

Worship Helpers

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

	July 27/28	August 3/4
Altar Guild	Pauline Shotwell 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	Bob Strassburg	Martha Miller
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Karen Wert
Communion		Susan DePlato
Projection	Jim Brese	Bill Wood
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Tyler Pastore	Peter Cross
Greeter	Susan Brenan	Fern Innes
Ushers	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman	Ray Voit Daniel McKeenan Erhard Moosmann Dave Shotwell
Reader	Anne Miller	Jubal Myer
Prayers	Ron Opferbeck	Nancy Stuckwisch
Communion		Bob Kopec Linda Kopec Carl Fretthold Wendy Binkley Sue Steege Bill Wood
Projection	George Miller	
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Vicar Jason Christ	Sue Steege
Acolyte	Paris Adams	Jennifer Pritchard
Ushers	Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen Diane Warner Natalie Cook	Dick McKie Frank Kraemer Rachel Bissell Paris Adams
Reader	Jennifer Tresch	Joanne Wood
Prayers	Marsha Peth Marsha Phillips	Anne DiCenso Brian Bunny
Communion		Jim Passage Marty Doster Pat Canfield Kim Kwietniewski Sue Steege
Projection	Edu Obot	Jennifer Pritchard

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.



**Until September 1
10-11 a.m.**

Come all weeks, one week, or several!

Proverbs

Led by Rev. Dr. Charles Whited - Library

See what a God-shaped life looks like when it gets lived out. Using memorable images and poetic turns of phrase, Proverbs describes what our everyday lives look like when we've put our spiritual lives in order. Find help for every decision, and apply life-giving insights to the broad range of challenges you experience in your life—family, friendships, injustice, desire, goodness, conflict, and more.

Intergenerational Sunday School

Led by Sue Steege - Lower Level

This class is intended for people of all ages who like to learn together. It's especially great for families to do together. The learning is experiential and fun.

From the Ministry Council

At our June 12 meeting, the Ministry Council appointed a Nominating Committee for the fall election of council members as follows: **Marty Doster, Chairperson, Ron Opferbeck, Wendy Morris and Mary Ann Milak-Young.** Positions to be filled this fall are President, Vice President and one At-Large member of Council. To serve as President or Vice-President, an individual must have previously served at least one term on the Ministry Council.

Please contact a member of the Nominating Committee, if you are interested in serving on the Ministry Council or in recommending someone for a council position. Job descriptions are available upon request. Elections will take place at the September Voter's Meeting.

Jennifer Tresch, Ministry Council President
Marty Doster (mdoster@lippes.com)

Friday Summer Office Hours
8:30 a.m.—3 p.m.



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of June Moosmann
By Erhard Moosmann



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.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Mission Madness
Saturday
November 9
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Transforming our world, one life at a time, through the power of God's living Word.
Connect With Us: [Facebook.com/FirstTrinity](https://www.facebook.com/FirstTrinity), [@FirstTrinity](https://www.instagram.com/FirstTrinity), [@FTMissions](https://www.facebook.com/FTMissions)

Sermon Topic

**July 27/28
2019**

God's Good Gift of Creativity

Exodus 31:1-6, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 3:1-8

It's not uncommon when you're having a child to look at Biblical names as possibilities. Many names in the Bible are familiar to us today because people look back to the past and reuse names from Scripture. We hear names like David or Jonathan in the Old Testament and Peter and Paul in the New and recognize them because they are still in regular use today.

There are so many great names in the Scriptures that have endured to our time and still see use today. Then there's Bezalel. I doubt you know anyone who is named after him. We hear about him in our Old Testament reading today and he is a great example of God gifting His people with creativity and skill:

"See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. Exodus 31:2-5

When God chose to dwell among His people, He needed a place for His Spirit to reside. Because the people were on their way from Egypt to the promised land, it didn't make sense to build a permanent temple—that would come much later. In the meantime, God would reside in a tabernacle—a tent-like structure that could be packed and moved with the people each day.

But it wasn't just a tent. This was to be the place where God's presence dwelled. The plans called for great beauty and intricacy in the lampstands, the Ark, and the various other pieces. God gifted Bezalel and others with great skill and creativity to complete the work for the tabernacle.

God has uniquely gifted you for the work He has in mind for you as well. He has knit you together with natural talents and skills and creativity and is inviting you to use it for His glory!

Vicar Jason Christ, Director of Attract and Middle School Ministry

First Trinity's FREE Carnival

Thursday, August 15 5:30 - 8 p.m.

For kids ages 12 and under. Bring your friends and neighbors!
* Bounce House * Games * Prizes * Hot Dogs * Crafts *
Come for dinner, games, snacks and fun!!!

Donations Needed:

Please stop by the donation board (across from the mailboxes) and check out the colorful slips. If you have an item on hand or can purchase it, your help is greatly appreciated. Attach the slip to the item and place it inside the bottom cabinet (under the donation board) or in the refrigerator/freezer in the kitchen by the gym. **Items due August 11.**

Volunteers are needed to run games and serve food.

Please arrive at the gym by 5 p.m.

