

**January 11, 2026**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
**9:00 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, 01/18/2026**

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

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## **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

## Prayer

## Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

## Children's Sharing Time

## Sermon "Living the Reality of Our Baptism"

## Song: *“New Name Written Down in Glory”*

## Offering

## Prayers of the Faithful

## Communion Lord's Prayer

## Blessing

Song: *"Everyday"*

## Dismissal

## Music

# **PRAYERS**

## **Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating**

Melissa Borgio, Mary Walters, Josie McNamara, Paula McKee

## **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, Chris Hamel, Jen Kowalewski, Jim Zakrajsek, Steve Harris

## **On-going Prayers**

Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Jessica Walsh, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, John Walker, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Dennis Bailey, Cindy Walker, Susie Siebert, Jeff Bodovetz, Mike and Linda Drury, Kathryn Robertson, Gina Evangelista, Brenda Rosala, Katy Profeta, The Rugar Family

## **Homebound**

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **KIDS HOPE USA AND NEXT LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

Mentors and Partners are invited to attend for a luncheon to honor our volunteers during National Mentoring Month, immediately after the 11:15 service on Sunday, January 18, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall.

## **2026 ALTAR FLOWERS/BULLETIN DEDICATION**

Sign-ups for the 2026 Altar Flowers and Bulletins are in the Welcome Center. There is a QR code for online payment on the Altar flower sheet or you can wait to be billed by the office. When paying online, please indicate the week of your altar flower dedication.

## **CHAIR YOGA CONTINUES**

Both Monday and Wednesday evening yoga classes are almost full. Please sign up if you are planning to attend or delete your name if you will not be attending!

***Evening Sessions: Start on Wednesday Jan. 14 thru Feb. 25 6:00pm to 7:00pm (6 sessions)*** THERE WILL BE NO SESSION ON ASH WEDNESDAY FEB. 18th

***Day Sessions: Start on Monday, Jan. 19 thru Feb. 23 - 1:30pm to 2:30 pm (6 sessions)***

Cost is \$30 for all sessions. Silver Sneakers and Renew Active is accepted. Please sign up for Day and Evening sessions at the Welcome Center. Please contact Chris Thomas for any questions: [Kricket413@gmail.com](mailto:Kricket413@gmail.com) or call or text at 440-567-3754

## **LADIES NIGHT OUT – AFTERNOON EDITION**

Join us on Saturday, January 24 at noon at Moosehead Hoof and Ladder in Olmsted Falls! Use the QR Code or the link to let us know you will be attending! <https://bit.ly/flclnojan26>

There is also a sign up sheet in the Welcome center.



## **2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please stop by and pick up your 2026 Offering in the Welcome Center.

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and Leaders as we continue to carry out our ministry.

## **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 use the link to add them to our list. <https://bit.ly/flcmilitaryprayers>



## **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Our next gathering will be on January 17 at 10:00. We'll meet in the First Church Library. We'll discuss the book, Horse, by Geraldine Brooks. Happy reading!

## 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.



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## STAFF THANK YOU

A sincere thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity during the Christmas season. The entire staff is humbled and grateful for your kindness.

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement throughout the entire year.

## FOOD BASKET THANK YOU

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the many congregation members that donated an abundance of non-perishable food items, monetary gifts, and their time during the busy holiday season to maintain the long-standing tradition at First Lutheran Church of helping those in need. Our program is blessed with the support from the youth group that braved the NE Ohio weather to collect a large amount of food from area neighborhoods and congregation members who went out of their way to make sure we had what we needed to fill the baskets.

A special thank-you goes out to the Beyond the Walls Church food bank in Elyria who donated a very generous amount of food and to Chiropractor Dr. Deeb Alawan in Strongsville, who donated the food his practice collected for their food drive to our food basket program.

## MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Each month, we will be taking a moment to recognize dedicated volunteers who help make our church a welcoming, vibrant community. These individuals serve with humility, joy, and a heart for others — often behind the scenes, yet always with a lasting impact.

This month, we are delighted to highlight Pierre David. Through his commitment, kindness, and willingness to step in wherever needed, he embodies what it means to serve Christ by serving others.

## 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 notifications.



## MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

- *Outreach Ministry Leaders – Gayle Kovach & Monika Muller*  
The Outreach Ministry Team is an outward focused ministry that reaches out to prospective members and spreads God's word and love by doing God's work to address critical needs of the community and world at large.
- *Congregation Ministry Leaders – Linda Browning & Maureen Shorts*  
The Congregation Ministry Team conducts programs and activities that provide comfort and assistance to the members of FLC in various times of need. It is an inward focused ministry that includes fellowship activities as well as teams that provide services to FLC members.
- *Youth & Adult Enrichment Leaders – Beth Hartman & Carolyn Roman*  
The Youth and Adult Enrichment Ministry Team covers all educational and special activities that enrich the mind and soul of congregation members at all stages of their life. This Ministry is especially focused on providing support and guidance to future members.
- *Dynamic Worship Ministry Leaders – Pat Sauernheimer & Sandy Treudler*  
The Dynamic Worship Ministry Team ensures that worship services are conducted regularly and in accordance with the practices of the ELCA. This Ministry also explores innovative approaches for worship to enhance the dynamic worship experience, allowing members to thrive in their relationship with God.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**



**The Altar Flowers are given  
to the Glory of God by the  
Bailey Family in celebration  
of Nicole & Todd Dittman  
and Dennis Bailey's  
Birthdays**

**Last Week's Attendance**  
9 AM – 71  
11:15 AM - 38  
Online – 42

**Upcoming Worship Dates &  
Times**  
**January**  
**01/18- 9 AM & 11:15 AM**  
**01/25 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM**  
**February**  
**02/01 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM**  
**02/08 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM**

**Thank you to the following**

**volunteers:**

**Reader**

Stacey McNamara

**Ushers**

Evan & Emma Hartman

**Counters**

Pierre David, Gary Walters

**Altar Guild**

Barb Krueger, Jacquie McLemore,

Shelley Hoffman

**Communion Assistants**

Stacey & Mike McNamara,

Bonnie Bailey

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, January 12th**

AA at 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, January 13th**

Kid's HOPE USA Leadership – 9:30 AM

Stephen Ministry Training – 6 PM

Ministry Team – 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**

Chair Yoga – 6:00 PM

**Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Men's Basketball, Kinsner - 7:30 PM

**Saturday, January 17th**

Book Club, FLC Library – 10 AM