

Worship Helpers

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

	April 21/22	April 28/29
Altar Guild	Beth Vance Ginny Schrembs Laura Zimberg	Beth Vance Ginny Schrembs Laura Zimberg
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.		
Greeter	Martha Miller	Evelyn Schleidt
Ushers	Tony D'Amico Randy Wert	Tony D'Amico Steve Puscheck
Reader	Susan DePlato	Susan DePlato
Prayers	Susan DePlato	Bob Strassburg
Projection	Jim Brese	Jason Christ
Sunday, 8:45 a.m.		
Acolyte	Peter Cross	Daniel McKeehan
Greeter	Tom Knapp Debbie Knapp	Fern Innes Char Beno
Ushers	David Gettman MaryAnn HarhiGettman Sue Lichtenthal Abbie Morehouse	Gerry Schrembs Ginny Schrembs Erhard Moosmann Ray Voit
Reader	Jennalise Olson	Jubal Myer
Prayers	Cindy Allsop	Dorothy Rothrock
Projection	Bill Wood	George Miller
Sunday, 11:15 a.m.		
Worship Assistant	Sue Steege	Pat Canfield
Acolyte	Paris Adams	Colin Hurley Danny Leising
Greeter	Jim Brese	Jim Brese
Ushers	Abby Pedersen Judy Pedersen Amber Neumann Derek Pulver	Dick McKie Ben Bell Dan Gietz
Reader	Wendy Morris	Gordon Tresch
Prayers	Marsha Peth Brian Bunny	Marsha Phillips Marsha Peth
Projection	Edu Obot	Stacy DiCenso

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>Please attend an Adult Class for April 8-May 6.</i>

Grade 9-Adult Classes at 10 a.m. Until—May 6

Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely
Led by Pastor Chuck (Lower Level) Proverbs is an Old Testament book that is chock full of wisdom for life. The wisdom is practical and simple (even though at times it is not easy). This class will dig into the book of Proverbs and explore its wise counsel—God's wisdom for daily life.

Visual Faith *Led by Sue Steege (Upper Level)* This class will be a hands on class where each Sunday there is an opening devotion and then the bulk of the class is spent individually exploring Bible journaling, coloring, and visual prayer. You don't have to be artistic to engage the Word of God in this way. There will be supplies provided, and if you also want to bring your own supplies, go for it.

Become Like Jesus While Being Yourself
Led by Bekah Freed (Library) Each and every one of us is wired differently. Some are more organized, while others seem to thrive in chaos. Some of us find comfort in tradition, while others can't be happy unless they're trying something new and challenging. The good news is that we don't have to change who we are in order to follow Jesus. This class uses the 16 classic Myers-Briggs personality types to examine the unique ways each of us approach faith. We'll dig into God's Word and identify strengths and challenges faced by each personality type as we seek to grow in our faith and share Christ with others.

Equipment Missing 2 yellow centrifugal floor fans

With the rains, we had a need for the fans this week, but they could not be found in the building. If they were borrowed, please return them, or if you see them in the building please advise **Tim Hartnett (716-830-8540)**. Thank you.



Altar Flowers

Presented to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of
Larry Weed, Warren Helming, Jean Harloff,
Keith & Ruth Williams

In Thanksgiving to God for
Adam & Emily Weed's Wedding



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

April 21/22
2018

Delayed Ambition

Isaiah 64:1-8, Romans 5:1-8, Mark 15:42-47

Several years ago, I got a phone call from my wife saying she was locked out of the house. It's a simple problem for a family with two keys, but not this time. When she called, I was in the Chicago airport, waiting for a flight back home. After several phone calls, I was able to connect with the landlord who had a key and was able to come over and open the house.

Getting locked out is such a pain. Whether it's the hotel door closing behind you without a key, your house, or locking the car key inside the car—being locked out is no fun. And while these are all annoying situations, consider something more severe: being “locked out” of heaven!

As sinful people, we are effectively “locked out” of heaven. We have no key to those pearly gates. They can't be scaled or broken down either. There's nothing we can do on our own to get in. Thankfully, Jesus has the key—and He has shared it with us:

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2 (ESV)

Through Jesus, we have “obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand.” In other words, by believing in Christ—trusting in Him for our salvation instead of trusting in our own works—we have access to heaven. Grace has been unlocked for us by Jesus and freely given. We merely believe and receive.

