

## Worship Helpers

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

	<b>March 3/4</b>	<b>March 10/11</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b> .....	Susan DePlato Laura Zimberg	Susan DePlato Laura Zimberg
<b>Saturday, 5:30 p.m.</b>		
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Evelyn Schleidt	Martha Miller
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert
<b>Reader</b> .....	Martha Miller	Martha Miller
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Susan DePlato	Karen Wert
<b>Communion</b> .....	Tony D'Amico	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Bill Wood	Charlie Ellis
<b>Sunday, 8:45 a.m.</b>		
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Brian Lackie	Daniel McKeehan
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Darlene Helming Charlene Beno	Paul Gerlach Susan Brenan
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Joel Rockensuess Dave Shotwell Jude Rockensuess Noah Rockensuess	David Gettman Mike Zekas Sue Lichtenhal Abbie Morehouse
<b>Reader</b> .....	Anne Miller	Sophie Myers
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Dorothy Rothrock	Ron Opferbeck
<b>Communion</b> .....	John Faller Tom Knapp Bob Kopec Linda Kopec Bekah Freed Jason Christ	
<b>Projection</b> .....	Marlene Carr	Bill Wood
<b>Sunday, 11:15 a.m.</b>		
<b>Worship Assistant</b> .....	Jason Christ	Sue Steege
<b>Acolyte</b> .....	Paris Adams	Colin Hurley Danny Leising
<b>Greeter</b> .....	Jim Brese	Paul Gerlach
<b>Ushers</b> .....	Frank Kraemer Rachel Bissell Paris Adams	Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen Derek Pulver Amber Neumann
<b>Reader</b> .....	Pam Jones	Wendy Morris
<b>Prayers</b> .....	Anne DiCenso Jon Whited	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny
<b>Communion</b> .....	Kim Kwietniewski Barb Reardon Wendy Morris Tracy Bramwell Bekah Freed	
<b>Projection</b> .....	David Phillips	Edu Obot

## FT Kids & Youth Sunday School

### Education Hour Sunday 10-11 a.m.

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

### Adult Sunday Classes—10 a.m.

#### February 18-March 25

#### The Family Project (continues)

*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 Gospel of Mark

*Led by Sue Steege (Lower Level)*  
The New Testament book of Mark is one of four Gospels that tell the story of Jesus' life. It was the first one ever written and is action-packed. Join us and dig into the life of Jesus—it will change you.

#### I Am N

*Led by Jason Christ. (Library)*  
“N” is the name used for “Christian” by ISIS and other groups. The headlines from around the world are staggering as we read about Christians persecuted for their faith. How can we understand what they're facing? What does it mean for our Christian walk? This class will include actual video interviews with Christians persecuted around the world and will look at the principles of Sacrifice, Faithfulness, Honor, Perseverance, Courage, and Forgiveness.



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.

## Sermon Topic

### Defeating Evil

Acts 19:11-17, Mark 5:1-20

Surprises are so fun with kids. Surprising them is great, but being “surprised” by them is even better. Whenever our kids are trying to “surprise” us, it's never really a surprise—mostly because they are so excited about it that you know something's up. It's a dead giveaway every time.

Maybe you've been that way before too. I notice it in adults when they have amazing news to share; announcing a pregnancy, a clean scan after a lengthy cancer battle, or a financial windfall like a bonus or raise. You can see the excitement all over their face and body language.

When we have exciting news, it's fun to share it with others. Jesus was ministering to some people when He came upon a demon-possessed man. After a remarkable encounter that saw the demons ask Jesus for permission to enter pigs—only to run the pigs into the sea and drown—the man is healed and restored to health. The man wants to follow Jesus wherever he goes, but Jesus has different plans:

*But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” Mark 5:19 (NLT)*

Sometimes following Jesus means going. Like that man, we have opportunity to go to our families, friends, neighbors, relatives—whomever—and tell them about what Jesus has done for us. It's the most exciting news there is, that Jesus redeemed and saved us, and now we have opportunity to share it.

Have you considered what Jesus has done in your life? Maybe He restored a broken relationship. Perhaps it was a miraculous healing that you didn't expect. Or maybe it was a much-needed respite during a chaotic season of your life, or a word of encouragement when you were feeling down. Whatever it was, Jesus is now inviting you: “Go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.”

So let's be obedient. Go and tell of His great love and mercy!

*Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)*

March 3/4  
2018

### 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.



### Altar Flowers

### Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Jim Ruch  
By John & Sue Garvey

### You've Got a Problem! Your One-Hour Guide to Making Better Decisions

An exclusive film showing four strangers struggling to emerge from an escape room. Escape rooms are rooms where players are locked inside and then uncover clues and solve puzzles to escape room before time runs out. “Most people have just one or two styles of problem solving,” says Lifetree's Craig Cable. “This program helps people identify their problem-solving style and discover the benefits of trying other techniques as well.”

Participants will consider current problems and explore strategies for solving those problems.



