



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

JANUARY 2026 SCROLL

"God is among us!"

*"We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive,
reconcile, and trust God for all that we need."*

WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT - DIANE GREENE

Approximately 175 people attended our 7:00 Christmas Eve service this year. Many were regular attendees, some came from quite a distance to attend FLC because of memories, and others came for a variety of reasons. But for sure all came to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us. Seeing the pews filled with families chatting with new and old friends and children looking around in awe of all the lights and all activities going on made me smile with joy. Since I was sitting by myself, I enjoyed observing and participating from a slightly different perspective. What a beautiful experience! I could feel the presence of the Lord was with us.

The Lord has allowed us to use this beautiful church for our church services, meetings, events and to serve others. This year I have tried to keep FLC alive and well. I learned quickly it does "take a village" to get projects completed and problems solved. A council president only listens, helps, guides, suggests and delegates. Our congregation members are the ones who "get it done"! I could fill this page with names of individuals who have made a huge difference this year. We are a vibrant and thriving hurch!

This is my last month of service as president. I have enjoyed the "full time job", as I called it. At times it was frustrating with issues, but I found every issue had some sort of resolution. I honestly felt God helping all the way. He followed me everywhere throughout the church building or at home, when I was on the phone or at a meeting. He was there guiding me gently!

Thank you for the experience. (It was not on my bucket list!)

AND Thankyou, GOD!

Diane Greene,
Church Council President

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**JANUARY
FEBRUARY
MARCH**



Life Line Screening

will be here

**Wednesday,
March 4**

9a-5:30p

in the
Fellowship Hall.

Register now to check the
health of your arteries.

To register please call 888-814-0466 or
go to
<https://lisa.social/HC>

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: 1Lutheran

**Thursday
March 12
12pm to 6pm**



WEST OHIO FOOD BANK

Will be here

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Thursday, March 26, 2026



Food Distribution
begins at 1pm and
continues until food
is gone.

If you or someone you know s in need of food assistance
please share the invitation to come and
let the WOFB help fill their food pantries.

For more information call
FISH of Tiffin at 419 618-7724

Or
E-mail Catherine Gase at csgase@gmail.com

Application forms can be obtained
on the Church Office Bulletin Board

FISH FOOD PANTRY

Has been providing food assistance to persons in
Seneca County since 1972

The Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

You must call to make an appointment at

419 448-0690

If you have questions or interested in volunteering, Please contact
Catherine Gase at 419 618-7724



Church Events



**On December 14th,
Rudy Olive Blue Daniel,
daughter of
Sarah & Jacob Daniel
was Baptized**

**We also Welcome her parents'
Sarah & Jacob Daniel
as they expressed their desire to
become active members of First.**



**Council Members for 2026
will be installed
Sunday
February 8, 2026
During the Service.**

BOOKWORMS ANONYMOUS

Our Bookworms will continue to gather the 3rd Monday of the month at 1:30 pm in the Church Library. Everyone who loves a good book is welcome to attend. If you would like more information, contact Diane Greene.



January 19:

A New Song, by Jan Karon

February 16:

The Frozen River, by Ariel Lawhon

March 16 :

A Gentleman in Moscow, by Amor Towles

PIECE CORP

The Piece Corp continues to meet
every 2nd Wednesday of the month
at 9 am.

Next meetings will be -

Jan. 14th, Feb. 11th & March 11



QUILTING GROUP

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

January 25, 2026

After Service

POTATO BAR

To Follow

A Quick Reminder

Since the winter months are upon us,
please be mindful of the weather.

Under a Level 3 Snow emergency there will be no
worship services and the office will be closed.

Under a Level 2, we may opt to cancel services and
close the office, depending on the situation.

Notifications will be sent via email
and broadcast on WTTF.

