

**December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Don't forget that if you ever have any questions or concerns,  
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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](https://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](mailto: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.



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## **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](http://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



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## **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  
34<sup>th</sup> 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