

**December 1st, 2024
Contemporary Worship
First Sunday of Advent
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, 12/08/2024

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15

Traditional Worship at 11:15 AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890
or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com
Secretary Office Hours are Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9 AM - Noon
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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

“The Mystery of: Advent”

Songs:

*From the Day
Dream Small*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Lesson:

Luke 21:25-36

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

“Keep Watch”

Song:

Watch and Pray

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful

Holy Communion

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“God’s Not Dead (Like a Lion)”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Death in the Family

Our sympathy and prayers are with Len, Margie and the entire Taylor family as they mourn the loss of Thelma.

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Susie Siebert, Mark Schultz. Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Claudia Lenarz, Clark Buckley

Military Members

Austin Holley, Deacon Nemet, Matthew and Teresa Dittman

Stephen Ministry Team

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, Pat Sauernheimer, Pam Simpson, Marsha Ginley, Phil King, and Bob Strong

On-going Prayers

Natalie David, Peter Mazzeo, Linda Stanley, Abbey Uline, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Dianne Mosley, Tia (Simpson) Russell, The Fox Family, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Rob Shoens, Connie, Michael Otto, Jessica Walsh, Sue Widdows, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Dennis Beckman, Bonnie Bailey, Bruce Piper, Josh, Cynthia, Sara, Dennis Bailey, Darlene Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Norma Cubano, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Bill Bartkus, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Chelsea, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MYSTERY OF ADVENT

We invite you to join us around “The Mystery of Advent” as we journey together to Bethlehem. As we make ready to receive God’s greatest gift to our lives; we take this opportunity to open our hearts to the many ways in which we are called to be a blessing to others. Each week during this Holy season we will highlight a different opportunity for outreach. This week we highlight the Strongsville Food Bank on our Children’s Sharing Tree. Next week we will highlight CWWV.

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



NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS – CONTINUED PRAYERS REQUESTED

The Stephen Ministry team needs your continued prayers for guidance, patience, and confidence as we move forward in the training phase of this amazing ministry.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This week we begin practice for our Youth Christmas Program that we be performed at a **Single Worship Service on Sunday, 12/15 at 10 AM**. All youth are invited to participate. Please use the QR Code or link to register to participate.
<https://bit.ly/24YChristmasprogram>



CHILDREN’S SHARING TREE

The Children’s Sharing tree in support of the Strongsville Food Bank is up and ready for sharing. We have been asked to help provide Gift Cards for local families. The Youth will also be selling Gift Cards in the Welcome center in order to serve these families. Thank you for supporting the Strongsville Food Bank and our local community.

HARVEST MONTHS – CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We are still in need of non-perishable food items, turkeys, hams, and monetary donations for the Christmas food baskets. Turkeys or Hams can be placed in the freezer; envelopes are provided on the table in front of the church office for monetary donations, and non-perishables can be placed in the shopping carts by the entrance way. Volunteers will be needed to pack the food baskets on Friday, December 20th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet located on Welcome Center. For questions, please contact: Reiner Mueller reindogger@outlook.com Call or text: 440-724-8897

CHRISTMAS POINTSETTIAS

Poinsettias to adorn the altar are available to purchase for \$13.00 per 6.5" Plant beginning Sunday in the Welcome Center. Please fill out your form with your dedication and include your payment. You can pay via cash, online payment, or a check made out to First Lutheran Church Strongsville. The deadline for orders is Sunday, 12/15/2024.



SCAN ME

BOOK CLUB

Hi everyone! We will not be meeting in December. For January, read a book published the year you were born. Prepare to share it with the group on January 18. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick at 10:00. Happy reading!

CHRIST THE REEDER LUTHERAN CHURCH – BRECKSVILLE

Women's Advent Social, Tuesday, December 3rd, doors open at 6:30pm, Service at 7:00pm, with refreshments to follow. Join us for an Advent program in the sanctuary followed by a potluck appetizer & dessert social hour in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend. A free will offering will be taken for Journey Center for Safety and Healing. Join us at Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 9201 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, 440-526-2303, www.crlcbrecksville.org.

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

2025 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

There is still time to turn in your intent card. If you haven't had a chance to return it, please complete one online at <http://bit.ly/32ThyWr> or by scanning the QR code.





**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God by
Carol Rosenblum, in loving
memory of Keith Rosenblum
&
Kendra and Phil King in
celebration of their
34th Anniversary**

Last Week's Attendance
9 AM- 75
11:15 AM - 60
Online – 38

December Worship Times
12/08 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
12/15 – 10 AM
12/22 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM
12/24 – 4 PM & 8 PM
12/29 – 10 AM

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Reader

Stacey McNamara

Ushers

Evan & Emma Hartman

Counters

Rolf Gaab, Sam Reichert &
Jackie Wojciehowski

Altar Guild

Trish Nolder, Sheri Gist, Beth David

Communion Assistants

Stacey & Mike McNamara, Gayle Kovach

Communion Bread Baker

Barb Krueger

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 12/02/2024

AA – 8:00 PM

Confirmation – 7 PM – 9 PM

Tuesday, 12/03

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Toastmasters - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 12/04

Pancakes and PJ's Decorating –
3:30 PM – 8 PM

Thursday, 12/05

Pancakes and PJ's Decorating
3:30 PM – 8 PM

Friday, 12/06

Pancakes and PJ's 6-8:30 PM

Saturday 12/07

Stephen Ministry – 8 AM – 4PM