



Weekly Revelations

September 24, 2017

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Zwinger family in celebration of Amy and Brady Hoerig's 13th wedding anniversary; and, by Steve and Pam Portik in celebration of their granddaughter Emily Trecaso's, 7th birthday.
Bulletins by the Chaya family in celebration of Dave and Renee's 26th wedding anniversary.

A new **Adult Class** will begin **today**. Because it's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation we will be studying Luther's Small Catechism using new materials called **By Heart**.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Community Forum at the *Strongsville Rec Center*, **September 26 at 6:30 PM**. See the posters around the build, or flyers at the *Welcome Center* for more information.

The Annual Community Safety Forces & First Responders Prayer Service will be **Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 PM** at *St. Joseph Church*. All are welcome to gather in offering prayerful support and appreciation to those who serve our communities.

Yoga Class will be held every **Thursday, September 28 through October 19 at 7:00 PM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. The class costs \$5.00 each session, please bring cash. A brochure and sign-up sheet are located at the *Welcome Center*. Men and women 16 years of age or older are invited. Any questions, please contact Bonnie Eggers at pmosbach@gmail.com.

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.

The current weekly and monthly newsletters are available at www.firstchurchalive.org.

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.

Our 2017 stewardship campaign is about to commence. This is once again our opportunity to give back to God for the many gifts we have received. The stewardship theme this year is "**Giving Ourselves Away**". The Stewardship sermon on **Stewardship Sunday, October 10** will inspire us with stories of those who gave themselves away for God. We already heard the story of Rudy Washington, the young man we hosted a few weeks ago, who started a successful program at age 12 to distribute socks to the homeless in Detroit. The stewardship campaign and sermon will share ways in which you too can "Give Yourself Away" for God.

Spark Event – K-5th Grades – Heavenly Hill Farm, 18373 State Road North Royalton, OH on **Saturday, September 30th from 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM** (We will meet at Heavenly Hill Farm). Come join us for a fun filled afternoon at Heavenly Hill Farm. The cost is **\$8 per child**. It will include a hayride, apple picking, a corn maze, treasure hunt and time in a bounce house. You can drop off your child; however, if you would like to stay and join us the cost is \$5 per adult. A sign-up sheet is located on the youth board. **Payment is due TODAY** and can be given to Beth Hartman or Vanessa Smith-Whitford. If transportation is an issue contact Beth or Vanessa.

Pub Church returns **Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 PM**, *TGI Friday's* in *Strongsville*. Our topic will be "If Hell Exists, I Think It's Empty." Join us for an interesting exploration of Bishop Easton's interview with the *Chicago Sun Times*, great food and fellowship, prayer, and the Eucharist.

The congregation is invited to attend the ordination of *Katie Jacob* on **Saturday, October 7 at 10:30 AM**. Let's have a great show of support for Katie as she begins her ministry!

Save The Date To Save A Life. First Church will have their annual blood drive on **Sunday, October 8** from **8:00 AM-1:00 PM**. Appointments are encouraged but not required; sign-up at the *Welcome Center* or at www.redcrossblood.org.

On **Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 PM**. We will be hosting a **Service of Common Prayer** with our brothers and sisters from *St. Joseph's Catholic Church* as part of our observation of the **500th Anniversary of the Reformation**. Two ushers and one person who is willing to participate in the intercessory prayers are needed. Please contact Pastor Chuck if you are able to serve.

September 24 – October 1 at First

Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School
Monday	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Brass Choir AA
Tuesday	7:30 PM	AI-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Saturday	12:00 PM	Spark Event – Heavenly Hill Farm
Next Sunday – Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 4 at 11:00 AM		
8:30 AM – Contemporary Worship		
9:45 AM – Sunday School		
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship		
12:00 PM – Bell Choir		

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

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

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