

**January 4, 2026
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, 01/11/2026

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

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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:

“From the Day”
“Today is the Day”

Prayer

Lesson:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Children's Sharing Time

Sermon

“What Do You See in 2026”

Song:

“God With Us”

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“Live with Abandon”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Death in the Family

The Haumesser Family as they mourn the loss of Jaime's father, Ladimer A. Kristof III.

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Rhonda Fox, Bob Jacob, Melissa 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, Kari 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, Katy Profeta, The Rugar Family, Steve Gall

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS HOPE USA AND NEXT LUNCHEON - SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Mentors and Partners are invited to attend for a luncheon to honor our volunteers during National Mentoring Month, immediately after the 11:15 service on Sunday, January 18, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please stop by the welcome center and take your 2026 Offering Envelopes.

CHAIR YOGA CONTINUES

Both Monday and Wednesday evening yoga classes are almost full. Please sign up if you are planning to attend or delete your name if you will not be attending!

Evening Sessions: Start on Wednesday Jan. 14 thru Feb. 25 6:00pm to 7:00pm (6 sessions) THERE WILL BE NO SESSION ON ASH WEDNESDAY FEB. 18th

Day Sessions: Start on Monday, Jan. 19 thru Feb. 23 - 1:30pm to 2:30 pm (6 sessions) Cost is \$30 for all sessions. Silver Sneakers and Renew Active is accepted. Please sign up for Day and Evening sessions at the Welcome Center. Please contact Chris Thomas for any questions: Krocket413@gmail.com or call or text at 440-567-3754

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

CHRISTMAS UNDECORATING – TOMMOROW, 01/05, 6:30 PM

Join us on Monday, 01/05 at 6:30 PM as we take down the Christmas Decorations for the 2025 Season. Let us know you will be here by scanning the QR Code or using the link, <https://bit.ly/undecorate2026>.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT – JANUARY

Join us for a trip to the Cleveland Food Bank on Sunday, January 10th from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Additional details to come. Questions, reach out to Madi Snyder, madisonnsnyder905@gmail.com or Ryan Hartman, hartmanryan549@gmail.com

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!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – TRADITIONAL SERVICE USHERS

We are in need of volunteers for people to assist with usher at the 11:15 AM Traditional service. It's usually a once every 6/8 week commitment to hand out bulletins, pass the offering plates and allow people to go up to communion. Use the link bit.ly/FLCservice2025 or scan the QR code above to learn more or sign up.

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 use the link to add them to our list. <https://bit.ly/flcmilitaryprayers>



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 notifications.



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
Dale & Becky Piper in
celebration of our
50th Wedding Anniversary
And
Claudia Lenarz in celebration
of the life of Dan Lenarz**

Last Week's Attendance
12/24, 4 PM – 173
12/24, 8 PM - 138
12/28 - 42
Online – 38

Upcoming Worship Dates & Times
January
01/11 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
01/18- 9 AM & 11:15 AM
01/25 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader
Kelly Tesar
Ushers
Tammy & Holly Widdows
Counters
Daphne Leon, Ingrid Naso,
Paul Nalette
Altar Guild
Pat Sauernheimer, Janet Kaiser,
Maureen Harris
Communion Assistants
Len & Margie Taylor,
Darren Whitford
Communion Bread Baker
Sandy Treudler

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 5th
Christmas Un-decorating – 6:30 PM
AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 6th
Stephen Ministry Training – 6 PM
Stephen Ministry Supervisory – 6 PM
Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM
Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 8th
Men's Basketball, Kinsner - 7:30 PM

Saturday, January 10th
High School Youth Event – 8:30 AM