

11/26/2023
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,
Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM
Sunday School at 10:15
Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

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Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs:

“Open Up the Heavens”

“Do Justly”

Prayer

Lessons:

Matthew 25:31-46

Children’s Sharing Time

Sermon

“Expectations”

Song:

“With Every Act of Love”

Offering

Prayers

Holy Communion

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“I Refuse”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Death

Our Sympathy and Prayers go out to the friends, loved ones and church family of Charles Benning who passed away this week.

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Sheryl Clark, Gene Knaack, Rob Shoens, Adrian Woods, Jeff and Dragana Knaack, Dennis Bailey, Darlene Cassidy, Craig Kaiser, Audie Kiplinger, Thomas Lloyd, Carrie Deal, Karil Piskur, Carol Rosenblum, Debbie Giles, Kendra King, Steve Sarbry, Linda Walker, John Duhn, Jim Cochran

On-going Prayers

Natalie David, Peter Mazzeo, Linda Stanley, Abbey Uline, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Dianne Mosley, Pat Sauernheimer, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Mary Jane Warzel, The Fox Family, Millie Webb, Paula McKee, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Jerry Neumann, Deb Wise, Charles Benning, Leilah, The Fakan Family, Elaine, Jim Cochran, Mary Barnes

Homebound

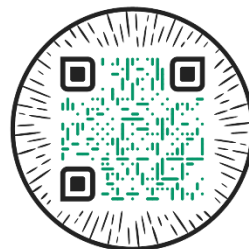
Gene and Mary Jane Knaack, Thelma Taylor, June Beck, Marj Wilder

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP IS HERE!

The new year is rapidly approaching, and we are wrapping up our Stewardship Campaign.

If you haven't already, please make sure to complete your 2024 pledge card as soon as possible. You can either return it to church, fill out a pledge card located in the pews or fill it out online at our secure site by scanning the QR code.



Communicating your financial commitment to First Church no later than this Sunday, November 26, is vital to planning for investing in our home in 2024 so that we may fulfill God's vision for us. Thank you!

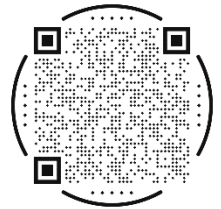
CHILDRENS SHARING TREE

The Children's Sharing tree is UP! There are 45 tags with gift cards to purchase for local Strongsville community members who use our food bank. These need to be returned by Sunday December 3rd.

To make it easier, gift cards will be available in the lobby for purchase to give to these families. Gift card purchases made through the church will benefit the youth attending the National Gathering in July 2024!

LADIES NIGHT OUT - SAVE THE DATE

Join us Wednesday, November 29th at 6 PM for our Final Ladies Night out of 2023. We will be headed to Das Schnitzel Haus 5728 Pearl Road, Parma, OH 44129 for some Authentic German/European Food, Fellowship and Fun! Scan the QR to let us know you will be there! Please sign up by TODAY!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

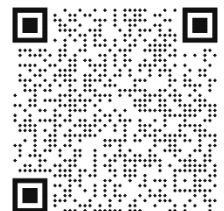
Please consider joining us for our Pancakes and PJ's with Santa Event on Friday, December 8th from 6 PM -8:30 PM. We will have a pancake dinner , a craft and an opportunity to meet and greet Santa! PLUS a Christmas Movie! Tickets are as follows: Children 2 and under are \$5.00; 3 and up is \$15.00 Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code. Everyone in attendance at the event needs a ticket to enter!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA WORK PARTIES VOLUNTEERS

We need your help transforming the fellowship area into a Santa Winter Wonderland! There are several dates to help! SCAN THE QR CODE to sign up! →

*November 30th, 12 PM-2 PM and 6 PM – 8 PM; December 6th, 12 PM – 2 PM; 6 PM – 8 PM; December 7th 12 PM – 2 PM; December 8th, 12 PM – 2 PM!



DECK THE HALLS – CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Sunday, December 3rd following the Traditional Service, we will have a light lunch followed by fellowship and decorating to get the church ready for the Christmas season. Remember, the more the merrier!



ELCA GATHERING MEETING!

Next Sunday at 12:30 PM, after traditional service, there will be a meeting for ALL families attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in July 2024. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Reminder, Poinsettias to adorn the altar will be available for purchase beginning today. The cost is \$10 and the youth will be in the lobby with order forms. Proceeds will benefit the youth that will be attending the National Gathering next July.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL PROJECTS



12/17
FELLOWSHIP!
There will be an opportunity for all students to get together and celebrate Christmas together!
Details to come!

The illustration shows four diverse children in festive winter attire (hats, scarves) gathered around a decorated Christmas tree. One child is holding a string of lights, and another is holding a gift. The tree is green with yellow and red ornaments and a yellow star on top.

Bring a friend to share in the fun!

*Happy
Anniversary*



**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God by**

The Krueger Family, In honor of
Gayle and Gary's Anniversary
And

Phil & Kendra King in honor of their
Anniversary.

Last Week's Attendance

9 AM - 90

11:15 AM - 45

Online - 12

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Tony Rugar

Ushers

Bob Strong, Sue Ludwig

Counters

Sheri Gist, Gary Walters, Mary Walters

Altar Guild

Pat Sauernheimer, Janet Kaiser

Communion Assistants

Tony, Melina and Brielle Rugar

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 11/27

AA at 7:30

Tuesday, 11/28

Al Anon at 7 PM

Toastmasters at 7 PM

Thursday 11/30

Pancakes & PJ's Work Party

12 PM - 2 PM