

**October 20, 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, 10/27/2024**

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  
or email [firstchurchalive@hotmail.com](mailto:firstchurchalive@hotmail.com)  
Secretary Office Hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 to 12:00 PM  
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

Song: *“Father, Spirit, Jesus”*  
*“Start a Fire”*

Prayer

Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Pastor Jim Kulma

Song: *“We Believe”*

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful to “Our Father”

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Song: *“No Chains on Me”*

Dismissal

Music

# PRAYERS

## **Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating**

Susie Siebert

## **Military Members**

Austin Holley

## **Stephen Ministry Leaders**

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David

## **On-going Prayers**

Natalie David, Peter Mazzeo, Linda Stanley, Abbey Uline, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Dianne Mosley, Tia (Simpson) Russell, The Fox Family, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Deb Wise, Elaine, Jim Cochran, Rob Shoens, Sue Naypauer, Connie, Michael Otto, Jessica Walsh, Sue Widdows, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Dennis Beckman, Bonnie Bailey, Bruce Piper, Josh, Cynthia, Sara, Dennis Bailey, Darlene Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Karil Piskur, Jamie Mewhinney, Norma Cubano, Curt Kowalewski, Bob Schulz, Sarah Franko, Bill Bartkus, Jim Taylor

## **Homebound**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **THRIVENT MEMBERS – YOUR HELP NEEDED**

Calling all Thrivent members! We are looking to compile a list of current Thrivent members. This will allow us to better utilize Thrivent Action Cards and to promote First Lutheran as a recipient of Thrivent Choice dollars. Please reach out to the office, if you own Thrivent products.

## **TRUNK OR TREAT – HELP NEEDED**

- We are in need of someone with a truck to pick up hay bales, corn stalks and pumpkins to decorate the exterior of the church for Trunk or Treat.
- We could also like volunteers to assist with working at and/or decorating for Trunk or Treat. Please contact Maureen Shorts at 440-725-0445.

## **TRUNK OR TREAT – TRUNKS NEEDED**

Our Annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, 10/26 is quickly approaching and we need YOUR trunks! Please plan to arrive around 2 PM to set up and decorate your car's trunk, bring candy to pass out to our "Trunk or Treaters" and enjoy the day. Please scan the QR code or use the link [bit.ly/TRorTR24Cong](https://bit.ly/TRorTR24Cong)



## **2025 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

Living (and Giving) God's Love- can you think of a better way to show thanks for all of God's gifts?

The 2025 Stewardship Campaign is a perfect reminder of the mission of First Lutheran as we find areas to demonstrate our devotion to living (and giving) God's love. During the next few weeks, members of our congregation will talk about how each of our focus areas has the ability to make a positive impact and serve others. Information about each of the focus areas will also be shared through emails and the mail. On Sunday, November 10, we will have our Stewardship Sunday celebration where we invite you to return your intent card and rejoice in God's generosity while living (and giving) God's love.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

There are several opportunities to use your gifts to help serve our Church Ministries, both during worship and outside of Sunday Morning Worship. If you are interested, please contact the person in charge of the Ministry for additional details:

- **Mutual Ministry Committee:**

The Mutual Ministry Committee works to strengthen the mission of the congregation by facilitating good communications, supporting and mentoring the staff in their ministries and supporting the Council in its work. Mutual Ministry works to build trust between the congregation, staff, and church leadership and assists with conflict resolution when necessary. The chairperson of Mutual Ministry and members of the committee must have the ability to speak candidly

but with care, have a commitment to keeping confidences and show sensitivity to the feelings of others.

Interested? Please contact Dawn Zima at 440-821-6545 for more information.

- **Counting Team Ministry:**

Do you like to count money? We WANT you! We are looking for some folks, (18+yr) to join a team, to count the offering every 6 weeks, after the last Sunday service. All training provided.

Contact Terri Mosley for more info at [terrimosley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:terrimosley@sbcglobal.net) or text 440-785-5177

- **Readers/Communion Assistants Ministry:**

We are in need of additional volunteers to read lessons and assist with communion. It's an approximately once every 6-week commitment. You will read one or two lessons on the week you are scheduled and then you may be asked assist with communion. You will be scheduled for the service that you typically attend, so no change to your worship attendance is required.

Contact Barb Krueger for more information: [Kruegbg@att.net](mailto:Kruegbg@att.net) or 440-590-3336

## **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



## **CALLING ANY AND ALL MUSICIANS!**

Join us in praising God with music this Program Year! ANYone can praise God through music! ANY age. ANY experience level. ANY instrument. ANY voice. First Church is the perfect place to share your talents. We have a Brass Choir, Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Contemporary Praise Band. We also have solo and small group opportunities. ALL you need is a desire to praise God through music! We'll take care of the rest. Contact Zack Richards for more information. ALL are welcome in this place!

## **NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS – CONTINUED PRAYERS REQUESTED**

We are excited and blessed to add Bob Strong, Phil King, Pat Sauernheimer, Marsha Ginley, and Pam Simpson to our Stephen Ministry team.

They are our new Stephen Ministers. They will be in training from the beginning of November 2024 through the beginning of May 2025. They, along with the Stephen Leader team who will be training them, need your prayers for guidance, patience, and confidence to move forward in this amazing ministry. Many thanks to Bob, Phil, Pat, Marsha, and Pam for their dedication to Stephen Ministry.

## **MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE - 18 & OVER**

The First Church Men's Basketball will be starting up on October 10th for the Men over 18 at Kinsner Elementary School, Thursdays at 7:30pm beginning in October. If interested, please contact Ray Treudler, [raysort1@yahoo.com](mailto:raysort1@yahoo.com) or 440-829-5316

## **STRONGSVILLE FOOD BANK**

The Strongsville Food Bank is in need of Spaghetti O's, Pork & Beans, Mac & Cheese, Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Boxed Baked Goods and Cereal.

## **FIRST CHURCH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Our next Book Club meeting will take place Saturday, October 26th at 10:00 AM. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow Ln in Brunswick to discuss *The Girl in His Shadow* by Audrey Blake. Happy reading!

## **WATOTO RETURNS!**

First Church has the privilege to host the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda again this November! Watoto is a Christian organization that houses orphans and victims of violence in Uganda. They take many of the kids around the world to sing of God's works and love. We will need 9-10 homes to host the children on Tuesday, November 19th. All that is needed is transportation from and to the church, a warm shower and bed for each child, a healthy snack, breakfast, and sack lunch. If interested, sign up at the welcome center or contact Zack Richards at [zack87@zackrichards.com](mailto:zack87@zackrichards.com) or 330-689-6534 or the church office for more information.



**The Altar Flowers are given to the  
Glory of God by  
The Sawitzke Family in celebration  
of Bob and Sara's Wedding  
And  
Pat Sauernheimer to the Glory of  
God for my church family, I'm so  
blessed!**

**Last Week's Attendance**  
**9 AM – 64**  
**11:15 AM - 37**  
**Online – 30**

**Thank you to the following volunteers:**

**Reader**

Tony Rugar

**Ushers**

Maureen & Ron Shorts

**Counters**

Sam Reichert, Reiner Mueller

**Altar Guild**

Barb Krueger, Jacquie McLemore,  
Shelley Hoffman

**Communion Assistants**

Tony Rugar, Melina Rugar, Pam Simpson

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Monday, 10/21**

AA – 8:00 PM

Bible Bonanza Meeting – 6 PM

Confirmation Meeting - 7:30 PM

**Tuesday, 10/22**

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Toastmasters - 7:00 PM

**Thursday, 10/24**

Celebration – 6:30 PM