

Worship Helpers

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

	Jan 27/28	Feb 3/4
Altar Guild	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno Pauline Shotwell Laura Zimberg	Linda D'Amico Karen Wert Laura Zimberg Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
Reader	Bob Strassburg	Susan DePlato
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Susan DePlato
Communion		Susan DePlato
Projection	Jim Brese	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Adam Kaczmarowski	Jamie Mattheus
Greeter	Fern Innes Charlene Beno	Susan Brenan
Ushers	David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman Sue Lichtenthal Abbie Morehouse	Kevin Cross Jonah Cross Peter Cross Joe Carr
Reader	Sophie Myers	Jubal Myers
Prayers	Cindy Allsop	Ron Opferbeck
Communion		Lisa Cross Leo Figini Joe Allsop Cindy Allsop Sue Steege Bekah Freed Marlene Carr
Projection	Bill Wood	
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Faith Hackett Zoey Schoenfeldt	Mara Tysick
Greeter	Jim Brese	Jim Brese
Ushers	Frank Kraemer Paris Adams Rachel Bissell	Judy Pedersen Abby Pedersen Derek Pulver Amber Neumann
Reader	Pam Jones	Wendy Morris
Prayers	Brian Bunny Marsha Phillips	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited
Communion		Barb Reardon Wendy Morris Tracy Bramwell Marty Doster Sue Steege
Projection	Stacy DiCenso	David Phillips

FT Kids & Youth Sunday School

Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.

Children	Just Us - Adults
Childcare Infants - Age 2 <i>Meets in Upper Preschool 2</i>	With Developmental Disabilities <i>Meets in Gym</i>
Preschool - Ages 3 & 4 <i>Meets in Upper Preschool 3</i>	Youth
Kindergarten - Age 5 <i>Meets in Lower Preschool 4A</i>	Middle School Grades 6 - 8 <i>Meets on Lower Level</i>
FT Kids - Grades 1-5 <i>Meets in Gym</i>	High School Grades 9 - 12 <i>Meets on Lower Level Lounge</i>

Adult Sunday Classes—10 a.m.

January 7—February 11

The Family Project *This class runs from January 7 - March 25.*

Led by Pastor Chuck and Susan Whited (Upper Level)
This is a 12-part series from **Focus on the Family** which explores God's design and purpose for family. How can Christians live with purpose and an eternal perspective? And how can we model God's design for families to our neighbors, peers, and coworkers? The goal is to be a positive influence in our own family and, ultimately, our culture. Your family will be blessed by this series.

The Ten Commandments

Led by Phil Reed (Lower Level)
This class will explore the ten commandments and help us apply them to daily life.

King David: A Man After God's Own Heart

Led by Jason Christ and Sue Steege (Library)
This class will explore the Old Testament man, David, in two ways: we will look at events in his life and explore the corresponding Psalm to those events. In this way we will see both David's mind and his heart for his relationship with God—real life events connected to real conversation with God. This class will also be available on **Facebook Live**.

Saturday Bible Class:

Who Do You Think You Are?

January 13—February 17, 4-5 p.m.

Join us for a 6-week Bible Study that will explore the themes from the weekly sermons in a deeper way. We will be using the same material that our life groups are using. The class will be taught by:
Jason Christ (jchrist@FirstTrinity.com, 716-860-5007)



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Leo Travers
By Millar Family



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 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.

Friends for Life:

10 buddies. 38 years. 1 week a year
Features the filmed story of a group of guys who have remained friends 38 years after graduation from middle school.

"Our lives have gone lots of directions," says Rodney Stewart, one of the original group of buddies. "Marriages, divorces, addictions, the death of family members, successes and failures—we've walked through them together." Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the benefits of longtime friendships.



**This Monday night
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Here in our beautiful, cafe-like lower level. Free snacks & beverages - hope you'll join us!

LifetreeCafe.com

Sermon Topic

January 27/28
2018

A Secret Worth Sharing

Ephesians 3:1-21

My dad (Paul Steege) went to heaven a long time ago—in 1983, at the age of 52. He had a heart attack while playing tennis on his lunch hour. While the grief never goes away, it has softened over the years, and I think of him a little less often than I used to. This football season, however, has brought him to mind many many times. I grew up in Minnesota and my childhood team was the Minnesota Vikings, who for the first time in many years made it to the playoffs (all the way to the NFC Championship!). One of my favorite things to do with my dad was watch football, so I found myself wishing to watch the Vikings with him, wondering what he would say about their quarterback, and relishing how much he would love the fact that his grandchildren are huge fans.

