

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

Next week, November 6, is All Saints' Sunday. If you would like a loved one remembered in the prayers, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

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### **STEWARDSHIP REQUEST**

If you haven't already, please make sure to complete your 2023 pledge card. There are pledge cards in the pews; you can just fill one out and drop it in the offering plate. Or you can fill it out online at our secure site [bit.ly/32ThyWr](https://bit.ly/32ThyWr). As we wrap up this year's Stewardship Campaign, your financial commitment to First Church is vital to our planning for successfully Unleashing Our Potential to fulfill God's vision for us. Thank you!

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### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR UPDATES (10:15 AM)**

1. The Northeast Ohio Synod, ELCA has adapted new pay guidelines for pastors, which will have an effect on all congregations starting in 2023. This will include First Lutheran Church, Strongsville, so we'd like everyone to be "in the loop"! Please join us for adult Sunday School on **October 30**, when Council members will discuss these changes.
  2. Pastor Jim Weckwerth from The Joshua Group will be leading a second "catch-up" meeting during adult Sunday school on Sunday, **November 6**. This is another wonderful opportunity to ask questions about the results and recommendations. He will also field questions about our Letting Go campaign – "Honoring the Past, Looking to the Future." We hope to see you all there!
  3. There will be a budget forum to go through the proposed 2023 budget, which will be led by Council representatives on **November 13**.
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### **HARVEST MONTH BEGINS NOVEMBER 6!**

Please bring in donations of non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. The baskets will be donated to individuals and families in need within our community, as the needs are especially acute this year.

We will also accept monetary donations to help fill the baskets with perishable items and provide a complete holiday meal for those less fortunate. Envelopes marked "Food Baskets" are available on the Welcome Center and can be placed in the basket or offering plate. **Special Note: We need frozen turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets.** Volunteers will be needed to pack the food baskets on Tuesday, November 22, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall . Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on the Welcome Center. Questions?

Contact Reiner Mueller: [reindogger@outlook.com](mailto:reindogger@outlook.com) Call or text: 440-724-8897

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### **MEN'S RETREAT**

The Men of First Church will be having a joint retreat with the men of New Covenant on November 18 and 19. All men of First Church are invited. The retreat will start at 5:00 PM on November 18 and end at 4:00 PM on November 19. It will be held at Lutheran Memorial Camp. There are two retreat forms which need to be filled out to attend the event. One needs to be filled out and submitted to LOMO by November 4 and the other form can be brought with you. Information and forms are available on the Welcome Center. Please let Dean Miller know if you plan to attend.

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## **DONUTS AND COFFEE**

Why not stop in early next Sunday and come in for refreshments after the Contemporary Service?

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## **HO HO HO!**

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 10, as First Church hosts a **Breakfast with Santa** event. Santa and Mrs. Claus have confirmed their visit! We will need some jolly volunteers to help with this outreach event. Contact Maureen Shorts with questions or to sign up to help:

[shortsstuff3@gmail.com](mailto:shortsstuff3@gmail.com) or call her at 440-725-0445.