

Worship Helpers

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

	Feb 15/16	Feb 22/23
Altar Guild	Karen Wert Linda D'Amico Laura Zimberg	Karen Wert Linda D'Amico Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
Reader	Rich Ferrante	Bob Strassburg
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Bob Strassburg
Communion	Bob Strassburg	
Projection	Bill Wood	Jim Brese
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Peter Cross	Sammy Gugliuzza
Greeter	Susan Brenan	Darlene Helming
Ushers	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Sophie Myers Dave Shotwell	Walt Zimberg Sue Lichtenhal Todd Helming Joe Carr
Reader	Fern Innes	Cindy Allsop
Prayers	Nancy Stuckwisch	Dorothy Rothrock
Communion	Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold Linda Kopec Bob Kopec Marsha Peth	
Projection	Marlene Carr	Bill Wood
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Aiden Ward	Xalo Blazina
Ushers	Rachel Murszewski Paris Adams Frank Kraemer Diane Warner	Dick McKie Adam Kaczmarowski Amber Neumann Gavin Neumann
Reader	Joanne Wood	Gordon Tresch
Prayers	Marsha Peth Marsha Phillips	Marsha Phillips Brian Bunny
Communion	Jim Passage Tarrie Battaglia Pat Canfield Kim Kwietniewski Marsha Peth	
Projection	Edu Obot	Alex Hartnett

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)

James *Led by Sue Steege (Upper Level)*

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

New Next Week!

Adult Sunday Classes - 10 a.m.

February 23 – April 5

Love & Respect *Led by Pastor Chuck and Susan Whited (Library)*

Touted by leaders as a “classic” among marriage books, **Love & Respect** reveals why spouses react negatively to each other, and how they can deal with such conflict quickly, easily and biblically.

Hosea *Led by Sue Steege (Lower Level)*

Someone said about this Old Testament book: “it will challenge us with judgment so harsh it will singe our hair. But it will show us the kind of love we dream about. It will shower us with hope so pure as to take our breath away.” Come and dig into Hosea!



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of John D. 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.

New Alarm Codes Required Soon

FTLC will be updating the security system. Please email rgietz@FirstTrinity.com if you will need a code to arm or disarm the system. Provide a 4 digit code that is different from the one that you currently have or I will assign one for you. I will notify you know when it is time to start using your new code.

If you currently have a key that you no longer need, please return it to Kathy Figini or Renée Gietz. Please don't leave a key without talking to one of us.
Renée Gietz (716-773-2847)
Interim Ministry Operations Manager

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

**February 15/16
2020**

Living God's Way

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

John Townsend shared a story about a research project involving playgrounds when speaking about his book *Boundaries* (co-authored with Henry Cloud) at a national convention I attended. Children were observed on a playground with a fence around it. They would play not only on the central fort, but all around the enclosed field. One day, the fence was removed, and kids congregated around the fort, not straying far.

The researchers eventually concluded that the fencing marked the safe space to play, subtly giving kids permission to roam around the property within the secure area. The boundary was less about keeping evil out and more about marking where it was safe to play and kids responded intuitively to the protective barrier.

When we think about God's Law and living God's way, it often feels oppressive. God outlines in His Word what we should and should not do. He says, “Do this.” or “Don't do that.” and we inevitably compare ourselves to that standard and realize how often we fail at it. God's Law doesn't feel good most of the time. But God's Law **IS** good! Moses writes:

I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them. Deuteronomy 30:19b-20

God's Law is a gift that shows us where it's safe to live and play. We honor God when we live according to His Word. It's actually good for us. He wants us to live within those boundaries because He knows it's what we need. But He also knows we need a Savior because too often we jump the fence and wander into danger. We choose death instead of life. That's why Jesus came though! He came to take the punishment we deserve for hopping the fence and bring us back to God, forgiving our sins and making us right with God again.

Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministry

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!

Church Office Closed Presidents' Day—Feb. 17
Evening Activities held as scheduled.

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Calendar for February 16-23, 2020

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

Sunday 2/16	Thursday 2/20
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m. Education Hour	Friday 2/21
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	6 p.m. Family Game Night
3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers	Saturday 2/22
4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
Monday 2/17	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
Church Office is closed.	Sunday 2/23
Tuesday 2/18	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	10 a.m. Education Hour
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
7 p.m. Band	3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers
Wednesday 2/19	4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m. Women's AA	
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	
12 p.m. OPUS Lunch—Offsite	
7 p.m. Grief Support Group Corvair Car Club	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	

Upcoming Sermons

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

Director of Contemporary Worship

Call Committee News

The committee has taken the steps necessary to contact potential candidates through LCMS and the Concordia system. We have spent time understanding the various aspects of the job description developed by the Ministry Council and passed by the congregation.