Radio: WTTF (93.3 FM)
TV: WTOL (channel 11, CBS)
TV: WNOW (channel 24, NBC)
TV: WTVG (channel 13, ABC)



GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES! - JANUARY

Our Preschool classes have been very busy! The class has continued learning about the alphabet, focusing on letters "E" and "F" and reviewing letters "A" through "F". They have also been doing various Christmas-related activities. The children loved making snowmen from playdough, buttons and sticks. They also enjoyed making Christmas trees out of the magnetic tiles. The class had a visitor from the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library and also had Linda Rose visit their class, again. Linda is in charge of the "Out and About Preschool", which is held at Garlo Park in Bloomville. She is awesome and loves doing "Hands-on Activities" with the children. This month, she brought parts of a decaying deer for the children to observe and handle! The children always enjoy dancing, yoga and gross motor movement with videos on our smart tv.

The School age students have enjoyed a "Snow Day" and two "Two Hour Delays" already during the month of December. Tiffin City Schools will be on Christmas Break December 22 through January 2, 2026! Our Preschool will also be closed this entire time. A letter was given to all parents before Thanksgiving, to sign up for daycare during break, in order to determine if enough people needed our services. Very few people needed us during break, so our Extended Care will also be closed during this time! We all look forward to spending time with family and friends and relaxing a little bit (after all of the shopping, wrapping, baking and cooking is finished)!

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

As always, Thank you for your support! It is greatly appreciated! Donations of art supplies, apple juice or prayers are always welcome!

Sincerely,

Jane Frederick,

Director,
FLEC/Extended Care





- 5 Evelyn Marker
- 7 Kathy Bosse
- 8 Diane Greene
Shelley Ross
- 18 Pat Wise
Judy Kimmel
- 22 Sue Johnson
- 25 Kendra Bosse
- 27 Melissa Chester
- 29 Phil Engle



- 1 Garrett Vaughn
- 4 Connie English
Kennedy Garlock
Kiersten Garlock
- 5 Nancy Betz
Pat Rathburn
- 8 Larry Frankenfeld
Jeff Shawberry
- 9 Jeanette Conley
Bud Cook Jr.
Ron Hall
Anna Wildman
- 11 Dan Kontak
Boomer Roszman
- 13 Bonnie Frankenfeld
Lindsey Kobelt
- 14 Lori Vallery
Angie Vaughn
- 18 Becky Leopold
Kayson Matter
- 19 Mike Griffin
Kasidi Reis-Kelly
James Ruess
- 20 Linda Ellinger
Debra Hohman
Connie Spittler
Alice Zoll
- 23 Judy Ryman
- 25 Becky Bennett
Hunter Stark
Lori Adkins
- 26 Tyler Phares
- 28 Chloe Orians



- 1 Caden Groves
- 2 Evelyn Cole
- 2 Kenny Thomasson
- 3 Wendy Bailey
- 3 Andrea Cleveland
- 3 Mary Hoyda
- 3 Bowen Leopold
- 5 Pat Digby
- 5 Niyah Ducksworth
- 5 Joan Ruffing
- 7 Michaela Griffin
- 8 Jace Margraf
- 8 Kael Margraf
- 10 Ava Collins
- 11 Ginny Bowers
- 11 Kelly Cook
- 11 Tori Lee
- 14 Carlo Adams
- 14 Sally Moffett
- 14 Ken Zeop
- 15 Tyler Dunbar
- 16 Hunter Walland
- 20 Colby Fay
- 20 Kai Hoyda
- 22 Vicki Ryman
- 24 Andrea Eckelberry
- 26 Morgan Schulz
- 27 Jack Fay
- 27 Krew Stephens
- 27 Barb Vogel
- 28 Richard Ellinger
- 31 Emma Hall

Please let the office know if there are any updates to our birthday list.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ***10:00 A.M.***

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Ways to attend church

in-person,
on the radio @93.3 FM,
Facebook (firstlutherantiffin)

The bulletin can be viewed each week
On the church web site.
It can be downloaded and
Printed to follow along with the service

It is also e-mailed to members usually on
the Wednesday or Thursday before the
Sunday.