Contact Michelle Ciminelli to help! (716-691-4259 or mcimi6@gmail.com)



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Calendar for July 28-August 4, 2019

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

Sunday 7/28

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10 a.m. Summer Education Hour
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship

Monday 7/29

Tuesday 7/30

12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer Time
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal

Wednesday 7/31

9:30 a.m. Women's AA
10 a.m., Executive Ministry Team
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff
6 p.m. Mandarin Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Volleyball

Thursday 8/1

6:30 p.m. Joshua's Men

Friday 8/2

3 p.m. Office Closes

Saturday 8/3

8 a.m. Youth BBall Clinic
9 a.m. Men's Basketball
12:45 p.m. FACES
5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
7 p.m. Saturday Night Light

Sunday 8/4

8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
10 a.m. Summer Education Hour
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship



Upcoming Sermons

Aug 3/4 **God's New Creation** 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2, John 5:19-29
Aug 10/11 **VBS Reunion** VBS Bible Points/Verses

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

GriefShare Support Groups Start in August

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar (13 weeks) and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Led by caring people who have experienced loss and grief to help you with the difficult days ahead.

Tuesday Mornings 10-11:30 a.m. August 13 - November 5
Wednesday Evenings 7-8:30 p.m. August 14 - November 6

To Register: **Ron Opferbeck (716-812-1695)**,
Mary Ann Milak-Young (716-639-1169)

MINISTRY COUNCIL

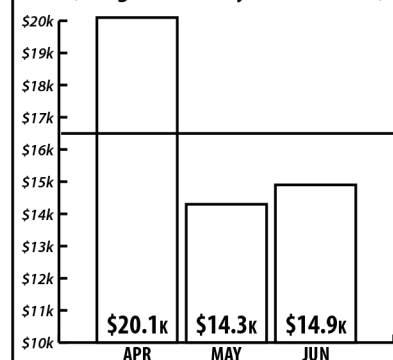
Jennifer Tresch, Pam Jones,
Sophie Myers, Marlene Carr,
David Fabian, Jeff Weber

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 470

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 154

JUNE BY THE NUMBERS

Average Weekly Giving Comparison
(Budgeted Weekly Need = 16.5k)



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 (\$856k Budgeted)



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

(All data through June 30, 2019)

Landscape Maintenance Team

I am looking for a group of interested folks to perform routine landscape maintenance to keep our campus warm and welcoming. This would involve:

- Weeding the flowers and other beds
- Trimming bushes, shrubs and trees
- Other routine gardener type work

Contact **Tim Hartnett (716-835-2220 x132)**



Preschool Custodian Needed Starting August 26

We are now accepting applications for a part-time custodial position for cleaning the Preschool Rooms 8-12 hours per week. When school is in session, it is a 2-2.5 hour a day job with flexibility to do the work in the afternoons or evenings.

Compensation is commensurate with prevailing rates and experience. Benefits are not provided. Complete job description, application and specific task requirements are available from:

Tim Hartnett (thartnett@FirstTrinity.com, 716-835-2220)

Mandarin Chinese Bible Study Wednesdays 6-8:30 p.m.

Do you wish you could reach out to your Chinese friends or co-workers? First Trinity is hosting a Chinese language Bible study and worship meeting on Wednesday nights. Consider inviting a Chinese friend to come.

Janine Chapman

(barthandjanine@gmail.com, 716-817-3651)

Will You Help Us Welcome Guests?

We are so thankful for our guests each weekend. We are looking for some members, in Cheektowaga and Grand Island, who would be willing to drop off a First Trinity mug to someone (in your neighborhood) who has recently visited. Please contact:

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

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!**



Give Thanks to God For Loved Ones All Saints Service in November 2019

If you have a loved one who has passed away since January 2018 and you would like them remembered at our next **All Saints Service** on November 2/3, please email a photo (or give us one to scan) with name and date of death to:

Kathy Figini (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com)

High School Park Day! Grades 9-12

Ellicott Creek Park, Shelter #3

Saturday, August 10

Noon – 5p.m.

Come join us for a High School Park Day! We will enjoy lawn games, water balloons, and FOOD! Bring a beach towel and your favorite snack (if you'd like). RSVP to: **Jen Florio**. (Call/text 716-531-0883 or email jen0298@hotmail.com)

Haiti 2020 Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, August 11, 12:30 p.m.

If you are interested in our January 2020 Haiti Mission Trip, please join us for an informational meeting or contact **Renee Gietz (716-773-2847)** if you cannot attend.



OPUS Picnic (Older People Up to Something)

Wednesday, August 21 At Noon

Mayor's Park

987 Sweeney St, N Tonawanda 14120

Hosted by the

Kinsella Life Group!

Food & drinks provided.

Bring a dish to pass (optional).

Sign-up sheet

in Lobby!

Our Next New Member Class

Tuesday, August 27 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 **August 25** 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.

Haitian Creole Boot Camp

Saturday, October 19, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

We will be hosting a **Haitian Creole Boot Camp**. Cost is \$125 per person. Everyone is welcome to attend! We are offering a Beginner-Intermediate level class in Creole. We will also learn about the Haitian culture. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Patti Plotner (716-479-1880)**.