Copies are available at FirstTrinity.com/call-process.

The committee encourages all church members to prayerfully consider this important position and ask for God's guidance. As you review the job description, please feel free to contact a member of the committee and share what attributes in the description you feel are important to you. We would appreciate your thoughts and prayers. You can email the committee directly at CallCommittee@FirstTrinity.com

Committee Members include:

Marty Doster (Chair) **Marlene Carr** **Kim David**
Emmett Henry **Kelsey Trautwein** **Pam Trevino**
Vicar Jason Christ (ex-officio)



Worship

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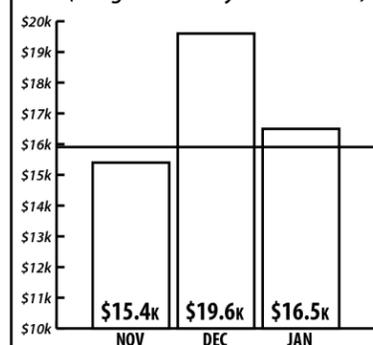
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UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 427

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 211

JANUARY BY THE NUMBERS

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



Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17

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



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

(All data through January 31, 2019)

Next Saturday of Service (SOS)

Mobile Pack Event, April 4

This is a one-day event, held quarterly, to compassionately serve others in Jesus' name. 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 partnering with hundreds of WNY volunteers to work with **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** in a mass meal packing event at Villa Maria College in Cheektowaga. FMSC is a Christian non-profit organization on a mission to feed God's starving children "hungry in body and spirit".

"You will hear us say this again and again: 'We want to reach everyone, until ALL are fed.' We truly mean this. This means reaching the hard-to-reach people and places, the 'least of these.' They will be found, and they will be fed. With God's help we will work together with organizations and ministries across the globe to end hunger." - FMSC

How to Participate in the Event:

Join us for the **Mobile Pack Event** on **April 4**. We will meet at the church at 11 a.m. After a quick briefing and devotion we will travel to Villa Maria College for the Mobile Pack Event which will occur from 12-2:00 p.m. This event is open to all ages and is a great family service opportunity (young children will require 1:1 supervision). We will help to pack thousands of specially designed high nutrition meals for distribution around the world. The goal for this event is to pack 100,000 meals!

Donate: You can also make a donation to support this SOS. Each meal costs 25 cents. If you can help in this way, please make a check out to **First Trinity Lutheran Church** and include the notation: **Feed My Starving Children** on your check. Donations may be placed in the offering plate. You may also donate online at FirstTrinity.com/SOS.

Register: FirstTrinity.com and click **Current Sign-Ups**

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)

Help Serve Others as an Usher

We are looking for some people to serve as ushers on Sunday morning at both our Traditional and Contemporary Services. Ushers provide a friendly face to guests and members alike as they enter worship and assist with various parts of the service and keep things running smoothly. If you're interested in serving, contact **Vicar Jason**. (jchrist@FirstTrinity.com)

Part-Time Ministry Assistant Position Available

St. Mark Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda is looking for a part-time Ministry Assistant. Various duties along with organizing special activities would be expected. Competitive salary based on experience.

Contact the Church office at 693-3715 or mail your resume to:

St. Mark Lutheran Church

1135 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Attention: Yvonne Tierney

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 this Sunday, February 16.



Grief Support Group at First Trinity

Wednesday, February 19 at 7 p.m.
Topic: *Finding Meaning: the Sixth Stage of Grief*. From the book, *Insights Into Grief and Possible Responses To It*, by David Kessler. Ron will lead the discussion. Whether grief is recent or not, you are welcome!

Questions: **Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)** or **Sophie Myers (716-380-2689)**.

Family Game Night

Friday, February 21 6-8 p.m.

Grades 1-12 (Younger siblings welcome)

Join us for a night of family fun! We will be enjoying game time and a quick family devotion. All ages are welcome; so feel free to bring younger siblings. Friends are welcome too! Just bring your favorite game and a fun snack to share!

GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

Tuesdays, March 3-May 26 at 10 a.m.
GriefShare is a 13-week study that includes comfort, answers, and hope. The program provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. The topic on March 3 is: *Is This Normal?*
Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695), **Sophie Myers (716-380-2689)**,
Or Mary Ann Young (716-639-1169)

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!**



Niagara Lutheran Health System

The Green Fields is very appreciative of any assistance from congregations. Presently they are in need of snack-size candy bars, small stuffed animals, and manicure items for the residents. Donations may be placed in the First Trinity Gives bin in the office hallway.

There are wonderful volunteer opportunities available at the Green Fields.

If you are interested, please call **(716-684-0202 Ext. 1813)**.