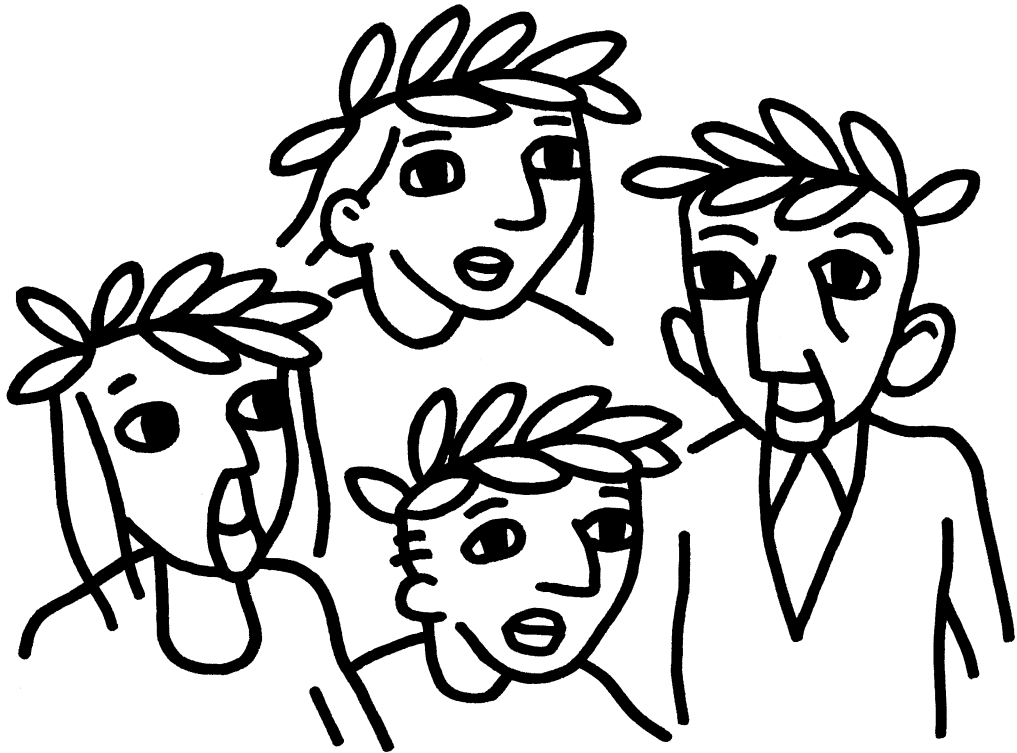


**November 2, 2025
Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM**



**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, 11/09/2025

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890
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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

Song:

“Father, Spirit, Jesus”

ALL SAINT’S LITANY

P We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe.

C Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

P We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God.

C Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

P We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

C Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

P We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brother and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

C Those close to our hearts, we remember you.

P We lift up to you, O God, those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with You forever. We remember especially those members of our congregation who have entered the Church Triumphant this year: Thelma Taylor, Peter Mazzeo, Chuck Kaskey, Alice Treiber, Rob Shoens, Sandy Kaskey.

C Saints of God, we remember you and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

- P We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of the resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
- C You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen**

Lesson: Luke 6:20-31

Song: *"All The People Say Amen"*

Children's Sharing Time

Sermon *"Just What is He Saying"*

LITANY FOR LIVING SAINTS

- P We are thankful for the living saints who accept us as we are, encourage us to be better than we are, and forgive us when we fall short.
- C We thank you, O God, for living saints!**
- P We are blessed by people who take time to be with us, to teach us how to be more like Christ, and willingly become purveyors of God's grace when we need it most.
- C We praise you, O God, for living saints!**

P We marvel at people who don't look or act like saints but teach us how to make it in this world, who show us how to get along, and remind us of what is truly important in life.

C We honor you, O God, for living saints!

P We remember the saints we do not see, all those working behind the scenes in quiet and courageous ways, the ones who do not seek public attention and would not call themselves heroes.

C We are grateful, O God, for living saints!

P We rejoice, for on this day we are able to honor the saints who live among us, and nurture our relationship with the risen Christ. May we, also, become saints for others and love as deeply as God first loved us.

C Bless our efforts, O God, to be numbered among the saints!

