



# Weekly Revelations

February 19, 2017

**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Marj Gray in celebration of Paula McKee's 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.

**SPECIAL THANKS and BLESSINGS to BLAST** for yet another delicious lunch, outstanding entertainment and special attention to our Over 50's Group on Sunday, February 12. We enjoyed conversing with our youth who were so delightful. They were caring, polite, and sincere. We wish them the best in their future goals! This annual event seems to be getting better every year. We are very grateful to all who helped plan, organize, cook and set up this blessed event. Kudos! Good job!

**Youth Event 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades – Escape Room Cleveland! Today at 12:15 PM.** We will have lunch first, we will return to the church by 4:15 PM. Contact Pastor Kathy or Karyn Kasnik with questions.

**Cleaning and organizing soiree today** from **1:00 – 4:00 PM.** We will be concentrating on the kitchen and the store room. Contact Mike Magons with any questions at 330.419.9365.

**Donations needed for Dog and Cat food** for St. Herman's Homeless Shelter. Donations would be greatly appreciated as the homeless with dogs or cats need to feed their only companions. Dog food (greater need) and cat food should be in small 5lb bags so it is easier for the homeless to carry with them. Collection days will be **today and February 26.** A plastic container will be in the lobby area for drop off. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Fox.

Pastor Chuck will be on vacation **February 24-26.**

Come celebrate **Mardi Gras with the First Church Musicians** at a *free* concert on **Saturday, February 25 at 4:00 PM** as a part of our **First Church Alive! Concert Series.** **ALIVE!** will feature all of our ensembles and several youth and adult soloists performing exciting arrangements of your favorite tunes such as *Amazing Grace, Oh, When the Saints,* and *This Little Light of Mine!* Following the concert join us for a free Mardi Gras dinner and fellowship!

**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of Lent. Worship with us on **March 1, at 7:30 PM.** Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes will be offered.

**Attention Men of First Church!** You are invited to attend a Moody Bible Conference called **WALK WORTHY** on **Saturday, March 4, 7:15 AM-3:15 PM** at *Parkside Church in Solon.* We will be joined by our brothers from New Covenant. Learn more, and register for the event at [www.moody.edu](http://www.moody.edu) and select "Conferences." More information may be found at the *Welcome Center.*

**Worship Schedule Change** goes into effect **Sunday, March 5:**

8:30 AM – *Contemporary Worship*  
9:45 AM – *Sunday School*  
11:00 AM – *Traditional Worship*

**Mid-Week Lenten Services** begin **Tuesday, March 7 at 7:15 PM** using Holden Evening Prayer and continues each Tuesday during Lent. Our theme is **Wilderness Time** and will focus on Jesus' wilderness experience of and time of temptation. A **light supper** will be served prior to each service beginning at **6:00 PM.**

**Save the date to Save A Life. Sunday, March 12** from **8:00 AM to 1:00 PM** in the *Fellowship Hall.* This has been added as a new blood collection date to help the Red Cross with their current blood emergency. Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitute for your donation; all blood types are urgently needed. Double red cell donations will be accepted. Appointments are encouraged but not required; sign-up sheets will be available on the *Welcome Center* or sign-up on line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**First Church Women.** Let's read "Carry on, Warrior: The Power of Embracing Your Messy, Beautiful Life" by Glennon Doyle Melton. We will meet for a fun discussion on **Saturday, March 18 at 9 AM** at *Giant Eagle Market District in Strongsville.* Grab a cup of coffee and join us upstairs. Sign up at the *Welcome Center.*

**New date... New date...** Woman of New Covenant Lutheran and Woman of First Lutheran have been invited to go to the *The Cleveland Museum of Natural History* (1 Wade Oval Dr. Cleveland, Ohio 44112) and out to lunch on **Saturday, March 25.** Meet at the church at **10:15 AM.** Reserve the date on your calendar and join the fun! Sign up at the *Welcome Center!* Hope to see you there!

## February 19 - 25 at First

Sunday            10:00 AM        Sunday School  
                     12:15 PM        Escape Room (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
                     12:30 PM        Bell Choir

Monday            **President's Day Office Closed!**  
                     6:30 PM        Brass Choir  
                     7:00 PM        AA

Tuesday           8:30 AM        KHUSA  
                     7:00 PM        Council  
                     7:30 PM        AI-Anon

Wednesday       7:30 PM        Chancel Choir

Thursday          6:00 PM        Praise Band Rehearsal  
                     7:30 PM        Men's Basketball

Next Sunday  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 1 - Transfiguration  
7:45 and 11:15 AM Traditional Services  
9:00 AM Contemporary Services  
Sunday school at 10:00 AM

**Small empty coffee can donations are needed** for our altar flowers. Please drop them off at the church office if you are able to donate. Thank you!

**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.

**"Hopeful"** is the title of Pastor Chuck's weekly blog post at [www.pfspincycle.com](http://www.pfspincycle.com). Discover the power of hope in an uncertain world.

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