



Weekly Revelations

April 2, 2017

Bulletins are given by the David family in celebration of Timothy's 20th birthday.

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

Order forms for Easter Garden flowers and Resurrection Cross flowers are available at the youth table. **Deadline is today!**

All Sunday school students in grades preschool through 5th grade will be singing during the prelude at the 11 AM service on Palm Sunday, April 9. Practices will be during the Sunday school hour today and April 9. First Church is excited to have these young voices back for the first time this year as they help us celebrate Jesus Christ!

Sole Hope Jeans Party today following the late service in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch provided. Bring your unwanted jeans and a sharp pair of scissors. If you can't come, you can sponsor a pair of shoes for \$10.00. This covers the shipping, materials, and creates jobs for several local workers in Uganda. Check out Solehope.org for more information.

Mid-Week Lenten Services conclude this **Tuesday, April 4 at 7:15 PM** with *Holden Evening Prayer*. Our theme is **Wilderness Time** and will focus on Jesus' wilderness experience and time of temptation. A **light supper** is served prior to the service beginning at **6 PM**.

All members are invited to assist the Altar Guild in **preparing palm crosses for Palm Sunday**. This annual activity is an easy and enjoyable way to pass an hour in fellowship while serving the congregation. Please mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 PM** to fold the palms into crosses and bring a friend! No experience needed! Contact *Beth David* (bethdavid34500@hotmail.com).

The Strongsville Food Bank will be open **Saturday, April 8, 9:30 – 11:30 AM**. *Proof of Strongsville residency and photo ID required.*

Over 50's Group will meet on **Tuesday, April 11 at 12:15 PM**. *Bring your lunch* and join us. Hopefully the winter weather will be gone.

Worship with us during Holy Week and Easter:
Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 PM
Good Friday, April 14 at 7:30 PM

+ Note time changes for Easter, April 16:

8:00 AM – Cross Planting Devotional

8:15 AM – Traditional

9:45 AM – Contemporary

11:15 AM – Traditional

Easter Breakfast will be served from 8–11 AM. Please join us!

Ushers are needed for the 8:15 AM Easter service.

Please contact *Maureen Shorts* (shorts-stuff@att.net) if you are able to serve.

WELCA – The Cleveland West Cluster Meeting will take place on **Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 AM** at the *Bethany English Lutheran Church*. To register contact *Audrey Goebel* at audrey123@wowway.com or 440.331.7830. **Deadline to register is Monday, April 17.** More information is at the *Welcome Center*.

Spend Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, learning about our urban watershed **at the Water Stewardship Center in Parma**. A tour is scheduled at **10 AM** and can be followed by lunch (*bring your own*) and/or hike. **All are welcome.** Event details and sign-up sheet are at the *Welcome Center*.

Women of WELCA – “*Present Over Perfect*” by *Shawna Niequist*, a **five-part weekly study will begin on Monday, April 24 from 7 – 8:30 PM**. The book costs **\$13**. WOW will provide the study guide. Please sign up at the *Welcome Center* or by contacting *Chris Hamel* by *Sunday, April 9*.

One male delegate is needed to represent First Church at the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly on **Friday, June 9**. Please see *Pastor Chuck* for details.

First Lutheran Legacy – at this time of year, many of us may be receiving bonuses or tax refunds. If that applies to you, won't you consider sharing a portion of that blessing with a Planned Gift to First Church? For more information pick up a brochure outside the office or contact *Wayne Mosley*.

Ushers needed for the 11:00 AM service. If you are able to serve, please contact *Alan or Dawn Evangelista* at devangelista@wowway.com. If you have family or friends who would like to usher together, we would love to add a whole new team. *Please join us!*

Pierstorf Memorial College Loan Fund – provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3000 for the school year. For more information, go to www.Pierstorf.org. Complete the 2017-2018 application by visiting the website starting April 15. The deadline for all applications is **Friday, June 30**.

Men's Golf League – There are openings in the men's golf league at Pine Hills on Monday evenings. Please contact *Ron Shorts* for more info at rshorts51@gmail.com.

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

April 2 – 9 at First

Sunday	9:45 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM	Sunday School Sole Hope Party Bell Choir
Monday	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Brass Choir Bible Bonanza Confirmation AA
Tuesday	6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:15 PM 7:30 PM	Lenten Supper Crossroad Stitchers <i>Holden Evening Prayer</i> AI-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Palm Cross making
Thursday	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal Men's Basketball (<i>Kinsner</i>)
Friday	10:00 AM	Prayer & Care
Saturday	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank
Next Sunday – Palm Sunday		
	8:30 AM	– Contemporary Worship Eucharist
	9:45 AM	– Sunday School
	11:00 AM	– Traditional Worship Eucharist – ELW Setting 1
	12:15 PM	– Bell Choir
	6:00 PM	– Contemporary Worship Team Planning Meeting

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.

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 in the back of the sanctuary.

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. A plastic container is in the lobby area for drop off. If you have any questions, please contact *Rhonda Fox*.

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.

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