



Revelations

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June

2017

The graduation season is upon us, which means many are celebrating their accomplishments as they say good bye to high school, college, and even graduate school. Students of all ages and walks of life are celebrating the goals they have reached; as well as taking first steps into a new chapter of their life. This is a time when heart, courage, wisdom, hope and power will undoubtedly be utilized. A time when clarity and determination is key as decisions will need to be made and new pathways chosen.

And so, with that in mind I share the following. I encourage you to take the time to read through these **5 key thoughts by the artist Michelangelo**; whether you are a graduate or not. I believe these words are pertinent to all of us along life's journey. They are words and mindsets that every age and generation would benefit from.

1. "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free."

Michelangelo saw things as they could become; not as they were. Though he started with a slab of marble or stone, he chose to see more than that. He chose to see potential and we can do the same. We can find beauty and holiness all around us: in people, in nature, in everything, if we but choose to.

2. "The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection."

Michelangelo gave credit to God for his talents, and in each piece, he crafted he showed his love for divinity. Have a heart of gratitude towards God and be humbled for the talents He has given to you. Use your gifts to bless the world, that His light may be reflected in you.

3. "Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish."

Ask God for help. Pray. Even if you just need to pray for a greater desire to love, serve, or work harder; He will help you. Ask and then do. Take leaps of faith big and small. Life is busy but find a little bit of time to be better– smile at a stranger, call an old friend, etc. He will help you to accomplish all that He needs you to do.

4. "The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark."

Don't settle. Don't take the easy way out. Aim higher and reach further. You are destined for greatness. Believe in that. As you set your goals, don't be afraid to fail because through the failures you will find knowledge. You will find the way to success. But do not be less than you are.

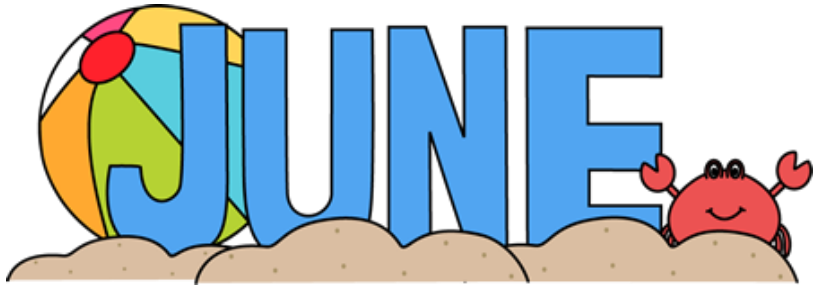
5. "Genius is eternal patience."

Masterpieces take time. Be patient. Don't get angry with yourself or give up when things go wrong. Wait. Stop. Take time and refresh. Be patient with yourself and with others. Accomplishments come over time and with hard work. Keep going.

May these words give us pause to think and to evaluate as we face our tomorrows and all that they will bring.

Blessings,
Pastor Kathy

WORSHIP NOTES FOR



Day of Pentecost

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| Sunday, June 4 | 8:30 AM | Contemporary Worship, Eucharist |
| | 11:00 AM | ELW Setting 3, Eucharist |

Pub Church

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| Tuesday, June 6 | 6:30 PM | TGI Friday's |
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Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 11

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation

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| 10:30 AM | Blended Service, Eucharist |
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Pentecost 2

Sunday, June 18

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

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| 9:00 AM | Contemporary Worship, Eucharist |
| 10:30 AM | ELW Setting 3, Eucharist |

Pentecost 3

Sunday, June 25

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| 9:00 AM | Contemporary Worship |
| 10:30 AM | ELW Setting 3 |

**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS
SUNDAY, JUNE 18:**

9:00 AM - CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
10:30 AM - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Congratulations!

OUR 2017 CONFIRMANDS

Congratulations to our 2017 Confirmands who will affirm their baptisms on Sunday, June 11:

Kelly Badowski
Olivia Bewie
Adam Hartman
Abbi Lindsey
Sydney Leon
Ryley Mayberry

Natalie Rayer
Ally Ross
Elissa Scheel
Madi Snyder
April Trimmer

We welcome your prayers for these wonderful young people as they continue their journey of faith.

We also thank their mentors for their spiritual guidance this past year:
Ken Snyder, Natalie Haggett, Al Hoffman, Laurie Uline, and Sue Lindsey.

COUNCIL & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following persons who were elected to positions of leadership at the semi-annual congregation meeting on May 14:

Raymond Treudler - Council President
Marjorie Gray - Council President
Len Taylor - Council member at-large
Kris Krems - Endowment Committee
Wade Zwinger - Endowment Committee

Upcoming Events

OVER 50's GROUP

...will meet on **June 13 at Noon** in the *Fellowship Hall*. Marge Wilder will provide a salad with bread & butter for lunch. Audie Kiplinger will bring one of her delicious desserts. Yvonne Buehner will bring some clips of Johnny Carson's interviews with old celebrities. It will be a fun time, so come and enjoy!

MISSION OPPORTUNITY AT NEW COVENANT

On the fourth Saturday of each month through September the members of New Covenant Lutheran Church in East Cleveland provide fresh produce to needy families in their neighborhood. If you are interested in assisting on any of the following dates: 6/24, 7/22, 8/26 and 9/23, please contact Bruce Holderead at vancepack@wowway.com.

VBS 2017



Calling all children from 3 years old – 5th grade

Come and discover your strength in God!

June 26 – 30 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Registration is also available at our website

www.firstchurchalive.org

We hope to see you there!

**We are looking for volunteers to teach, aide,
set-up and take-down. If interested, please
contact Jennifer Paine at
jpaine05@hotmail.com or Laurie Uline at
rluline@yahoo.com.**



FIRST LUTHERAN OF STRONGSVILLE**June 26 – Jun 30 9 AM – 12 Noon****Return completed form
and payment to:****First Lutheran Church
19419 Royalton Rd
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(440) 238-7890**www.firstchurchalive.org**Free CD if registered by June 17th**

VBS Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

Emergency Contacts Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information: Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS _____

Are parents/guardians/family members helping with VBS Hero Central? _____

Siblings attending _____

Shirt Size _____

Cost: \$30.00 for first child; \$25.00 for second child; \$65.00 family cap*Paid: _____ Cash _____ Check (Check # _____)**

Photo Release Form

I hereby grant permission to **First Lutheran Church** to use my child's photograph(s) on its Web site or in other official church printed publications without further consideration.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

(If the above name is of a minor, a parent or guardian must sign)

Watoto

Signs & Wonders

A V I B R A N T W O R S H I P E X P E R I E N C E
T H E S O U N D O F A T R A N S F O R M E D G E N E R A T I O N
F R O M A F A M I L Y O F O R P H A N S

WHEN

Friday, June 16th at 7pm

WHERE

First Church ALIVE! Concert Series
First Lutheran Church, 19419 Royalton Rd
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YOU ARE INVITED TO



In a world that walks in darkness we, the redeemed, are signs and wonders of God's miraculous light.

"Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells on Mount Zion."

Isaiah 8: 18 (NASB)

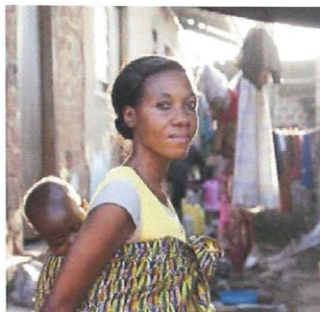
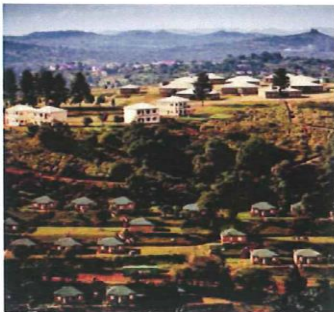
Signs & Wonders celebrates the joy of salvation.

The Watoto Children's Choir, whose members are orphans and other vulnerable children, present worship music from Watoto Church in Uganda and invite audiences to expect an encounter with God.

Through song, dance and stories the children proclaim the good news of the salvation that is available for all. They share testimonies of how their lives have been changed, and how they have been called into a life of purpose to transform their communities.

Audiences are given the opportunity to respond by partnering to rescue vulnerable women and children in Africa, raise them up as leaders, so they can rebuild their nation.

Watoto Children's Choirs have toured since 1994 as ambassadors of millions of African children in need of hope. Their audiences come from all walks of life including the Queen of England, President George Bush, the UK, Australian, Canadian and Scottish parliaments, and the greater public; warming many hearts wherever they go.



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KIDS HOPE USA

INTERVIEW WITH A PRAYER PARTNER

Audie Kiplinger has been a faithful prayer partner since the beginning of our KIDS HOPE USA mentoring program in 2009. She graciously shared some her thoughts about her role in a recent interview. We hope you enjoy her insights.

Why did you become a KIDS HOPE Prayer Partner?

When KIDS HOPE began, I received a call from someone who had become a mentor. He explained the program and said he had thought of me as his prayer partner. He knew I loved to pray. I agreed to become his prayer partner because I always loved to pray, especially if the person for whom I am praying has a challenge.

What have you learned through being a prayer partner?

Initially, the biggest thing was how comfortable praying for the child and mentor was. In later years I can see how it has also brought me closer to God. It takes time to see improvement in the mentee's situation. By the end of the first year we could see differences in the child's family, and the relationship between the child and his mentor improved. The more I prayed, the more I noticed differences in the child, his life, and his attitude.

Has anything surprised you about being a prayer partner?

I am not sure "surprised" is the correct word, but I am always happy when my prayers help the situation of the child. I keep a positive attitude. If we pray for something, God hears our prayers. He turns negatives into positives.

What have been some highlights from the relationships you have developed with the mentor and his mentee?

