

**March 2, 2025  
Contemporary Worship  
9:00 AM**



**GRACE**

**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, 03/09/2025**

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](mailto:firstchurchalive@hotmail.com)

Secretary Office Hours are Tuesday & Wednesday 10 AM – 1 PM

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,  
you may contact your Council representatives:

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Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs:

*“Today is the Day”*

*“Grace Wins”*

Prayer

Lesson:

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Bishop Laura Barbins

Song:

*“The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”*

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful to “Our Father”

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song:

*“Open Up the Sky”*

Dismissal

Music

# **PRAYERS**

## **Deaths in the Family**

The Zwingler Family as the mourn the loss of Wade's mother, Mary Zwingler.

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The Salay and Grabowski family as the mourn the loss of Baby Elosie.

## **Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating**

Susie Siebert, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Paula McKee, Marj Gray, Carla Kulka, Pastor Dave Anderson, 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, Roberta Ress

## **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 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

***Road Trip On The Go With God June 23 - 26, 2025, 9 AM – 11:30 AM***

Join Scout as he takes us on a Road Trip full of wonderful adventures.

Be part of making this Road Trip a fun experience for the 'Travelers' (kids), while they learn God is always with them. Each session has an easy-to-use guide for planning your program and the tools needed to accomplish a fun-filled adventure. Please sign up to be a session leader or helper by filling out the volunteer form, by using this link <https://bit.ly/2025flcvbs> or scanning the QR code



If you have any questions, please give me a call: Vicki Hughes 216-559-4156

## LENTEN WORSHIP BEGINS

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next book is The Last Bookshop in London by Madeline Martin. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick on March 15th at 10:00. Happy reading!

## **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](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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## **TIME/TALENT COORDINATOR POSITION**

We are happy to announce Barbara Nalette is joining the staff of First Church as our Time/Talents Coordinator. Barbara is a certified administrator of volunteer services (CAVS) who has over 30 years of volunteer management experience in her previous role as Director of Volunteer Services at University Hospitals. She is excited about this new role and looks forward to working with each and every one of you. Barbara and her husband, Paul, have been members of First Church for over 40 years. We look forward to having Barbara in this role.



**The Altar Flowers are given  
to the Glory of God by  
The Bailey Family in  
celebration of Denny and  
Prestyn's Birthdays  
And The Zakrajsek Family in  
loving memory of  
Ann & Reta Fox.  
The bulletins this week in  
celebration of Olivia's 15<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday!**

**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**  
**03/19 – 7:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer**  
**03/23 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM**  
**03/26 – 7:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer**  
**03/30 – 9 AM & 11:15 AM**

**Thank you to the following  
volunteers:**  
**Reader**  
**Steve Harris**  
**Ushers**  
**Holly and Tammy Widdows**  
**Counters**  
**Wade Zwingler, Jeff Stanley,  
Reiner Mueller**  
**Altar Guild**  
**Jacquie Mclemore, Barb Kreuger,  
Shelly Hoffmann**

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, 03/03**  
AA – 8:00 PM  
**Tuesday, 03/04**  
Stephen Ministry – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Al Anon - 7:00 PM  
**Wednesday, 03/05**  
Ash Wednesday Service  
11 AM & 7:30 PM

**Last Week's Attendance**  
**9 AM – 65**  
**11:15 AM - 40**  
**Online – 30**