



Weekly Revelations

December 2, 2018

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Tricia Nolder in celebration of Mary Ellen's birthday.

We encourage you and your family to attend Sunday school at 9:45 AM and have family discussions around the lessons:

Preschool – 2nd: Please bring a white t-shirt and paint clothes

Pre-K – 4th: Lesson 1 - Elizabeth and Zechariah
Lesson 2 - Mary

5th & 6th: God is Lawgiver – *Exodus 19:16-20:21; 32:1-35; John 1:17*

7th & 8th: Bullying

Pastor Kathy is off today.

The Children's Sharing Tree is up in the lobby. Please take a tag and help brighten Christmas for a local child in need.

Are you "Dreaming Small?" We hope so! Please remember to place your gold stars on the tree outside the sanctuary, and your dream small donation envelope in the gift box. This week's Dream Small donations go to the Ronald McDonald House Share-A-Night program.

Help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas immediately following the 11:00 AM service. All are welcome, many helping hands are needed to make our worship space and the rest of the building look festive for the holidays.

Poinsettia forms are available at the Youth Table. A poinsettia may be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one. The poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services. All orders are due by Sunday, December 9.

Pub Church is **Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 PM** at *TGI Friday's*. All are welcome!

Men's Basketball is **Thursday, December 6, 7:30 PM** at *Kinsner Elementary*. 18 yrs old and older are welcome!

Prayer & Care Group will meet **Friday, December 7** at **10:00 AM**.

Strongsville Food Bank will be open **Saturday, December 8** from **9:30 – 11:30 AM**. Proof of Strongsville residency and photo ID required.

Still Christmas shopping? Looking for unique gifts for the person who seems to have everything? Please visit the **Christmas Bazaar** on **Saturday, December 8** at **10:00 AM**. The Bazaar will be held at New Covenant Lutheran Church at 1424 Hayden Ave., East Cleveland, OH 44112.

Over 50's Group will meet **Tuesday, December 11** at **12:15 PM**. Bring your bag lunch and meet in the *Fellowship Hall*.

Christmas Caroling will be **Sunday, December 16** immediately following the 11:00 AM service. We will stop for lunch and head out, don't forget money. All are welcome!

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.

Harvest Month. We continue to collect nonperishable food items for the Christmas food baskets through December 20. Donations can be placed on the table outside of the Controller's office or in the shopping carts located near the doors. We are also in need of monetary donations to help fill the baskets with perishable items and provide a complete holiday meal for those less fortunate. Envelopes marked "Food Baskets" are available on the table in front of the Controller's office and can be placed in the offering plate.

Volunteers will be needed to pack the Christmas food baskets on **Friday, December 21** at **9:00 AM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. To sign up, please call or e-mail Reiner Mueller or reinermueller@sbcglobal.net.

We are looking for **volunteers to usher for Christmas Eve**. We have three services, **4:00 PM, 8:00 PM, & 10:00 PM**. If you are able to help, please contact Dawn Evangelista at devangelista@wowway.com or Maureen Shorts at shortsstuff3@gmail.com.

Yoga at First Church begins on **Thursday, January 3** at **7:30 PM**. Cyndy Milluzzi returns to lead a six week yoga class for any person over the age of 16. Cost is \$5/class. Sign-up sheets and details are at the *Welcome Center*.

WOW Book Club will be **Saturday, January 26, 9:00 AM** at *Giant Eagle Market District in Strongsville*. We will discuss "Time Keeper" by Mitch Albom. Please sign up at the *Welcome Center*.

We are looking for additional **nursery attendants** on Sunday mornings, if you are interested, please contact Bonnie Bailey at bailey.bonnie@cleanhARBORS.com.

The Rotary Club of Strongsville has the opportunity to host a Rotary Exchange Student next year. Julia, from Maringa in Brazil is presently 15, a dancer, and her father is a past district governor for a part of Brazil. We would need 2-3 families willing to host Julia for 4-5 months at a time. Host families must live in Strongsville. If you are interested please contact Jay Dzurilla at 440-268-6749 or at dzperson@aol.com.

Council would like to thank the congregation for their support and participation at our last congregational meeting. There were many topics that were discussed and if anyone would like further information, clarification, or would be interested in helping us to pursue revenue generating ideas, please feel free to contact anyone on council.

Altar Guild is seeking additional members; members serve once every five weeks as part of a team. Please contact Beth David at bethdavid34500@hotmail.com to be part of this very special group serving our congregation.

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.

Nursery Policy – The nursery is reserved for children through age 3 only. Older children are invited to attend Sunday School or worship with their families. Thank you!

Altar flower/Bulletin sign-up sheets for 2019 are posted on the bulletin board above the water fountain.

The weekly and monthly newsletters are available on our website at www.firstchurchalive@hotmail.com.

December 2 - 9 at First

Sunday	9:45 AM 12:30 PM	Sunday School Decorating the church
Monday	7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza Confirmation AA
Tuesday	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Crossroad Stitchers Pub Church Toastmaster's Al-Anon
Wednesday	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Praise Band Men's Basketball
Friday	10:00 AM	Prayer & Care Group
Saturday	9:30 AM	Strongsville Food Bank

Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM – Contemporary Service
9:45 AM – Sunday School
11:00 AM – Traditional Service – ELW Setting 3
Holy Baptism

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

The Devotional books are available outside the church office.

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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