

December 8th, 2024
Contemporary Worship
2nd 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, 12/15/2024

Sunday School at 9 AM

Blended Service, Including Youth Christmas Program 10 AM

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

or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com

Secretary Office Hours are Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PM

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

Eileen Zatta – Children Who Witness Violence

Call to Worship

“The Mystery of: Advent”

Song:

“Greater”

“Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Lesson:

Luke 3:1-6

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Song:

“Prodigal”

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful to “Our Father”

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“Praise You with the Dance”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Susie Siebert, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, 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, Claudia Lenarz

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 Children Who Witness Violence on our Children’s Sharing Tree. Next week we will highlight KIDS HOPE USA.

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 continue practicing for our Youth Christmas Program that we be performed at a Single Worship Service on Sunday, 12/15 at 10 AM. If you haven’t already, scan the QR code or use the link, <https://bit.ly/3ZFY9FE> to let us know what practice you will attend.



CHILDREN’S SHARING TREE

Tags on the Sharing Tree are for CWWV children. Please take a tag, sign the master list with your name and phone number, buy the gift and wrap it with love. These are new gifts valued at \$30. If your gift requires batteries, please make sure they are included. Please return to the church, with tag attached, by 11:15 AM Sunday, December 15.

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

3 – 4 DRIVERS NEEDED

Friday Dec 13th at 6:30 pm to pick up food in Elyria for our Christmas food baskets and bring it back to the church. If interested and available, please contact Reiner Mueller at reindogger@outlook.com or call/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!

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

BICYCLE RELOCATION PROGRAM

Do you have a bicycle (adult- or child-size) that could use a second life? Please contact me and I will pick it up, repair it so that it is “like new” (if necessary), and then take to the Redeemer Crisis Center on W. 30th Street in Cleveland. Please contact me at pdavid@bw.edu or 216-213-8386, and I will pick it up. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE - FLC NIGHT OUT AT THE HOFBRÄUHAUS CLEVELAND

On February 5th, Children Who Witness Violence Program of Frontline Services will be the Charity Keg Tappers for the Hofbräuhaus’s Cleveland monthly Keg Tapping event. Come join the fun and help support CWWV. More details to follow

CHRISTMAS EVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – 8 PM SERVICE

We are in need of three ushers, one reader and three communion assistants for the 8 PM Christmas Eve Service. If you are able to serve, please contact the office at firstchurchalive@hotmail.com



**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory Of God by
The David Family in celebration of
Beth's Birthday
And
The Bailey Family for
Brian Dittman**

Last Week's Attendance
9 AM- 81
11:15 AM - 42
Online – 38

December Worship Times
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

Sheri Hurley

Ushers

The McNamara Family

Counters

Brenda & Bob Jacob, Wade Zwinger

Jeff Stanley

Altar Guild

Pat Sauernheimer, Janet Kaiser,
Maureen Harris

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 12/09/2024

AA – 8:00 PM

Confirmation – 7 PM – 9 PM

Tuesday, 12/10/2024

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Toastmasters - 7:00 PM