

**December 22nd, 2024
Contemporary Worship
Fourth 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

Christmas Eve – 4 PM – Contemporary

8 PM – Traditional

12/29/2024 Lessons and Carols – 10 AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890
or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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you may contact your Council representatives:

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Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

“The Mystery of: Advent”

Song:

“Prepare the Way”
“Song of Hope”

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Lesson:

Luke 1: 39-45

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Almost Time

Song:

“Breath of Heaven”
Lily and Amelia Cassidy

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful to “Our Father”

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“Soon and Very Soon”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Susie Siebert, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Dean Miller, Linda Browning

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, 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, 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 < Kevin

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. Thank you for your support of our Advent Ministries; The Strongsville Food Bank, CWWV, KIDS HOPE USA, and Zellie’s Home.

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.

CHILDREN'S SHARING TREE

Don't forget to return your Sharing Tree gifts for KIDS HOPE USA by 11:15 AM Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you for KIDS HOPE USA Ministry. This week diapers will be collected around the tree to support Zellie's Home.

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

END OF YEAR GIVING

Please remember that all giving for 2024 – be it for completion of pledges, Christmas offerings, year-end gifts or other special designations – must be received in the Church office by December 31; any contributions received after December 31 will be considered 2025 contributions. As a reminder, gifts (for any purpose) of stock or mutual fund, or a direct IRA distribution for those over age 70-½ provide potentially significant tax benefits. With the stock market at record levels, if that is something that may work for you, please contact Brenda Jacob at bkjacob1@hotmail.com or call her at the church office.

MEN'S RETREAT

All the men of First Church are encouraged to join us for a one-day retreat with the men of New Covenant Lutheran Church on Saturday, January 18. The retreat will take place at Christ the Redeemer Church in Brecksville from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is free and lunch will be included, although we may ask for a free will offering for the church for providing the lunch. Transportation is available from First Lutheran. If you are interested in attending, please contact Bruce Holderead at vancepack@yahoo.com or 440-655-1523.

*In
Loving
Memory*



**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory Of God by
Bruce Holderead in loving memory
of Kristen and Janice Holderead
&
Judy Peach in loving memory of
Harry Peach**

Last Week's Attendance
10 AM Service - 120
Online – 30

December Worship Times
12/24 – 4 PM & 8 PM
12/29 – 10 AM

Thank you to the following

volunteers:

Reader

Petr Kowalewski

Ushers

Chris & Rick Gonzalez

Counters

Sheri Gist, Mary & Gary Walters

Altar Guild

Ellen Kolman, Sheri Hurley, Lynn
Stenger

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 12/23/2024

AA – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, 12/24/2024

4 PM Contemporary Service

8 PM Traditional Service

Wednesday, 12/25/2024

Merry Christmas

Thursday, 12/26/2024

Office Closed