



# Weekly Revelations

February 2, 2020



Altar Flowers have been given to the **Glory of God** by **Dennis and Bonnie Bailey** in celebration of the birthdays of **Michael Dittman** and **Magdalena Buccalo** and **Kennedy's** First Communion and by **Jeremy and Debbie Jenkins** in loving memory of **Dylan Paul Jenkins** and **Nash Allen Jenkins**.

Bulletins are given to the **Glory of God** by **Tony and Melina Rugar: Brielle** we are so proud of you...Happy 14<sup>th</sup> birthday! Love Mom and Dad, and by the **Kalnasy Family** in celebration of **Brianna's** birthday.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

If you're visiting today, **we are VERY happy you are here** and hope to see you again soon! Please see an usher before you leave to receive a gift bag. Inside, there is some general information about the church and a little gift for you!

We welcome **Martha Custer** to the organ bench this Sunday and next. David Gooding is taking a brief medical leave and will be back February 16th.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** The following are the topics today:

**Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup>** Deborah  
**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** God Spreads His Good News



**FIRST COMMUNION IS TODAY** We welcome to the Lord's Table for the first time: **Shannon Barth, Kennedy Bailey, Emma Hartman, Josie McNamara, Elise Pitcher, Graham Ross, Abigail Sobek, and Breigh Worsenroft**. May God continue to bless our young people in their daily walk of faith.

The **ADULT CLASS** resumes today at 9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Join us as we continue our study of "**Anxious for Nothing**" with Max Lucado.

The Sunday **YOGA CLASS** is **CANCELLED** for this evening (February 2) due to the Super Bowl! The session will be extended through February 16. **Enjoy the game!**

**\$60SUN** There will be a \$60 Sunday on **February 23**. A letter with a special envelope for this purpose will be mailed to the congregation soon. This drive will be in support of the annual budget and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**LENT** begins **February 26**. Join us for **ASH WEDNESDAY** services at 11:00 AM and 7:30 PM. Services will include Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. A complete list of Lenten activities will be published soon.



**DREAM SMALL** sign-up sheets are on the credenza outside the church office. Please add your name to one (or more) of the opportunities. Our service efforts will benefit **Rescuing the Perishing** (homeless ministry) and **Backpacks of Hope** (foster care ministry). We also need folks to sign up for the sorting and packing activity on **Sunday, March 1**. **Donations of new or gently used blankets, winter coats, socks, gloves, and hats will also be accepted beginning February 16th.**



## DO YOUR KIDS NEED TO GET RID OF SOME EXTRA ENERGY?

The SPARK group (Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be meeting at The Jump Yard (13700 York Rd., North Royalton) on Sunday, February 23rd from 1:00-4:00. Admission is \$12 and a \$4 off coupon can be printed from the Jump Yard website. Questions and RSVPs can be directed to Jennifer Paine.

**ATTENTION MEN!** The Walk Worthy Conference is Saturday, February 29, 8:30 -3:30 at Parkside Church in Chagrin Falls. Walk Worthy is a one-day men's conference that includes a continental breakfast, lunch, a conference t-shirt, and the book *Lies Men Believe* from Moody Publishers. Prepare to be challenged and encouraged in your walk with Christ. For information, go to: [ps://www.moodyconferences.com/walk-worthy/cleveland/](http://ps://www.moodyconferences.com/walk-worthy/cleveland/) or see Pastor Chuck.

**WORDS WITH WOMEN BOOK CLUB** will meet Saturday, February 15, at 9 AM at Panera Bread, Rt. 82 in Strongsville. We will be discussing Martha Hall Kelly's *Lost Roses*, which is the prequel to the popular *Lilac Girls*. Come join us for book talk and fellowship. Contact Jen Kowalewski with any questions.

**D.C. TRIP WITH THE MEN OF NEW COVENANT** The men of First Church will be joining the men of New Covenant for a trip to D.C. on July 20 through July 22. Our itinerary will include tours of the Museum of African American History and Culture, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, as well as various other memorials. A \$100 deposit is due by March 1. Please contact Pastor Chuck if you are interested in attending.

**PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS!** We are planning to send care packages to all of our college students to spread a little cheer. Please sign your student up at the Welcome Center by the "First Church Cares" box by February 9. We will be assembling packages on February 23 and want to be sure we don't miss anyone! Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy or Mary Whitecar.



**SAVE THE DATE TO SAVE A LIFE!** Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be on **March 22 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. *It feels good to GIVE.*

The **ALTAR GUILD** is still in need of **small coffee cans** to send altar flowers home. Donations can be left on the secretary's desk in the church office. Thank you!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2020** are here! Please pick up your box. They are located in alphabetical order on the table outside the Controller's Office.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Use the bulletin board by the water fountain to make your prayer concerns known.

**PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are 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. They will be collected before the prayers of the faithful.

**February 2 – February 9 at First Lutheran Church**

Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship with Eucharist
	9:45 AM	Sunday School for All
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Eucharist
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
Monday	7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	AA
	7:00 PM	Brass Choir
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Chair Yoga
	6:00 PM	Crossroad Stitches
	6:30 PM	Pub Church
	7:00 PM	Toastmasters
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Lydia Circle
	6:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Thursday	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball
Friday	10:00 AM	Prayer and Care Ministry
Saturday	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank
Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School for All
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
	12:00 PM	Board of Youth
	6:30 PM	Yoga

The **WEEKLY AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** are available on the church website at [www.firstchurchalive.org](http://www.firstchurchalive.org).

**NURSERY POLICY** The nursery is reserved for children through age 3 only. Older children are invited to worship with their families and they may enjoy a **FIRST LUTHERAN BUSY BAG**, which contains quiet items for children to use during the service. They can be found on the wooden stand in the back of the sanctuary.

**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.**

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