



Weekly Revelations

April 3, 2016

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Holda Family in celebration of Lexie Gilbert's first birthday; and, by the David Family in celebration of Tim's 19th birthday.

Nursery Policy: The nursery is reserved for *children through age 3 only*. Older children are invited to worship with their families.

First Lutheran Busy Bags contain quiet items, crayons and books for children to use during the service. They can be found on the wooden stand at the back of the sanctuary.

We prefer that you not bring food or beverage into the sanctuary, but if you choose to do so please make sure that your area is clean before you leave. *Thanks for respecting our worship space.*

Pastor Kathy is on vacation today.

Our new website is up and running! Visit us at www.firstchurchalive.org.

Pub Church will meet **Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 PM** at *TGI Friday's* in Strongsville. Our topic of conversation will be *Media Culture and the Politics of Fear*. Join us for food, fellowship, prayer, great discussion, and Eucharist.

The **Strongsville Food Bank** will be open **Saturday, April 9, 9:30 – 11:30 AM**. *Proof of Strongsville residency and photo ID required.*

Women's Bible Study: Please sign up for the Bible study on *Ruth* today before you leave. Visit the *Welcome Center* for more information and the sign-up sheet. The Bible study **begins on Monday, April 11.**

Over 50's Group – *Marsha Stephens* and *John & Marjorie Wilder* will provide desserts, beverages and games at our next meeting on **Tuesday, April 12** at **12:15 PM**. Bring your *brown bag lunch* and meet us in the *Fellowship Hall*.

The Elephant in the Room. Please join us for an open conversation led by *Gerri Sagan* about how to lovingly respond to someone who is experiencing the loss of a loved one. The goal is to become more comfortable knowing what to say (and what not to say), and how to provide support for someone who is grieving. The event will be held at the home of *Ron & Maureen Shorts* (146 Kensington Ct in Broadview Heights) on **Saturday, April 16, 7 PM**. Beverages and light snacks will be served. *We are limited to 25 people and you must sign up at the Welcome Center.*

Body Building with the Men of New Covenant – Saturday, April 23, 9 AM to noon. Led by *Reverend Terrance Jacob*. See *Pastor Chuck* for additional information.

Guess who's turning 60? (*First Lutheran, that's who!*). Come and join us for a **Birthday Bash Celebration** on **Saturday, April 23 beginning at 5 PM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. This celebration includes fun family games, supper, birthday cake, photo booth and other surprises. *Fun for all ages!* Don't miss out ... *RSVP by April 13 at the Welcome Center or via your e-vite.* We will be collecting birthday gifts (*diapers, can openers, body lotions, bowls*) for *Cleveland re-fugee re-location through Catholic Charities*. And, if you can, bring a "baked goodie" for our 'cake walk.' We could still use some help on our prayer flag committee. Sign up at the *Welcome Center*. ***Hope to see you at the party!***

WOW Watershed Stewardship Center Tour: Join us on **Saturday, April 30 at 10:30 AM** as we learn about our urban watershed on a 45-minute tour of the center. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy afterwards. Sign-up at the *Welcome Center* or online at <http://tinyurl.com/jtgx8y4>.

We are seeking one male delegate to represent First Church at the Synod Assembly Friday, May 13. If you would like to spend a wonderful day with your pastors getting to know the work of the larger church please see *Pastor Chuck*. *Registration is paid by First Church.*

KIDS HOPE USA needs two good men! *Mentors are needed for a first grade boy and a fourth grade boy who need male role models. **Could you be the one?*** Please contact *Gloria Reichert*.

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Sunday	10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Sunday school CW Team Bell Choir
Monday	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Brass Choir Bible Bonanza Confirmation AA
Tuesday	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Crossroad Stitches Pub Church (<i>TGI Friday's Strongsville</i>) AI-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Praise Band rehearsal Men's Basketball (<i>Kinsner</i>)
Friday	5:30 PM	8 th grade Confirmation Retreat
Saturday	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank 8 th grade Confirmation Retreat
Next Sunday	<u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 1 at 7:45 & 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship at 9 AM Sunday school at 10 AM KHUSA Mentor/Prayer Partner Training/Appreciation at 12:30 PM Bell Choir at 7 PM	

**Save the Date for VBS! June 27 – July 1,
9 AM to noon.**

Attention golfers: Openings are available for the **men's golf league** that plays on **Monday nights** at **Pine Hills Golf Club** in *Hinckley*. Please contact *Ron Shorts* for more information (rshorts51@gmail.com).

The **teddy bears** in the pews are there to share God's love. You may take one to anyone you know who is hurting for any reason. Donations may be given in a pew envelope marked "*Teddy Bear Ministry*" or new bears may be placed in the bear den behind the *Welcome Center* in the lobby. Questions? Please contact *Marj Gray* (marjgray@gmail.com).

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