Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

FT Kids & Youth Sunday School

Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.

Children

Childcare Infants - Age 2

Meets in Upper Preschool 2

Preschool - Ages 3 & 4

Meets in Upper Preschool 3

Kindergarten - Age 5

Meets in Upper Preschool 3

FT Kids - Grades 1-5

Meets in Gym

Just Us - Adults

With Developmental Disabilities

Meets in Gym

Youth

Middle School Grades 6 - 8

Meets on Lower Level

High School Grades 9 - 12

Meets on Lower Level Lounge

Adult Sunday Classes—10 a.m.

Until—February 16

Toughest Questions About Christianity

Led by Pastor Chuck and Susan Whited (Lower Level)

People have lots of tough questions about Christianity these days. “Why are Christians so judgmental?” “Why does God allow evil?” “Why is Jesus the only way to heaven?” and more...this course will explore the answers to tough questions like these, but more importantly will teach HOW to answer questions with authenticity, integrity, and straightforward truth.

James *Led by Sue Steege (Upper Level)*

True faith produces fruit. A faith without action and without life change is ultimately a dead faith. The New Testament book of James speaks to the realities of a living faith in Jesus—the kind of roll-up-your-sleeves and get-your-hands-dirty discipleship that is borne out of an authentic relationship with the risen Lord. Join us as we dig through James!

Liturgy of the Ordinary *Led by Phil Reed (Library)*

This class investigates sacred practices in everyday life. Worship itself is made up of ordinary stuff. Learn how brushing your teeth, eating leftovers, losing your keys, and other overlooked moments can make us aware of God’s presence in surprising ways.

Altar Flowers 2020 Sign Up

Only a few dates left!

Sign-up area in lobby. \$20 per date chosen may be placed in available envelope and placed in offering. You may take the flowers after the 11:15 service or pick them up on Monday. *Please leave the green insert in the vase.*



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 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.

Chinese Checkers Tournament

Mondays at 7 p.m.
Until February 3

The Tournament will take place on the Lower Level at First Trinity. We will focus on mastering the rules and strategy of the game. Someone will take home a *first-place loving cup* on February 3. Snacks, fellowship and FUN will be provided. Feel free to bring your own game board if you have one.

Carl Fretthold
(cfretthold@FirstTrinity.com)

Sermon Topic

January 25/26
2020

Fishers of Men

Isaiah 9:1-4, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

Steve Jobs was the visionary behind Apple Computer as well as the founder. He set out to revolutionize the personal computer industry, which he did when he released the first Apple Macintosh computer. He ignited the smart phone revolution when the first Apple iPhone debuted in 2007. Known as a gifted orator, he would spring his new designs on the public at the end of a speech with the little phrase, “And one more thing.”

In the early 1980s, Steve was looking for someone to lead his young company, so he invited John Scully, then the CEO of Pepsi, to leave and come to Apple instead. Apple probably looked like a step down at that time, and John balked at the offer. But then Steve brought out “one more thing” to consider. He famously asked John: “Do you want to sell sugar water for the rest of your life, or do you want to come with me and change the world?” John became CEO of Apple not long after that sales pitch.

Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matthew 4:19

Jesus’ invitation to His first disciples was no less moving. Jesus invited them to join Him in a world-changing mission. These humble fishermen would one day ignite a spiritual revolution because of Jesus’ power and Spirit within them. It didn’t happen right away. They began walking with Jesus each day, watching as He healed the sick, comforted the hurting, and even raised the dead.

They watched with amazement, soaking in everything Jesus said and did. Three years later, Jesus ascends to heaven after His death and resurrection, but promises to be with them no matter where they go. He sends the gift of the Holy Spirit to transform them from humble fishermen to fishers of men. And then they go and do as Jesus did, and God used them to change the world. Today God invites you to do the same, learning and watching with Jesus, and then going and doing as Jesus did. And God will use you too.

Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministry

Haiti Mission Trip

January 20-27

Track our Team at FirstTrinity.com/Haiti

Team Members are:

Michelle Ciminelli	Nina Matlascz	Sue Steege
Raymond Click	Anne Miller	Lovelie Whited
Dan Gietz	Judy Pedersen	Wisken Whited
Renée Gietz	Patti Plotner	Jon Whited
Kim Mansfield	Renée Sawka	Pastor Chuck Whited
Toby Mansfield	Dave Shotwell	



Thanks from the Haiti Mission Team

THANK YOU to all who provided items from the request board. We really appreciate your generous support and prayers!

Transforming our world, one life at a time, through the power of God’s living Word.
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Calendar for January 26 - February 2, 2020

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

Sunday 1/26	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	Thursday 1/30	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball
	10 a.m. Education Hour		6:30 p.m. Call Committee
	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship		7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers	Friday 1/31	
	4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship	Saturday 1/27	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
Monday 1/27	10 a.m. Morning Glory Bible Study		12:45 p.m. FACES
	7 p.m. Chinese Checkers Tournament		5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
Tuesday 1/28	12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	Sunday 2/2	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball		10 a.m. Education Hour
	6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer		11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
	7 p.m. Band		12:30 p.m. High School Workcamp Meeting
Wednesday 1/29	9:30 a.m. Women's AA		3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers
	10 a.m. Executive Ministry Team		4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship
	12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff		
	3:30 p.m. CCA Basketball		
	7:30 p.m. Volleyball		

Upcoming Sermons

Feb 1/2	Jesus at the Temple 1 Samuel 1:21-28, Luke 2:22-32
Feb 8/9	Light of the World Isaiah 58:3-9a, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20
Feb 15/16	Living God's Way Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37
Feb 22/23	God's Majesty Revealed Exodus 24:8-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

Retirement Luncheon for Susan Brese and Tim Hartnett

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Classics V Banquet Center

Invitations are in your mailbox

or at the Welcome Center.

