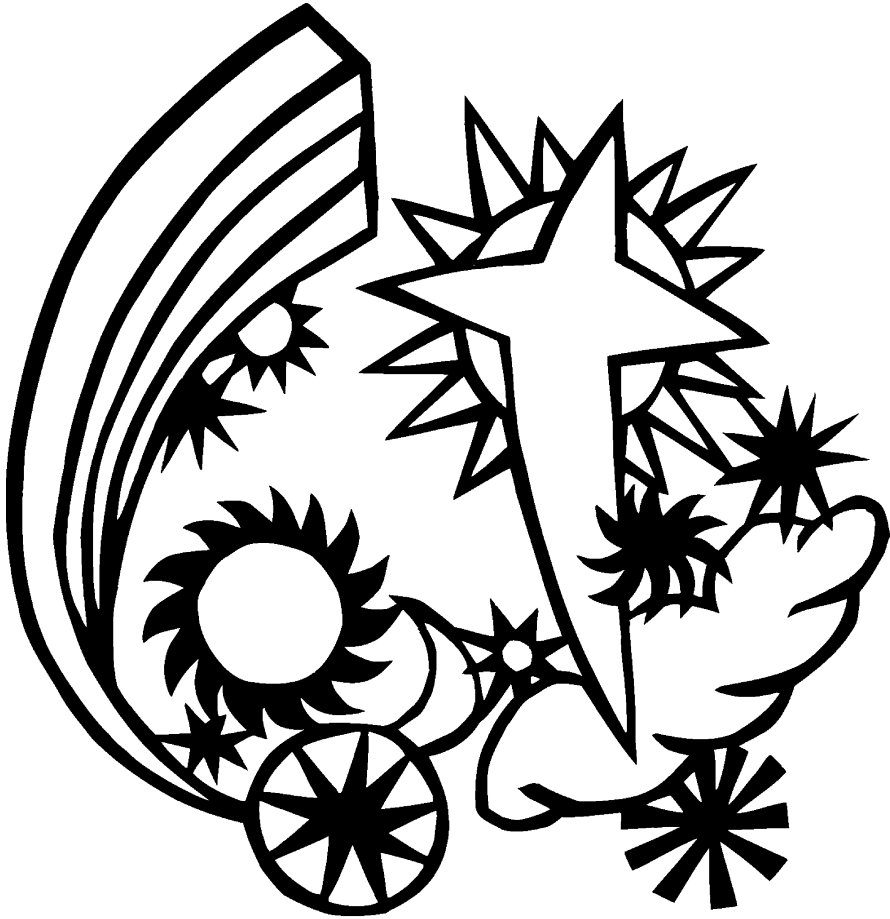


November 16, 2025
Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM



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, 11/23/2025

Contemporary Worship – 9:00 AM

Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Congregational Budget Meeting – 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship – 11:15 AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890
or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com
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Pastor Kathy - 440-666-8758 or 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

Songs:

“Church on Fire”

“Old Church Choir”

Prayer

Lesson:

Luke 21:5-19

Children’s Sharing Time

Sermon

“Hope in the Face of Disaster”

Song:

“Less Like Me”

Offering

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“Open Up the Sky”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Rhonda Fox, Bob Jacob, Bobby McKelvey

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, Sue Widdows, 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, Kevin, 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, Isabella, Amelia, Melina, Cindy Walker, Jason Labay, Susie Siebert, Jeff Bodovetz, Carol Kovacs, Dennis Nalette, Mike and Linda Drury, Kathryn Robertson, Jim and Rhea Browning

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASS

For anyone wishing to become a member of First Church, there will be a new member class on Sunday, November 23rd from 6 PM to 8 PM. Please contact the office at firstchurchalive@hotmail.com or 440-238-7890 to let us know you will be attending!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Annual Budget Meeting on 11/23/2025 at 10:15 AM, between Contemporary and Traditional Worship.

BUDGET FORUM

Join us TODAY at 10:15 AM for a discussion regarding out 2026 Budget Plans.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Our church is built on the love and service of its members, and we're excited to invite you to be part of that experience. Volunteering is more than filling a role; it's about building relationships, sharing your gifts, and making our church feel like home for everyone who walks through the doors. Regardless of where you are drawn to serve, we have an opportunity and a place for you!

If you are ready to serve or just want to explore where you might fit best, I'd love to connect with you. Reach out to Barb Nalette

at mistylakenalette@gmail.com and let's find the perfect spot for you! OR Use the link bit.ly/FLCservice2025 or scan the QR code to learn more or sign up!



