



Weekly Revelations

October 1, 2017

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Mosley family in celebration of Wayne and Terri's 40th wedding anniversary; and, the Chaya family in celebration of Amanda's 24th birthday.

Today we are pleased to commission all of our *KIDS HOPE USA mentors and prayer partners*, and join in prayer for the sake of all children in our community.

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.

Yoga Class will be held on **Thursdays, October 5 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.

Men of First Church (18yrs and older) are invited to join us for fun, fellowship and exercise playing pickup basketball games on **Thursdays, 7:30 – 9:00 PM** at *Kinsner Elementary School* from **October 5 through April 26**. Any questions, please contact *Wayne Mosley* at wmosley238@gmail.com.

Prayer & Care Group will meet **Friday, October 6 at 10:00 AM**.

The Strongsville Food Bank will be open **Saturday, October 7 from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**. Proof of Strongsville residency and photo ID required.

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.

The October Revelations is available at www.firstchurchalive.org or at the *Welcome Center*.

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.

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 8** 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.

COME ONE, COME ALL, TO THE MINISTRY FAIR!
Sunday, October 15, from 9:00 AM - 12:45 PM.
Popcorn, peanuts, candy, games, prizes - FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! Find out what your church has to offer and what you can offer your church.

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.

WOW Book Event - due to conflicting events, the date for the next Book Club has been changed to **Saturday October 21, 9:00 AM** at the *Strongsville Market District*. Please mark your calendars. Hope to see you there.

The next **Women of the ELCA board meeting** will be on **Monday, October 23 at 7:00 PM** in the church.

Stand or kneel? In his most recent blog post entitled "**Listening**" Pastor Chuck explores how listening to one another in the midst of potentially divisive debates can lead to understanding, empathy, and respect. Check it out at www.pcspscincycle.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.

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.

October 1 - 8 at First

Sunday	9:45 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School 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 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Crossroad Stitchers Pub Church at TGI Friday's AI-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal Yoga Men's Basketball at Kinsner
Friday	10:00 AM	Prayer & Care Group
Saturday	10:30 AM	Ordination Service for Katie Jacob
Next Sunday – Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 4 at 11:00 AM		
8:00 AM – Red Cross Blood Drive		
8:30 AM – Contemporary Worship		
9:45 AM – Sunday School		
11:00 AM – Traditional Worship		
12:00 PM – Bell Choir		

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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