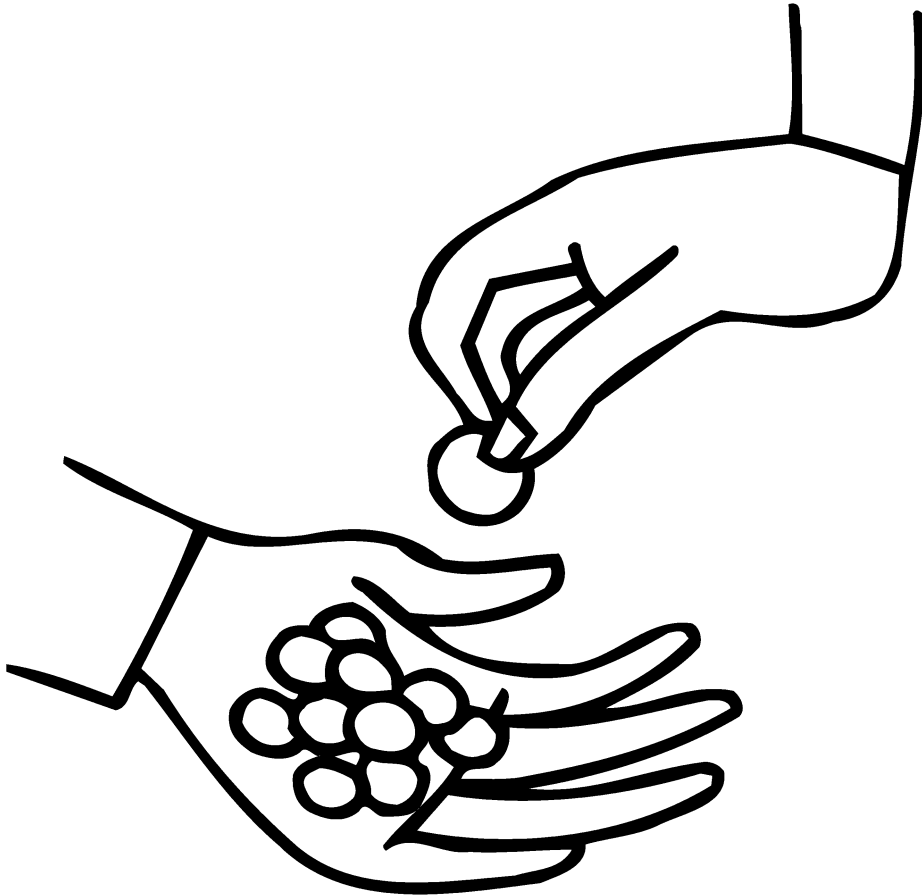


**October 19, 2025
Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM**



**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, 10/26/2025

Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Single Worship Service at 10:00 AM

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

or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com

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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

Songs: *"Praise"*
"Dream Small"

Intent cards may be placed in the basket near the altar during the first song.

Prayer

Lesson: Matthew 25:14-30

Children's Sharing Time

Sermon *"Rooted in Faith – Growing Our Mission"*

Song: *"Start a Fire"*

Commissioning of Kids Hope Next Director

Commissioning of Kid's Hope Volunteers

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful

Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Song: *"Do Something"*

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

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING OUR MISSIONS

Today is Stewardship Sunday! We hope that you have prayerfully considered how your giving can help us achieve our goals. The congregation will be asked to bring forward their Intent Cards during the first hymn today.

If you forgot your Intent Card, there are blank cards available in the pews and on the Usher's Table. You also have the option of indicating your giving intent today online using the link: <http://bit.ly/32ThyWr>



In next week's email Wayne Mosley will provide some exciting updates on the progress of our Stewardship Campaign.

TRUNK OR TREAT TRUNKS NEEDED! – OCTOBER 25, 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

It's time to start signing up for our Annual Trunk Or Treat event on October 25th 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 are pleased to announce that Jen Kowalewski, Jim Zakrajsek, and Steve Harris will begin training to become Stephen Ministers on November 4. Chris Hamel has completed her leadership training and will be commissioned on November 2nd. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this ministry.

