



Weekly Revelations

December 11, 2016

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bruce and Janice Holderead in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary; and, by Pierre and Beth David in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary.

Ushers are still needed for the 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.

Sign up for altar flowers and/or bulletins for 2017. See sign-up sheet in the lobby over the water fountain.

The adult class will take a brief hiatus after **today**, and reconvene on **Sunday, January 8**.

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.

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.

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.

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*

DEADLINE FOR ALL 2016 CONTRIBUTIONS is

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2016. Any contributions received after **December 30, 2016** will be considered 2017 contributions.

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! All are welcome! Please sign up at the *Welcome Center*. Any questions, please contact *Mike Magons* at mmagons@msn.com.

A First Lutheran Night Out, Join us for an evening at the Hofbrauhaus Cleveland, on **Friday, January 13 at 6:00 PM**. The evening will include live festive music, great food and drink, and may include a tour of the brewery and the Hermit Club. Please **RSVP by January 6** to Reiner and Monika Mueller at reinermueller@sbcglobal.net.

Join us for a great event as part of the **First Church Alive! Concert Series!** Christian singer, songwriter, funny guy, *Mark Cable* will put on a concert with desserts on **Saturday, January 28 at 7 PM** in our *Fellowship Hall*. **Tickets are \$10 before 12/25/16 and \$15 after 12/25/16**, so make sure to get them before the deal ends! Reserve your tickets by calling the church office or by signing up on the sheet in front of the Director Music office. Don't miss out on this Great Night Out!

December 11 – 17 at First

Sunday	10:00 AM	Sunday School
Monday		Revelations articles due!
	6:30 PM	Brass Choir
	7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza
	7:00 PM	Mentor Groups
	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	12:15 PM	Over 50's Group
	7:00 PM	Celebration
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM	Praise Band Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Council
	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball

Next Sunday

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – Setting 8- 4th Sunday of Advent
One Worship Service at 10:30 AM – Eurcharist
(Children's Christmas Program)
Sunday school at 9:00 AM
Christmas Caroling at 12:15 PM

What might happen when we become **vulnerable** to others? Pastor Chuck explores this question in his most recent blog post "**Oasis.**" You can find it at www.pcspincycle.com

When Confirmation students ask the right questions it can lead to a deeper understanding of what God is up to. Pastor Chuck's weekly blog "**Oasis**" explores what happens when the teacher becomes vulnerable to the students. You can find it at www.pcspincycle.com.

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