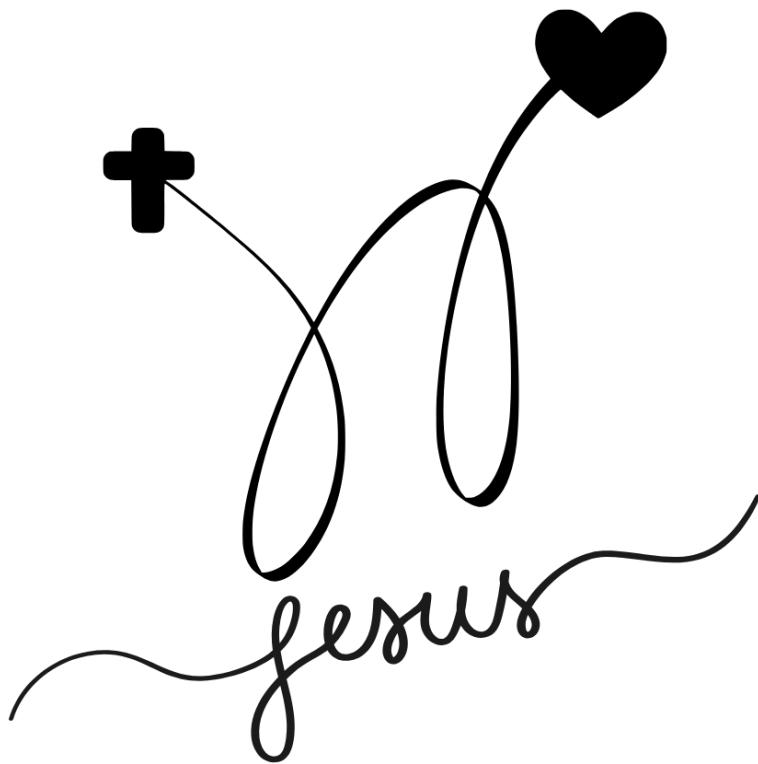


January 26, 2025
Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM



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, 02/02/2025

Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Blended at 10:00 AM

Budget Meeting at 11AM

To contact the Church, call the office at 440-238-7890

or email firstchurchalive@hotmail.com

Secretary Office Hours are Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PM

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Don't forget that if you ever have any questions or concerns,
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Music

Call to Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Songs:

"Church on Fire"

"Arise"

Prayer

Lesson:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Children's Sharing Time

Sermon "The Body of Christ"

Song:

"We Are Blessed"

KID'S HOPE USA COMMISSIONING

KHUSA Director, Gloria: Would all of the KHUSA mentors, prayer partners, and leadership staff please come forward at this time?

Congregation, would please rise as you are able and join us in the following responsive reading and prayer as we commission these brothers and sisters to serve Whitney Elementary School in the name of Jesus?

Gloria: Lord as we mentor this year we ask for your blessing upon our partnership at Whitney Elementary school as we serve the students, faculty, and staff in your name.

Congregation: Help us, O God, to faithfully support and encourage the men and women who are a part of our KIDS HOPE USA program. Guide them, O God, as they serve students from our community.

Pastor Kathy: Father, this school year brings with it both an opportunity for growth, as well as the fear of potential loss.

Congregation: God, help our brothers and sisters to be instruments of transformation. Help them to speak words which will heal and inspire. Help them to be fully present with their students, whether in prayer or in person.

Gloria: For each relationship between a mentor, student, and prayer partner, Lord we give you thanks. Give us eyes to see the students in our care as you see them.

Congregation: Thank you, O God, that we are all created in your image. May your Spirit enable and energize these mentors to be models of your love, befriending the children of Whitney with joyful hearts and open arms.

Pastor Kathy: For the celebrations and challenges that lay ahead in these relationships, Lord we give you thanks.

Congregation: Sustain our brothers and sisters, O God, as they commit to faithful relationships with students. Help them to be joyful, patient, and prayerful in all circumstances. Open the door for your love to be made known.

Gloria: Thank you Lord for the leadership in our church and for the ways that they are leading us to be a compassionate and caring body of people.

