



Weekly Revelations

November 11, 2018

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Lindsey family.

We encourage you and your family to attend Sunday school at 9:45 AM and have family discussions around the lessons:

Pre-K – 4th: Hannah, Samuel, and Eli–1 Samuel 1:1-28, 3:1-21

5th & 6th: God is "I AM" – Exodus 2:21-4:17; John 8:58

7th & 8th: John 4:34-35

Harvest Month continues Sunday, November 18. Let's get that table outside of the office overflowing with food! Next Sunday will be our final week of food collection for Harvest Month, as we collect Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Pasta, and Spaghetti Sauce; as well as all other items collected in previous weeks including boxed Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, Rice, Canned Fruits & Vegetables and jars of Peanut butter & Jelly. All the food is being gathered for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets which will be donated to individuals and families in need within our community. We are also in need of **monetary donations** to help fill the baskets with perishable items and provide a complete holiday meal for those less fortunate. Envelopes marked "Food Baskets" are available on the table outside the church office and can be placed in the offering plate.

Special Note: We are in need of frozen turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets. Please contact Reiner Mueller if able to donate. Thanks!

FUEL 9-12th grade – Today at 11:00 AM we will be assembling college care packages to send out to our youth who are attending college away from home.

Over 50's Group will meet **Tuesday, November 13 at 12:15 PM.** Bring your bag lunch and meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Basketball - 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** from **7:30–9:00 PM** at *Kinsner Elementary School*. Any questions, contact Wayne Mosley at wmosley238@gmail.com.

Congregational Meeting will be on **Sunday, November 18 at 9:45 AM.** We will need 75 Members to conduct business. We will be voting on the following:
2019 Budget
Constitutional Amendment Regarding Quorum
Bylaw addition for Stanley Scholarship Fund

On **Sunday, November 18, 3:00 – 5:00 PM** we are pleased to host **Dr. David Pilgrim**, founder and curator of the Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia located on the campus of Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI. Dr. Pilgrim is also the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion at Ferris State, and is one of the country's leading experts on multiculturalism, diversity, and race relations. Dr. Pilgrim will give a one hour presentation on "The Power of Honest Conversation About Race" using artifacts from the museum, followed by a brief break for refreshments, then we will have an hour of "engagement time" in small groups that will be led by Dr. Pilgrim. The event is free and open to the public and is appropriate for ages 12 and older. Child care will be available.

Volunteers will be needed to pack the food baskets on **Tuesday, November 20 at 9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up, please call or e-mail: Reiner Mueller reinermueller@sbcglobal.net.

Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be **Wednesday, November 21, 7:00 PM** at *Strongsville United Church of Christ*. All are welcome!

Advent is quickly approaching! Watch and listen over the next two weeks as we roll out a very special opportunity to "DREAM SMALL" and serve our neighbors.

Help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on Sunday, December 2 immediately following the 11:00 AM service. All are welcome, many helping hands are needed to make our worship space and the rest of the building look festive for the holidays.

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

We are looking for additional **nursery attendants** on Sunday mornings, if you are interested, please contact Bonnie Bailey at bailey.bonnie@cleanharbors.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.

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.

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!

Our congregation has become a victim of **ID Spoofing**. "Spoofing" occurs when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity. Spoofing is often used as part of an attempt to trick someone into giving away valuable personal information so it can be used in fraudulent activity or sold illegally. U.S. law and FCC rules prohibit most types of spoofing. Caller ID lets consumers avoid unwanted phone calls by displaying caller names and phone numbers, but the caller ID feature is sometimes manipulated by spoofers who masquerade as representatives of banks, creditors, insurance companies, or even the government. Several Strongsville residents have received "spoof" calls using the church's phone number. We have contacted the FCC and filed a complaint, but were told there's not much we can do. If you receive a phone call in which your caller ID identifies the church number and someone is trying to obtain your personal information or sell you something, **it is not coming from the church.** We recommend you hang up and contact the FCC at 1-888-225-5322 option 4.

November 11 - 18 at First

Sunday 9:45 AM Sunday School
 9:45 AM Youth Board Elections

Monday 7:00 PM Bible Bonanza
 7:00 PM Mentor Groups
 7:00 PM AA

Tuesday 12:15 PM Over 50's Group
 7:00 PM Council Meeting
 7:00 PM Toastmaster's
 7:30 PM Al-Anon

Wednesday 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday 6:30 PM Praise Band Rehearsal
 7:30 PM Men's Basketball

Next Sunday -

8:30 AM - Contemporary Service - Eucharist
9:45 AM - Congregational Meeting
9:45 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Traditional Service - ELW Setting 3
 Eucharist
12:00 PM - Bell Choir
3:00 PM - Dr. Pilgrim Program

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

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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