



Weekly Revelations

January 15, 2017

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God By Mom and Dad Krueger in celebration of Gayle Kovach's birthday; and, by the David family in celebration of Natalie's 24th birthday.

Name Tag Sunday – Name tags and markers are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex. Please take the time to fill one out and wear it during your time in church **today**.

Adult Class continues **today**. Join us as Adam Hamilton helps lead us through *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*. Our session topic will be "**Christ, Christians, and Culture Wars.**" Each week we will engage in a thoughtful and respectful conversation on the political, moral, and religious issues of our time through the lens of our Christian Faith.

Sign up for altar flowers and/or bulletins for 2017. See sign-up sheet in the lobby over the water fountain.

Our 2017 offering envelopes have arrived. They are located on the table in the lobby. Please pick yours up **today**.

The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 16** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Conversations regarding a change in our worship schedule will be held **Monday, January 16** and **Thursday, January 19** at **7:00 PM**; **Friday, January 20** at **11:00 AM**; and, **Sunday, January 22** at **10:00 AM**. All are welcome!

Articles for the February Revelations are due **Tuesday, January 17**.

Lydia Circle will meet **Wednesday, January 18** at **10:00 AM**.

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.

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

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.

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

The most current monthly and weekly newsletters are always available on the website at www.firstchurchalive.org.

Join us for a great event as part of the **First Church Alive! Concert Series!** Christian singer, songwriter, funny guy, *Mark Cable* will put on a concert with desserts on **Saturday, January 28** at **7 PM** in our *Fellowship Hall*. **Tickets are \$15**. Reserve your tickets by calling the church office at 440.238.7890 or by signing up on the sheet in front of the Director of Music office. Don't miss out on this Great Night Out!

Save the date. Woman of New Covenant Lutheran and Woman of First Lutheran have been invited to go the University Circle Historical Museum and out to lunch on **Saturday, February 25**. Reserve the date on your calendar and join the fun! Watch for more details! Hope to see you there!

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 at marjgray@gmail.com.

Pastor Chuck's weekly blog post is called "**Exile**," and reflects on comments from a conversation between the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu about the value of gaining perspective in the midst of suffering.

January 15 – 21 at First

Sunday	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Sunday School Contemporary Planning Meeting
Monday	Office Closed 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	AA Worship Schedule Conversation
Tuesday	Revelations Articles Due 8:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	KHUSA Leadership Team Council AI-Anon
Wednesday	10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Lydia Circle Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal Worship Schedule Conversation Men's Basketball
Friday	11:00 AM	Worship Schedule Conversation
Saturday	9:30 AM	First Communion Class

Next Sunday

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 1
Traditional Services 7:45 AM and 11:15 AM
Contemporary Services 9:00 AM
Worship Schedule Conversation at 10:00 AM
Sunday school at 10:00 AM
KHUSA Luncheon at 12:15 PM

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