My dad loved me unconditionally. When I remember his hugs, his advice, his attention to me, I realize that I did not just "know about" my Dad's love for me—I *knew* his love, deep in my bones; no question about it.

In this week's section of Ephesians, Paul prays something like that for his friends in Ephesus:

...that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
—Ephesians 3:17b-19

Paul is talking about a much deeper experience than just "knowing about" Christ's love for you. He prays here that we might "know the love of Christ", deep in our bones; no question about it. When you know the love of Christ, it transforms your life, from the inside out. I am thankful to have a dad that loved me unconditionally, but I am even more thankful to be loved by Jesus. I hope you experience that kind of love, too.

Susan Steege (Director of Transformation Ministries)

Saturday of Service Event

Saturday, February 3, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

This one-day event complements our longer mission trip experiences by providing local mission and service opportunities. There is no commitment beyond that one day. We will be serving at **The Food Bank of WNY** assisting them with their mission to "Fight hunger one day at a time", and will work in their warehouse on Holt Street in Buffalo.

The Food Bank has specific space limitations and safety requirements in their warehouse. These are listed at **FirstTrinity.com**, on the coming events page, where you can also register to volunteer. Our group will be limited to the first 15 participants who register.

We will gather at First Trinity at 8 a.m., and then head to the Food Bank for a 9 a.m. start. We will work from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and head home from there.

Once you register you will be contacted via e-mail to confirm your registration and any further information for the day. Questions? **Patrick Canfield (716-695-9845)**.

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.

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

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Calendar for January 28—February 4, 2018

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

Sunday	1/28	Thursday	2/1
8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship	6 p.m.	Amherst Youth Basketball
9:45 a.m.	Special Voter's Meeting	7:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m.	Education Hour	7:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	Friday	2/2
4:30 p.m.	Pickleball	3:30 p.m.	CCA Basketball
Monday	1/29	6:30 p.m.	Pickleball
3:30 p.m.	CCA Basketball	Saturday	2/3
7 p.m.	Lifetree Café	9 a.m.	Men's Basketball
Tuesday	1/30	12:45 p.m.	FACES
12:30 p.m.	Staff Prayer Time	2 p.m.	Youth Band Rehearsal
6 p.m.	Amherst Youth Basketball	4 p.m.	Saturday Bible Class
6:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Prayer	5:30 p.m.	Traditional Worship
7 p.m.	Band Rehearsal	Sunday	2/4
Wednesday	1/31	8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship
9:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting	10 a.m.	Education Hour
12 p.m.	Lunch With the Staff	11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
3:30 p.m.	CCA Basketball	4:30 p.m.	Pickleball
6 p.m.	Narcen Training		
7:30 p.m.	Volleyball		
	Young Adult Life Group		

Sermon Series—Who Do You Think You Are?

Feb 3/4	Divine Imitation Ephesians 5:15-33, 6:1-9
Feb 10/11	More Than Conquerors Ephesians 6:10-24

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

Kairos Prison Ministry

The mission field is nearer than we often think. God is at work inside the prisons at both Wende and Albion. Right now, He is assembling a team of servants for the next Kairos Weekend at the Albion Women's Correctional Facility. Each Kairos weekend is a Spirit-filled time of discipling, mentoring and friendship. We need your help, and there are many ways to serve in Prison Ministry, both inside and outside the fences. Let us tell you more! Please prayerfully consider your interest in attending an informational meeting about either prison's program. The date will be announced soon!

Questions, please contact *Carla Stone (716-773-7881)*.

2017 Giving Statements

We continue to be thankful for the life and ministry of Bill Stuckwisch! If you didn't know, one of his many volunteer jobs was providing the giving statements for donors. As we've transitioned, some systems had to change, including statement distribution. We are providing summary paper statements for anyone who has given more than \$50 to First Trinity in 2017. These will be mailed directly to your home. Others can request a paper copy by contacting Jason Christ. Everyone can also view an itemized list of their donations through our website. Click on "give" at the top of the page, then look for the section "Check Your Giving History Online" for the specifics.

