

**July 20, 2025**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
**10:00 AM**



**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**19419 Royalton Road**  
**Strongsville, Ohio**

**Mission Statement**  
*Living God's love through our devotion to  
service, worship, and one another.*

**Good Morning!**  
**If you are a visitor today,**

*Welcome!*

**Sunday Schedule for Next Week, 07/27/2025**

Single Worship at 10:00 AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890  
or email [firstchurchalive@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchurchalive@hotmail.com)  
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Pastor Kathy - 440-666-8758 or [revklk@gmail.com](mailto:revklk@gmail.com)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Don't forget that if you ever have any questions or concerns,  
you may contact your Council representatives:  
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Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Now is the Time”

Songs:

“That’s What We Came Here For”  
“Old Church Choir”

Prayer

Gracious God,

Help us to stand strong in our faith. Strengthen us in our commitment that we might be “all in” when it comes to You and the power of Your word. Amen

Lesson:

Luke 9:51-62

Children’s Sharing Time

Sermon

Bishop Laura Barbins,  
Northeastern Ohio Synod

Song:

“Committed”

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful

L: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

L: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

Song:

“Soul on Fire”

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sharing of the Peace

Music

## **PRAYERS**

### **Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating**

Mary Jane Warzel, Rhonda Fox, Sheryl Clark, Reagan Kolman, Mary Ellen Nolder

### **Military Members**

Austin Holley, Deacon Nemet, Matthew and Teresa Dittman, Haley Uline

### **Stephen Ministry Team**

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, Pat Sauernheimer, Pam Simpson, Marsha Ginley, Phil King, and Bob Strong

### **On-going Prayers**

Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Tia (Simpson) Russell, The Fox Family, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Rob Shoens, Michael Otto, Jessica Walsh, Sue Widdows, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Bill Bartkus, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat, Kevin, Zach Russell, Ryan Kuchta, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, John Walker, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Laura Evangelista, Dennis Bailey, Eleanor Preston, Isabella, Amelia, Melina

### **Homebound**

Mary Jane Knaack, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Audie Kiplinger, Sheryl Clark, Ron Warzel

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kathy will be on Vacation until Tuesday, 07/22. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Kathy at 440-666-8758.

Vanessa will be on vacation from 07/19 through 07/27. Messages will be checked daily.

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATION COLLECTION

Once again, we will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for students in need through 8/3. We will fill the backpacks and place them on the altar during our Blessing of the Backpacks during service on 8/10. Please drop your donations in the boxes by the Welcome Center.

## BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY – 08/10/2025

Students, Teachers and Support Staff- Please join us on Sunday, August 10 for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks/school bag as you prepare for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Join us for the church picnic immediately following this service.

## CHURCH PICNIC – SUNDAY 08/10/2025

Our church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10, immediately following the service in the social hall.

Last names A-M are asked to provide sides and/or a salad; N-Z appetizers and/or desserts; we will provide the main course. In addition to great food and games, we will have a free CHAIR YOGA demonstration, by Lisa Wittman. This will be an introduction to the chair yoga she will be teaching at First Church this Fall on Monday afternoons....more information will follow regarding the yoga classes.



Please use the link, <https://bit.ly/FLCPicnic25> or scan the QR Code to sign up and join us for what promises to be a fabulous afternoon!

## **KIDS HOPE NEXT – DIRECTOR NEEDED**

Kids Hope Next, the middle school version of our Kids Hope Program is in need of a director. The job description is on the Welcome Center. If you are interested, please reach out to Dawn Zima ([dzima@cox.net](mailto:dzima@cox.net)) or Pastor Kathy ([revklk@gmail.com](mailto:revklk@gmail.com))

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE**

We are growing and are in need of an additional Stephen Leader and more Stephen Ministers. Please contact Maureen Harris for more information. She can be reached at (440)376-1506. On August 24, there will be an informational meeting following the service.

Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers. Thank you.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – CHURCH NURSERY - UPDATE**

We still need a few volunteers in order to open the nursery!

If you are interested in serving in the nursery, please contact Barb Nalette 216-970-4131 [mistylakenalette@gmail.com](mailto:mistylakenalette@gmail.com) or click the button below to sign up for more information.

Due to the requirements of our insurance carrier and the new standard set by the National ELCA Church, we must meet the following to care for children: **all** volunteers over 18 must pass a fingerprint background screening and at least two people will need to be in the nursery, teens are eligible to volunteer along with one adult when the nursery is in operation. The fingerprinting is quick and easy and is provided for by the church.

## **MILITARY PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you know someone in the military serving our country, we want to include them in prayer. Please scan the QR code or go to [bit.ly/FLCMilitaryPrayers](https://bit.ly/FLCMilitaryPrayers) to add them to the list



## ONLINE GIVING OPTION

Due to requests for people to have the option to give their offering electronically, we are providing a QR code to allow anyone who would like to give electronically.



## GIVING STATEMENTS

You should have received in your email this week a statement of your contributions to the church for the first half of 2025. Please review it closely for accuracy. If you have any questions, or did not receive your statement, please contact [firstELCAstewardship@gmail.com](mailto:firstELCAstewardship@gmail.com). Thank you for your faithful giving!

## BICYCLE RELOCATION PROGRAM

Do you have a bicycle (adult- or child-size) that could use a second life? Please contact Pierre David and he will pick it up, repair it so that it is “like new” (if necessary), and then take to the Redeemer Crisis Center on W. 30th Street in Cleveland. Pierre can be contacted at [pdavid@bw.edu](mailto:pdavid@bw.edu) or 216-213-8386

## STRONGSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK - DONATIONS

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of the following items: Cereal, (All types and Sizes), Syrup - (all sizes), Pancake Mix - (all sizes), Mac and Cheese, Pasta - (all types/sizes), Tuna Fish - (all sizes), Dinty Moore Beef Stew - 20 oz, Peanut Butter – All Sizes, Jelly – All Sizes, Snacks (all kinds and sizes)

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH APP

First Lutheran Church has an app in both the Apple App Store (search FLC Strongsville) and the Google Play Store! (search FLC Strongsville) This communication option will help us stay connected and give us new and exciting tools to use. We continue to fine tune the options available on the app to best suit our congregation. If you see something that needs to be fixed, please reach out to the office and let us know.

Be sure to allow notifications when you download the app to get important updates!





**The Altar Flowers are given  
to the Glory of God by  
Janet and Craig Kaiser in  
celebration of Shelly and PJ's  
Anniversary  
And  
Barb and Paul Nalette in  
memory of Stephen Nalette  
The bulletins are given in  
celebration of  
Zach's birthday**

**Last Week's Attendance  
10 AM - 103  
Online - 46**

**Upcoming Worship Times  
Dates - Times  
July  
07/27 - 10 AM  
August  
08/03 - 10 AM  
08/10 - 10 AM  
08/17 - 10 AM**

**Thank you to the following  
volunteers:**

**Worship Leader**

Lily Cassidy

**Reader**

Judy Peach

**Children's Sermon**

Margie Taylor

**Prayers of the Faithful**

Sam Reichert

**Ushers**

Chris and Jim Thomas

**Counters**

Sheri Gist, Mary & Gary Walters

**Altar Guild**

Trish Nolder, Sheri Gist,  
Beth David

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, July 21st**

AA at 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, July 22nd**

Governing Board and

Ministry Team Meeting - 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM