



# Weekly Revelations

January 5, 2020

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*May God be a vital part of our lives, and may we experience God's richest blessings throughout the year.*

Altar Flowers have been given to the **Glory of God** by the **Bailey Family** in honor of **Todd Dittman's** birthday, **Nicole Buccalo's** birthday, and **Dennis and Bonnie Bailey's** anniversary.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

If you're visiting today, **we are VERY 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!

**Today** we begin to use **ELW SETTING ONE** at the Traditional service.

The **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** class resumes today with a guest speaker from the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless. Come and learn about the work of this important organization, and how homelessness impacts so many people.

**WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN!** Please join us today following the 11:00 AM service to remove the Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work.



**PLEASE TAKE YOUR POINSETTIAS HOME TODAY.** Sleeves are available at the back of the church and in the lobby.



**SPARK EVENT** Join us for a fun afternoon of **BOWLING!** **Sunday, January 12th, 2020 from 12-3 PM.** Southland Lanes (6800 W. 130th St, Middleburg Heights) Cost is \$6 per person. Please RSVP by using this link: <https://forms.gle/D9PqDdLeDObSgm6bA>



Our **FIRST LUTHERAN MINISTRY FAIR** will be held on **Sunday, January 26, 2020** from 9:00 AM until 12:45 PM. **"What's YOUR Super Power?"** is the theme for the day! Please come and join us for a fun and interactive morning to see what First Lutheran Church has to offer each and every one of us and how you can help. Learn about all of our special ministries that make OUR church a **FIRST CHURCH!** You will be surprised by all of the opportunities available for YOU to discover YOUR very own **SUPER POWER(S)!**



**PUB CHURCH** is **Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 PM** at The Brew Garden in Strongsville. **All are welcome** for great food, prayer, fellowship, and stimulating conversation.

The synod's annual **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE** will be held **Sunday, January 19, 3:00 - 5:00 PM** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 50 N. Prospect St. in Akron.



First Church has brand new **"BUSINESS CARDS"** available to all at the Welcome Center. Please take as many as you like. They are intended to share with friends and neighbors who may be looking for a church home.

The **ALTAR GUILD** is in need of **small coffee cans** to send altar flowers home. Donations can be left on the secretary's desk in the church office. Thank you!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2020** are here! Please pick up your box. They are located in alphabetical order on the table outside the Controller's Office.

**WORDS WITH WOMEN** book club will start the new year reading *No Ocean Too Wide* by Carrie Turansky. The discussion will take place **Saturday, January 18** at 9:00 AM at Panera on Rt. 82. Please contact Jen Kowalewski with any questions.



**2020 is a great time to join...YOGA CLASS!** Regular Yoga Class will resume on a new day. Classes begin **Sunday, January 12** at 6:30 PM at a cost of \$30 for the session. Chair Yoga will continue on Tuesdays at 1:30 PM, beginning January 14. Please consider participating! You may sign up on the sheets on the Welcome Center. Feel free to contact the church office with questions.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?** Use the bulletin board by the water fountain to make your prayer concerns known.

**PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are 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. They will be collected before the prayers of the faithful.

**NURSERY POLICY** The nursery is reserved for children through age 3 only. Older children are invited to worship with their families.

**January 5 – January 12 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
	12:15 PM	Undecorate the Church
Monday	7:00 PM	Bible Bonanza
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
	7:00 PM	AA
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Crossroad Stitches
	6:30 PM	Pub Church
	7:00 PM	Toastmasters
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon
Thursday	7:00 PM	Men's Basketball
Friday	9:00 AM	Prayer and Care Group
Saturday	9:00 AM	Strongsville Food Bank
	10:00 AM	First Communion Class
Sunday	8:30 AM	Contemporary Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School for All
	11:00 AM	Traditional Worship
	12:00 PM	SPARK Bowling Event

The **WEEKLY AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS** are available on the church website at [www.firstchurchalive.org](http://www.firstchurchalive.org).

**DEVOTIONAL BOOKS for January through March** are available on the Welcome Center. Feel free to take one.

**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.

**TEDDY BEARS** in the pews are 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.**

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