



Weekly Revelations

December 17, 2017

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the David family in celebration of Pierre and Beth's 27th wedding anniversary; and, by the Holderead family in celebration of Bruce and Janice's 46th wedding anniversary.

Name Tag Sunday – Name tags and markers are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the narthex. Please take the time to fill one out and wear it during your time in church today.

Christmas Caroling will be **today** after the 11:00 AM service, we will go out to lunch first. All are welcome!

The youth are selling gift cards at the youth table **today**. All proceeds will go towards the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in June/July. Thank you for your support!

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to the Christmas Decorating Party last week. Your help was so greatly appreciated. The Decorating Committee could not have done it without your amazing support and help. Thank you all for helping to make our sanctuary look festive!

Christmas Food Baskets! Please continue to bring food donations for the Christmas food baskets and place them on the table in the lobby. **Monetary donations** for perishable items are also needed. Envelopes marked "**Food Baskets**" are available on the table and can be placed in the offering plate. Any questions, contact Reiner Mueller or Joy Blankenship. Thanks!

Lydia Circle, a women's Bible study, will meet **Wednesday, December 20 at 10:00 AM**. All are welcome!

Volunteers are needed to pack the Christmas food baskets on **Thursday, December 21 at 9:00 AM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. If you can help, contact Reiner Mueller at reinermueller@sbcglobal.net or Joy Blankenship at joybuzzard@gmail.com.

We are in **need of ushers** for the **Christmas Eve services at 8:00 & 10:00 PM**. If you are able to serve, please contact Dawn at devangelista@wowway.com.

A crucifer is needed for the 8:00 and 10:00 PM **Christmas Eve services**. Please see Pastor Chuck if you would like to serve.

Please pick up your 2018 offering envelopes on the table in the lobby.

There will be **ONE** service the **morning of December 24** (Advent 4) and the morning of **December 31** (Lessons & Carols), both at **10:30 AM**.

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

Join us for worship on Christmas Eve:

4:00 PM – Contemporary Celebration

8:00 PM – Candlelight & Communion

10:00 PM – Candlelight & Communion

WOW Book Club will meet on **Saturday, January 6 at 9:00 AM** to discuss Karen Kingsbury's "*The Bridge*" at *Giant Eagle Market District, Strongsville*. Sign-up sheets are available at the *Welcome Center*.

Pastor Kathy will be leading a **Women's Bible Study** on the *Book of Jonah* on **Tuesday's at 7:00 PM beginning January 9 through January 30**. Sign-up sheets are available at the *Welcome Center*.

First Communion Classes for students in 5th grade or above will be held **Saturday, January 13, 20, and 27 from 10 AM – Noon**. Please contact either pastor or call the church office at 440-238-7890 to register.

Our Second Annual Soup Sunday, January 14. Mark your calendars to join us for homemade soups in the *Fellowship Hall*. Good will donations will go towards the youth attending the National Youth Gathering.

Annual Men's Retreat with New Covenant will be Friday, **January 19 – Saturday, January 20**. \$50 registration due by December 31. Checks should be made to New Covenant Lutheran Church and given to Pastor Chuck.

The 2018 altar flower and bulletin sign-up is located on the bulletin board over the water fountain.

We are in need of **ushers for the 11:00 AM** service. If you are willing to serve on a team, please contact Dawn Evangelista at devangelista@wowway.com.

The new devotional books are available on the credenza outside the church office. Please feel free to take one!

The latest weekly and monthly newsletters are available on our website at www.firstchurchalive.org.

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.

December 17 - 24 at First

Sunday	9:45 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Bell Choir Christmas Caroling
Monday	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza Confirmation AA
Tuesday	8:30 AM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	KHUSA Council AI-Anon
Wednesday	10:00 AM 7:30 PM	Lydia Circle Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Christmas Food Baskets Praise Band

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday of Advent at the 10:30 AM service

Christmas Eve Worship:

4:00 PM – Contemporary Celebration

8:00 PM – Candlelight & Communion

10:00 PM – Candlelight & Communion

Nursery Policy: The nursery is reserved for children through age 3 only. Older children are invited to worship with their families.

The teddy bears in the pews are there to share God's love. You may take one to anyone you know who is hurting for any reason. Donations may be given in a pew envelope marked "*Teddy Bear Ministry*" or new bears may be placed in the bear den behind the *Welcome Center* in the lobby. Questions? Please contact *Marj Gray* at marjgray@gmail.com.

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 in the back of the sanctuary.

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