I had the opportunity to meet the first child for whom I prayed. He was a challenge at the beginning. I prayed for him the entire time he was in elementary school. He was a different child when he went to middle school. I enjoyed seeing the differences in the child. We now have a second child who is also a challenge. I am looking forward to seeing changes in him too. It is still early in the relationship.

What has meant the most to you about this experience?

Both boys have been challenges, and changes do not happen overnight. It is very gratifying when I can see the changes that eventually occur in their lives.

What would you say to someone who is considering becoming a KIDS HOPE USA prayer partner?

The biggest thing is if the child is challenging, keep your eyes on the improvements in him and the connection between the child and the mentor. Also watch for changes in the child's demeanor and attitude.

Additional Comments:

KIDS HOPE is a wonderful program especially because the child learns he is worthwhile since he has a caring person dedicated to meeting with him once a week at school. This may be the only relationship he has like this.

STORY OF THE MONTH

Mr.W's mentee asked him if he would be back to see him again next year. Mr. W said he planned on it. He suggested that perhaps next year they might work on a project together and proposed they might build a bridge out of popsicle sticks.

His mentee replied, "I don't think so, Mr. W. I wouldn't be able to eat that many popsicles."

JUNE VOLUNTEERS

| | | June 4 Communion | June 11 One Worship – Communion Confirmation | June 18 Summer Worship Begins | June 25 Communion |
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| Acolytes Ellen Kolman | 10:30 | | Megan Uline Abbey Uline | Eva Hinojosa Isa Hinojosa | Hannah Carrossellia |
| | 11:00 | Ethan Forse Dylan Bresnahan | | | |
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| Ushers | | | | | |
| Maureen Shorts | 8:30 | Herb & Pam Simpson Maureen Shorts Gladys Otto | | | |
| | 9:00 | | | Bob Strong Linda Browning Dave & Renee Chaya | Dave & Margaret Bewie Ron & Maureen Shorts |
| Dawn Evangelista | 10:30 | | Wayne Mosley Steve Harris John Brinzo Alfonso Hinojosa | Jerry Krueger Barb Krueger Mike Magons Jocelyn Magons | Bob Jacob Dennis Beckman Deep Paul Alan Evangelista |
| | 11:00 | Ron & Jane Warzel Chuck & Sandy Kaskey | | | |
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| Readers & CA | | | | | |
| Barb Krueger Comm Assts: | 8:30 | Kelly Worsencroft-RCA Melina Rugar Tom Krych Cindy Krych Karl Arula | | | |
| | 9:00 | | | Jennifer Browning-RCA Herb & Pam Simpson Karl Arula Maureen Shorts | Mike Thellman |
| | 10:30 | | | Bob Jacob Janet Kaiser Sandy Treudler Ron & Mary Jane Warzel | Sue Lindsey |
| | 11:00 | Audrey Kuntz-R Greg Rath & Sandy Rath Debbie Dudas Barb Krueger Holly Perzy | | | |
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| Nursery | | | | | |
| Bonnie Bailey | 8:30 | Margaret Bewie Erin Edwards | 10:30 Ellen Kolman Jocelyn Magons | 9:00 Jennifer Paine Kelly Worsencroft | 9:00 Gayle Kovach Sandy Treudler |
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| Counting Teams | | Curt Dean Jan Iglehart Bob Jacob | Wade Zwingler Mary Whitecar Pat Sauernheimer Daphne Leon | Jim Gist Sheri Gist Gary Walters Mary Walters Dick Kiplinger | Reiner Mueller Shelley Hoffman Al Hoffman Pierre David |
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| Altar Guild | | | | | |
| Beth David | | | | | |

June 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 6:00 – Praise Band | 2 10:00 – Prayer & Care 6:30 - Wedding Rehearsal | 3 3:30 - Yarber Wedding |
| 4 9:45 – SCS | 5 7:00 – AA | 6 6:00 – Crossroad Stitchers 6:30 – Pub Church 7:30 – Al-Anon | 7 | 8 6:00 – Praise Band | 9 | 10 9:00 - Strongsville Food Bank 10:00 – Confirmation Rehearsal |
| 11 Confirmation Sunday 10:30 – One Worship Service 12:00 – CW Team Meeting | 12 Revelation Articles Due! 7:00 - AA | 13 12:00 – Over 50's Group 7:00 - Cabinet 7:30 – Al-Anon | 14 | 15 | 16 7:00 – Watoto Concert | 17 |
| 18 Happy Father's Day! Summer Worship Schedule Begins 9:00 AM – Contemporary 10:30 AM – Traditional - Graduated Recognition 11:45 – National Gathering Meeting | 19 4:00 – Youth Board 7:00 - AA | 20 7:00 - Council 7:30 – Al-Anon | 21 10:00 – Lydia Circle | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:00 – Baptism | 26 9:00 - VBS 7:00 - AA | 27 9:00 - VBS 7:30 – Al-Anon | 28 9:00 - VBS | 29 9:00 - VBS | 30 9:00 - VBS 6:00 – Wedding Rehearsal | Notes: |

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