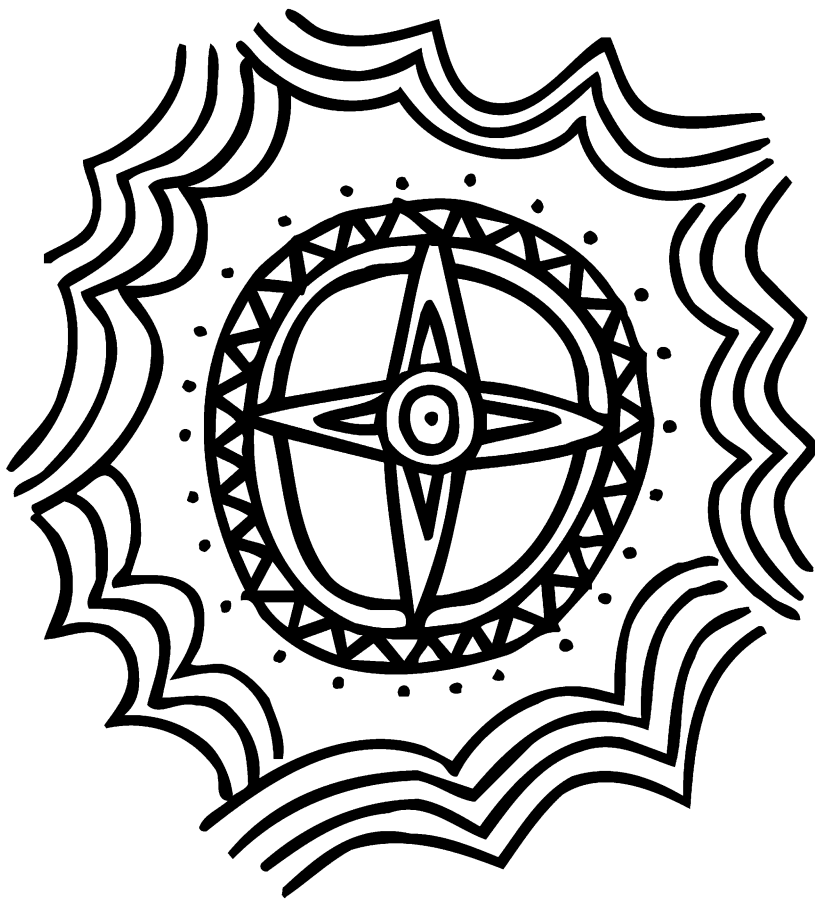


**January 5, 2024**  
**Contemporary Worship**  
**9:00 AM**



**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, 01/12/2024**

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  
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Secretary Office Hours are Monday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM - Noon  
Pastor Kathy - 440-666-8758 or [revklk@gmail.com](mailto:revklk@gmail.com)

**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

Songs

*“Touching Heaven Changing Earth”*  
*“Blessed Be Your Name”*

Prayer

Lesson:

John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Children’s Sharing Time

Sermon

*“A Fresh Start”*

Song:

*“Committed”*

Offering

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

*“Go”*

Dismissal

Music

# **PRAYERS**

## **Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating**

Susie Siebert, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Dean Miller, Linda Browning, Darrell Whitford. Paula McKee

## **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, 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, Zach Russell

## **Homebound**

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BOOK CLUB**

Hi everyone! 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!

## **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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

## **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](mailto:vancepack@yahoo.com) or 440-655-1523.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS – 2025**

There are still spots for Altar Flowers in January and February. Please consider signing up to sponsor a vase for a special event or memorial date.

## **2025 GIVING REMINDER**

Reminder, if you have automatic payments for Giving and your Gift amount has changed for 2025, you will need to update your payment. Please contact the office at [firstchurchalive@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchurchalive@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **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)

## **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.

## **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



## **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  
Claudia Lenarz in loving memory of  
Dan Lenarz  
And  
The Bailey Family in celebration of  
Todd and Nicole Dittman's  
Birthday  
The Bulletins are given in memory  
of Paul Jones and  
Crayton and Virginia Holderead**

**Last Week's Attendance  
10 AM - 59  
Online - 6**

**Thank you to the following volunteers:**

**Reader**

Judy Peach

**Ushers**

Ron Shorts, Mary Barnes

**Counters**

Gayle Kovach, Brenda Jacob

Rita Ross

**Altar Guild**

Ellen Kolman, Lynn Stenger

**Communion Assistants**

Judy Peach, Maureen Shorts,

Gayle Kovach

**Communion Bread Baker**

Pat Sauernheimer

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday 01/05**

Christmas Undecorating –  
12 PM – 2 PM

**Monday, 01/06**

AA – 8:00 PM  
Confirmation – 7 PM – 9 PM

**Tuesday, 01/07**

Stephen Ministry – 6 PM  
Al Anon – 7 PM  
Toastmasters – 7 PM