

**January 25, 2026
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, 02/01/2026

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

Office Manager Hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM - Noon

Pastor Kathy - 440-666-8758 or revklk@gmail.com

Music

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Songs: *"Open Up the Heavens"*
"Arise"

Prayer

Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Children's Sharing Time

Sermon *"Using the Common Denominator"*

Song: *"Touching Heaven Changing Earth"*

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful to "Our Father"
Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Song: *"Free to Dance"*

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Melissa Borgio, Mary Walters, Josie McNamara, Paula McKee, Jerry Kreuger

Military Members

Austin Holley, Deacon Nemet, Haley Uline

Stephen Ministry Team

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, Pat Sauernheimer, Pam Simpson, Marsha Ginley, Phil King, and Bob Strong, Chris Hamel, Jen Kowalewski, Jim Zakrajsek, Steve Harris

On-going Prayers

Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Jessica Walsh, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, John Walker, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Dennis Bailey, Cindy Walker, Susie Siebert, Jeff Bodovetz, Mike and Linda Drury, Kathryn Robertson, Gina Evangelista, Brenda Rosala, Katy Profeta, The Rugar Family, Jim Thomas

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIDS HOPE USA – PRAYER PARTNER COORDINATOR

We are looking to fill a unique and meaningful role within our Kids Hope USA program — Prayer Partner Coordinator. This position helps nurture a network of prayer support for our KHUSA students and mentors, strengthening the spiritual foundation of the ministry.

Key responsibilities include:

- Supporting and encouraging Prayer Partners to complete KHUSA Prayer Partner Training
- Creating meaningful ways for mentors and prayer partners to stay connected
- Keeping the congregation informed and inspired about the Prayer Partner ministry
- Praying regularly for the director and program
- Communicating monthly via e-mail with the Prayer Partners
- Proactively thanking and uplifting our Prayer Partners

This is a beautiful opportunity to serve behind the scenes in a way that deepens relationships, uplifts others, and strengthens the program.

Interested or want to learn more?

Please reach out to Barb Nalette at mistylakenalette@gmail.com — we'd love to talk with you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST – EMAILS

As we begin the New Year would like to confirm that everyone is receiving communication from the church. We know email addresses change and sometimes things get lost in SPAM or JUNK. If you are not receiving communication from the church, please contact the office at firstchurchalive@hotmail.com or via phone, 440-238-7890 so we can be sure we have the most up to date information for you!

CHAIR YOGA - REMINDER

If the Strongsville Schools are closed due to inclement weather, there will be no Yoga. Make-up sessions will be arranged.

Please contact Chris Thomas for any questions: Krocket413@gmail.com or call or text at 440-567-3754

2026 ALTAR FLOWERS/BULLETIN DEDICATION

Sign-ups for the 2026 Altar Flowers and Bulletins are in the Welcome Center. There is a QR code for online payment on the Altar flower sheet or you can wait to be billed by the office. When paying online, please indicate the week of your altar flower dedication.

LADIES NIGHT OUT – AFTERNOON EDITION

Join us on Saturday, January 24 at noon at Moosehead Hoof and Ladder in Olmsted Falls! Use the QR Code or the link to let us know you will be attending! <https://bit.ly/flclnojan26>
There is also a sign up sheet in the Welcome center.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers and Leaders as we continue to carry out our ministry.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH – LADIES BOOK CLUB, FEBRUARY

Hope you are all staying warm and cozy with a good book to read. Speaking of reading, our next book club meeting will take place on February 14 at 10:00. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick to discuss the book, The Wedding People, by Alison Espach. Happy reading!

ASH WEDNESDAY – 02/18/2026

Join us for worship at 11:00 AM or 7:30 PM as we mark the beginning of Lent. Imposition of Ashes and Communion at both services.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE – NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

As a new year begins, many of us set resolutions or goals—often focused on improving our health and well-being. But did you know that volunteering can support those goals too? Research shows that giving your time to help others can boost both physical and mental health, offer a renewed sense of purpose, build valuable skills, and strengthen new and existing relationships. In serving others, we also enrich our own lives in meaningful ways. As luck would have it, if one of your goals this year is to do more for others, you don't have to look any further than First Lutheran Church. Opportunities to serve, support, and make a meaningful impact are all around you here. If you are ready to serve or just want to explore where you might fit best, I'd love to connect with you. Reach out to Barb Nalette at mistylakenalette@gmail.com and let's find the perfect spot for you! OR Use the link bit.ly/FLCservice2025 or scan the QR code to learn more or sign up!



BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY — SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Breakfast with Santa was such a wonderful success that we would love to offer a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny for the children in our community. To make this happen, we are looking for one or two people to take the lead in coordinating the event. We were unable to host it last year due to the lack of a leader, and we're hopeful that this year someone will feel called to help bring it to life.

The deadline to commit to leading this event is February 1.

If you are interested in helping coordinate, please contact Barb at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.



SEDER MEAL— THURSDAY, APRIL 2

We are preparing to host a Seder meal, a meaningful time of remembrance and community. We are looking for volunteers to assist with all aspects of the meal, including shopping, food preparation, setup, serving, and cleanup. Your help—whether behind the scenes or during the event—will ensure this gathering is welcoming and well-organized for everyone who attends.

If you're interested in serving for this event, please contact Barb at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.

CRITICAL ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY — A SMALL ACT WITH A BIG IMPACT

Each Sunday when our altar flowers are designated for donation, we need volunteers to deliver them to nearby nursing homes after the 11:15 service. This simple gesture brings unexpected joy to residents who may receive few visitors — and it takes only a few minutes on your way home. Truly, it's one of the easiest ways to brighten someone's day. Your kindness will travel farther than you think.

If you can help even once every month or two, please contact Barb Nalette at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.



CO-LEADER NEEDED FOR THE FOOD BASKET MINISTRY

FLC hosts two major food basket donation events each year, providing essential support to families in our community. These events always draw many willing volunteers, but we are currently in need of a co-leader to help share the responsibility of organizing and coordinating this important ministry.

The new co-leader will serve alongside the current leader, who is eager to share the role and guide you through everything you need to know. You won't be doing this alone — you'll be supported every step of the way.

If you are organized, attentive to details, and passionate about serving others, please prayerfully consider stepping into this role. Your leadership will help ensure that this ministry continues to bless those who rely on it.

To learn more or express interest, please contact Barb Nalette at mistylakenalette@gmail.com.

ATTENTION FAMILIES - COLLEGE/MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

On February 15, the Sunday School youth will be assembling care packages for congregational members who are away at college or serving in the military. Please note that there is no cost associated with this ministry; it's just our way of keeping connected and

helping our students to remember how much they are loved and missed by their church family!! Take a moment to complete the form by scanning the QR code or filling out a paper copy located in the Welcome Center so that we can ensure to include your loved one's favorite treats! Please complete the form by 2/8/2026.



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 use the link to add them to our list. <https://bit.ly/flcmilitaryprayers>



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

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH APP

First Lutheran Church has an app in both the Apple App Store (search FLC Strongsville) and the Google Play Store! (search FLC Strongsville) This communication option will help us stay connected and give us new and exciting tools to use. We continue to fine tune the options available on the app to best suit our congregation. If you see something that needs to be fixed, please reach out to the office and let us know.

Be sure to allow notifications when you download the app to get important notifications.



*In
Loving
Memory*



**The Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God by
Linda Browning and family to
remember and honor the
birthday of our husband and
father, Philip "Lucky" Browning.**

Last Week's Attendance
9:00 AM - 89
11:15 AM - 55
Online - 50

**Upcoming Worship
Dates & Times
February**
02/01 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
02/08 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
02/15 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
Ash Wednesday
02/18 - 11 AM & 7:30 PM
02/22 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Reader

Bob Strong

Ushers

Pam & Herb Simpson

Counters

Gayle Kovach, Mark Schultz,

Chris Hamel

Altar Guild

Trish Nolder, Sheri Gist, Beth David

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 26th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, January 27th

Stephen Ministry Training – 6:00 PM

Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 21st

Chair Yoga – 6:00 PM

Thursday, January 22nd

Dynamic Worship Meeting – 6:30 PM

Men's Basketball, Kinsner - 7:30 PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Lutheran Church Staff

Rev. Kathleen L. Kluck

Zack Richards	Music Director
Andrea Cassidy	Contemporary Worship Leader
David Gooding	Organist
Justin Lauschin	AV Specialist
Brenda Jacob	Controller
Vanessa Smith Whitford	Office Manager
Barb Nalette	Talents Coordinator
Gloria Reichert	KIDS HOPE USA, Director
Madi Snyder	KIDS HOPE USA NEXT, Director

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS

June Zakrajsek	Dawn Zima
Ken Holda	Margaret Bewie
Lindee Flater	Janet Kaiser
Gary Walters	Ellen Kolman
Ron Uline	Kathleen Kluck
Brenda Jacob	

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

Ellen Kolman	Beth Hartman
Mary Walters	Carolyn Roman
Sandy Treudler	Linda Browning
Pat Saurenheimer	Maureen Shorts
Monika Mueller	Ryan Hartman
Gayle Kovach	Kathleen Kluck

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