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.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – 11/02/2025

All Saints Sunday, is November 2nd. If you would like a deceased loved one remembered in the prayers, please use the list at the Welcome Center, or use the QR Code or link <https://bit.ly/ALLSAINTS25> to let us know who you would like to be remembered.



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

IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE

Please note, on Sunday, October 26th Sunday School will take place at 9:00 AM, which will be prior to our single worship service. Please be sure to mark your calendars!

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 or 440-344-8860) to RSVP.

CHAIR YOGA CONTINUES

New Monday session, 1:30 PM to 2:30pm starting 10/27 thru 12/08. There will be no session on 11/10 due to instructor vacation. Evening sessions will start after the holidays on Wednesdays. Please sign up at the Welcome center or Contact Chris Thomas Krocket413@gmail.com. \$30 for all sessions or Silver Sneakers and Renew Active accepted.

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!

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you are new, just coming back or have been with us for years, there is a special place at First Church for you to share your talents and help make our church and community even stronger. Volunteering is a wonderful way to connect with others, experience the joy of serving, and grow in your faith. No matter your skills, interests, or time available we have a variety of opportunities for you to choose from.



Use the link bit.ly/FLCservice2025 or scan the QR code to learn more or sign up!

THANK YOU – FROM RON & MAUREEN SHORTS

Thank you to all the members of our congregation and Pastor Kathy for all of the cards, food, covering for Maureen's activities, and most importantly all of the prayers during my recent open-heart surgery. All of this support made it very comforting heading into surgery. Recovery is going well and we hope to be back in church soon. What a Blessing for such a caring congregation at First Lutheran.

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE - 18 & OVER

The First Church Men's Basketball has begun for the Men over 18 at Kinsner Elementary School, Thursdays at 7:30pm. If interested, please contact Ray Treudler, raysort1@yahoo.com or 440-829-5316

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.

KIDS HOPE USA AND NEXT MENTORS AND PRAYER PARTNERS

MENTORS

Pierre David
Sheri Gist
Christine Gonzalez
Marj Gray
Christine Hamel
Bruce Holderead
Craig Kaiser
Kathleen Kluck
Kerry McLemore
Claudia Meyer
Reiner Mueller
Gloria Reichert
Pat Saurenheimer
Madi Snyder
Bob Strong
Margie Taylor
Sandy Treudler
Jim Zakrajsek
June Zakrajsek
*Currently on Break

PRAYER PARTNERS

Beth David
Bob Jacob
Maureen Shorts
Linda Browning
Barb Krueger
Monika Mueller
Jan Kaiser
Wade Zwingler
Jacquie McLemore
Amy Kuntz
Linda Walker
Dawn Zima
Gayle Kovach
Evan Hartman
Sue Ludwig
Carolyn Roman
Ray Treudler
Alli Thellman
Joelle Kluck

SUBSTITUTES

Paul Schlacht Kelly Worsencroft

LEADERSHIP TEAM – Pastor Kathy, Vicki Hughes, Gloria Reichert, Sam Reichert, Madi Snyder



**The Altar Flowers are given
to the Glory of God by
Len & Margie Taylor in
loving memory of
Thelma Taylor
And
Sandy & Ray Treudler in
celebration of their Wedding
Anniversary**

Last Week's Attendance
9 AM – 84
11:15 AM - 37
Online – 42

Upcoming Worship Times
Dates – Times
October
10/26 – 10 AM
11/02 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
11/9 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
11/16 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Stacey McNamara

Ushers

Rick & Chris Gonzalez

Counters

Gary & Mary Walters,
Reiner Mueller

Altar Guild

Pat Sauernheimer, Janet Kaiser
Maureen Harris

Communion Assistants

Stacey & Mike McNamara,
Bonnie Bailey

Communion Bread Baker

Barb Krueger

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 20th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 21st

KIDS HOPE Leadership

Meeting – 9:30 AM

Stephen Ministry

Continuing Education – 6:00 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 23rd

KIDS HOPE Mentor

Activity – 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 25th

Trunk or Treat – 3 PM – 5 PM