RSVP by February 2



MINISTRY COUNCIL

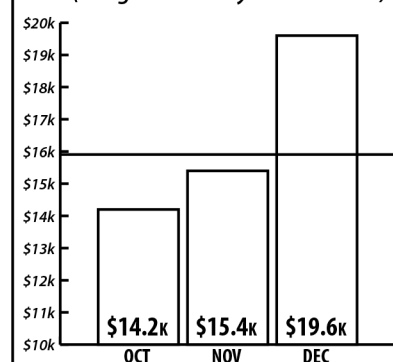
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UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 520

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 152

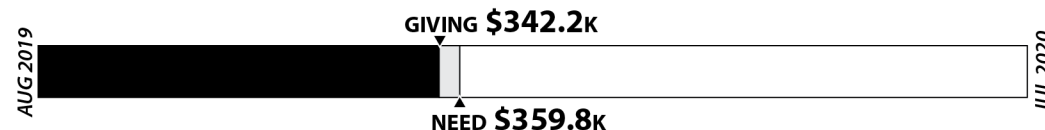
DECEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 15.9k)



Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. Malachi 3:10

Fiscal Year Giving to Mission and Ministry (\$825k Budgeted)



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

(All data through December 31, 2019)

High School Clothing Drive Items Needed!

The high school students of First Trinity are collecting donations for the *Epilepsy Association of WNY*. We will be collecting items from January 19–February 9. Supplies can be dropped off in the labeled bins across from the Main Office or in the hallway by the Preschool.

The items we are collecting may include new or gently used: hats, socks, shoes, scarves, backpacks, children's clothing (any size), mittens, children's books, toys and *new* stuffed animals. Any help you can provide would be amazing and greatly appreciated! We will be delivering these items later in February.

Many Thanks to These Volunteers!

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers. *1 Thessalonians 1:2*

Thank you to those who helped with the take down of all the Christmas decorations/trees.

Mike & Laurie Kinsella

Carolyn & Marty Doster

Wendy & Jon Morris

Petty Aldik

Marsha Peth

Joel, Noah & Jude Rockensuess

Tim Hartnett

Derek Pulver

Kevin & Jonah Cross

Garrick Wright

David Fabian

Military Ministry

I am updating Military Ministry contact information. If you have a family member or friend currently serving in the military and would like me to send them encouragement and prayers, please leave me their name and address as well as your name in my mailbox at church or email me. Thank you!

Mary Ann Gettman (maharhigetman@roadrunner.com)

Give Thanks to God For Loved Ones All Saints Service Oct 31 / Nov 1, 2020

If you have a loved one who has passed away since January 2019 and you would like them remembered at our next *All Saints Service*, please email a photo (or give us one to scan) with name and date of death to: *Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)*.

Valet Parking Ministry

We want to encourage people who need parking assistance to come to church. It is so helpful for families with young children, senior adults and anyone else that needs help getting from their vehicle into the church.

This ministry can always use more volunteers. It's a great way to show God's love to members and guests.

To help, please contact *Marsha Peth (716-238-3073)*.



SCRIP Gift Cards Sold in Main Office

SCRIP gift cards are sold between worship services each Sunday. Each gift card you purchase helps support Youth and Young Adult Mission Trips. *Thank you for your continued support!*



Saturday Night Light Concert Series

Saturday, February 8 at 7-9:30 p.m.

All are Welcome at First Trinity Lutheran Church
Free Christian Music & Snacks. Contact *John Angelucci (716-946-9804, 2ndchancesmusic@gmail.com)*

Our Next New Member Class

Wednesday, February 12 at 6-8:30 p.m.

If 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 at 6 p.m.

Please register by February 9 at FirstTrinity.com, click on **Current Sign-Ups**, or call the office (716-835-2220), so that we know how much food and supplies to buy.

OPUS Valentine's Day

Luncheon at Pane's

(Older People Up to Something)

Wednesday, February 19, Noon

984 Payne Ave., N. Tonawanda 14120



Meal includes soup, vegetable, dessert & drinks. Choice of Chicken Parmesan, Roast Beef or Breaded Pork Chops. Sign up in lobby by February 16.

Payment \$18 – to Erhard "Moose" Moosmann by February 16.

Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship

February 26, Dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Worship at 12:30 & 7 p.m.

First Trinity is hosting a completely **FREE** dinner prior to our evening 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 is helpful to have an approximate headcount. If you think you will be coming, please sign-up in the lobby.

There is also a sign-up sheet for those who are willing to help with the dinner.

Please sign up by February 19. Thanks!

The Ark Encounter Bus Trip

March 24-27

Built to scale model of Noah's Ark, the Creation Museum, and more are part of the trip led by Pastor Mike Blackwell. Places are still available. Deadline to sign up is February 3. Also openings for the Vermont/New Hampshire trip August 21-25. For info contact *Pastor Mike (716-713-7305)*.

For those who get chilly during worship, shawls are available in the back of the Sanctuary on the shelf, and may be returned to the shelf at the end of worship.