Jason Christ (jchrist@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220)

OPUS Valentine's Day Luncheon at Pane's (Older People Up to Something)



Tuesday, February 13, Noon
984 Payne Ave., N. Tonawanda 14120

Meal includes soup, bread, green beans, baked potato, coffee, tea, dessert, and choice of Chicken Marsala, Ham or Manicotti. Sign up in lobby by February 12.

Payment \$17 – to Erhard "Moose" Moosmann by February 11.

Next Mission Trip to China

May 13-24, 2018

The China Mission Team will join The Sowers Ministry to bring Bibles and Bible teaching to believers in house churches in China. We look forward to all God will do on this mission trip! Interested in going? Contact **Pastor Chuck** for more information.

We can all join Jesus in His mission to spread the Gospel across Asia through donating money for Bibles and by praying for the believers in the persecuted church in China, North Korea, Nepal and India. *Donations for Bibles can be made to First Trinity, marked China Mission Trip.*

St. John Lutheran School

Open House - Kindergarten to Grade 8

6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, 14120

Tuesday, January 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

Bring your child, meet the teachers and see the classrooms.

We offer a great Christian Education.

(716-693-9677, stjohnnt.com)

St. John Lutheran School

Turkey Dinner

Sunday, Feb 11, 4-6 p.m. 6950 Ward Rd. (corner of Ward Rd & Niagara Falls Blvd)

Join us for our 27th Annual Turkey Dinner!

Tickets: \$5 Ages 5-10, \$10 Adults.

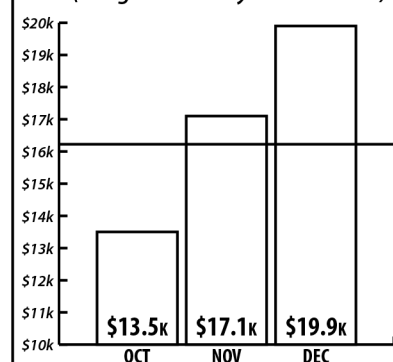
Call for reservations (716-693-9677).

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 517

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 166

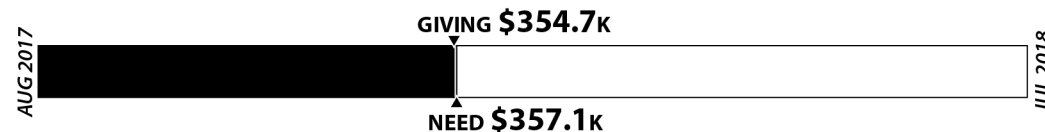
DECEMBER BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 16.2k)



One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11:24

Fiscal Year Giving to Mission and Ministry (\$844k Budgeted)



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

(All data through December 31, 2017)

Join Us for Pickleball!

Sunday, January 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Donation—\$3 per person.

In our gym—paddles are supplied or bring your own.

Rich Ferrante (Call or text 716-774-1060)



Special Voter's Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 9:45 a.m.

This special meeting is needed to make nominations for the following positions:

- Eastern District President
- Eastern District Regional Vice President
- Regional Lay Member – Eastern District Board of Directors
- Synod Committee for Convention Nominations
- Alternate Congregational Delegate to Eastern District Convention

We will also have a motion to close the LCMS Foundation account and transfer the funds to the newly established TD Ameritrade Scholarship Fund account.

Narcen Training at First Trinity

January 31 at 6 p.m. (Lower Level)

The Workshop is approximately 2 hours long, and there is NO COST to the trainees. The Workshop is open to all; anyone 16 and over is eligible to receive their own Narcen kit (dependent on NYSDOH supply availability). All will receive instructions on how to get Narcen at a pharmacy.

Learning Objectives

- The Opioid Epidemic in Erie County today – what happened?
- Signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose
- Good Samaritan Law
- ESAP and SEP
- Use of Narcen (naloxone) to reverse an overdose
- Reporting and follow up

If you would like to attend, please sign-up in the lobby.

Maximum of 100 participants.

Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship

February 14, Dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m. Worship 7 p.m.

First Trinity is hosting a completely FREE dinner prior to our 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 would be helpful to have an approximate headcount. If you think you're likely to come, please put your name and how many may attend on the sheet in the lobby.

Sign up by February 7 if you can. Thanks!

Baked Goods for Coffee Hour

We appreciate store bought or homemade! If you would be willing to buy or bake a goodie for Coffee Hour on Sundays, please sign up in the Lobby.

Thank you for your help!

