



# Weekly Revelations

**September 25, 2016**

**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Wade & Janice Zwinger in celebration of Brady and Amy Hoerig's 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and, the Martin family in celebration of Matt & Jennifer's 7<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Bulletins are given by Craig and Janice Kaiser in celebration of Lucas Andrasik's (grandson) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.*

**A new Adult Sunday School Class has begun, at 10 AM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. We will be exploring important Bible passages for each Sunday of the church year. Each class is independent of the others, so please feel free to drop in whenever you can.

**High School youth** will meet today, **September 25**, immediately following the 11:15am worship service for a **Road Rally Adventure**. Cost is **\$10**. Meet at church for a light lunch before we head out. *Sign-up is located on the youth bulletin board across from the fellowship hall.*

**Safety Forces & First Responders Ecumenical Prayer Service** is being held **Thursday, September 29, 7 PM** at *St. Joseph Church*. Come together to give prayerful support and appreciation to those who serve our community.

**Folks attending the traditional services** will be **learning ELW Setting 8 beginning October 2**. A new component will be introduced every two weeks until the entirety liturgy is covered.

**Are you interested in joining First Church? New Member Classes** will be offered on **Sundays, October 2 & 9 at 6 PM**. Please contact either pastor if you are interested in attending.

**Pub Church** returns **Tuesday, October 4, 6:30 PM** at TGI Friday's in Strongsville. Our topic will be ""

**Men's Basketball** will begin **Thursday, October 6 at 7:30 PM** at *Kinsner Elementary*. Questions please contact *Wayne Mosley* at [wmosley238@gmail.com](mailto:wmosley238@gmail.com)

**Save the date to save a life. Annual Blood Drive** will be on **October 9 from 8 AM-12:30 PM**. Appointments are encouraged but not required; sign-up at the *Welcome Center* or at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**WOW Book Club - Monday, October 10**, we will be discussing C.S. Lewis' "The Great Divorce." Location: TBD (contact Bonnie Eggers if you would like to host our first book club meeting). Sign-up at the *Welcome Center*.

**WOW KIDS HOPE USA Luncheon - October 16 at 12:30 PM**. Please join us and *Gloria Reichert* for a **Salad Luncheon** where we will assemble a craft which the mentees will share with their mentors. If interested please sign-up at the *Welcome Center*.

## **Stewardship Campaign**

Stewardship is something we are called by God to do every day. However this time of year, we place special emphasis on stewardship during our annual Stewardship Campaign. We are called to pay special attention to how we are taking care of the gifts God has given us, and being good stewards of those blessings. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be generous givers to a churchwide offering for the poor in Jerusalem. Paul; used the Christians in Macedonia as an example. The Macedonian Christians were poor, yet they responded to the offering by giving beyond their means. In other words, they **excelled in their giving**. This year our stewardship campaign is emphasizing excellence in giving. We will be encouraged to think about how excellent giving can become an important part of our spiritual development. Later this month you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee along with pledge materials for 2017. Please take time to carefully and prayerfully consider your current giving patterns, and how God might be calling you to "step up" to take your giving to the next level. **What would excellent giving look like for you?**

**September 25 – October 2 at First**

Sunday	10:00 AM 12:15 PM 12:30 PM	Sunday school FUEL – Road Rally Bell Choir
Monday	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Brass Choir AA
Tuesday	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM	Praise Band rehearsal

Next Sunday

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – setting 8 @ 7:45 & 11:15 AM  
Contemporary Worship @ 9 AM  
Sunday school @ 10 AM  
New Member Class @ 6 PM  
Bell Choir

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* (440.567.3755 or [marjgray@gmail.com](mailto:marjgray@gmail.com)).

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

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