

Worship Helpers

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

	Feb 8/9	Feb 15/16
Altar Guild	Karen Wert Linda D'Amico Laura Zimberg	Karen Wert Linda D'Amico Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Acolyte	Henry Millar	
Greeter	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
Reader	Martha Miller	Rich Ferrante
Prayers	Karen Wert	Susan DePlato
Communion		Bob Strassburg
Projection	Charlie Ellis	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Daniel McKeehan	Peter Cross
Greeter	Paul Gerlach	Susan Brenen
Ushers	David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman Joel Rockensuess Noah Rockensuess	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Sophie Myers Dave Shotwell
Reader	Anne Miller	Fern Innes
Prayers	Ron Opferbeck	Nancy Stuckwisch
Communion		Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold Linda Kopec Bob Kopec Marsha Peth Marlene Carr
Projection	George Miller	
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Vicar Jason Christ	Sue Steege
Acolyte	Paris Adams	Aiden Ward
Greeter	Paul Gerlach	
Ushers	Dan Gietz	Rachel Murszewski Paris Adams Amber Neumann Gavin Neumann
Reader	Pam Jones	Joanne Wood
Prayers	Brian Bunny Marsha Peth	Marsha Peth Marsha Phillips
Communion		Jim Passage Tarrie Battaglia Pat Canfield Kim Kwietniewski Marsha Peth
Projection	David Phillips	Edu Obot

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

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

Presented to the Glory of God

In Thanks for Marilyn Helming’s Birthday
With Love from Your Daughter Kristen Drilling
& Your Husband Todd Helming



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.

High School Clothing Drive for the Epilepsy Association of WNY

Thank you for the many items that have been brought in for this service project. Supplies can still 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.

Sermon Topic

February 8/9
2020

Light of the World

Isaiah 58:3-9a, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20

If you’ve ever tried to keep track of all the laws and regulations in our country, you know it’s quite a beast. The laws and rules come to us from a variety of sources: Federal, state, or local government; oversight organizations, our workplace, our school. Some of the rules make perfect sense while others are confusing and make you wonder how in the world that ever became a law in the first place.

In the church we often talk about laws and regulations. Usually, people refer to the Old Testament—the first 75% of the Bible, as “The Law”. While that description is not entirely accurate, there are lots of laws in the Old Testament. Those laws told God’s people what was right and wrong. It told them what to do if they sinned. It told them how to live.

But there was also a lot of Gospel in the Old Testament. God promised to send a Savior and there were specific prophecies about Who it would be and what He would do. Jesus is that Savior, but He didn’t come to get rid of all those laws. Here’s what He says:

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. Matthew 5:17 (ESV)

Jesus didn’t come to get rid of the Laws of God. Rather, He fulfilled them—and that’s a huge distinction. The Law placed certain expectations on God’s people and those expectations have not changed. There is still right and wrong. It still shows us our sin. It still gives us a standard to live by. And we still fail.

What has changed is who keeps the Law. Where we couldn’t do everything that was right and required of us, Jesus did. He came to keep the Law. He came to fulfill it on our behalf. He was the sacrifice that paid for our sins. And you know who gets the benefit of His work? Us. He fulfilled the Law and gives us the benefits: Forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Praise be to God!

Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministry

Thanks From the Haiti Team

The Haiti Mission Team would like to thank all who helped make our trip a success. Thank you for your prayers and contributions of time, item, and money.

We reconnected with our partners in Haiti; took clothes and shoes for the new children at the Children of Israel Home; helped restock the medical clinic and saw patients on 2 days; participated in 4 children’s ministries that included about 600; trained pastors; packed and distributed food packets; trained teachers; purchased supplies and built up the security wall; started plans for transitional housing, visited businesses started with loans from Mothers Clubs of Haiti; and more! It was a great trip!

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

Transforming our world, one life at a time, through the power of God’s living Word.
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Calendar for February 9-16, 2020

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

Sunday 2/9

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10 a.m. Education Hour
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers
4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship

Monday 2/10

10 a.m. Morning Glory Bible Study

Tuesday 2/11

12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time
6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer
Horizon Support Group
7 p.m. Band

Wednesday 2/12

9:30 a.m. Women's AA
10 a.m. Executive Ministry Team
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
6:30 p.m. Men of Faith
7:30 p.m. Volleyball

Thursday 2/13

6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Gr 7&8
7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
FT Kids Leadership Team

Friday 2/14

5 p.m. Scrapbooking/Craft Night

Saturday 2/15

8 a.m. Work Team
9 a.m. Men's Basketball
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday 2/16

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10 a.m. Education Hour
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
3 p.m. English Class/Mandarin Speakers
4 p.m. Mandarin Sunday Worship

Upcoming Sermons

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

Thank You From the Makey Family

The family of Carl Makey thanks you for all the prayers, the cards, and the words of encouragement given to Carl during his extended illness. We are also most grateful for the sympathy expressed and the kindness showed when he was called home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our First Trinity family truly is a blessing from God.



MINISTRY COUNCIL

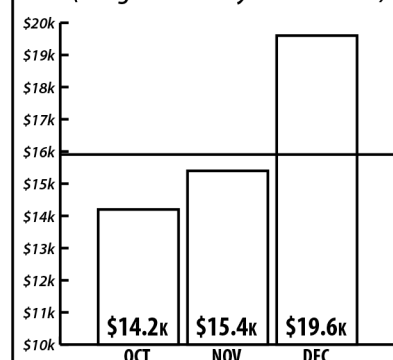
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UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 520

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 152

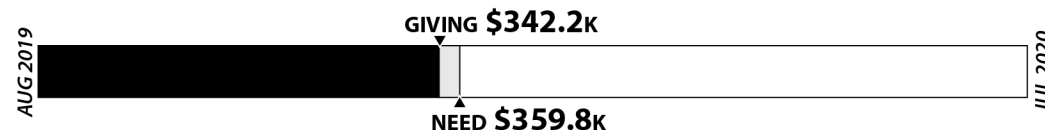
DECEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

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)

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.



Worship

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)

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!

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](mailto:kfigini@FirstTrinity.com) (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com).

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!



Vermont, New Hampshire Bus Trip

August 21-25

Openings are available for this trip led by Pastor Mike Blackwell. For info contact Pastor Mike (716-713-7305).

Horizon Support Group

Tuesday, February 11 at 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)

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.

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).

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)