

Worship Helpers

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

	Feb 29/Mar 1	Mar 7/8
Altar Guild	Susan DePlato Laura Zimberg	Susan DePlato Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Acolyte		Henry Millar
Greeter	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
Reader	Susan DePlato	Martha Miller
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Susan DePlato
Communion	Tony D'Amico	
Projection	Bill Wood	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Lydia Reed	Noah Schiferle
Greeter	Tom & Debbie Knapp	Fern Innes
Ushers	Gretchen Wright Garrick Wright Cindy Lackie Will Lackie	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman
Reader	Sophie Myers	Garrick Wright
Prayers	Cindy Allsop	Ron Opferbeck
Communion	Marsha Peth Jeff Weber Bob Kopec Linda Kopec Sue Steege	
Projection	George Miller	Marlene Carr
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Vicar Jason Christ	Sue Steege
Acolyte	Jennifer Pritchard	Luke Fabian
Ushers	Derek Pulver Zelda Pulver Preston Pulver Paris Adams	Fabian Family Dan Gietz
Reader	Jennifer Tresch	Marsha Peth
Prayers	Anne DiCenso Marsha Peth	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips
Communion	Tracy Bramwell Kelsey Trautwein Barb Reardon Jim Passage Sue Steege	
Projection	Jennifer Pritchard	David Phillips

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)

This is a video series by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs based upon God's instruction found in Ephesians 5:33: "Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." If you want to know how men and women can better relate and communicate with one another, this class is for you! **The information gained is useful for all relationships (not just husbands and wives).**

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!

**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?"



Preschool Enrollment for 2020-21

Forms at Welcome Center or FirstTrinityPreschool.com

Openings for 2, 3 & 4-year-olds

Director, Debbie Ferrante

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Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

Thanksgiving to God for His Many Blessings

By Terri & John Mecca



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

**Feb 29/March 1
2020**

Haiti: The Least of These

Acts 17:22-31, Matthew 25:31-40

In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us about the final judgment when He returns. He separates people into two groups: Those who will inherit eternal life and those who will go to eternal death. When speaking to the two groups, He describes various actions they did or didn't do.

He speaks about these actions as having been done (or not) to Jesus Himself. They fed Him. Clothed Him. Welcomed Him. Visited Him while sick or in prison. Jesus highlights all the things people did or failed to do, and then both groups respond essentially the same way, but here's how the righteous say it:

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" Matthew 25:37-39 (ESV) (See v. 44 for the unrighteous' answer)

What's interesting about this is that neither group knew it was Jesus they were seeing before them. They had no clue! You can hear the confusion in their response, as if they are trying to figure out what in the world they missed to not see Jesus in those moments. Jesus' reply is equally fascinating:

And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40 (ESV)

Jesus chooses to identify with "the least of these". He came for all people, but often we overlook those the world says are "least". Jesus reminds us here that when we serve others—whether it's the "least" or the "greatest"—we are serving Him. And we serve and love others because Jesus first served and loved us.

As we begin the season of Lent, we are reminded of our failures to care for "the least of these". But we're also reminded of God's love and grace in caring for us, "the least of these". Praise be to Jesus, the one who came to save us.

Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministry

Come For Worship! Wednesdays During Lent

March 4 - Worship Service at 7 p.m.

Services will feature personal testimonies to convey the hope Jesus gives. Testimony will be given by **Katie Gardner**. Our prayer is that we will see the power Jesus has to change our lives. He heals, restores and cares.



Next Weekend!

Transforming our world, one life at a time, through the power of God's living Word.
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Calendar for March 1-8, 2020

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

Sunday 3/1	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	Thursday 3/5	6 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal Amherst Youth Basketball 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Gr 7&8 Joshua's Men 7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Monday 3/2	10 a.m. GriefShare Music With Mar 12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Amherst Youth Basketball 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer 7 p.m. Band	Friday 3/6	9 a.m. Men's Basketball 5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
Tuesday 3/3	9:30 a.m. Women's AA Servants of Christ Life Grp 7 p.m. Lenten Worship 8 p.m. Volleyball	Saturday 3/7	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
Wednesday 3/4		Sunday 3/8	Daylight-Saving Time Begins

Upcoming Sermons

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

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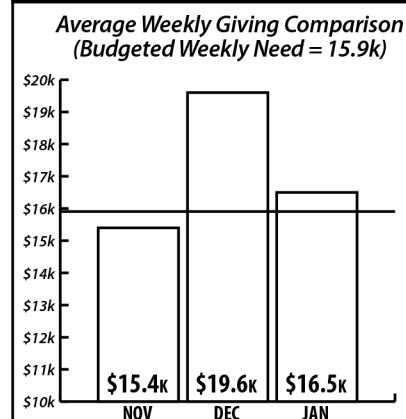
MINISTRY COUNCIL

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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).

Thanks from Tracy & Mark Bramwell

A heartfelt thank you for all the expressions of sympathy on the loss of our mom, Betty Burkhardt. We appreciate all the cards, texts, meals, visits and how our First Trinity family welcomed Mom over the past 2 years.

Inspirational Movie

I Still Believe is the true story of Christian singer - song writer, Jeremy Camp. Directed by the Erwin Brothers (who also directed **I Can Only Imagine**), **I Still Believe** tells of Camp's spiritual journey through love and loss. In theaters March 11; be sure to bring some Kleenex!

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.

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)

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)

Thank You Mattheus Family!

The Ash Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner was wonderful and very appreciated. Many thanks to **Steve, Michelle, Jamie, and Connor** for all their hard work and delicious cooking! Thanks also to the other volunteers who helped the Mattheus's with the dinner and clean-up!



Grief Support Group at First Trinity

Wednesday, March 18 at 7:45 p.m. (Note Time Change)

Topic: Death is But a Dream by Christopher Kerr, MD, PHD.

"Finding Hope & Meaning at Life's End". Open to anyone grieving, having someone in hospice care, or just willing to learn more about end of life. Ron will lead the discussion.

Questions: **Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)**

High School Students Say Thanks!

On behalf of the High School Ministry, we would like to thank everyone that donated to our Clothing Drive. We were able to donate around 40 bags/boxes of donated items to the Epilepsy Association of WNY! We also thank the Preschool for joining forces with us & collecting donations on our behalf! Our Clothing Drive was a huge success thanks to you!

Volunteers Needed

Sunday morning, March 15 before and between services, the **Friends of Night People team** is in need of a few volunteers to help consolidate the goulash for transport and to help load the vehicle that makes the delivery. If you are interested in helping that day, please contact **Pauline Shotwell**.

(plshotwellps@gmail.com, or call / txt 716-480-7630)