

Weekly Connection

May 3, 2026

Bicycle Relocation Program - Do you have a bicycle (adult - or child-size) that could use a second life? Please contact Pierre David and he will pick it up, repair it so that it is "like new" (if necessary), and then take to the Redeemer Crisis Center on W. 30th Street in Cleveland. Pierre can be contacted at pdavid@bw.edu or 216-213-8386

First Church Ladies Book Club, our next book is Twice by Mitch Albom. We'll meet on **May 16th at 10:00 AM** in the library at church. Happy reading!

Planned giving Session Please join us **TODAY** between services in the Sanctuary as we welcome Pastor Karl Bierman from the ELCA Foundation. He will share biblical perspectives on end-of-life planning, and introduce resources for ensuring that our estates, assets, and obligations are handled as we desire.

The Pierstorf College fund is a one-of-a-kind Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free loans to all Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio. **Application deadline is June 30th**. Apply at pierstorf.org

Chair Yoga - Chair Yoga Sessions are currently available on **Monday 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM and Wednesday 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM** and will run **until May 20th**. Anyone interested in coming to one of the sessions is welcome to come to "try out" the class before these sessions are done. Plans for Chair Yoga sessions are being considered to resume this Fall. Please notify Chris Thomas if there are any questions or concerns. Text at 440-567-3754 or email at Kricket413@gmail.com.

Pentecost Flowers, Pentecost is May 24th. Please help beautify the church by donating for the purchase of 10" Red Geraniums. We'll decorate the altar in RED for Pentecost, then plant them in our beautiful church gardens for the summer. Purchase flowers in the Welcome enter or use the QR code on the back to purchase online.

Strongsville Food Bank - The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of the following items:
 Oatmeal Cylinders (Small) or 8/10 Pack, Beef Stew, Any Size or Brand, Tuna Fish - 5 oz or 12 oz Cans, Jelly (med & large), Cream of Broccoli, Mushroom or Celery Soup, Ravioli, Beef-a-roni, Spaghetti's, Frozen/Fresh vegetables - broccoli, brussels sprouts and cauliflower, sliced peppers and Bagged Salads/Lettuce
 All Canned Goods are always welcome!

Rainforest Falls VBS Registration OPEN - Join us 06/22 thru 06/25 from 9 AM to Noon for our Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School filled with tree-mendous adventures! Kids will explore the Nature of God with exciting games, music, crafts, and wild discoveries deep in our jungle setting. Each day brings new friends, unforgettable fun, and meaningful lessons that grow faith strong and tall. Don't miss this canopy of excitement—come swing into the adventure with us!

VBS Volunteers needed - We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help bring our Rainforest Falls Summer VBS to life with tree-mendous energy and joy! Join us as we guide kids through fun games, crafts, music, and meaningful lessons about faith in a vibrant jungle setting. Your time and heart can make a lasting impact—come be part of this wild and wonderful adventure! Paper volunteer forms are on the credenza outside the church office or use the QR code to link to our online registration form.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism -

Today at the 11:15 AM service we celebrate the baptism of Franklin Eli Bethardy. His parents are Frank and Courtney Bethardy and Franklin's sponsors are Emily and Doug Fox and Jennifer Bethardy. Welcome to the Lord's family, Franklin.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 3rd

Planned Giving Forum – 10:15 AM

Monday, May 4th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

Confirmation – 7:00 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, May 5th

Stephen Ministry Supervisory Meeting – 6:00 PM

Toastmasters at 7:00 PM

AI Anon at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 6th

Chair Yoga – 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 7th

Dynamic Worship Meeting – 6:30 PM

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Ushers

9:00 AM - Pam & Herb Simpson

11:15 AM – Eddie & Lori Forse

Readers

9:00 AM - Kelly Tesar

11:15 AM - Gloria Reichert

Counters

Sam Reichert, Rolf Gaab, Jackie Wojciehowski

Altar Guild

Trish Nolder, Sheri Gist, Beth David

Communion Assistant

9:00 AM – Melina & Tony Rugar, Gayle Kovach

11:15 AM – Terri & Wayne Mosley, Ellen Kolman

Altar Flower Delivery

Barb Nalette

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Justin Wade, Claudia Lenarz

Military Members

Austin Holley, Deacon Nemet, Haley Uline, Jacob Meckley

Stephen Ministry Team

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, Pat Sauernheimer, Pam Simpson, Marsha Ginley, Phil King, and Bob Strong, Chris Hamel, Jen Kowalewski, Jim Zakrajsek, Steve Harris

On-going Prayers

Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Jessica Walsh, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Jeanette Paus, Morgan Popple, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Dennis Bailey, Cindy Walker, Susie Siebert, Mike and Linda Drury, Catherine Robertson, Brenda Rosala, Katy Profeta, The Rugar Family, Jim Thomas, Melissa Borgio, Barb Kreuger, Trish Nolder, Jon Forsthoffer, Diane, Amanda, Rick Wolcott, Jim and Pat Arthur, Joan Ripley, Bob Beck

Homebound

Mary Jane Knaack, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Sheryl Clark, Jerry Kreuger



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Last Sunday's Attendance

9:00 AM –99

11:15 AM - 50

Online –36