

**November 30, 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, Date

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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you may contact your Council representatives:

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Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“Hope”

Songs:

“Song of Hope”

“We Can Make a Difference”

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Prayer

Lesson:

Matthew 24:36-44

Children’s Sharing Time

Sermon

“Hope”

Song:

“Watch and Pray”

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful to “Our Father”
Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“Christmas is Coming”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Death in the Family

The Rugar Family as they mourn the death of Tony's brother, Bobby McKelvey
The Mosley Family as they mourn the death of Terri's brother, Al Hanus.

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Rhonda Fox, Bob JacobMelissa Borgio

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, Dennis Bailey, Isabella, Amelia, Melina, Cindy Walker, Susie Siebert, Jeff Bodovetz, Dennis Nalette, Mike and Linda Drury, Kathryn Robertson, Gina Evangelista, Brenda Rosala

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

This year's advent project is Dollar Tree Emergency Pantry Meals. Packets are still available for all who want to help. This will be our way of doing what we **CAN** to help with the food insufficiency within our area.

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!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - HELP SHARE THE BEAUTY OF OUR ALTAR FLOWERS

On Sundays when altar flowers are designated for donation, we're looking for volunteers to deliver them to local nursing homes after the 11:15 service. It's a simple act of kindness that brings joy and comfort to others in our community. If you're interested in assisting, please contact Barb Nalette at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.

Thank you for helping us extend the love beyond our sanctuary!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

CHILDREN'S SHARING TREE

The Children's Sharing Tree will be up in the lobby on Sunday November 30th. Tags to support Food Back Families will be 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. There are also tags on the tree supporting children through CWWV. The gifts for CWWV will need to be returned by Sunday, 12/14. Please take a moment to help those in need this Christmas Season. Thank you for participating in this First Church tradition of caring for our community.

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 – SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2025

Join us 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – ADVENT STUDY

Join us at 10:15, during our Sunday School hour, for an Adult Advent Study; together we will take a walk through Advent.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The youth will be selling Poinsettias to adorn the altar beginning Sunday, November 30th for \$13.00 per 6.5" Plant. You can pay via cash, online payment, or a check made out to First Lutheran Church Strongsville. There are paper forms with the youth or you can use the QR Code or the link, <https://bit.ly/2025christmasflowers> to order. If paying online, please choose altar flowers for the fund. The deadline for orders is Sunday, 12/14/2025.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – COMPANY’S COMING, A STABLE CELEBRATION

We would love to have your child participate in our Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 21st at our 10 AM Service. Everyone will be part of the group portion of the program, but we still need children for some of our speaking parts. Please scan the QR code or link <https://bit.ly/25Christmasprogram> to let us know if your child is interested in a speaking part.



HARVEST MONTH - DECEMBER

We are in need of non-perishable food items, turkeys, hams, and monetary donations for the Christmas food baskets. Envelopes are provided on the table by the church office for monetary donations, and non-perishables can be placed in the shopping carts by the entrance way.

Special Note: 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 Monday, December 22nd 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

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.

CHAIR YOGA RETURNS

Join us on Monday, December 1st from 1:30 to 2:30 for our Chair Yoga Class. Classes will continue through Monday December 14th. We then will take a break until after the new year. Future Yoga sessions will start in January which includes a day session on Monday 1:30 - 2:30pm and an evening session on Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30pm (Both sessions will be 6-week classes) Further information and sign-up sheets will be forthcoming.

DECORATING THANK YOU'S!

Many thanks to the many hands that helped to get our church ready for the Christmas season. Gary Walters, Mary Walters, Pat Sauerheimer, Linda Walker, Carolyn Roman, Lindee Flater, Beth David, Pierre David, Len Taylor, Sandy Treudler, Ray Treudler, Gayle Kovach, & Ron Uline. Thank you so much!

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 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.

*Let's
Celebrate*



**The Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory Of God by
The Kreuger's in celebration of
Gary and Gayles Anniversary
And
Bob Strong In Glory to God.**

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Vanessa Smith-Whitford

Ushers

The McNamara Family

Counters

Mary & Gary Walters

Sheri Gist

Altar Guild

Ellen Kolman, Lynn Stenger

Last Week's Attendance

9 AM - 92

11:15 AM - 54

Online - 28

Upcoming Worship Times

Dates - Times

December

12/7 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM

12/14 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM

12/21 - 10 AM

12/24 - 4 PM & 8 PM

12/28 - 10 AM

Lessons & Carols

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 1st

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, December 2nd

Stephen Ministry Supervisory

Meeting - 6 PM - 7:30 PM

Stephen Ministry Training - 6:00 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Thursday December 4th

Dynamic Worship Meeting - 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 6th

Breakfast with Santa - 9 AM - 11 AM