Everyone: We give you thanks, O God, for the opportunity to live our faith in relationships with others. May we bring glory, honor, and praise to your Name. Amen

Offering

Prayers of the People to “Our Father”

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song: *“Jesus Saves”*

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, Hayley 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, 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, Ryan Kuchta, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder, Dakota Salay

Homebound

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

KIDS HOPE USA MENTORS AND PRAYER PARTNERS

January 2024

MENTORS

Pierre David
Sheri Gist
Marj Gray
Bruce Holderead
Craig Kaiser
Kathleen Kluck
Deb Lennex
Kerry McLemore
Claudia Meyer
Reiner Mueller
Gloria Reichert
Pat Sauernheimer
Bob Strong
Sandy Treudler
Jim Zakrajsek
June Zakrajsek

PRAYER PARTNERS

Beth David
Bob Jacob
Linda Browning
Monika Mueller
Judy Peach
Wade Zwingler
Linda Lauschin
Jacquie McLemore
Amy Kuntz
Linda Walker
Dawn Zima
Gayle Kovach
Sue Ludwig
Ray Treudler
Alli Thellman
Joelle Kluck

SUBSTITUTES

Barb Krueger, Karil Piskar, Paul Schlacht, Kelly Worsencroft, Sam Reichert

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sam Reichert, Vickie Hughes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 5th - Children Who Witness Violence Program of Frontline Services will be the Charity Keg Tappers for the Hofbräuhaus's Cleveland monthly Keg Tapping event.

Reservations are at 5:30 PM, Keg Tapping is at 6:30 PM. 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 2nd bit.ly/FEB5HOF



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/FLCLENT2025



WORSHIP CHANGE & FIRST CHURCH BUDGET MEETING

On Sunday February 2nd, 2025 Sunday School will be at 9 AM, Worship will be at 10 AM to allow time for our Annual Budget Meeting at 11:00 AM. We need to have a quorum of at least 75 members to vote on and approve the budget.

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)

STEWARDSHIP – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A key factor in our successful fall Stewardship Campaign was working under the guidance of a program called "Stewardship For All Seasons." As the name implies, stewardship is more than just an annual pledge drive or raising money. The group that leads this program is offering over the next 4 months a 4 session webinar entitled "Volunteer Recruitment and Retention" - another area of major focus for First Church. The first Zoom session is this Thursday, January 30 from noon to 2:00pm. It is free and open to as many members as we'd like to participate.

This is a critical need for every aspect of our church; would you consider participating? No obligation, just see what you might learn that would be helpful to growing our volunteer efforts. If interested (even if you can't make this first session), please contact Wayne Mosley at wmosley238@gmail.com or 440-478-4736 and he can provide you with further information.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

There are several open routes available for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to seniors in the City of Strongsville. ROUTE 3 - Thursdays Week 1 (starting Feb 6th), ROUTE 3 – Fridays Week 1 (starting Feb 7th), ROUTE 3 – Tuesdays Week 3 (starting Jan 21st), ROUTE 3 – Tuesdays Week 4 (starting Jan 28th), ROUTE 4 – Wednesdays Week 2 (starting Feb 12th), ROUTE 4 – Thursdays Week 2 (starting Feb 13th), ROUTE 5 – Tuesdays Week 1 (starting Feb 4th), ROUTE 5 – Tuesdays Week 3 (starting Feb 18th) – ***If you are interested in volunteering as a driver, contact Chris Foell at 440-823-8590 or email foelfamily5@gmail.com***

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.

FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next book is The Silent Sister by Diane Chamberlain. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick on February 22 at 10:00. Happy reading!

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 if you have any questions.

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!

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 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

*In
Loving
Memory*



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Philip "Lucky" Browning on his 85th birthday from his family, including 11 children, 26 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. He will never be forgotten.

Last Week's Attendance
9 AM - 76
11:15 AM - 48
Online - 20

Jan/Feb Worship Times
02/02 - 10 AM
02/09 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
02/16 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM
02/23 - 9 AM & 11:15 AM

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Reader

Vanessa Smith Whitford

Ushers

Emma and Evan Hartman

Counters

Daphne Leon, Ingrid Naso,
Pat Sauernheimer

Altar Guild

Barb Kreuger, Jaquie McLemore,
Shelly Hoffman

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 01/26

KIDS HOPE LUNCHEON – 12:15 pm

Monday, 01/27

AA – 8:00 PM

Confirmation Class – 7 PM – 9 PM

Tuesday, 01/28

Stephen Ministry – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Toastmasters - 7:00 PM

Sunday 02/02

Congregational Budget
Meeting – 11 AM