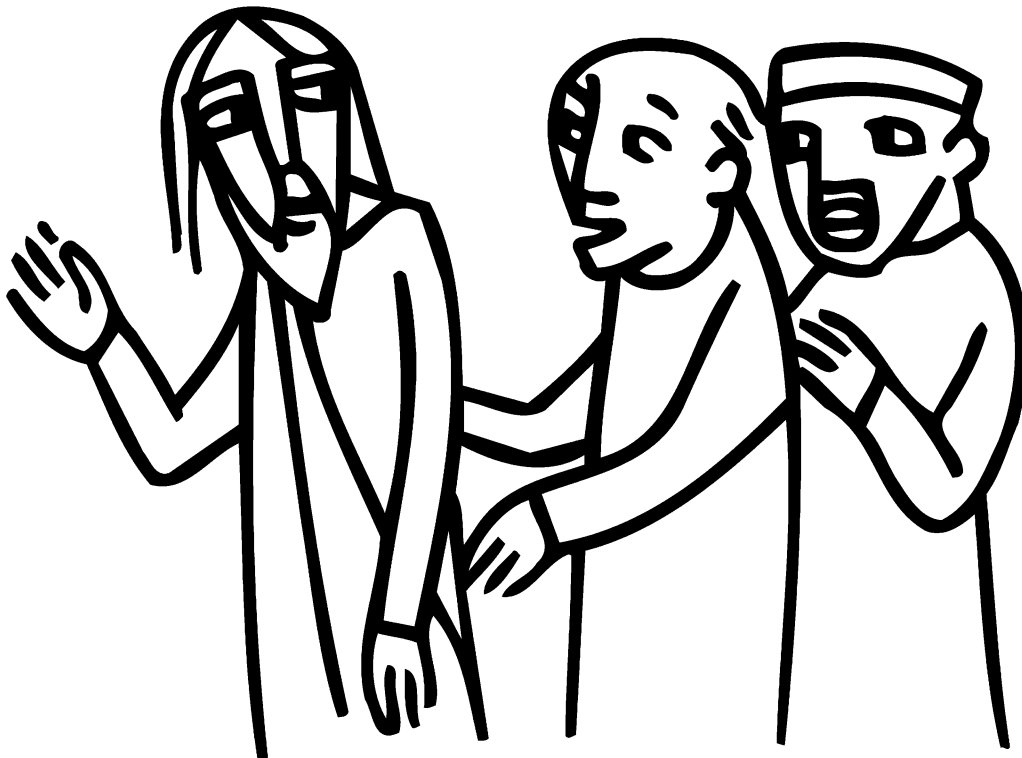


**January 18, 2026
Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM**



**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, 01/25/2026

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

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

Temple Talk – Kids Hope USA, Pierre and Beth David

Call to Worship

Songs:

“Greater”

“10,000 Reasons”

Prayer

Lesson:

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Children’s Sharing Time

Sermon

“Setting It Up for Success”

Song:

“Keep Me in the Moment”

Offering

Reception of New Members

Prayers of the Faithful

Communion

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“Everlasting God”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Melissa Borgio, Mary Walters, Josie McNamara, Paula McKee, Jerry Kreuger

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, 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, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, John Walker, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Dennis Bailey, Cindy Walker, Susie Siebert, Jeff Bodovetz, Mike and Linda Drury, Kathryn Robertson, Gina Evangelista, Brenda Rosala, Katy Profeta, The Rugar Family, Jim Thomas

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST – EMAILS

As we begin the New Year would like to confirm that everyone is receiving communication from the church. We know email addresses change and sometimes things get lost in SPAM or JUNK. If you are not receiving communication from the church, please contact the office at firstchurchalive@hotmail.com or via phone, 440-238-7890 so we can be sure we have the most up to date information for you!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We are receiving into our membership today: Carol Rosenblum, Kelly and Chuck Tesar, Jim and Kim LaRosa and Jennifer Walters. Please be sure to take a moment to greet and welcome them today.

KIDS HOPE USA AND NEXT LUNCHEON - TODAY

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

CHAIR YOGA - REMINDER

Reminder, the day session of Chair Yoga begins Monday. Please arrive a little early to register and provide payment.

Cost is \$30 for all sessions. Silver Sneakers and Renew Active is accepted. Please contact Chris Thomas for any questions: Krick413@gmail.com or call or text at 440-567-3754

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2026 Offering envelopes are in the Welcome Center. Please stop by and pick yours up.

