

**September 28, 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, 10/05/2025**

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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## Music

## Welcome and Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C Amen**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful and loving God,

**C we are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C Amen**

Songs:

*"From the Day"*

*"Just a Glimpse"*

Prayer

Lesson:

Luke 16:19-31

Children's Sharing Time

Sermon

Pastor David Connor

Song:

*"I Believe"*

Offering

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Song:

*"I Am Free"*

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

## **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, Jason Labay, Jeff Bodovetz, Susie Seibert

## **Homebound**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFICE STAFFING NOTE - REMINDER

Please note, Pastor Kathy is out of the office September 26th through October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call the church office 440-238-7890 or the office administrator directly - Vanessa, 216-548-5345, if you have a pastoral emergency during this time.

## 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING OUR MISSIONS

As we kick off our 2026 Stewardship Campaign, we wish to begin by thanking all of you for stepping up in a big way in 2025. You made our campaign last year a huge success and as a result we were able as a congregation to meet our campaign goals and expand the important missions of our church.

We hope to build on last year's success with our 2026 campaign as we prepare to celebrate the 75th anniversary of our congregation. Please don't forget to read the stewardship insert in the church bulletin this week. We will also be sending the insert out to you in an email version.

We are excited just thinking about all that we may be able to accomplish as a congregation following another successful stewardship campaign. Please mark your calendars as we prepare for Stewardship Sunday on October 19.

## TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 25, 3 PM – 5 PM

It's time to start signing up for our Annual Trunk Or Treat event on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 3 PM to 5 PM. We need lots of trunks for all our ghouls and goblins. Use the link <https://bit.ly/flctrunkortreat25> or scan the QR code to sign up!



## STEPHEN MINISTRY – UPDATE

We have several congregation members interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. Interviews will be conducted October 7 and 9. We are excited to get training going on November 4! Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministry team and our care receivers.

## **EMAIL MIGRATION – PLEASE NOTE**

We are going to be working to migrate from our current email delivery system to a new delivery system, but we want to make sure we don't lose you. For the next few weeks, you won't be seeing double or getting spam. You will, however, be getting TWO copies of This Week at First. One from each email delivery system.

Please be sure to OPEN BOTH copies. That way we know you are seeing our weekly news blast in both systems.

Once we confirm that everyone is receiving both copies, we will work to change completely over to the new system.

## **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](http://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

## **ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UPS**

There is one Altar Flower Vase opening in December. If you have a special event or celebration you would like to recognize or remember, please consider signing up for this final available spot. Altar flowers are \$20.00 and can be taken home or donated to shut-ins. Please sign up in the Welcome Center

## **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

We are still in need of additional volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the Open Service Opportunities below to sign up!



## **TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED –**

We have two homebound parishioners that are in need of help getting to our 11:15 AM service. Please reach out to the office if you are able to assist.

## **STRONGSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK - DONATIONS**

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of the following items: URGENT NEED FOR Mac and Cheese, Tuna Fish - (all sizes) Canned Vegetables (except canned corn, we have tons, Jelly, Squeeze Bottle, 18 oz, 30 oz, 32oz; Peanut Butter – All Sizes, Boxed Baked Goods (cake & brownie mixes; pudding & jello mixes), Snacks (Pop tarts, cheese and/or peanut butter crackers, saltines, etc...) URGENT NEED FOR HYGIENE PRODUCTS: Bars of Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo & Conditioner, Razors, Band Aids, Anti-Bacterial Ointments

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL – PLEASE REGISTER**

If you haven't had time, please take a minute to complete our online registration for EACH student that will attend this year! We are so happy to be back!



## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVENT – 10/05, 12 PM – 3 PM**

Join us for lunch at church at noon and then on to ACTIVATE at Southpark Mall!- ACTIVATE is a state of the art facility with a variety of active games. Complete physical and mental challenges while hanging out with friends. “Enter the game where you become the player in the world’s first active gaming facility. Jump, climb, problem-solve and laugh as you and your friends move between challenges. Each dynamic game room has interactive technology that reacts in real-time, ensuring an adrenaline-filled adventure.” Sign up in the Welcome Center or the High School Sunday School Room!

## **FIRST LUTHERAN MEN’S RETREAT –SATURDAY 10/25, 9 AM – 4 PM**

Calling all Men of First Church! Join us at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, on Saturday, 10/25 at 9 AM for a free retreat that will include Christian Fellowship, Bible Study, Devotional and Stimulating Conversation. Bring your own breakfast, soup and salad lunch will be provided. Contact Dale Piper ([dalerpiper@gmail.com](mailto:dalerpiper@gmail.com) or 440-344-8860) to RSVP.

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

Our next book is *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. We'll meet on October 18 at 10:00 at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick. Happy reading!

## **WOMEN WHO WINE (and those that don't)– 10/03, 6 PM**

Join us at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick for Women Who Wine (and those that don't). Space is limited to 18, so please sign up and let us know you plan to attend! BYOB and bring an app/dessert. There is a paper sign up sheet in the welcome center.

## **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 Evangelista Family in  
celebration of  
Eric's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
And  
Linda Walker in honor of  
loved ones here and with  
Jesus.**

**Last Week's Attendance**

**9:00 AM – 76**

**11:15 AM - 42**

**Online – 24**

**Upcoming Worship Times**

**Dates – Times**

**October**

**10/05 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM**

**10/12 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM**

**10/19 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM**

**10/26 – 10 AM**

**Thank you to the following  
volunteers:**

**Reader**

Vanessa Smith Whitford

**Ushers**

Linda Browning & Chris Thomas

**Counters**

Sam Reichert, Rolf Gaab,

Jackie Wojciehowski

**Altar Guild**

Barb Kreuger, Shelley Hoffman

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, September 29th**

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, September 30th**

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM