



# Weekly Revelations

March 1, 2020

## 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!

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

**Pre-K-4<sup>th</sup>** Jesus Teaches  
**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>** Jesus is Alive Forevermore



Today is the **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**. This holy season is to be understood as a time to reflect on Baptism and its basis in the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is, therefore, a time for rebirth and renewal, a time to give attention to the deepening of the devotional life of the mind and heart. The color for Lent is **purple**. You may notice the new purple raffia banners. The color is used to suggest somberness and solemnity. We pray that our Lenten journey may be one of prayer and meditation on the way of the cross.

In addition, for our **SOCIAL MEDIA PUSH FOR LENT** this year, we are going to partner with the ELCA World Hunger's Lenten Study Guide. Every Sunday, we will post a graphic, along with a link to the Lenten study guide. You will be able to read the study guide and reflect on its weekly message. Then, throughout the week we will post the reflection questions that coincide with the study guide. We hope you will study and pray for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world. Lent is a time of reflection and repentance, of sacrifice and self-examination. But Lent is also a season of hope — hope in the work God is doing in the world, even in the most challenging times.

The link is <https://community.elca.org/40days>

There is **NO ADULT CLASS** this **Sunday, March 1**, but...

On **Sunday, March 8** we will be hosting **Joe Menkhaus**, the pastoral intern at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. As part of his seminary training Joe's assignment is to gather information about another congregation in Strongsville. He will be asking about our worship practices, spirituality, our perspective on social justice issues, service in the community etc. **Please join us for a stimulating conversation!**

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER** for the Men's trip to Washington D.C. A deposit of \$100 is required. Please see Pastor Chuck with any last minute questions.

**Pub Church** is Tuesday, **March 3, 6:30 PM** at the Brew Garden. All are welcome for food, fellowship, stimulating conversation and prayer.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins **March 8**. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" one hour!



Our **Youth** will be leading worship on **Sunday, March 15**. Their theme is "**HOPE**".



**YOGA** – Our next session of Yoga Class and Chair Yoga will begin today. The cost is **\$30 for the six-week session**.

**Sunday Yoga – March 1, 6:30 PM**

**Chair Yoga – Tuesday, March 3 @ 1:30 PM**

Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Center. You can also call the church office to sign up.

The **WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF NEW COVENANT** East Cleveland is presenting a [Living Your Best Life Conference](#). The conference will feature inspirational speakers, health screenings, personal pampering and healthy snacks. Cost is a **\$25** donation. This event will be **Saturday, March 14, 8:30 – 3** at New Covenant Lutheran Church, 1424 Hayden Avenue, East Cleveland. Come and hear what the Lord says about achieving balance in our lives! For ticket information contact *Pastor Snell* at 216-334-5225.



**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.*

**COMPASSION THE MUSICAL**, hosted by St. Ladislav Catholic Church, 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake. Performances are **Friday, March 27** and Saturday, March 28, at 7:30. Cost is a free-will offering. No ticket or reservation is required. We are planning to car pool on Friday to attend as a group. Meet in the church parking lot by 6:30 PM. Sign up at the Welcome Center. For more information, see the March Revelations on-line, or talk to Linda Browning or Linda Walker.



**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.

**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 at the back of the sanctuary.

**March 1 – March 8 at First Lutheran Church**

Sunday	9:15 AM	Sunday School for Children
	10:30 AM	One Blended Service DREAM SMALL PROJECT
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
	6:30 PM	Youth Board
	6:30 PM	Yoga
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 Stitchers
	6:30 PM	Pub Church
	7:00 PM	Toastmasters
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 PM	Endowment Meeting
	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball
Friday	10:00 AM	Prayer and Care Group
Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School for All
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
	6:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Team

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

**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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