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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT – AFTERNOON EDITION

Join us on Saturday, January 24 at noon at Moosehead Hoof and Ladder in Olmsted Falls! Use the QR Code or the link to let us know you will be attending! <https://bit.ly/flclnojan26>

There is also a sign up sheet in the Welcome center.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

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

VOLUNTEER SERVICE – NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

As a new year begins, many of us set resolutions or goals—often focused on improving our health and well-being. But did you know that volunteering can support those goals too? Research shows that giving your time to help others can boost both physical and mental health, offer a renewed sense of purpose, build valuable skills, and strengthen new and existing relationships. In serving others, we also enrich our own lives in meaningful ways. As luck would have it, if one of your goals this year is to do more for others, you don't have to look any further than First Lutheran Church. Opportunities to serve, support, and make a meaningful impact are all around you here. 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!





BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY — SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Breakfast with Santa was such a wonderful success that we would love to offer a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny for the children in our community. To make this happen, we are looking for one or two people to take the lead in coordinating the event. We were unable to host it last year due to the lack of a leader, and we're hopeful that this year someone will feel called to help bring it to life.

The deadline to commit to leading this event is February 1.

If you are interested in helping coordinate, please contact Barb at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.



SEDER MEAL— THURSDAY, APRIL 2

We are preparing to host a Seder meal, a meaningful time of remembrance and community. We are looking for volunteers to assist with all aspects of the meal, including shopping, food preparation, setup, serving, and cleanup. Your help—whether behind the scenes or during the event—will ensure this gathering is welcoming and well-organized for everyone who attends.

If you're interested in serving for this event, please contact Barb at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE – MINISTRY FAIR - SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | 10:00AM–1:00PM BLOOM WHERE GOD PLANTS YOU

Join us for a time of fellowship and growth as we explore the many ministries that help our church and community flourish. Discover where your gifts can make a difference and find where God is calling you to serve. Whether you're new or seasoned in service, there's a place for you to bloom!

CRITICAL ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY — A SMALL ACT WITH A BIG IMPACT

Each Sunday when our altar flowers are designated for donation, we need volunteers to deliver them to nearby nursing homes after the 11:15 service. This simple gesture brings unexpected joy to residents who may receive few visitors — and it takes only a few minutes on your way home. Truly, it's one of the easiest ways to brighten someone's day. Your kindness will travel farther than you think.

If you can help even once every month or two, please contact Barb Nalette at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.



CO-LEADER NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BASKET MINISTRY

FLC hosts two major food basket donation events each year, providing essential support to families in our community. These events always draw many willing volunteers, but we are currently in need of a co-leader to help share the responsibility of organizing and coordinating this important ministry.

The new co-leader will serve alongside the current leader, who is eager to share the role and guide you through everything you need to know. You won't be doing this alone — you'll be supported every step of the way.

If you are organized, attentive to details, and passionate about serving others, please prayerfully consider stepping into this role. Your leadership will help ensure that this ministry continues to bless those who rely on it.

To learn more or express interest, please contact Barb Nalette at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.

ATTENTION FAMILIES - COLLEGE/MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

On February 15, the Sunday School youth will be assembling care packages for congregational members who are away at college or serving in the military.

Please note that there is no cost associated with this ministry; it's just our way of keeping connected and helping our students to remember how much they are loved and missed by their church family!! Take a moment to complete the form by scanning the QR code or filling out a paper copy located in the Welcome Center so that we can ensure to include your loved one's favorite treats! Please complete the form by 2/8/2026.



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.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



**The Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God by
The David Family in celebration
of Natalie's Birthday
And
The Krueger Family in
celebration of Gayle's birthday.
The Bulletins are donated by
Bruce Holdread in memory of
Crayton and Virginia Holdread**

**Last Week's Attendance
9:00 AM – 77
11:15 AM - 42
Online – 56**

**Upcoming Worship Dates &
Times
January
01/25 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
February
02/01 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
02/08 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
02/15 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
Ash Wednesday
02/18 – 11 AM & 7:30 PM**

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Bruce Holdread

Ushers

Len & Margie Taylor

Counters

Reiner Muller, Pierre David,
Sandy Treudler

Altar Guild

Ellen Kolman, Debbie Brighter,
Lynn Stenger

Communion Assistants

Pam & Herb Simpson,
Bruce Holdread

Communion Bread Baker

June Zakrajsek

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 19th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 20th

KIDS HOPE USA Leadership – 9:30 AM

Stephen Ministry Training – 6:00 PM

Stephen Ministry

Continuing Education – 6:00 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 21st

Chair Yoga – 6:00 PM

Thursday, January 22nd

Men's Basketball, Kinsner - 7:30 PM