



Weekly Revelations

March 8, 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 is the topic today:
Pre-K-4th Mary Anoints Jesus



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>

At today's Adult Sunday School class, we are 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!**

Pastor Chuck will be on vacation March 11 - 15.



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

Join us for **HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER, Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 PM** for a beautiful, reflective time of worship and prayer. Perfect for your Lenten Journey!

Spaces are filling quickly for the **MALTZ MUSEUM "STOP THE HATE"** tour on **March 29.** Sign up today at the Welcome Center. There is a limit of 20 people and the cost is \$10.00.

The **WOMEN'S MINISTRY OF NEW COVENANT** East Cleveland is presenting a [Living Your Best Life Conference](#). The 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. For ticket information contact *Pastor Snell* at 216-334-5225.

NEW MEETING DATE! WORDS WITH WOMEN will be reading the classic book *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott. We will meet on Saturday April 18, 9 AM at Panera Bread on Rt. 82 in Strongsville. Join us for discussion and fellowship. Please contact Jen Kowalewski with any questions.



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.



SPRING CLEANING PARTY Join us as we take a few hours on **Saturday, April 11, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** to prepare the building for the celebration of Easter. Many hands make light work and YES, there WILL be donuts!! There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center!



MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE The league plays on Monday nights at Pine Hills Golf Course in Hinckley starting April 20. If you are interested in playing, contact Ron Shorts for more information.

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 8 – March 15 at First Lutheran Church

Sunday	SPRING FORWARD!	
	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	CW Team Meeting
	6:30 PM	Yoga
Monday	7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza
	7:00 PM	Mentor Group Activity
	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Chair Yoga
	7:00 PM	Cabinet Meeting
	7:00 PM	Toastmasters
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal
Thursday	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball
Saturday	8:30 AM	Women's Conference
	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank
Sunday	YOUTH SUNDAY!	
	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship with Eucharist
	9:45 AM	Sunday School for All
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Eucharist
	6:30 PM	Yoga

The **WEEKLY AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** are available on the church website at 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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