

**October 12, 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, 10/19/2025

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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you may contact your Council representatives:

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Music

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Temple Talk

Call to Worship

Songs:

*“Greater”
“He Reins”*

Prayer

Lesson:

Luke 17:11-19

Children’s Sharing Time

Sermon

“Simple Thankfulness”

Song:

“New Name Written Down in Glory”

Offering

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

Blessing

Song:

“Let There Be Blessing”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Death in the Family

Judy Peach on the death of her mother, Dolores Elasky.

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, 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

The theme of our 2026 Stewardship Campaign is a reminder that we want to build off a foundation that has been rooted in faith over 75 years here at First Church. Please mark your calendars for Stewardship Sunday, October 19 as we celebrate how our stewardship gifts will help us grow the many important missions of our congregation.

Also, please be on the lookout for a packet of stewardship materials you will be receiving in the mail next week. The packet will include a personalized letter, a summary of our 2026 stewardship goals and a 2026 stewardship Intent Card.

Please intentionally review the materials in the packet and prayerfully consider how your giving can help us achieve our 2026 stewardship goals. We ask you to please bring your completed Intent Card with you as we rejoice in the gifts God has given us and celebrate Stewardship Sunday on October 19.

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 will complete her leadership training next week and will begin facilitating Supervision and continuing education for our five Stephen Ministers who are working with care receivers on October 21. 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.

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.



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 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

STRONGSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK - DONATIONS

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of the following items: URGENT NEED FOR Tuna Fish - (all sizes) Canned Vegetables (except canned corn, we have tons, Jelly, Squeeze Bottle, 18 oz, 30 oz, 32oz; Boxed Baked Goods (cake & brownie mixes; pudding & jello mixes), Snacks (Pop tarts, cheese and/or peanut butter crackers, saltines, etc...)

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!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL – SERVICE PROJECT

Join us as we support our Holiday Food baskets by bringing in food each week to Sunday School. In the month of October, we will be requesting the following: 10/19- jar of pasta sauce, 10/26 - jar of peanut butter, 11/02 – Jar of Jelly, 11/09 – Box of Cereal

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.

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!

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 Kricket413@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!



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 Bailey Family in celebration
of Lauren Bailey & Parker
Dittman's Birthday
And
Janet & Craig Kaiser in
celebration of Rob and Sarah's
Anniversary!**

Last Week's Attendance
9 AM – 63
11:15 AM - 37

Upcoming Worship Times
Dates – Times
October
10/19 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
10/26 – 10 AM
11/02 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
11/9 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Amy Kuntz

Ushers

Mary Barnes, Margaret Bewie

Counters

Daphne Leon, Paul Nalette,

Ingrid Naso

Altar Guild

Trish Nolder

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 13th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 14th

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 16th

Dynamic Worship Team

Meeting - 6:30 PM