Song:

"Lifesong"

Offering

Stephen Ministry Commissioning

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Lighting of Candles

Blessing

Song:

"You Are Good"

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Rhonda Fox, Bob Jacob, Ron Shorts

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, Eleanor Preston, Isabella, Amelia, Melina, Cindy Walker, Ron Shorts, Jason Labay, Susie Siebert, Jeff Bodovetz, Carol Kovacs, Zealand & Stephanie, Dennis Nalette, Mike and Linda Drury

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU – PASTOR KATHY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so very much for last Sunday's heart felt celebration. For the worship leadership, the music, the beautiful sentiments and gifts, the delicious luncheon, and for all the hearts that worked to make it possible.

I appreciate each of you and all that you bring to the life and ministry of this family of God. My piece within First Church's ministry would not be possible without the devotion and talent that you each bring to the life of this congregation. I continually give thanks to God for you and the journey in which we share.

Blessings,

Pastor Kathy

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING OUR MISSIONS

Thanks to all who have completed and returned their 2026 Intent Cards. If you have not done so yet, we ask that you please complete one TODAY - blank Intnet cards are located in the pews and on the ushers table. Or, you can complete it online by using the link <http://bit.ly/32ThyWr> or scanning the QR Code. Thank you for your faithful giving - it truly makes a difference.



If you have any questions, contact firstELCAstewardship@gmail.com, or Wayne Mosley at 440-478-4736.

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. Contact the office at firstchurchalive@hotmail.com with any questions.

FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

This month we will be meeting on November 8 at 10:00. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow. Our book is The Mistletoe Promise by Richard Paul Evans. We will not meet in December. Happy reading!

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!

STEPHEN MINISTRY – UPDATE

We are pleased to let you know that Chris Hamel has completed her training to become a Stephen Ministry Leader and will be commissioned today. She is responsible for the Supervision and Continuing Education for our current Stephen Ministers.

Our new recruits will begin their Stephen Minister training on November 4. We look forward to working with our new group that includes Jen Kowelewski, Jim Zakrajsek, and Steve Harris.

Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministry team and care receivers. Thank you.

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

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH NURSERY

We are excited to announce the reopening of the nursery for children aged newborn to 3 yrs old. 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: 10/26 - jar of peanut butter, 11/02 – Jar of Jelly, 11/09 – Box of Cereal, 11/16 – Can of Soup

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITY

Join us on Sunday, 11/09 from 10 AM to Noon as we drop off bags in the neighborhood around the church to fill our Holiday Food Baskets. Then on Sunday, 11/16 from Noon to 2, as we return to the neighborhoods to pick up the food left out by our community.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

All food donated in October, November and December will go to fill our Holiday Food Baskets!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – PLANNING

Calling Santa's Elves...time to plan for our Breakfast with Santa that will be happening on Saturday, December 6th, 2025 from 9 AM – 11 AM Join Head Elf Shorts on Wednesday, Nov 5 at 6:30pm to help plan and organize this major event. We need many elves and are looking forward to finding just the right spot for you.....no experience necessary, our team of experienced Elves look forward to training you!

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

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.



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.

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 Bailey Family – In
celebration of Gabe and Chase
Dittman’s Birthday
The Zakrajsek Family – In
celebration of Isabel’s Birthday
The Bulletins are given in loving
memory of Donna Jean Lennex –
November, 5th 2024**

**Last Week’s Attendance
10 AM - 144
Online – 42**

**Upcoming Worship Times
Dates – Times
November
11/9 –9 AM & 11:15 AM
11/16 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
11/23 -9 AM & 11:15 AM
11/30 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM**

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Bruce Holderead

Ushers

Bob Strong & Sue Ludwig

Counters

Gayle Kovach, Mark Schultz,
Chris Hamel

Altar Guild

Ellen Kolman, Deb Brighter
Lynn Stenger

Communion Assistants

Pam & Herb Simpson,
Bruce Holderead,

Communion Bread Baker

June Zakrajsek

Nursery Volunteers

Vanessa & Kendall Whitford

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, November 3rd

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 4th

Stephen Ministry

Supervisory Meeting – 6:30 PM

Toastmaster’s at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 8th

Book Club, Fox Hollow – 10 AM