Even though the door is now open, we still sometimes feel like we're on the outside looking in. We still struggle with daily life. We are still overwhelmed. The walls still feel like they are closing in all around us. The door seems distant and locked. So what do we do?

We call the One who has the key: Jesus. Instead of focusing on the locked doors around us, we focus on the One who has given us access to God's Grace.

Jason Christ (Director of Attract and Middle School Ministries)

Pass or Fail? The State of Education

Filmed interviews with Nikhil Goyal, TED talk speaker and author of *One Size Does Not Fit All: A Student's Assessment of School*, and Sajan George, the founder of Matchbook Learning, a school-turnaround organization. “Thirteen years of being in the system annihilated my creative potential,” says Goyal. “I came to the realization that I was seen not as a human being, but as a test score.”

Goyal advocates changes in the educational system. Participants will discuss public education and what changes might improve the system for schools, parents, and students.



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

Shipwrecked VBS July 16-20, 9 a.m.-Noon



Sorry—the Nursery is now closed!

Participants: Preschool to completes Grade 5 in June.

Volunteers: Completes Grade 6 in June to Adult.

VBS is a high energy, child-centered fun learning environment. Students travel with a crew leader to various learning stations as they learn that **Jesus Rescues!**

Songs! Bible Buddies! Videos! Games! Snacks! New Friends!

Registration is Open at FirstTrinity.com

Tracy Bramwell (716-698-9608, tracybramwell@gmail.com)

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Thank you to our
devoted weekly
worship helpers!

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.

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Calendar for April 22-29, 2018

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

Sunday 4/22	Thursday 4/26
8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	10 a.m. Preschool Chapel
10 a.m. Education Hour	6 p.m. Milak Scholarship Interviews
11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship	6:30 p.m. REMIX—Grades 6-8 in Gym
12:30 p.m. MOVE Trip Meeting	Crossroads CONNECT Gr 9-12
2 p.m. Weed/Drilling Wedding	6:45 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
Monday 4/23	Friday 4/27
10 a.m. Morning Bible Study	7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6 p.m. Youth Advantage Basketball	Saturday 4/28
7 p.m. Lifetree Café	8 a.m. LWML Event
Tuesday 4/24	9 a.m. Men's Basketball
12:30 p.m. Staff Prayer Time	Kairos Team Meeting
6:30 p.m. Tuesday Night Prayer	5:30 p.m. Traditional Worship
7 p.m. Band Rehearsal	Sunday 4/29
Men's Basketball	8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship
Wednesday 4/25	Baptisms Seth & Logan Chen
9 a.m. Preschool Parenting Class	10 a.m. Education Hour
9:30 a.m. Women's AA Meeting	11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Executive Ministry Team	
10 a.m. Preschool Chapel	
12 p.m. Lunch With the Staff	
1 p.m. Senior Life Group	
7:30 p.m. Volleyball	

Sermon Series—Rescuing Ambition

Apr 28/29 Ambitiously Content Philippians 4:10-14, Matthew 6:25-34

Listen to past sermons at FirstTrinity.com/Listen

Bathrooms are being Remodeled!

We are upgrading our bathrooms (closest to the offices) over the next two weeks. Apologies for the inconvenience; please use the bathrooms by the gym.

- Wallpaper replaced with half tile lower and painted upper portions.
- New counter-tops installed.
- Paper towel dispensers removed and replaced.
- Floor tile grout cleaned and sealed.

Aesthetics Committee Thanks

We would like to thank our volunteers **Cindy Chamberland, Wendy Binkley, Marsha Peth, Sue Storch, Kim Kwietniewski, Judy Pedersen, Kim David, and Carolyn Doster** for all their hard work removing the wallpaper from both bathrooms!

