

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Please mark your calendars for one service on Sunday, October 1, at 10:00 AM to accommodate a congregational meeting, which will take place immediately following worship. Assistant to the Bishop Mitch Phillips will be joining us. More detailed information will be following soon.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School needs your help! Teachers are needed for the 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade class, as well as for the Young Elementary class. This is a commitment of one Sunday or more per month. If you are interested, please reach out to Carolyn Roman, Beth Hartman or Pastor Kathy for more information. The only requirements are a loving heart and a willingness to share Christ with our children and youth.

### **2024 NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING**

The National Youth Gathering will be held July 16 -20, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Youth must be in 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade to participate. If you are interested, there will be an informational meeting during the Sunday School hour today at 10:15 AM. If you cannot attend, please reach out to Pastor Kathy.

### **THE GREAT RESTROOM RENOVATION UPDATE**

As you all know the men's restroom is finished. If you haven't had a chance to see it, take a peek next time you are at church. While the men's restroom is functional, we will be adding some finishing touches. So stay tuned, the journey from Drab to Fab is still in progress.

The team has moved on to working on the women's restroom. The decorative tile has been installed, and it looks terrific. The floors, lights, countertops, and plumbing will be done soon. Many thanks to all the wonderful congregation members who have volunteered their time to make this project a reality.

### **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

The September pick for the Words with Women Book Club is The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate. We will meet on Saturday Sept. 23rd at 9 am in the Fox Hollow Clubhouse, 88 Fox Hollow Lane, Brunswick. To RSVP, or for any questions, please contact Jen Kowalewski, 440-391-2823, jkowalewski13@yahoo.

### **WOMEN WHO WINE EVENT**

All women are invited to attend an event on Tuesday, October, at Michael Angelo's Winery at 5515 Broadview Road in Richfield, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. A Sign Up Genius was sent out with the weekly email blast or you can call the office to add your name to the fun!

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

The Men's Basketball League will begin on Thursday, October 5. They play from 7:30 to 9:00 PM at Kinsner Elementary School. Join us for some fun and exercise! Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Contact Ray Treudler with questions at raysort1@yahoo.com.

## **MEN'S RETREAT**

The men of First Lutheran and New Covenant Lutheran are having a retreat on October 27-28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, please contact Dale Piper for details (440-344-8860) or [dalerpiper@gmail.com](mailto:dalerpiper@gmail.com)

## **STRONGSVILLE FOOD PANTRY**

The need for this month is cereal and peanut butter. As always, thank you for your generous donations.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

The final Faith Build volunteer date for Habitat for Humanity is Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, and we still need First Church volunteers! It involves work on a renovated or newly constructed Habitat home (location TBD), led by Habitat staff on-site. Volunteers must be 16 years or older. Please visit the Volunteer Hub on Habitat's Website and follow the instructions below to register. Contact Alli Thellman ([agator817@yahoo.com](mailto:agator817@yahoo.com), 440-263-9828) with any questions.

Sign up here: [www.faithbuild.clevelandhabitat.volunteerhub.com](http://www.faithbuild.clevelandhabitat.volunteerhub.com)

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2. Create a username and password
3. Click "next" to enter the join code: FIRSTLUTHERAN
4. Click "next" to complete the registration form

Once your account is created, simply scroll to the volunteer date you would like to sign up for and click on sign up.

