



Weekly Revelations

February 5, 2012

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mom, Dad & Alex Kalnasy in celebration of Brianna's 16th birthday; and, by Mom, Dad, Allison, Abbi & Bobby Lindsey in celebration of Andrea's 13th birthday.

There are lots of spaces available for altar flower and bulletin dedications. Sign up for your special event in the lobby above the water fountain.

Education Hour topics:

3 yr – 6th gr – "Woman at the Well"

Adult – "Understanding Emergence Christianity"

Pastor Kathy will be in New Orleans Tuesday – Saturday for a National Gathering meeting.

Next week's readings: *2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; and, Mark 1:40-45.*

Youth Events:

BLAST (6-8th gr) – **Bowling – Sunday, February 19, 2:15 PM** (leave from church). **Cost: \$6.50** (includes shoes – must have socks!) *Friends welcome ... drivers needed.* Questions? Contact *Becky Zielinski* (rzielinski@ameritech.net).

FUEL (9-12th gr) – *Coming in March* – **Tobogganing** (weather permitting) or **Laser Tag – Sunday, March 11.**
Sign up on the youth board.

Youth Board will meet **Monday, February 6, 7 PM** in the *Youth Room*.

The **Strongsville Food Bank** will be open **Saturday, February 11, 9:30 – 11:30 AM.** *Proof of residency & photo ID required.*

Prayer Chain Recognition/Luncheon, Sunday, February 12. Attend the **11:15 AM service** for the recognition with a light lunch immediately following the service in the *Fellowship Hall*. Please *RSVP* by *February 5* to *Shirley Mack* (440.842.2585) or the church office (440.238.7890).

Glorifying God in Your Body – a WOW Wellness Event led by *Debbie Hartshorn* **Monday, February 13, 7 PM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. Do you tend to see the cup as half full or half empty? Join us as we assess, prioritize, and learn to implement a healthy process for change. Childcare will be provided. Sign up at the *Welcome Center*.

Enjoy Valentine's Day with **JOY Group Tuesday, February 14, 12:15 PM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. Bring your "brown bag" lunch. Questions? Contact *Audie Kiplinger* (440.238.4816) or *Shirley Mack* (440.842.2585).

Ash Wednesday worship is **February 22 at 7:30 PM.** Join us to begin the Lenten season with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

Midweek Lenten Services begin Tuesday, February 28, 7:15 PM. Our theme this year is "*Beyond Survival Mode: The Church's Mission in the 21st Century,*" and will feature three mission developers in our synod as guest preachers. *Each service is preceded by a light supper beginning at 6 PM.*

Interested in joining the U2charist Planning Team? Contact *Pastor Chuck* immediately. **Our next U2charist will be May 20 to benefit CWWV,** and we need to get started now.

Reminder – If you use the **Thrivent Simply Giving Program,** and you want to change your dollar amount, please fill out the form available in the brochure rack outside the church office. The forms can be mailed back to the church office.

Support Our Youth: Gift card sales! Order forms available in the lobby. Questions? Contact *Debbie Brighter* (440.572.2627).

KIDS HOPE USA Mentors needed: There are currently four students at Drake who are waiting for their mentors. *Will you be the one to make a positive difference in the life of one of these children?* To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, please call *Gloria Reichert* (330.225.3922). *Thanks!*

Nursery attendants needed! If you are available to help in the nursery, please contact *Bonnie Bailey* (440.572.5044).

Mental Health Services is in need of **beds** for several clients, including a CWWV family. CWWV is also in need of **formula and diapers.** MHS also needs **men's business clothing.** Please call *Tammy Widdows* (216.548.2761) with donations. *Thank you for your support!*

The Street Ministry continues to collect **men's socks** for the homeless. Please place your donation in the marked box by the *Fellowship Hall* entrance. Questions? Contact *Steve Gall* (440.238.3019).

Laura's Home is in need of regular size women's personal hygiene items. As more women are participating in a long-term program, Laura's Home is requesting full size items instead of travel size. Your donations are greatly appreciated and may be placed in the designated box at the *Welcome Center*.

FEBRUARY 5 - 12 at FIRST

Sunday	10:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM	Education Hour <i>Ablaze</i> rehearsal Bell Choir
Monday	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Youth Board AA
Tuesday	5:30 PM 7:30 PM	<i>Pastor Kathy in New Orleans thru Saturday</i> FCA Huddle (FH) Al-Anon
Wednesday	6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Brass Choir Cherub Choir Chancel Choir
Thursday	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Bible Bonanza Mentor groups Men's Basketball (<i>Kinsner</i>)
Saturday	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Strongsville Food Bank 1 st Communion class <i>Superconnector</i> rehearsal

Next Sunday

Evangelical Lutheran Worship - setting 1
at 7:45 & 11:15 AM
Contemporary Worship at 9 AM
Education Hour at 10 AM
 Gathering Bake Sale
 Prayer Chain Luncheon at 12:15 PM
Ablaze rehearsal at 1 PM
 Bell Choir at 7 PM

1/29/2012 - 2/4/2012	
Envelope & Loose	\$10,460.50
Budget Requirements	\$10,190.00
Ahead / (Behind)	\$270.50

1/1/2012 - 2/4/2012	
Envelope & Loose	\$53,180.90
Budget Requirements	\$45,023.10
Ahead / (Behind)	\$8,170.55

December 2011 Y-T-D	
Income Received - Total Actual	\$503,456
Expenses Incurred - Total Actual	\$483,501
Income less Expense - Net Actual	\$19,955

Income Received - Total Budget	\$502,871
Expenses Incurred - Total Budget	\$502,871
Income less Expense - Net Budget	\$0

Income - Ahead / (Behind)	\$585
Expenses - Ahead / (Behind)	\$19,370
Net - Ahead / (Behind)	\$19,955

Unrestricted Cash Balance	
as of 12/31/2011	\$21,349.11

Mortgage Loan Balance	
as of 12/31/2011	\$701,979.81
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First Lutheran Busy Bags contain quiet items, crayons, and books for children to use during the service. They can be found on the wooden stand at the back of the sanctuary.

Do you have a prayer request? Please use the bulletin board over the water fountain to make your prayer concerns known.

Last Sunday's Attendance:

7:45 - 45
 9:00 - 163
 11:15 - 256
 SCS - 135

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