



Weekly Revelations

December 9, 2018

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by the David family in celebration of Beth's birthday; and, by Dennis & Bonnie Bailey in celebration of Brian Dittman's birthday. **Bulletins** are given by Marj Gray in celebration of grandson, Connor Kasnik's 18th birthday and granddaughter, Abby McKee's 13th birthday.

Baptized at the 11:00 AM service is *Louella Renee Grasso*, infant daughter of *Sean & Nicole Grasso*. Welcome to the Lord's family!

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

Pre-K-4th: Lesson 3 – Mary and Elizabeth (*Luke 1:39-66*)
Lesson 4 – Joseph, Mary and Jesus
(*Luke 2:1-20*)

5th & 6th: God is Deliverer
(*Exodus 12:14-15; 1 Corinthians 5:7*)

7th & 8th: "Defenders of the Weak" (*Matthew 5:7, John 8:1-11, Luke 22:47-51*)

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 *Lutheran Metro Ministries Friend-to-Friend Program*.

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.

Poinsettia forms are available at the Youth Table in the lobby. 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 today**.

Over 50's Group will not be meeting this month.

Men's Basketball is **Thursday, December 13, 7:30 PM** at *Kinsner Elementary*. 18 yrs old and older are welcome!

Join us for our **Sunday School Christmas Program "How To Have A Merry Christmas"** next **Sunday, December 16** during the **11:00 AM service**.

Christmas Caroling will be next **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!

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 contact *Reiner Mueller* at reinermueller@sbcglobal.net.

The Devotional books are available on the credenza outside the church office.

Thank you to all the wonderful and hardworking volunteers who helped with the Christmas decorations. Your generous time and amazing talents are greatly appreciated.

Join us for worship on Christmas Eve:
4:00 PM – Contemporary Christmas Celebration
8:00 PM – Candlelight & Communion
10:00 PM – Candlelight & Communion

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.

There will be **ONE service on Sunday, December 30 at 10:30 AM**. Join us for *Lessons and Carols*.

Yoga at First Church begins on **Thursday, January 3 at 7:30 PM**. *Cyndi 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 dzperson@aol.com.

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.

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

December 9 - 16 at First

Sunday	9:45 AM	Sunday school
	11:00 AM	Baptism
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
	12:00 PM	SPARK Event
Monday	7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza
	7:00 PM	Mentor Groups
	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Cabinet Meeting
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday	6:30 PM	Praise Band
	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball

Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday in Advent

8:30 AM	Contemporary Service – Eucharist
9:45 AM	Sunday school
11:00 AM	Traditional Service – ELW Setting 3 Eucharist – Children's Program
12:00 PM	Bell Choir
12:30 PM	Christmas Caroling

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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