

Worship Helpers

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

	Feb 22/23	Feb 29/Mar 1
Altar Guild	Karen Wert Linda D'Amico Laura Zimberg	Susan DePlato Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
Reader	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
Prayers	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
Communion		Tony D'Amico
Projection	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Sammy Gugliuzza	Lydia Reed
Greeter	Darlene Helming	Tom & Debbie Knapp
Ushers	Walt Zimberg Sue Lichtenthal Todd Helming Joe Carr	Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright Cindy Lackie Will Lackie
Reader	Cindy Allsop	Sophie Myers
Prayers	Dorothy Rothrock	Cindy Allsop
Communion		Marsha Peth Jeff Weber Bob Kopec Linda Kopec Sue Steege
Projection	Bill Wood	George Miller
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Pat Canfield	Vicar Jason Christ
Acolyte	Xalo Blazina	Jennifer Pritchard
Ushers	Dick McKie Adam Kaczmarowski Amber Neumann Gavin Neumann	Derek Pulver Zelda Pulver Preston Pulver Paris Adams
Reader	Marsha Peth	Jennifer Tresch
Prayers	Marsha Phillips Brian Bunny	Anne DiCenso Marsha Peth
Communion		Tracy Bramwell Kelsey Trautwein Barb Reardon Jim Passage 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.
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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

New 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!

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 in the lobby. Thanks!



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Walter “Bud” Innes

By Fern Innes



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.

“Saturday Night Light”

March 14

7-9:30 p.m.

Free Christian Music & Snacks
At First Trinity Lutheran Church
All are Welcome!

For more information:

John Angelucci 716-946-9804

2ndchancesmusic@gmail.com



Sermon Topic

February 22/23
2020

God's Majesty Revealed

Exodus 24:8-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Palm Sunday—April 5

We will have a *real donkey* at First Trinity!
Come and see how God chose this special animal to play a part in Jesus' life two times.

The day Jesus died is the greatest life-saving news in the world, and sharing it is the greatest kindness you can show to anyone.

Let's get started on our mission of reaching out to others now! Please pray:

“God, who have you put in my life to invite to Journey Through Good Friday?”



It Is With Great Joy -

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

Welcome!

Dennis Baer

Dean & Phyllis Baehr

Baraka Pallangyo

Joanne Terrana

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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Calendar for February 23—March 1, 2020

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

Sunday 2/23	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	Thursday 2/27	10 a.m. Executive Ministry Team
10 a.m. Education Hour	6 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 p.m. Confirmation Gr 7&8	7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers	Friday 2/28	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship	Monday 2/24	10 a.m. Visitation for Betty Burkhardt	11 a.m. Memorial Service
10 a.m. Morning Glory Bible Study	Tuesday 2/25	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship	Sunday 3/1
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	10 a.m. Education Hour
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	7 p.m. Band	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers
Wednesday 2/26 Ash Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Women's AA	4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship	
12:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship	4:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner		
6:30 p.m. Men of Faith	7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship		
8 p.m. Volleyball			

Upcoming Sermons

Feb 29/Mar 1	Haiti: The Least of These	Acts 17:22-31, Matthew 25:31-40
Mar 7/8	David Turns From His Sin	2 Samuel 12:1-13, Acts 13:21-30, Matthew 4:17-22
Mar 14/15	Nineveh Turns From Their Sin	Jonah 3:1-10, Matthew 12:38-41
Mar 21/22	Josiah Turns From His Sin	2 Kings 22:1-13, Luke 5:27-32
Mar 28/29	Peter Turns From His Sin	Joshua 24:21-28, 2 Corinthians 7:8-11, Luke 22:54-62

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen



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

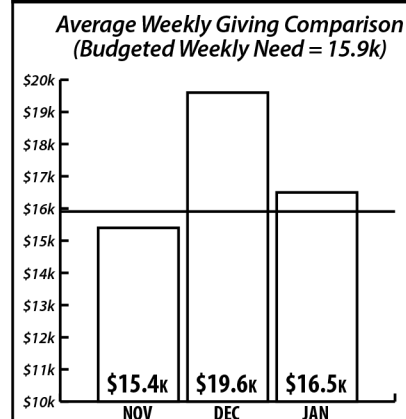
MINISTRY COUNCIL

President: Joel Rockensuess
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Secretary: Bonnie Sugrue
Treasurer: Marlene Carr
At Large: Kevin Cross,
David Fabian, Pam Jones

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 427

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 211

JANUARY BY THE NUMBERS



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 bear 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)

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).

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)

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)



LHM Lenten Devotions

Lutheran Hour Ministries Devotions for this Lenten season, **Deliver Us: Jesus Sets Us Free**, are available to you at lhm.org/lent starting February 26. Please use and share with your family and friends.

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!**



North Collins Prison Ministry Weekend March 12-15

This is a request from **Damon Piatov** who will participate on the outside team. We are able to take homemade cookies into Collins for this weekend, but the only restriction is no powdered sugar on the cookies. This is an important ministry and we can use your help. If you can bake cookies and bring them to the church by 3 p.m. on Friday, March 6, that would be great. I will pick them up and get them to Collins Christian Ministry so they can go into the prison.

Thank you for your help! Call me if you have any questions. (716-583-1067)