

Worship Helpers

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

	Mar 7/8	Mar 14/15
Altar Guild	Susan DePlato 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	Martha Miller	Rich Ferrante
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Bob Strassburg
Communion		Susan DePlato
Projection	Bill Wood	Charlie Ellis
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Noah Schiferle	Luke Guetti
Greeter	Fern Innes	Paul Gerlach
Ushers	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Ray Voit Erhard Moosmann Sophie Myers
Reader	Garrick Wright	Fern Innes
Prayers	Ron Opferbeck	Nancy Stuckwisch
Communion		Lisa Cross Tom Knapp Paul Gerlach Carl Fretthold Marsha Peth Bill Wood
Projection	Marlene Carr	
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Luke Fabian	Paris Adams
Greeter		Paul Gerlach
Ushers	Fabian Family Dan Gietz	Rachel Murszewski Paris Adams Frank Kraemer Diane Warner
Reader	Marsha Peth	Wendy Morris
Prayers	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny
Communion		Tarrie Battaglia Pat Canfield Kim Kwietniewski Tracy Bramwell Marsha Peth Edu Obot
Projection	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

Adult Sunday Classes - 10 a.m.

Until 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!

Preschool Enrollment for 2020-21

Forms at Welcome Center or FirstTrinityPreschool.com

Openings for 2, 3 & 4-year-olds

Director, Debbie Ferrante

716-835-2220

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Congregational Meeting

Please Join Us!

Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m.

Come for coffee and conversation at 9:30 a.m.



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

Thanksgiving to God for His Many Blessings

By Susan & Phil DePlato



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



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Sermon Topic

March 7/8
2020

David Turns From His Sin

2 Samuel 12:1-13, Acts 13:21-30, Matthew 4:17-22

Outside of Jesus, David may be the one person in the Bible we know the most about. He played a significant role in the history of God's people, serving as their second king. A fierce warrior, he became famous for defeating the giant Goliath with a sling and a smooth stone. He was an accomplished musician and a gifted composer, writing many songs gathered together for us in the book of Psalms.

Through his music we get a glimpse into David's inner self. We read about his joys and sorrows. Often we see a raw, uncensored version of David who bares everything before God. Many of his songs are responses to various events in his life, as is the case with Psalm 51.

David had just ordered Uriah to be murdered in battle so he could take Uriah's wife Bathsheba as his own. David had already committed adultery with her and was now trying to cover it up. The prophet Nathan confronts David, resulting in this prayer of confession from David, known now as Psalm 51.

After confessing his sin and brokenness, he pleads with God, boldly asking:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Psalm 51:10-12 (ESV)

What a beautiful prayer! David was bold to pray this prayer and we are equally bold to pray it. God answered that prayer for David and He answers it for us as well! Through Jesus, He creates a new heart within us and invites us into His presence. He blesses us with His Holy Spirit. He makes us His own.

Today we remember David's confession and how he turned from sin back to God. But we also remember what God has done: He paid the price in blood for David's sin (and ours!), not sparing His only Son Jesus. He paid that price so that He could create a clean heart in us and restore the joy of His salvation to us. Thanks be to God!

Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministry

**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?"

**JOURNEY
THROUGH
GOOD
FRIDAY**
self-guided event

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Calendar for March 8-15, 2020

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

Sunday 3/8	Daylight-Saving Time Begins	Thursday 3/12	
8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship	10 a.m.	Executive Ministry Team
10 a.m.	Education Hour	6 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
3 p.m.	English Class/Mandarin Speakers	Friday 3/13	
4 p.m.	Mandarin Sunday Worship	5 p.m.	Scrapbooking/Craft Night
Monday 3/9		Saturday 3/14	
10 a.m.	Morning Glory Bible Study	9 a.m.	Men's Basketball
Tuesday 3/10		5:30 p.m.	Traditional Worship
10 a.m.	GriefShare	7 p.m.	Saturday Night Light
	Music With Mar	Sunday 3/15	
12:30 p.m.	Staff Prayer Time	8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship
6:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Prayer	10 a.m.	Education Hour
	Ministry Council/EMT Meeting	11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	Horizon Support Group	3 p.m.	English Class/Mandarin Speakers
7 p.m.	Band	4 p.m.	Mandarin Sunday Worship
Wednesday 3/11			
9:30 a.m.	Women's AA		
12 p.m.	Lunch With Staff		
6:30 p.m.	Men of Faith		
7 p.m.	Lenten Worship		
8 p.m.	Volleyball		

Upcoming Sermons

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

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New Alarm Codes Required

FTLC is 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. **Starting Monday, March 9, you will need your new code to arm or disarm the alarm.**

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

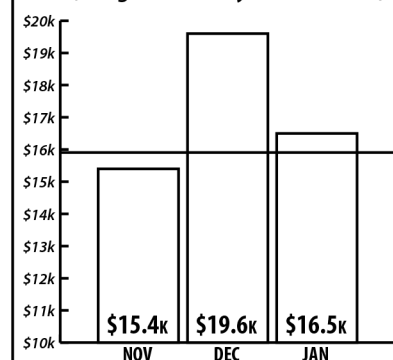
President: Joel Rockensuess
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UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 427

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).

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 60 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)

GriefShare: Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

Tuesday, March 10 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 10 is: **Challenges of Grief**
Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695), Sophie Myers (716-380-2689), Or Mary Ann Young (716-639-1169)

Come For Worship!

Wednesdays During Lent

March 11 - Worship Service at 7 p.m.

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

Easter Plants for the Altar

In Memory of or In Thanksgiving for a Loved One

Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 22.

Order envelopes are in your mailboxes and are available at the Welcome Center.



All plants are 6 1/2 inch pots and cost \$8.50.

Pick up plants after 11:15 a.m. worship on Easter Sunday.

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)**

Easter Food Baskets

Basket request deadline is Sunday, March 22.

Donation deadline is Sunday March 29.

Baskets are given to needy families in our congregation, the community, and to La Santa Cruz church in the city of Buffalo. Donations of \$35 will fill a basket. Write **Holiday Food Baskets** on the memo line of your check, place it in a pew envelope, and place it in the offering plate.

For more information, or if you know a family in need, please contact the church office.

(kfigini@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220).

If you would like to help with the baskets on Saturday, April 4th at 9 a.m., please contact **Pauline Shotwell** (plshotwellps@gmail.com, or call/txt 716-480-7630).

Help Spruce Up the Church!

Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m.

If you would like to help prepare the sanctuary and chancel for Easter, please join us and bring a pail and some rags. We will be cleaning and polishing the pews, altar, lectern, and pulpit.

Everyone is welcome to join us! Please contact Laura if you are able to help! **Laura Zimberg (716-435-0020)**