



Weekly Revelations

July 3, 2016

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill & Jackie Rambert in celebration of Austin & Stephanie's marriage; and, by Wade & Jan Zwingler in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary. **Bulletins** are given by the Kolman family in celebration of Irene Geye's (Ellen's mom) 90th birthday.

The **Praise Banner** in the sanctuary is being given to the church in celebration of *Clark Buckley's* 80th birthday by his kids – *Mark & Kim, Mike, and Dawn & Dave.*

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.

Prayer Request Cards may be found inside the fellowship pads at the end of each pew. If you would like to include someone in today's prayers, please fill out the card. The pastor will collect the cards immediately before the Prayers of the Faithful.

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.*

With Connie's retirement, we are looking for someone to fill the position. Anyone interested in applying for the **Church Secretary** position should submit a resume to *Pastor Chuck.* The job description can be found on the church website. Questions regarding the position can be directed to *Pastor Chuck, Ray Treudler or Dawn Zima.*

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

Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, July 10, 8 AM to 1 PM in the *Fellowship Hall.* Appointments encouraged but not required; sign-up sheets available on the *Welcome Center.* *Christopher Mueller* is organizing the blood drive as a college summer project on behalf of the Red Cross.

Over 50's Group will meet **Tuesday, July 12 at noon.** Bring your *brown bag* lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided by *Marsha Stephens, Evelyn Scibbe and Margaret Babb.*

The First Church ALIVE! Concert Series presents: **The Freedom Brass Band of Northeast Ohio on Sunday, July 17 at 4 PM!** The Freedom Brass Band, under the direction of *Tucker Jolly,* will present a **FREE** concert featuring American music spanning across American history. Selections will include: *Summon the Heroes, A Disney Spectacular, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Stars and Stripes Forever,* and many more! Bring the whole family and some friends and enjoy this exciting, entertaining, and fun-filled concert!

The Sanctuary pews are almost ready for their new look! A heartfelt **Thank You** to all who have contributed to the "*Pew Recovering Project.*" We have achieved our first goal of raising \$6000 in order to be paired with another \$6000 from a very generous, anonymous member's matching donation. This contribution portion, along with part of our building loan fund, will provide enough money to get us on our contractor's schedule. A group of 6 members are evaluating fabric designs and our project should be ready for September's Kick-off Sunday. If you haven't already done so, please consider sending a donation in as soon as possible ... *your seat depends on it.*

Women of First Church – please provide your feedback on a **weekly Women's Bible Study.** A brief survey is located at the *Welcome Center.* Please let us know your thoughts and availability. *Please complete by Sunday, July 24.*

Better late than never. *Pastor Chuck* dishes on the Cavs championship run at www.pcspscycling.com. **Believeland!**

July 3 – 10 at First

Sunday	8:30 AM	Praise Band rehearsal
Monday	7:00 PM	Office closed! AA
Tuesday	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Crossroad Stitchers Al-Anon
Thursday	1:00 PM	Board of Youth
Saturday	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank

Next Sunday

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – setting 3 at 7:45 AM
Blood Drive at 8 AM
Praise Band rehearsal at 8:30 AM
Blended Service at 10:15 AM
Connie's Reception at 11:30 AM
CW Team at 12 PM

Summer Music Opportunities: If you have a musical talent that you'd like to share with First Church this summer, contact Zack Richards at zackrfelc@gmail.com or sign up in front of his office. *Several Sundays still open ... plenty of opportunities to help your church worship through music!*

Do you have a prayer request? Please use the bulletin board over the water fountain to make your prayer concerns known.

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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