



Weekly Revelations

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Altar Flowers have been given to the **Glory of God** by **Craig and Janet Kaiser** in honor of our grandson's birthdays, **Luke's 5th and Max's 3rd** and the **Curt Dean Family** in loving memory of **Larrye Lue**. Bulletins are given to the **Glory of God** by the **Sawitzke Family** in celebration of **Maggie's 16th birthday** and the **Smith-Whitford Family** in celebration of **Owen's 13th birthday**.

The American Red Cross is dealing with catastrophic impacts of Hurricane Dorian! Please commit about an hour of your day TODAY to give blood between the hours of 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

HELP WANTED, PLEASE! OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL STAFF! Teachers are needed for our 5th/6th grade class, and we also need aids for our younger groups and workshop leaders. This is not an every Sunday commitment. Please contact *Margie Taylor*, *Jen Paine*, or *Joelle Kluck*. We would be happy to answer any of your questions and get you on board right away! Thank you for your consideration.

Sunday School begins this week and here is a list of the themes that will be discussed:

Pre-K – 4th Grade: Welcoming Others
5th – 6th Grades: God is Commander

Your secretary has been called to Jury Duty this week! Depending, on the need, Joy may not be in the office during the day. Leave a message or send an e-mail. She will stop by in the evenings to check in! Thanks for your patience!

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**.

A 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. The social statements are available at the Welcome Center.

DONUTS ARE BACK! Beginning Sunday, **September 22**, our Donut Ministry returns!! Thank you to all our Confirmation and Bible Bonanza families for their help in setting it up and running it every Sunday. This is provided on a donation basis. Donation boxes are on the tables and any donations are appreciated to keep this well-loved ministry going.

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 p.m.** 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 p.m.



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 **TODAY 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.

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.

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.

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/dLxK513X1zdzjx2k8> 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. **Contact Marj Gray with questions.**

September 15–September 22 at First Lutheran Church

Sunday	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
Monday	6:00 PM	Confirmation/Bible Bonanza Orientation
	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	4:00 PM	Chair Yoga
	6:30 PM	Colorful Communicators
	7:00 PM	Open House
	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
	7:00 PM	Safety Forces Prayer Service St. Joseph Church
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Lydia Circle
Thursday	6:30 PM	Yoga Class
	6:30 PM	Stewardship Team
Friday	7:00 PM	WOW Book Club at Panera
Saturday	9:00 AM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Adult Class Begins
	12:00 PM	Traditional Worship
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
	6:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Team

Devotional books for October through December 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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Hey, First Church! Today is Nametag Sunday! Why not say hello to someone new? You could even say hello on your way to the Fellowship Hall to donate blood! The need is great; commit an hour today. You get a free cookie and the satisfaction of helping others!