If you aren't receiving this e-mail
please let the office know and we can add
your e-mail to the list.

Missed a Sunday? No Problem!
Past weeks bulletins are located on the
pew near the chapel

FINANCIAL REPORT

	November	YTD
<i>First Lutheran Church</i>		
Income	\$9,878.31	\$124,429.23
Expense	\$13,136.15	\$192,268.07
Church Summary	-\$3,257.84	-\$67,838.84

<i>First Lutheran Pre-School</i>		
Income	\$10,743.79	\$103,488.39
Expense	\$9,339.87	\$93,215.67
School Summary	\$1,403.92	\$10,272.72

<i>Combined Summary</i>		
Income	\$20,622.10	\$227,917.62
Expenses	\$22,476.02	\$285,483.74
Total Summary	-\$1,853.92	-\$57,566.12

Total Church Operating budget for 2025 is \$207,948.
\$3,999 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses
and the weekly offerings have averaged \$2,389.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like the congregation to pray for someone
during the Prayers of Intercession, please raise your hand during the
announcements (or take a card while picking up the bulletin) and the
hosts will give you a card to write their name on. It will be collected at the
end of announcements.

This is only done that same Sunday, so it will
need to be repeated every week



WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY	READER	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	PASTOR
01/04/2026	Melissa Chester	Melissa Chester	Nominees		Pastor Brent Gardner
01/11/2026	Shelley Ross	Shelley Ross	Janet Zirger	The Rosses	Pastor Mark Schuring
01/18/2026	Shelley Ross	Shelley Ross	Janet Zirger	The Rosses	Pastor Mark Schuring
01/25/2026	Jonathan Nominee	Jonathan Nominee	Judy Kimmel	The Rosses	Rick Greene
ALTAR GUILD	Donna Brueggemeier, Sharon Losey, Deb Hohman				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	READER	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	PASTOR
02/01/2026	Melissa Chester	Melissa Chester			
02/08/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
02/15/2026	Jonathan Nominee	Jonathan Nominee			Pastor Mark Schuring
02/22/2026					
ALTAR GUILD	Deb & Jonathan Nominee				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR MARCH

SUNDAY	READER	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	PASTOR
03/01/2026					Pastor Dittmar
03/08/2026					Pastor Schuring
03/15/2026					Pastor Schuring
03/22/2026					
03/29/2026					
ALTAR GUILD	Sandy & Ron Mellott				

It takes many hands to help make worship happen each week. Would you prayerfully consider joining in lending a hand? If so, please contact Melissa Chester at melis-sac@qt2.com as she helps put this schedule together.

Thank you to Melissa and all those who donate their time and energy to this need.



LIFE IN TRANSITION

**** NEW PROCEDURES ****



Boxed numbered donation envelopes were not ordered this year due to cost. However, we do have a lot left over from other years and if you would like to continue to use the personalized ones, please let the office know. For those who consistently used the numbered envelopes they can be picked up on the lobby table.

If you would like an End of Year Giving Statement.

Please sign the Sheet on the Information Board or let the office know. Due to the amount of statements not picked up last year, these will not be automatically printed for everyone. We will be happy to print anyone that would like to have one.



This year we are starting a new procedure for ordering the Altar Flowers. We can no longer send out an invoice for payment reminder, so instead we are asking for payment using the new Altar Flower Envelopes.



- Please** 1) Pick the date that you want to reserve as a dedication.
- 2) Write your name on the date you want to reserve on the small calendar.
- 3) Fill out the Altar Flower Envelope with the information requested and payment.
- 4) Return it with the offering collection or bring to the office and leave in basket.

