



# Weekly Revelations

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Altar Flowers have been given to the **Glory of God** by **Steve and Betty Sarbry** in celebration of their **58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary** and by **Bob Strong** in memory of **Barb Strong**.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** topics this week include the following:  
**Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Daniel and the Lion  
**5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Yahweh alone is God

Today, the **Adult Class** concludes its study of ELCA Social Statements. Next week, there will be **NO CLASS** due to the Congregational Meeting. We will begin a new Advent study on December 1.

**SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is set for **Sunday, November 24, 9:45 AM**. The only agenda item is the 2020 Budget. We need **YOU** to be there!

Welcome!

**VISITORS!** If you're visiting today, **we are happy you are here** and hope to see you again soon! Please see an usher before you leave to receive a gift bag. Inside, there is some general information about the church and a little gift for you!



**Let's get that table outside of the office overflowing with food!** Next Sunday, November 24, will be our final week of food collection for **Harvest Month**, as we collect Cereal, Macaroni and Cheese, Pasta, and Spaghetti Sauce, as well as all of the other items collected in previous weeks. All the food is being gathered for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets which will be donated to individuals and families in need within our community. 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 Welcome Center and can be placed in the basket or offering plate. **Special Note: We are in need of frozen turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets.**

Volunteers will be needed to pack the food baskets on **Tuesday, November 26 at 9:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. **This is always a fun and meaningful way to spend an hour or so in the morning.** The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:  
**Reiner Mueller** or  
**Linda Browning**



We are hosting the **Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service** on **Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 PM**. **All are welcome!**

**DREAM SMALL 2.0** begins the first Sunday in Advent, December 1. If you haven't picked up an information packet, please do so this Sunday after worship.

**If you haven't pledged yet for our 2020 annual Stewardship campaign, you still have time.**

There are blank cards available in the pews and on the ushers' table in the rear of the sanctuary. If you are unable to turn in your pledge card this Sunday, you may drop it off or mail it in to the church office this week. Please take the time you need to make a spiritually guided decision regarding your stewardship pledge; however, it is helpful to receive your pledge card as soon as possible as we work to complete the 2020 church budget.

**NAMETAG SUNDAY is TODAY!!** Why not say "Good Morning" to someone new, maybe even someone on the other side of the sanctuary!

**SPARK ACTIVITY (K thru 5<sup>th</sup>Grade) COME JOIN US!**

**November 24, 11:00 AM** for Food Sorting and Ornament Painting. We will be sorting canned food for Thanksgiving at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall and then heading to **Maggie and Ellie's Pottery** (15155 Pearl Road, Strongsville) to paint two Christmas ornaments per child to hang on your tree! The cost is \$10.00 per child (to be paid in advance). Use the link below to sign up. You may contact Vanessa Smith-Whitford for information.

**THE LINK:** <https://forms.gle/vdN8UN3RZXUkGebD6>

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING** will happen **Sunday, December 1,**

immediately following the 11:00 AM service. We need many helping hands to prepare our worship space and other parts of the building to celebrate the birth of Christ. A Sign-up sheet is available at the Welcome Center. A light lunch will be served before we start decorating! All are welcome!



**THE SHARING TREE** is coming! December will be here before we know it and on December 1, the Sharing Tree will be up and filled with ornaments for the congregation to take to fulfill a child's wish for Christmas. Gifts and/or gift cards will be due back by December 8.

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

**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, fill out the card. Cards will be collected immediately before the prayers of the faithful.

**Teddy bears** in the pews are there for you to share God's love.

This ministry is in memory of John Gray. Take a bear to anyone you know who is hurting for any reason. Donations may be given in the pew envelope marked "Teddy Bear Ministry" or new bears may be placed in the Bear Den behind the *Welcome Center* in the lobby.

**Contact Marj Gray with questions.**



**November 17 – November 24 at First Lutheran Church**

Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship with Eucharist
	9:45 AM	Sunday School for all
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Eucharist
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir
	6:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Team
Monday	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza
	7:00 PM	AA
	7:00 PM	Brass Choir
Tuesday	8:30 AM	KHUSA Leadership Team
	2:00 PM	Chair Yoga
	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
	7:00 PM	Toastmaster's
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon
Wednesday	10:00 AM	Lydia Circle
	6:30 PM	Praise Band
Thursday	6:30 PM	Yoga Class
	7:30 PM	Mass Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Men's Basketball
Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship with Eucharist
	9:45 AM	Sunday School for all
	9:45 AM	Semi-annual Congregational Meeting
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Eucharist
	11:00 AM	SPARK Food Sorting/Maggie And Ellie's Pottery
	12:00 PM	Bell Choir

**Devotional books for October through December** are available on the credenza outside the church office. **Feel free to take one!**

The **Weekly and Monthly Newsletters** are available on the church website at [www.firstchurchalive.org](http://www.firstchurchalive.org).

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

**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.

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