



Weekly Revelations

January 7, 2018

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the Bailey family in celebration of Todd Dittman's birthday; and, by the David family in celebration of Caroline and Eric's wedding.

The rose on the altar celebrates the birth of Rebecca Marie Brown on December 23, 2017. Proud parents are Ryan and Lauren Brown.

A new adult class begins **today**. We will be studying **Christianity's Family Tree: What Others Believe and Why**. Join us as we learn what other Christian denominations believe and practice, and how all Christians have something to learn from each other. The class meets in the *Fellowship Hall* at **9:45 AM**.

The traditional service will be using With One Voice Setting 5 beginning today and continuing through Easter Sunday.

Christmas Decorations are coming down **today**. Please join us following the 11:00 AM service. Many hands make light work!

The Over 50's Group is cancelled due to weather.

The Prayer & Care Group has been rescheduled to meet **Friday, January 12 at 10:00 AM**. All are welcome!

The Strongsville Food Bank will be open **Saturday, January 13 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM**. Proof of residency and photo ID required.

First Communion Classes for students in 5th grade and above will be held **Saturdays, January 13, 20, and 27 from 10:00 AM – Noon**. Please contact either pastor or call the church office at 440-238-7890 to register. First Communion will be February 4 at both services.

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

VBS Help – We are looking for co-directors for this summer's VBS. You will have lots of support and a great staff! Whether you are the organizing type or the group leader, your skills will be put to use! Please contact Pastor Kathy, Jennifer Paine, or Stacey McNamara for more info!

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

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.

Pastor Chuck's latest blog post is up at www.pcspincycle.com. "**I Hate a Parade**" dishes on what it means to have grown up in Cleveland and why the parade to recognize the 0-16 Browns is a terrible idea.

Ushers are needed for the 11:00 AM service. Please contact Dawn Evangelista at devangelista@wowway.com if you are interested.

Our Second Annual Soup Sunday will be Sunday, January 14 immediately following the 11:00 AM service. It will be hosted by the youth going to the National Gathering in Houston. Please sign up to make and donate your favorite soup and join us for fellowship. The youth will provide salad, crackers and drinks. We will accept a free will offering to raise funds for the gathering trip this summer.

SPARK Event – Glen Reservation is free for all ages. **Monday, January 15 from 12:30-3:00 PM**. No registration required. Enjoy indoor and outdoor scavenger hunts, a simple nature craft, X-Plorer packs filled with hands-on seasonal activities, animal encounters from the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center and much more! Any questions, please contact Vanessa Smith-Whitford at vanow911@gmail.com.

Men of First Church! Looking to deepen your faith and put into action in your daily life? Attend the men's retreat on **Friday & Saturday, January 19 & 20**, when we will join with our brothers from New Covenant Lutheran Church to discuss what it means to be a "Kingdom Man." We will meet at the Double Tree in Independence on Friday evening at 7:00 PM for our first session, and conclude after our Saturday morning session at Noon. You may want to commute to the hotel, or stay overnite by booking a room. For more details or to register for the retreat, contact Dean Miller or Pastor Chuck.

Thinking about joining First Church? New Member classes will be offered on **Sundays, January 21 and 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM**. To register, please contact the church office or speak to one of the pastors.

Sign up for altar flowers and/or bulletins for 2018. Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board over the water fountain.

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.

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

January 7 – 14 at First

Sunday	9:45 AM 12:00 PM	Sunday School Take Down Decorations
Monday	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza Mentor Activity AA
Tuesday	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Cabinet Toastmaster's AI-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Praise Band Men's Basketball
Friday	10:00 AM	Prayer & Care Group
Saturday	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Strongsville Food Bank First Communion Class

Next Sunday –

- 8:30 AM – Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 AM – Sunday School
- 11:00 AM – Traditional Worship – With One Voice Setting 5
- 12:00 PM – Soup Sunday
- 12:00 PM – Bell Choir
- 12:00 PM – Education Meeting
- 6:00 PM – Celebration Worship Team Meeting

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.

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