

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

APRIL 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 - LINDA WARREN

April Newsletter

It has been so good to see so many at church services for the last few weeks. Spring is here and warmer weather approaches. And like the tulips and crocuses, people pop up at church. Our congregation will bloom with familiar faces in the future. At least that is my hope and prayer.

Easter will be here and a new awakening comes with it. I love to see the world turning green and flowers blooming. The world is awakening, like Christ's resurrection. Let us welcome the resurrection and rebirth that is spring.

Many of us think of mowing and planting again. We plant gardens and flowers, and farmers plant crops. Birds sing and nests fill with new life. Many animals have their young during this time of rebirth. We have more daylight and less darkness. We accept these as annual changes and scientists tell us that this is all natural. They can explain these things

your family. Notice the changes in the world around you.
May God Bless.

In Love, Peace and Harmony:
Wishing you Love to Lighten your Heart:
Wishing you Peace to Soothe your Spirit:
Wishing you Harmony to Fill your life with Happiness.

Linda Warren

FLC Members,

A heartfelt thank you to the congregation for the beautiful nativity set. So simple and precious, as it should be! The perfect addition to our collection. Thank you, also, for allowing me to serve you as council president. It was both a pleasure and daunting yet rewarding. With God's guidance, we stayed the course. The baton has been handed to Linda. "Linda, we are here for you!"

God Bless,
Diane Greene

Thank You

Special thank you to Ann Koning for her much needed donation of stamps.



Special thank you to Dr. & Kathy Bosse for the donation of a blood pressure monitor & cuff.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**MAY
JUNE**



Register now to check the health of your arteries.
To register please call 888-814-0466 or go to <https://llsa.social/HC>

Life Line Screening

will be here
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
9a-5:30p
in the Fellowship Hall.

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



WEST OHIO FOOD BANK

Will be here
Thursday, April 23, 2026
Thursday, May 28, 2026
Thursday, June 25, 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

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

Tuesday
May 12th
12pm to 6pm

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



Week	Mower	Week	Mower
04/02	Jim Ruess	08/06	Rick Nominee
04/09	Pete Myers	08/13	Bob Fruth
04/16	John Kobelt	08/20	Jim Ruess
04/23	Rick Nominee	08/27	Pete Myers
04/30	Jim Ruess		
05/07	Pete Myers	09/03	John Kobelt
05/14	John Kobelt	09/10	Rick Nominee
05/21	Rick Nominee	09/17	Jim Ruess
05/28	Steve Livoti	09/24	Pete Myers
06/04	Steve Livoti	10/01	John Kobelt
06/11	Jim Ruess	10/08	Rick Nominee
06/18	Pete Myers	10/15	Jim Ruess
06/25	John Kobelt	10/22	Pete Myers
		10/29	John Kobelt
07/02	Rick Nominee		
07/09	Bob Fruth	11/05	Rick Nominee
07/16	Jim Ruess	11/12	Jim Ruess
07/23	Pete Myers		
07/30	John Kobelt		



**Seneca County Council on
Homelessness
Annual Gala**

There's No Place Like Home

Thursday, April 30, 2026
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
\$30 Per Person
The MilkHouse Barn Reception and Event Center
4501 State Route 67, Tiffin, OH



CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026



MAUNDY
Thursday

Maundy Thursday
April 2nd, 2026
7:00 p.m.
 We gather in the upper room with Jesus and his disciples as we are Guided to Service, modeled in the washing of feet and the breaking of bread.



Good Friday
April 3, 2026
7:00 p.m.

In the darker hours of the evening the Cross speaks as we are Guided by the Sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus.



Easter Sunday
April 5, 2025
10:00 a.m.
 Sound the trumpet!
 Proclaim the good news!
 Death does not have the final say.
 The Cross speaks words of victory as we are Guided to New Life as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

DAY	READER	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTES	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	PASTOR
04/02/2026	Rick Greene	Rick Greene		Roger	Barbara Roger Green



Thank You to Our Lent Volunteers

As we come to the close of this sacred Lenten season, our church family wants to express deep gratitude to every volunteer who gave their time, energy, and heart over these past weeks. Lent invites us into reflection, sacrifice, and service, and each of you lived out those callings in beautiful and meaningful ways.



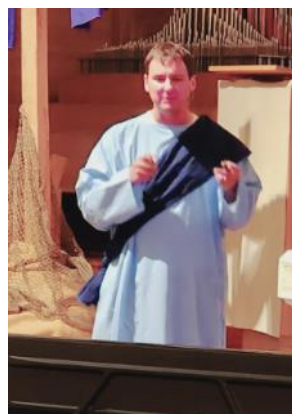
Rick Greene as Peter



**Diane Greene
as
Mary, Mother of Jesus**



Mike Oberlander as John



**Nevin Martin
as
Judas**



Special Thank You
to
Curtis L. King,
for all his hard
work in making this
season come
together.



