



# Weekly Revelations

January 14, 2018

**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by the David family in celebration of Natalie's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday; and, by the Portik family.

**Bulletins** by Marj Gray in celebration of her granddaughter, Emily McKee's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**The Adult Class** continues its exploratory of other Christian denominations with a discussion of Orthodoxy. All are welcome at 9:45 AM in the *Fellowship Hall*.

**Our Second Annual Soup Sunday** will be **today** immediately following the 11:00 AM service. It will be hosted by the youth going to the National Gathering in Houston. We will accept a free will offering to raise funds for the gathering trip this summer.

The office will be closed on **Monday, January 15** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**SPARK Event – Glen Reservation** is free for all ages. **Monday, January 15 from 12:30-3:00 PM**. No registration required. Enjoy indoor and outdoor scavenger hunts, a simple nature craft, X-Plorer packs filled with hands-on seasonal activities, animal encounters from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center and much more! Any questions, please contact Vanessa Smith-Whitford at [vanow911@gmail.com](mailto:vanow911@gmail.com).

**Lydia Circle**, a women's bible study, will meet **Wednesday, January 17 at 10:00 AM**. All are welcome!

**VBS Help** – We are looking for co-directors for this summer's VBS. You will have lots of support and a great staff! Whether you are the organizing type or the group leader, your skills will be put to use! Please contact Pastor Kathy, Jennifer Paine, or Stacey McNamara for more info!

The monthly and weekly newsletters are available on our website at [www.firstchurchalive.org](http://www.firstchurchalive.org).

**Ushers are needed** for the 11:00 AM service. Please contact Dawn Evangelista at [devangelista@wowway.com](mailto:devangelista@wowway.com) if you are interested in serving.

"Dirty Names" is the title of Pastor Chuck's most recent blog post at [www.pfspincycle.com](http://www.pfspincycle.com). During the observance of the Martin Luther King holiday its good to reflect on how far - or not how far - we've come.

**Men of First Church!** Looking to deepen your faith and put into action in your daily life? Attend the men's retreat on **Friday & Saturday, January 19 & 20**, when we will join with our brothers from New Covenant Lutheran Church to discuss what it means to be a "Kingdom Man." We will meet at the Double Tree in Independence on Friday evening at 7:00 PM for our first session, and conclude after our Saturday morning session at Noon. You may want to commute to the hotel, or stay overnite by booking a room. For more details or to register for the retreat, contact Dean Miller or Pastor Chuck.

**Thinking about joining First Church?** New Member classes will be offered on **Sundays, January 21 and 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM**. To register, please contact the church office or speak to one of the pastors.

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

Sign up for altar flowers and/or bulletins for 2018. Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board over the water fountain.

**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.

**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](mailto:marjgray@gmail.com).

**January 14 - 21 at First**

Sunday	9:45 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School Soup Sunday Bell Choir Education Meeting Contemporary Worship Meeting
Monday	12:30 PM 7:00 PM	<b>Office Closed!</b> SPARK Event – Glen Reservation AA
Tuesday	8:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	KHUSA Council AI-Anon
Wednesday	10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Lydia Circle Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Praise Band Men’s Basketball
Friday	7:00 PM	Men’s Retreat with New Covenant
Saturday	10:00 AM 12:00 PM	First Communion Class Men’s Retreat with New Covenant
Next Sunday –	8:30 AM – Contemporary Worship - Eucharist 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Traditional Worship – WOV Setting 5 - Eucharist 12:00 PM – Bell Choir 12:15 PM – KIDS HOPE Luncheon 6:00 PM – New Member Class	

**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.

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