LADIES NIGHT OUT – AFTERNOON EDITION

Join us Saturday, November 22nd at 12:30 PM at Samurai in Strongsville, 16670 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136. There is a sign up sheet in the welcome center or you can use the QR Code or link <https://bit.ly/LADIESNIGHTNOV>



STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH NURSERY

Our nursery for children aged newborn to 3 yrs old is available to all families with young children. Information regarding the nursery and our volunteers will be provided to the parents/guardians upon registration. This week the nursery is at our 11:15 AM Service.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL – SERVICE PROJECT

Join us as we support our Holiday Food baskets by bringing in food each week to Sunday School. For the next several weeks, we will be requesting the following: 11/16 – Can of Soup, 11/23 - Can of Fruit

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY

Join us on TODAY from Noon to 2, as we return to the neighborhoods to pick up the food left out by our community.

CHILDREN'S SHARING TREE

The Children's Sharing Tree will be up in the lobby on Sundays, November 23rd and November 30th. Each tag is for a \$30 gift card to Target, Walmart or Kohl's. Youth will be in the lobby selling the gift cards. You can take a tag from the tree and pay the youth and they will handle the rest. If you choose to purchase a tag from the store, ALL GIFT CARDS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN 11 AM ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7. Thank you for participating in this First Church tradition of caring for our community.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Join us at 6:30 PM on Monday November 24th and Tuesday November 26th (if needed) to decorate sanctuary and church for Christmas! Scan the QR Code or use the link <https://bit.ly/FLC2025DECOR> to sign up!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – TREES NEEDED

If you have an artificial Christmas tree that you'd like to donate and or lend to our Santa Breakfast decorations please text Maureen Shorts at 440-725-0445 or email at shortsstuff3@gmail.com

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – WORK PARTY

Join us on Thursday, November 20th from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM for our first decorating work party. No special skills needed! You can pop in OR let us know you are coming by the sign-up sheet in the welcome center, scanning the QR code or using the link, <https://bit.ly/wkprty1120>.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2025

Join is for our annual Breakfast with Santa Event. There will be a photo opportunity and a craft along with breakfast. Saturday, 12/06. Tickets are \$10.00 each for everyone 2 and up, under 2 is free. Every person in attendance will need a ticket. Use the link <https://bit.ly/25FLCSANTA> or scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



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 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.



SCAN ME

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 UPDATE!

Chair Yoga is back on Monday, 11/17/2025 at 1:30 PM! See you there.

HARVEST MONTH

Please bring in donations of non-perishable food items for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. The baskets will be donated to individuals and families in need within our community. We will also accept 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 need frozen turkeys for the Thanksgiving baskets. Turkeys can be dropped off in the freezer located in the Kitchen next to the fellowship hall.*

FOOD BASKET PACKING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers will be needed to pack the food baskets on Tuesday, November 25TH at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on Welcome Center. For questions, please contact: Reiner Mueller, Call or text: 440-724-8897, EMAIL: reindogger@outlook.com

Save the Date: The Christmas basket packing will be on Monday, December 22th. *

DRIVERS NEEDED – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

3 or 4 DRIVERS with Vans or Pick-up Trucks NEEDED on Friday November 21st at 5:30 pm to pick up food in Elyria for our Thanksgiving food baskets and bring it back to the church. If interested and available, please contact Reiner Mueller at reindogger@outlook.com or call/text 440-724-8897.

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!



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.



**The Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God by
The Kovach Family in
celebration of
Jared, Colin & Alex's Birthday
And by
Bob Strong in loving memory
Of Barb Strong**

Last Week's Attendance
9 AM - 68
11:15 AM - 45
Online - 24

Upcoming Worship Times
Dates - Times
November
11/23 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
11/30 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
December
12/7 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
12/14 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Jennifer Paine

Ushers

Pam & Herb Simpson

Counters

Terri Mosley, Wade Zwinger,
Jeff Stanley

Altar Guild

Pat Sauernheimer, Maureen Harris,
Janet Kaiser

Communion Assistants

Jonathan & Jennifer Paine
Darren Whitford

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 17th

Kids HOPE Leadership Meeting - 9:30 AM
AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 18th

Stephen Ministry
Training Meeting - 6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry
Continuing Education - 6:30 PM
Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM
AI Anon at 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 22

Ladies Afternoon Edition - 12:30 PM

Sunday, November 23

Budget Meeting - 10:15 AM
Food Basket Sorting