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

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

## Come For Worship! Wednesdays During Lent March 7 - Worship Service at 7 p.m.

Services will feature personal testimonies to convey the hope Jesus gives. Testimony will be given by **Liz D'Angelis**. 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 4-11, 2018

For calendar details, visit our website: [FirstTrinity.com/calendar](http://FirstTrinity.com/calendar)

Sunday	3/4	Thursday	3/8
8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship	6:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
10 a.m.	Education Hour	7:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship	<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/9</b>
4:30 p.m.	Pickleball	5 p.m.	Scrapbooking/Craft Night
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3/5</b>	6:30 p.m.	Pickleball
9 a.m.	KINDLE Training Team	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/10</b>
7 p.m.	Lifetree Café	9 a.m.	Men's Basketball
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/6</b>		Kairos—Women's Team Mtg.
9 a.m.	KINDLE Training Team	5:30 p.m.	Traditional Worship
6:30 p.m.	Tuesday Night Prayer	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/11</b>
7 p.m.	Band Rehearsal	8:45 a.m.	Traditional Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/7</b>	10 a.m.	Education Hour
9 a.m.	KINDLE Training Team	11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m.	Women's AA Meeting		Sunbeam Sunday
	Servants of Christ	4:30 p.m.	Pickleball
12 p.m.	Lunch With the Staff		
7 p.m.	<b>Lenten Worship</b>		
7:30 p.m.	Volleyball		

## Sermon Series

<b>Mar 3/4</b>	<b>Defeating Evil</b>	Acts 19:11-17, Mark 5:1-20
<b>Mar 10/11</b>	<b>Experiencing Provision</b>	Deuteronomy 8:2-10, Mark 6:30-44
<b>Mar 17/18</b>	<b>Persistent Faith</b>	1 Kings 17:17-24, Mark 5:21-43
<b>Mar 24/25</b>	<b>A Terrifying Love</b>	Psalm 46:1-11, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 6:45-52

Listen to past sermons at [FirstTrinity.com/Listen](http://FirstTrinity.com/Listen)

## ENCOUNTERS BY THE SEA

## Interested in Joining First Trinity?

**Next New Member Class—Sign-up Today!**  
**Tuesday, April 10 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 served at 6 p.m.

Please register at [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com), click on Coming Events, or call the church office (716-835-2220), so that we know how much food and supplies to buy.

## Next Saturday of Service (SOS)

### Mobile Pack Event, April 14

This is a one-day event, held quarterly, to compassionately serve others in Jesus' name. SOS complements our longer mission trip experiences by providing local mission and service opportunities. 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*

### There are two ways to participate:

**Event:** Join us for the **Mobile Pack Event** on **April 14**. Meet at First Trinity at 5 p.m., and after a quick briefing and devotion we will travel to Villa Maria College for the Event which will occur from 6-8 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! Register at [FirstTrinity.com](http://FirstTrinity.com) under Coming Events. You will be contacted via e-mail to confirm your registration and you will receive any further needed information for the day.

**Donate:** You can also make a donation to support this SOS. Each meal costs approximately \$.25. 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](http://FirstTrinity.com/SOS).

If you have any questions feel free to contact:  
**Patrick Canfield (716-695-9845)**

## Preschool 2018-19

Enroll now - classes fill quickly!  
Openings in 2, 3, & 4 year old classes.

Enroll for September 2018 now. If you are interested in enrollment, turn in your applications soon to assure a spot. Forms are available at the Welcome Center or [FirstTrinityPreschool.com](http://FirstTrinityPreschool.com).

For more information contact **Debbie Ferrante**  
([dferrante@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:dferrante@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220)

## Portals of Prayer—Daily Devotions

**Portals of Prayer** is great for personal devotions featuring a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer in an easy-to-read format. It can be picked up near the Welcome Center. If you know someone who would be blessed by a copy, please take an extra one to share.

## Join Us for Pickleball!

**Sunday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday, March 9 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)**



## An Evening of Christian Music

**Saturday, March 3 at 7-9:30 p.m.**

All are Welcome at First Trinity Lutheran Church

Live Music, Open Mic, Snacks Contact **John Angelucci**  
(716-946-9804, [LockportDrumShop@yahoo.com](mailto:LockportDrumShop@yahoo.com))

## Easter Plants for the Altar

In Memory of or In Thanksgiving for a Loved One

**Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 11.**

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



All plants are 6 1/2 inch pots and cost \$8.

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

## Easter Food Baskets

**Basket request deadline is Sunday, March 11.**

**Donations deadline is Sunday, March 18.**

Baskets will be given to needy families in our congregation, community, and to La Santa Cruz Lutheran Church in the city of Buffalo. Donations of \$35 will fill a basket. Write **Holiday Food Baskets** on the memo line of your check and place in pew envelope. Baskets will be assembled on March 24 at 9 a.m.

For more information, to volunteer to help assemble baskets, or if you know a family in need, please contact the church office.  
([kfigini@FirstTrinity.com](mailto:kfigini@FirstTrinity.com), 716-835-2220).

## Horizon Health Services

**Tuesday, March 13, 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)**

## Congregational Meeting

**Saturday, March 24 – 10 a.m.**

Come for coffee and conversation at 9:30!



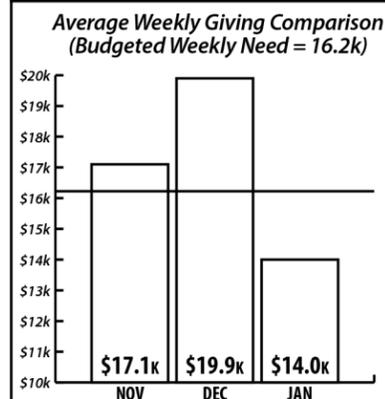
**Friday  
March 30**  
Come anytime  
between 2-7 p.m.

A self-guided,  
meditative, interactive,  
worshipful event.

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 463

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 196

### JANUARY BY THE NUMBERS



*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 (\$844k Budgeted)



Give online at [FTGives.com](http://FTGives.com) or text "give" to 716-710-8800.

(All data through January 31, 2018)