**Bonnie Oberlander
as
Mary Magdalene**

Thank you to everyone who attended our soup suppers during Lent! A special thank you

welcome to attend. If you would like more information, contact Diane Greene.



April 20:
The Briar Club, by Kate Quinn

May 18:
Eruption, by Michael Crichton/James Patterson

June 10:
The Daughters of Erietown, by Rebecca Regnier

every 2nd Wednesday of the month
at 9 am.

Next meetings will be -

- April 15
- May 13
- June 10th



QUILTING GROUP

New publications of the Portals Of Prayer
and The Word in Season
for April, May and June
Are available on the hallway table.



The Heidelberg University-Community Chorus presents:
Songs of Love and Devotion

Saturday | May 2 | 7 PM

First Lutheran Church
300 Melmore St., Tiffin, OH 44883

Dr. Greg Ramsdell, *Conductor*
Cynthia Ramsdell, *Pianist*

*Concert is free and open to the public.
A freewill offering will be received.*

Greetings from Childhood Ministries!

The Preschool classes continue to prepare for kindergarten! They have been learning their letters and letter sounds through hands-on activities. The themes for this month focused on spring, nature, St. Patrick's Day and weather. The class also enjoyed stories and songs while outdoors, during a visit from our local librarians. Linda Rose, from Out and About Preschool also visited with a real salamander. The children enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day celebration (two days after the actual date, due to school being cancelled on March 17). As I have shared before, the weather in Ohio certainly makes us flexible with planning daily activities!

Our Extended Care program continues to keep us all busy. During the month of March, we have had two 2-hour delays, another 2-hour delay that turned into a closure and a Teacher's Work Day for Tiffin City Schools where the children knew ahead of time they were not having classes. (Again, we continue to be flexible!!)

Our Childhood Ministries Board continues the search for my replacement. We also need a part-time aide. If you or someone you know is interested, please let us know!

We are now registering for summer and fall programs. If you know someone who is interested, have them contact us.

As always, Thanks 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

April Birthdays



4 **Natalie Wertz**
5 **Becca Kobelt**
5 **Emily Matthewson**
9 **Ann Koning**
12 **Kayla Reis-Kelly**
15 **Erin Bhagat**
15 **Jennifer Mellott**
16 **Denise Stephens**
17 **Allison Kontak**
17 **Cindy Weickert**
17 **Morgan Wise**
20 **Nancy Owens**
22 **Rick Nominee**
22 **Zachary Ross**
25 **Emma Blott**
25 **Colt Fleckner**
27 **Donald Nielsen**
27 **Jamie Porter**
27 **Lydia Reyes**
30 **Nathan Wise**



5/1 **Bev Wheatley**
5/3 **McClain Meyer**
5/3 **Julia Wildman**
5/3 **Missy Woessner**
5/4 **Hemant Bhagat**
5/4 **Michael Hampshire**
5/6 **Braydon Lewis**
5/6 **Bennett Widman**
5/8 **Bobby English**
5/10 **Pete Myers**
5/13 **Jamie Lodermeier-Fay**
5/15 **Lori Hampshire**
5/18 **Gracie Chester**
5/19 **Jean Covert**
5/20 **Lincoln Blott**
5/20 **William Hertzner**
5/20 **Diane Reser**
5/21 **June Cole**
5/29 **Robyn Cook**
5/31 **Brent Phares**



6/1 **Stacey Gebauer**
6/1 **Elise Meyer**
6/2 **Daryl Gordon**
6/2 **Linda Hohman**
6/2 **Chet Margraf**
6/3 **Brad Rathburn**
6/6 **Rick Harbaugh**
6/6 **Ray Wise Jr.**
6/9 **Brad Clouse**
6/11 **Chloe Eppley**
6/11 **Samuel Roszman**
6/13 **Paula Pauly**
6/14 **Zaine Reis**
6/14 **Griffin Ringle**
6/15 **Megan Guisinger**
6/18 **Olivia Bosse**
6/19 **Ryan Clouse**
6/19 **Guillermo Munoz**
6/19 **Joyce Schrenk**
6/25 **Thomas Gordon**
6/25 **Steve Livoti**
6/25 **Bonnie Oberlander**
6/25 **Greg Wildman**
6/26 **Paul Fruth**
6/27 **Garret Reis-Kelly**
6/29 **Judy May**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



10:00 A.M.
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**

	February	YTD
First Lutheran Church		
Income	\$18,174.91	\$24,624.40
Expense	\$21,855.91	\$41,815.03
Church Summary	-\$3,681.00	-\$17,190.63

First Lutheran Pre-School		
Income	\$7,888.76	\$15,189.63
Expense	\$8,131.39	\$18,801.04
School Summary	-\$242.63	-\$3,611.41

Combined Summary		
Income	\$26,063.67	\$39,814.03
Expenses	\$29,987.30	\$60,616.07
Total Summary	-\$3,923.63	-\$20,802.04

Checking Account balance 02/28/2026 \$45,287.13
Investment balance 02/28/2026 \$573,155.81
Total Church Operating budget for 2026 is \$204,200.
\$3,927 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses
and the weekly offerings have averaged \$2,837.

