



Weekly Revelations

December 4, 2016

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bonnie Bailey in celebration of Brian Dittman's birthday; and, by Marj Gray in celebration of grandchildren, Connor Kasnik's 16th birthday and Abby McKee's 11th birthday. **Bulletins** are given by the Kalnasy family in loving memory of Barb Strong and thankfulness for family and friends.

A Crucifer is needed for the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve service. Please contact Pastor Chuck if interested.

Christmas Eve volunteers are needed. Please consider being a **communion assistant**. We need **3 more** for the **10:00 PM service**. Please contact *Barb Krueger* at kruegbg@att.net if you are available to serve.

Ushers are still needed for the 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM Christmas Eve services. If available, please contact Len Taylor at lentaylor@roadrunner.com, Maureen Shorts at shorts-stuff@att.net, or Dawn Evangelista at devangelista@wowway.com.

Our 2017 offering envelopes have arrived. They are located on the table in the lobby.

Christmas Food Baskets

We will continue to accept donations of non-perishable food items throughout December. Items can be placed in the shopping cart in the lobby. We are also accepting monetary donations to help fill the baskets with perishable items. Envelopes marked "**Food Baskets**" are available on the *Welcome Center* and can be placed in the offering plate.

Prayer Request Cards may be found inside the fellowship pads at the end of each pew. If you would like to include someone in today's prayers, please fill out the card. The pastor will collect the cards immediately before the Prayers of the Faithful.

The Children's Sharing Tree is in the lobby **today**. Please take a tag and help make a child's holiday brighter. All gifts and gift cards need to be **returned** to the Sharing Tree by **11:15 AM on Sunday, December 11**. If you have any questions, please contact Connie Nielsen at the3nielsens@gmail.com.

WOW Book Club will be tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM. As we discuss "*I am Malala*" by Malala Yousafzai. Location: *First Church Library*.

PUB CHURCH will be **Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 PM** at TGI Friday's in Strongsville. Our topic will be "The Power of Perception". All are welcome!

Strongsville Food Bank will be open **Saturday, December 10, 9:30 – 11:30 AM**. *Proof of Strongsville residency and photo ID required.*

FUEL LOCK IN (9th–12th graders) will be **Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10 from 6:30 PM - 8:30 AM**. We are asking for a **\$20.00 donation** as we are shopping and wrapping for CWWV. Dinner, snacks, Christmas movies, hot chocolate, and games!! RSVP to *Pastor Kathy* or *Karyn Kasnik*.

Over 50's Group will meet **Tuesday, December 13 at 12:15 PM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. **Our lunch will be catered** so leave your brown-bags at home. Warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2017!

Sunday, December 18 – ONE SERVICE at 10:30 AM. Join us for the *Sunday School Christmas Program*. **Sunday school will be at 9:00 AM.**

We will be **Christmas caroling** at different hospitals and nursing homes on **Sunday, December 18 at 12:15 PM**, lunch first. Everyone is welcome. Please join us spread Christmas cheer!

Volunteers are needed for packing *Christmas Food Baskets* on **Thursday, December 22 at 9:00 AM**. Please contact *Joy Blankenship* at joybuzzard@gmail.com or Reiner Mueller at reinermueller@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule:

4:00 PM - *Contemporary Service, Lessons & Carols*
8:00 PM - *Candlelight & Communion*
10:00 PM - *Candlelight & Communion*

Christmas Day Worship Schedule

10:00 AM - *Lessons & Carols with Communion*

Need practice making a New Year's resolution?

Do you have an organizational project you want to get done, but are having a hard time starting it? Then start here at First Church! Your help is needed moving, organizing, and cleaning our storage and kitchen spaces. Spend a few hours jumping in and lending a hand! Young, old, big or small, experienced or inexperienced, all are welcome! Please sign up at the *Welcome Center*. Any questions, please contact *Mike Magons* at mmagons@msn.com.

December 4 - 10 at First

Sunday	10:00 AM 12:15 PM 12:30 PM 6:00 PM	Sunday School Christmas Decorating Bell Choir Youth Board
Monday	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Brass Choir Bible Bonanza Confirmation WOW Book Club AA
Tuesday	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Crossroad Stitchers Pub Church Al-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal Men's Basketball
Friday	6:30 PM	FUEL Lock in
Saturday	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank

Next Sunday

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 8 – Traditional Service at 7:45 AM and 11:15 AM.
Contemporary service at 9:00 AM.
Sunday school at 10:00 AM

Pastor Chuck's most recent blog is "**Safety Pin.**" You can read it at www.pcspincycle.com

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

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.

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