Bibles for China

The China Mission Team, **Pastor Chuck, Anne DiCenso, Marsha Peth, and Garrick Wright** will be teaching and preaching in house churches in China from May 14-26. One of our greatest joys in the mission trip is giving the Chinese people their very own Bibles, often their first ones. People in China are prohibited from buying Bibles, so this is frequently their only way of getting one. Each Bible costs \$3.00 to print and deliver. If you would like to contribute to Bibles for China, you can make a donation to First Trinity and mark "Bibles for China" on the memo line. Thank you!

Preschool 2018-19

Enroll now - classes fill quickly! Openings available in: 2 yr Friday, 3 yr MW or TTh, & 4 yr MWF.

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.

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



Fill up a jar and help send a First Trinity missionary afar.

Our trademark Zanmi means "friend" in Creole – which is the language spoken in Haiti – and it's one of the places in the world we send our First Trinity missionaries. When you take a **plastic jar** and fill it up with coins and cash – you become a vital part of the mission work here at First Trinity.

Plastic jars and the safe for depositing your money are found in the Main hallway in the metal shelving called, "First Trinity Gives." You may also keep a record of your donations and our church will acknowledge them for tax purposes.

Changing our World is a wonderful way to support mission work here at First Trinity all year long!

Eastern District News

The LCMS Eastern District publishes weekly newsletters with information about things happening within the District and the Synod. In recent visits to congregations, there was an overwhelming request to know more about the District and ways it can serve our congregations.

One of the best ways is for people to subscribe to the District's electronic newsletters. These publications are open to anyone who is interested.

If you would like to start receiving these publications, please contact **Ruth Marzano** (ruth.marzano@lcmse.org).

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The next DEA National Drug Take-Back Day for collection of unwanted pharmaceuticals is scheduled. It is a drive-up event and any drugs, medications, syringes and needles are accepted. Everything collected will be incinerated thereby preventing diversion and environmental contamination, and increasing patient safety.

Drop off sites are: Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital, DeGraff Memorial Hospital, or Kenmore Mercy Hospital.

Eastern Regional Conference International Association of Biblical Counselors Biblical Counseling May 3-5

Faith Fellowship Church, 11478 Main St, Clarence, NY 14031
God's Word provides unwavering and enduring wisdom and hope. For every problem and difficulty encountered today, Scripture is relevant, sufficient, and authoritative. Come, learn how to travel God's ancient path in this modern culture.

You can pre-register at: faithfellowship.us

Ministry Council News

The Ministry Council has appointed a Call Committee for the **Director of Worship** position search. More details about this position are available at the Welcome Center.

Our thanks to the Call Committee:

Pat Canfield	Bruce Stone
Becky Chen	Bonnie Sugrue
Mary Kate Ells	Kelsey Trautwein
Kathy Gibson	Jeff Weber

Give Thanks to God For Loved Ones All Saints Service in November 2018

If you have a loved one who has passed away since January 2017 and you would like them remembered at our next **All Saints Service** on November 3/4, please email a photo (or give us one to scan) with name and date of death to: **Kathy Figini** (kfigini@FirstTrinity.com).

Project Connect Booklets

Project Connect Booklets are distributed by **Lutheran Hour Ministries**, and are on our display rack by the Welcome Center. These booklets cover a wide variety of topics and are also available to you at lhm.org/projectconnect. You are welcome to use Project Connect and we trust it will be helpful for you and your family and friends.

Military Ministry

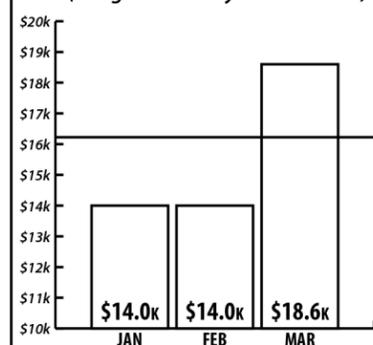
Please help me serve our military members by providing updated names and addresses for any military member or family member to whom I might be able to provide support and encouragement. I have increasingly had cards and prayer books returned to me as our servicemen have been reassigned and I have no forwarding address. You may put names and addresses of anyone you would like me to send cards/care packages to in my church mailbox, **Mary Ann Gettman** or send info to maharhgettman@roadrunner.com.

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN WORSHIP: 502

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS REACHED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL: 200

MARCH 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 March 31, 2018)