

**January 12, 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, 01/19/2025**

Contemporary Worship at 9:00 AM

Sunday School at 10:15 AM

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

Song: *"Open Up the Heavens"*  
*"He Reigns"*

Prayer

Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Children's Sermon

Sermon *"Baptism"*

Song: *"Remind Me Who I Am"*

Offering

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Song: *"I'm Not Ashamed"*

Dismissal

Music

# **PRAYERS**

## **Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating**

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

## **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, Andrew Lee, Paul Roos, Ryan Kuchta, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder

## **Homebound**

Mary Jane Knaack, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Audie Kiplinger, Sheryl Clark, Ron 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 Pierre David and he 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 at pdavid@bw.edu or 216-213-8386

## 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. We will make a group reservation, so please sign up the at Welcome Center or via the link or QR code by Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> [bit.ly/FEB5HOF](https://bit.ly/FEB5HOF)



## HARAMBEE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION SERVICE – THE REV DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, - SUNDAY 01/19 AT 3 PM

Join us and the Harambee Facilitator: The Reverend Kenneth Weeler, Retired ELCA pastor and the Author of US: The Resurrection of American Terror. We also need four greeters and several bakers to provide homemade baked goods for the reception directly following the service. Anyone interested in providing bakery for the event, or volunteering as a greeter, please use the link [bit.ly/MLKFLC2025](https://bit.ly/MLKFLC2025) or QR code or contact Ellen Kolman at 440-785-5635 or [cpn58@yahoo.com](mailto:cpn58@yahoo.com) or Pat Sauernheimer at 440-596-9302.



## **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.

## **WEEKLY LENTEN ACTIVITY SURVEY**

Lent will be here before you know it and we would like to know what we can do to support your Lenten Faith Journey this year. Please take a moment to click the link or use the QR code to answer this survey to let us know what interests you.



[bit.ly/FLCLEMENT2025](https://bit.ly/FLCLEMENT2025)

## **ALTAR FLOWERS – 2025**

There are still spots for Altar Flowers in 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)

## **SUMMER VBS IS BACK – SAVE THE DATE!**

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

## **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](http://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



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**The Altar Flowers are given to  
the Glory of God by  
Carla and Kellie Kulka in  
memory of Gary Kulka**

**Last Week's Attendance**  
**9 AM – 52**  
**11:15 AM - 43**  
**Online – 22**

**Thank you to the following volunteers:**

**Reader**

Jonathan Paine

**Ushers**

Maureen & Ron Shorts

**Counters**

Sam Reichert, Rolf Gaab,

Jackie Wojciehowski

**Altar Guild**

Trish Nolder, Sherri Gist, Beth David

**Communion Assistants**

Jonathan & Jennifer Paine, Paul Schlact

**Communion Bread Baker**

Linda Lauschin

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday, 01/12**

Bible Bonanza – 5 PM – 7:30 PM

**Monday, 01/06**

AA – 8:00 PM

Mentor Group Activity – 7 PM – 9 PM

**Tuesday, 01/07**

Stephen Ministry – 6 PM

Cabinet Meeting – 6:30 PM

Al Anon – 7 PM

Toastmasters – 7 PM