Scheduled Meetings

These groups meet every month on the same day and time

Council: every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM

Piece Corp: every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:00AM

Bookworms: every 3rd Monday of the month at 1:30PM

Food Bank: every 4th Thursday at 1:00PM

Worship & Music: every 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM

Property Committee: every 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 PM

These groups meet every week on the same day and time

Bell Choir Practice: every Monday at 5:15 PM

Bible Study: every Monday at 10:00 AM at the Willows

Please feel free to attend anyone of these meetings





First Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025

Present: Beth Margraf, Linda Warren, Melissa Chester, Alice Smith, Diane Greene, Rick Greene,
Sue Johnson Absent: Steve Huffman

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda with correction of January 25th instead of 26 th by Alice Smith and Sue Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

August Minutes:

Motioned to accept the minutes with correction of striking names of bank and Investment accounts by Melissa Chester and seconded by Alice Smith. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Steve Huffman emailed the council members October Financial Reports Total income for October was \$13220.49. Total expenses were \$11,886.23. Preschool's income was \$11064.56. Total expenses were \$8,008.39. Total Summary was \$4390.43. Checking account as of 10/31/25 is \$34,950.60. Investment fund balance on 9/30/25 was \$393,481.88. Weekly offerings have averaged \$2,460. \$3999 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses. Motion to approve financial report was made by Melissa Chester and seconded by Linda Warren.

Old Business:

Earl Mechanical – Diane reported everything to get through winter have been completed. News on a member's estate – A discussion was held on ways to show appreciation to the family. Repairs to Nave/ Fellowship Hall- Diane reported the accordion doors were fixed by Jim Ruess and Pete Myers along with half of the lights. The outside lights were fixed at the corner of the rental house.

New Business:

Events in November & December: November 23rd church going to change decorations to Christmas, and November 30th is Tuba Christmas. Christmas Eve will have one service this year at 7:00pm. Annual reports for committee chairs are requested to be turned in to the office by January 1st. Funeral, Baptism, new member family – Diane reported Pastor Bill Schultz did a funeral and the Daniel Family will be coming new members and having their youngest baptized. Congregational Meeting is scheduled for January 25th .

Committee Reports:

Childhood Ministry – Met October 29 2025. Registration remains the same. Olivia Myers has started teaching. Fall pictures were taken October 23rd. Linda Rose from Seneca County parks visited October 30th . Extended care has added several students, increasing from 51 to 55. Extended care was offered on days TCS was closed in October. Department of Children and Youth (DCY) came and did an inspection October 7th . The only write ups were for some medical forms that have not been returned. Jane will send them in when completed. The board has decided not to participate in Step Up to Quality this year.

Worship & Music – Melissa Chester reported the final revision of the Wedding guide is being completed and will be reviewed at their next meeting. Kelly King will be checking out lighting issues and giving a proposal for costs. Poinsettias were ordered by Deb Hohman and a donation of \$15.00 will be asked. Melissa continues to work on filling worship positions. Sharon Losey organized a display for Veteran's Day. Advent candles will be lit at Advent services in the same way as last year. The church secretary is organizing a new system of using offering envelopes. The envelopes will be stamped on the back for members to enter their information. More to come on this project. Next meeting will be December 3rd .

Transition Committee – It was reported they will be meeting again December 1st and then again with Pastor Poole via Zoom.

Property Report:

Reported fixing the accordion door in Fellowship Hall, and outside lights on the house and fellowship hall. Janet Zirger had a meeting with Sound Systems about better sound in our Facebook broadcast and issues with our phone system. M.J. Brown was contacted about the downspout on the northwest corner of the fellowship hall, several eave spouts which do not drain properly and some black streaking on the roof.

Finance:

No report.

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday December 17, at 5:30. Linda Warren motioned to adjourn. Sue Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Margraf



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FYI, because of the file size of the monthly Scroll it has to be sent out by Constant Contact E-mail in segments.

You will find you will receive E-mail notifications of
Monthly Scroll Part 1, Part 2 and maybe even Part 3.

I am trying to make this letter as informational, interesting and future scheduling as possible, which means a bigger file size. I apologize for this inconvenience.

If you have anything you would like to add to the monthly scroll, please let me. I'll be happy to include it.

Gloria

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