

February 23, 2025
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, 03/02/2025

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
or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com
Secretary Office Hours are Monday 10 AM – 1 PM
Thursday, & Friday 9 AM - Noon
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

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In ✠ Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C Amen.

Song:

*“Come to the Cross”
“Start a Fire”*

Prayer

Lesson:

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Forgiveness

Song:

“Forgiveness”

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful to “Our Father”
Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

“Free to Dance”

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Death in the Family

The Richards Family as the mourn the loss of Zack's Uncle, George Richards

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Susie Siebert, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Paula McKee, Marj Gray, Carla Kulka, Pastor Dave Anderson, Elosie Salay-Grabowski, Dakota Salay

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

On-going Prayers

Natalie David, Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, 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 & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Josh, Cynthia, Sara, Dennis Bailey, Darlene Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Bill Bartkus, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Chelsea, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat, Claudia Lenarz, Kevin, Zach Russell, Andrew Lee, Ryan Kuchta, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder, Peter Duffy

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE STAFFING NOTE

Pastor Kathy will be out of the office February 27th through March 3rd. Please call the church office 440-238-7890 or the office administrator directly - Vanessa, 216-548-5345, if you have a pastoral emergency during that time.

SUMMER VBS IS BACK – SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for our Summer VBS Program taking place June 23rd through June 26th from 9 AM to 11:30 AM. We can't WAIT to see you there!

LENTEN WORSHIP BEGINS

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5th. Please join us for one of our Ash Wednesday Services, 11 AM or 7:30 PM for Worship, Communion and Imposition of Ashes

STRONGSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD BANK - DONATIONS

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of the following items: Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli, Ramen Soup, Pork & Beans, Mac & Cheese, Tuna Fish (all sizes), Boxed Baked Goods, Cereal, Jelly: Squeeze Bottle, 30 oz, 32 oz, Peanut Butter (all sizes)
Also needed - First Aid Items- Band-Aids, Alcohol Wipe & Antibacterial Wipes. Also Hygiene Products - Soap, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Razors.

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Stephen Ministers are hard at work training to serve our congregation. Some of the topics covered include the art of listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, using mental health and community resources, grief, depression, and more. They will complete their training at the end of March and will be commissioned on April 13. Please continue to pray for them.

If you or someone you know in our congregation would benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Beth David at (440) 212-6859 for more information.

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



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



**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory Of God by
Monica Berens**

**Thank you to the following
volunteers:**

Reader

Vanessa Smith Whitford

Ushers

Margaret Bewie, Linda Browning

Counters

Sam Reichert, Rolf Gaab,

Jackie Wociehowski

Altar Guild

Ellen Kolman, Debbie Brighter,

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 02/23

Bible Bonanza – 5 PM – 7:30 PM

Monday, 02/24

AA – 8:00 PM

Confirmation Class – 7 PM – 9 PM

Tuesday, 02/25

Stephen Ministry – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Last Week's Attendance

9 AM - 38

11:15 AM - 25

Online – 26

March Worship Times

03/01 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

Ash Wednesday

03/05 – 11 AM & 7:30 PM

03/09 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

03/16 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM

03/23 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM