

September, 22nd 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, 09/29/2024

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
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,
you may contact your Council representatives:

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Music

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Songs:

"That's What We Came Here For"
"Breathe"

Prayer

Lesson:

Mark 9:30-37

Children's Sharing Time

Sermon

"Drawing Near to God"

Song:

"Fresh Fire"

Offering

Prayers of the Faithful

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Song:

"Open Up the Sky"

Dismissal

Music

PRAYERS

Death in the Family

Our Sympathy and Prayers to family and friends of The Bewie Family as they mourn the loss of Dave's mother, Alice Bewie

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Kellie Kulka, Jim Taylor

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, Audie Kiplinger, Carrie Deal, Karil Piskur, Jamie Mewhinney, Norma Cubano, Curt Kowalewski, Bob Schulz, Sarah Franko

Homebound

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN WHO WINE SEPTEMBER EVENT

All women are invited to attend the Women Who Wine (and those that don't) on Wednesday, September 25th at the Shorts Home 12901 Annabell Dr Columbia Station, at 6 PM. Please sign up to bring either a bottle of wine or an appetizer to share. Please use the QR code or the link <https://bit.ly/www0925> to sign up and let us know you will be attending!



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.

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 or 440-829-5316.

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.



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.

2024 ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN DONATIONS

Sign-up sheets are on The Welcome Center, there are still vase spots for September, October and December.

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!

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 or the church office for more information.

STEPHEN MINISTRY PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for our Stephen Ministry Leaders - Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, and Maureen Harris. Please, prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister who provides Christian care for those experiencing life's difficulties. Applications to become a Stephen Minister are available in the church office and are due on TODAY.

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 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 or 440-590-3336



**The Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory Of God by
Dawn Zima in celebration of
Dawn and John's
30th Wedding Anniversary
And
Jeff and Ellen Kolman in
celebration of their
33rd Wedding Anniversary**

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Reader

Amy Kuntz

Ushers

Bill and Sheryl Hurley

Counters

Ingrid Naso, Daphne Leon,

Pat Sauernheimer

Altar Guild

Barb Krueger, Shelley Hoffman,

Jacquie McLemore

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 09/23

AA – 8:00 PM

Tuesday, 09/24

Al Anon - 7:00 PM

Toastmasters - 7:00 PM

Last Week's Attendance

9 AM - 72

11:15 AM - 44