



Weekly Revelations

September 23, 2018

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mom & Dad Zwinger in celebration of Amy & Brady's wedding anniversary; and, by Dennis Bailey in celebration of Bonnie's birthday.

We encourage you and your family to attend **Sunday school** and have family discussions around the lessons. Today's Sunday school lessons include...

PreK-4th: Jesus Creates a Family--*Matthew 4: 18-22*

5th-6th: God is Redeemer (The Fall)--*Genesis 3; Romans 5:12 & 18-19*

7th-8th: Judging Others--*John 8:3-11; Ephesians 2:8-9; Mark 2:15-17; Matthew 7:1-5*

The **Annual Community Safety Forces and First Responders Prayer Service** will be **Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 PM** at St. Joseph Church. All are welcome to gather in offering prayerful support to those who serve our community.

Pastor Kathy will be on vacation from September 27 through October 3.

Mission opportunity at New Covenant. 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 **Saturday, September 29**, please contact Bruce Holderead at vancepack@wowway.com.

Altar Guild is seeking additional members; members serve once every five weeks as part of a team. Contact Beth David at bethdavid34500@hotmail.com, to be part of this very special group serving our congregation.

Pub Church resumes **Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 PM** at TGI Friday's in Srongsville.

Save the date to save a life. FLC bi-annual blood drive on **Sunday, October 7** from **8:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Appointments are encouraged but not required; sign-up at the *Welcome Center* or at www.redcrossblood.org.

Men's Basketball will begin **Thursday, October 11**. All men of First Church (18 and over) are invited to join us for fun, fellowship and exercise by playing pickup basketball games on Thursday evenings, **7:30-9:30 PM** at Kinsner Elementary School from October 11-April 25. Any questions, contact Wayne Mosley at wmosley238@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Stewardship is something we are called on by God to do every day, however, this time of year we place special emphasis on it during our annual stewardship campaign. We are asked to pay particular attention to how we are taking care of the gifts God has given us and to be good stewards of those blessings. This year our **stewardship campaign theme** is "**Shift Happens**". When "**Shift Happens**" in our faith life, we can become the "**Key to Change**". Early next month you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee along with pledge materials for 2019 followed by **Stewardship Sunday on October 14**. Please take time to carefully and prayerfully consider how you can make "**Shift Happen**" in your life.

Planned Giving Survey – You should have received a Planned Giving Survey in the mail. This is an important part of our Church's long-range planning as we seek feedback on your current and future interest in considering First Church in your estate plans. Thank you to those who have responded. If you haven't yet, could you please complete and return it at your earliest convenience? It will take less than 5 minutes to complete. If you need another copy of the form, there are extras outside the church office. Or contact us by email at firstelcastewardship@gmail.com and we can send you one. Any questions can be addressed to that email address as well, or see Wayne Mosley. Thank you.

WOW Events:

The Cleveland West Cluster Fall Gathering will be **Saturday, September 29**. Registration, breakfast & fellowship at 8:30 AM. Meeting & program at 9:30 AM and lunch at 11:30 AM. Cost is \$8.00. Reservations must be made **today** to Mary Ann Filipow at 440-845-6428. Checks payable to NEOSWO.

Women's Day Weekend at New Covenant
Women's Day Tea on **Saturday, October 13** at **11:00 AM**. Please sign up at the *Welcome Center*.
Women's Day Service on **Sunday, October 14** at **11:00 AM**.

The WOW Board is seeking donations of baked goods for a **Bake Sale fundraiser**. If you would be able to help out, please sign up at the *Welcome Center*.

Overcome the fear of public speaking, in a supportive, non-intimidating environment by visiting the Colorful Communicators, a local chapter of Toastmasters International. Colorful Communicators meets every Tuesday at 7:00 PM. We will be having an **open house** on **Tuesday, October 23** at **6:30 PM**. All are welcome! For more information please contact Reiner Mueller at reinermueller@sbcglobal.net.

The weekly/monthly newsletters are available on our website at www.firstchurchalive.org.

Nursery Policy – The nursery is reserved for children through age 3 only. Older children are invited to attend Sunday School or worship with their families. Thank you!

September 23 - 30 at First

Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	4:00 PM	Men's Program and BBQ w/ New Covenant
Monday	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Safety Forces Service at St. Joseph Church
	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
	7:30 PM	AI-Anon
Thursday	6:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal

Next Sunday -

- 8:30 AM - Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 AM - Sunday School
- 10:00 AM - Chancel Choir
- 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship - ELW Setting 3

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.

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

The new devotional books are available on the credenza outside the church office.

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