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

04/05/2026	Melissa Chester		Rosses		Pastor Schuring
04/12/2026	Jonathan Nominee				Pastor Roger Giese
04/19/2026	Melissa Chester		Rosses		Pastor Mark Schuring
04/26/2026	Shelley Ross		Rosses		Pastor Wittenmyer
ALTAR GUILD	Bonnie & Mike Oberlander				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR MAY

SUNDAY	READER/WORSHIP ASSISTANT	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	COOKIES	PASTOR
05/03/2026					Pastor Dittmar
05/10/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
05/17/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
05/24/2026/					Rick Greene
05/31/2026	Holy Trinity				
ALTAR GUILD	Donna Brueggemeier & Deb Hohman				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR JUNE

SUNDAY	READER/WORSHIP ASSISTANT	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	COOKIES	PASTOR
06/07/2026					Pastor Wittenmyer
06/14/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
06/21/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
06/28/2026					
ALTAR GUILD	Luisse & Ken Zeop				

Beverly Wheatley

May 1, 1927—March 3, 2026



Phil Engle

January 29, 1935 ~ March 4, 2026 (age 91)

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

Childhood Ministry: Monthly—dates will vary

These groups meet every week on the same day and time

Bell Choir Practice: every Monday at 5:15 PM



Present: Linda Warren, Melissa Chester, Alice Smith, Judy Kimmel, Diane Greene, Rick Greene, Steve Huffman Absent: Deb Hohman

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Melissa Chester and seconded by Alice Smith. Motion passed.

January Minutes:

No minutes are available. It was a short zoom meeting due to icy weather.

Financial Report:

Steve Huffman emailed the council members
January Financial Reports

Total income for January was \$13,750.36. Total expenses were \$30,628.77. Expenses were higher due to three pay periods and utilities were higher.

Preschool's income was \$7,300.87. Total Preschool expenses were \$10,670.01. Total preschool Summary was \$-3,469.14.

Checking account as of 1/3/26 is \$49,670.58 Investment fund balance on 1/31/26 was \$577,388.24. Weekly offerings have averaged \$1411. \$3,927 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses. Church was canceled one Sunday due to weather.

Worship and Music committee report:

A power surge resulted in tower bells not working. Mother-board will be replaced.

Pastor Giese will preside at weekly Lenten services using the Holden Evening Prayer. A drama monologue will be used at each Wednesday night service. The wedding booklets are ready for council approval. We were each given two booklets (one for members & one for nonmembers) to look over. We will vote on these at the March council meeting.

The concert for Toledo Symphony has been booked for Tuesday, December 15. Ruth Scott will be the chairperson.

Property Committee report:

Clouse Electric will install a surge protector for the whole building. WIFI has been updated through Sounds Solutions. There will be a guest password. An addition to room usage forms is a page concerning FLC's liability for insurance reasons.

Giving tree may need to be in use again with suggested item to "buy".

Preschool/Daycare report: No report

Fish: Fish is doing very well. They continue to be well stocked. Appointments are every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday. They have moved all the bottled water to the theater room so Sunday School has more room since the number of students has grown.

New Business:

Upcoming events: room use for Blood Mobile for Dec 15 date needs to be changed. (Same date as Toledo Symphony concert.)

Room Requests: _____

Visitations: Linda's goal is to put together a shut-in list. Then parishioners will take turns visiting these individuals.

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday March 18 the at 5:30. Melissa Chester motioned to adjourn and Rick Greene seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Greene



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DIANE GREENE	419 934-1081	COUNCIL SECRETARY
CURTIS L. KING	419 937-7142	MUSIC
GLORIA STACY	419 934-3023	SECRETARY
RICK SHOLL	419 939-3436	BUILDING

Unfortunately, due to a problem with our land line phone system, updates to include proper emergency contact information on voice mail is not available. However, a new emergency contact list is posted on all entry doors. If you have a non-emergency request or need information from the office, you are encouraged to e-mail the office at firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com. This method of communication is more frequently checked then voice mail.

First Lutheran Church

300 Melmore St., Tiffin, Ohio 44883-3535

Tel: 419-447-1323 or Gloria's Cell 419 934-3023

Office Hours: Tuesday — Thursday 1:00PM to 5:00PM Hours will vary

If office is closed, please leave a message on voice mail or on note pad outside of office.

You may also send an E-mail at firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com. E-mails are checked daily Monday—Friday.

Website: firstlutherantiffin.com E-mail: firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com

Sunday morning worship is broadcast on WTTT, 1600 AM, 93.3 FM at 10:00 AM

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