



Weekly Revelations

**It's RALLY DAY!!
Sunday, September 8, 2019**

Altar Flowers have been given to the Glory of God by **Gary and Fran Martin** in celebration of **Matt and Jennifer's 10th wedding anniversary** and in memory of **Casi Binns** and by **Dennis and Bonnie Bailey** in celebration of **Matt Dittman's birthday**.

There are two red roses on the altar, one in honor of the birth of **Joseph James Mazzella** who was born on August 28. He is the son of Heidi and Matt Mazzella. The second rose celebrates the birth of **Nolan Paul Jenkins**, who arrived on September 3. He is the son of Debbie and Jeremy Jenkins.

Both Pastors will be out of the office next week as follows:
Pastor Kathy – September 9-12
ELCA Young Adult Conference in New Jersey
Pastor Chuck – September 9-15 for Vacation
If there is an urgent matter that requires pastoral attention, please contact Pastor Chuck.



Save the date to save a life. The next FLC Blood Drive will be on **Sunday, September 15, from 8 AM to 1 PM**. To schedule an appointment, sign up at the Welcome Center, go to RedCrossood.org, enter sponsor code "FirstChurch", or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Questions regarding ability to donate? Call 1-866-236-3276.

Confirmation and Bible Bonanza Orientation is scheduled for **Monday, September 16, at 7:00 PM**. If you are a parent of a child in 6th – 8th grade and have not received an invitation to this event, please speak with one of the pastors.

Overcome the fear of public speaking, in a supportive, non-intimidating environment by visiting the Colorful Communicators, a local chapter of Toastmaster's International. **Colorful Communicators meets every Tuesday at 7:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall and will be having an **Open House on September 17 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!**

New adult class will begin **Sunday, September 22, at 9:45 AM**. Led by the pastors, we will examine several **ELCA Social Statements** and their impact for us today. Free copies of the social statements are available now at the Welcome Center.

Thinking about becoming a member of First Church? A New Member Class will be held **Sunday, September 29, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM**. If you are interested, please speak to one of the pastors or call the church office to register.

Men's Ministry Event. All men are invited to join with the men of New Covenant for a tour of the **Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage (Beachwood) on Wednesday, October 2, 5:45 PM**. The theme of the 60-90 minute guided tour is "An Introduction to the Holocaust." Dinner will follow at a local restaurant. Cost is \$10 or \$8 for seniors (60+). **Payment is due by September 22**. Checks may be made to First Lutheran Church. Sign up at the Welcome Center today! Those interested in carpooling can meet at the church at 4:30 PM



The **Keyed Up for First Church** event is rapidly approaching, **Saturday, September 28, from 6-10 PM!** It will be a night of drinks, dinner and Dueling Pianos, all to benefit First Church. Hopefully, you already have your tickets, but if you don't, they will be available for purchase on **Sunday, September 8 before the Rally Day service and Sunday, September 15 between services, unless they sell out**. Raffle tickets will also be on sale at a cost of \$25 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$65. (Cash, check or credit card payments will be accepted.) The raffle prizes include: a wheelbarrow assortment of fine liquor, a weekend Wine Excursion to Geneva and a Cleveland Super-Fan bonanza, including Browns, Indians and Cavs tickets! Each prize is valued at about \$1000.00! **This is going to be a GREAT event and we hope to see everyone there!**

If you received a letter recently regarding the upcoming Ministry Fair, you may have noticed that the attachment mentioned was NOT attached! Please help your church secretary out by picking up a "Booth Information Sheet" at The Welcome Center and check off your name once you have it! Thank you!

A **Safety Forces Prayer Service** to honor and bless those who serve our community will be held **September 17, at 7:00 PM** at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. All are welcome to attend.

Yoga Classes begin this week! Chair Yoga will be held on **Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM** and the regular Yoga Class will be held from **6:30 to 7:30 PM on Thursdays**. Classes begin this week!

On **September 28**, the members of New Covenant Lutheran Church in East Cleveland provide fresh produce to needy families in their neighborhood. If you would like to assist, contact Bruce Holderead.

SPARK EVENT! Fall Hayride and Apple Picking, **Sunday, September 29th from 1-3** at Pick-n-Save Orchards. \$8.00/person for hayride and apple picking or \$3.00 for just the hayride. \$20 maximum per family. Use this link to sign up <https://forms.gle/dLxK513X1zddjx2k8> Please pay via cash or check ahead of the event. Questions? Talk to: Vanessa Smith-Whitford

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

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, fill out the card. Cards will be collected immediately before the prayers of the faithful.

Teddy bears in the pews are there for you to share God's love. This ministry is in memory of John Gray. Take a bear to anyone you know who is hurting for any reason. Donations may be given in the pew envelope marked "**Teddy Bear Ministry**" or new bears may be placed in the Bear Den behind the *Welcome Center* in the lobby.

September 8– September 15 at First Lutheran Church

Sunday	8:30 AM	RALLY DAY! Praise Band
	9:45 AM	Sunday School Registration
	10:30 AM	Blended Worship Service
	11:45 AM	Taco Bar Lunch/KONA Ice
GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SERVICE PROJECT		
Monday	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	4:00 PM	Chair Yoga
	7:00 PM	Cabinet Meeting
	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Thursday	6:30 PM	Yoga Class
Saturday	9:00 AM	Praise Band Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank
Sunday		FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES
	8:00 AM	Red Cross Blood Drive
	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship with Eucharist
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Eucharist
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir

Devotional books for July-September are available on the credenza outside the church office. **Feel free to take one!**

The **Weekly and Monthly Newsletters** are available on the church website at www.firstchurchalive.org.

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

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 at the back of the sanctuary.

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