

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

JUNE 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

The Transition Team is looking at a possible Pastoral Team for the future. A Pastoral Team is nothing new. We already have a team in place. Other churches have one. The Transition team is working to formalize the pastoral team and confirm the willingness to perform in those functions. For example, we need to formalize who will be available in an emergency situation or for a wedding or funeral.

We have a probable SAM, Rick Greene, who can fill the pulpit at times. He can administer communion, if an ordained pastor has blessed the sacrament. He will be able to perform other functions as well. We also have members of the congregation who visit shut ins and can administer the sacrament, if the sacrament has been blessed by an ordained minister. There are several Lay people who can assist with our services. They can even give the sermon. We appreciate those people more than words can say.

A survey for the congregation has been developed by the transition team. Please complete this survey to let us know what you would like to see in the future. This survey is available now and can be obtained at the church office, by the chapel, on the hallway tablet or through any of the Transition Committee Members—Deb Nominee, Jonathan Nominee, Janet Zirger, Dr. Ellinger, Melissa Chester, Shelley Ross, Dr. Shawberry, Di-

What's on the Survey

Demographic & General Information of our members

Church Satisfaction

Learning & Growing

Children & Youth

Community Engagement

Volunteering

Pastoral Care & Support

Other Comments

If you have something else to say this is a great time to say it!!



In Love, Peace and Harmony:

Wishing you Love to Lighten your Heart:

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**JULY
AUGUST**



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
Thursday
September 17, 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, June 25, 2026
Thursday, July 28, 2026
Thursday, August 27, 2026



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

If you or someone you know is 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

Next date
October 12, 2026
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

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



June 8th and June 11th.

Two volunteers are needed to arrive at 10:30a to help prep.

Four volunteers are asked to arrive at 11:00a to help serve.

All volunteers are asked to stay through clean up.

A sign up sheet can be found in the Lobby. IF you have any question feel free to contact Deb Nominee.



A note from

*Catherine Gase,
FISH coordinator:*



We want FLC to know how this beautiful church contributes to our community. With help from your congregation, 211 households were served at the West Ohio Food Bank last month. Also, many of your FLC members serve at St. Paul's Sharing Kitchen, Commission on Aging, the FISH food pantry, TLC, and two transitional housing facility's. Thank you for giving your time.

MOWING SCHEDULE 2026

Week	Mower		Week	Mower
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			
08/06	Rick Nominee			
08/13	Bob Fruth			
08/20	Jim Ruess			
08/27	Pete Myer			

Mowing is usually done on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
However if you are available to mow more often to keep ahead of it,
that would be greatly appreciated.

Any questions call John Kobelt @ 419 934-9697



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

June 15:
The Housemaid, by Freida McFadden

July 20:
The Mockingbird Summer, by Lynda Rutledge

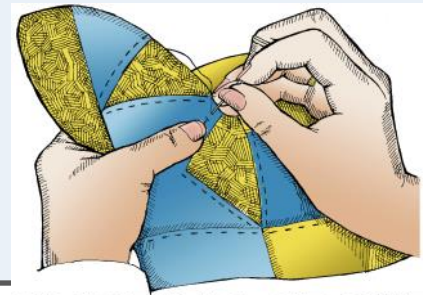
August 17:
The Winter Garden, by Kristin Hannah



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

Next meetings will be -

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- **June 10th**
- **July 8th**
- **August 12th**

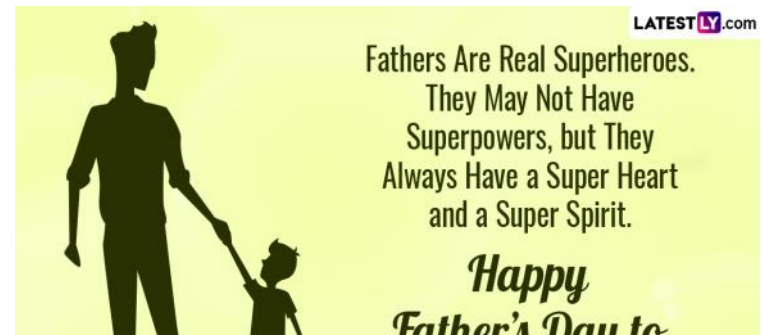


QUILTING GROUP



We will be honoring our Graduating Seniors
on June 14th.

If you know of anyone we should
include, please contact Diane Greene.



Greetings from Childhood Ministries!

Our Summer Extended Care has begun! We have 44 children registered for summer, including a set of triplets and three other families with three children attending. We have 6 preschool students with three of them going on to kindergarten in the fall and the rest are already in school. We also have several new children, as well as students from Seneca East and Calvert Catholic Schools who have spent several summers with us.

Our theme for this week is "Getting To Know You". The children will be participating in different related art activities and games throughout the week. We all look forward to outdoor play and not having to follow strict schedules during the summer!

The most exciting news to share is that I will be stepping down as director/ administrator, after 30 years here at First Lutheran.

"Time flies when you are having fun!! We have recently hired Jackie Webb as our new Director of Childhood Ministries! She has 15 years of experience in Early Childhood Education and is looking forward to the challenge. I am currently training her and will be here through the end of June, at least. I may even stay on as a substitute. I have enjoyed working here and will certainly miss all of the friends I have made along the way.

Special thanks to our board members, co-workers, families of FLEC/FLP and members of FLC who have supported our program in any way.

PS. If anyone has a small safe they are no longer using and would like to give away, please let us know! We also accept donations of apple juice, legos and art supplies!

Sincerely,

Jane Frederick,

Director,



**Happy
RETIREMENT!**

Congratulations Jane!!!

We will miss you.
Thank you for all your years
of love and dedication.

Welcome Jackie!!





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
 6/17 Emil Siegle
 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

7/5 Jacqueline Fletcher
 7/6 J. Michael Oberlander
 7/9 Carol Jarrett
 7/9 Deb Nominee
 7/11 Andrew Fay
 7/12 Blake Vaughn
 7/13 Kegan Reis-Kelly
 7/14 Lori Groves
 7/16 Rick Greene
 7/17 Kelli Brueggemeier
 7/17 Deb Clark
 7/17 Andrew Shawberry
 7/19 Kim Ames
 7/22 John Jarrett
 7/22 Jackson Vallery
 7/23 Garrett Chester
 7/24 Michael Ross
 7/24 Vera Smith
 7/25 Jennifer Binkley
 7/29 Alex Grangaard
 7/30 Brian Zoll
 7/31 Donna Brueggemeier
 7/31 Hayden Cook

8/2 Xavier Matthewson
 8/2 Mike Porter
 8/7 Tim Blott
 8/8 Mercedes Strausbaugh
 8/15 Luise Zeop
 8/16 Kerry Eppley
 8/17 Joyce Lather
 8/18 Ellie Anderson-
 8/19 Diane Dunbar
 8/19 Keith Spitler
 8/19 Mark Stephens
 8/20 Xavier Baker
 8/20 Dena Brininger-Blott
 8/20 Noah Sallee
 8/22 Jan Hall
 8/22 Tim Ross
 8/23 Austin Moneer
 8/24 Peter Grangaard
 8/25 Norman Covert
 8/25 Nicki Reis
 8/31 Joe Carnahan
 8/31 Ellie Leopold



"Statistics show
 that those
 who have the
 most birthdays
 live the longest.
 Happy Birthday!"

10:00 A.M.
I
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**

	APRIL	YTD
First Lutheran Church		
Income	\$10,859.41	\$49,242.25
Expense	\$15,431.57	\$80,639.49
Church Summary	-\$4,572.16	-\$31,397.24

First Lutheran Pre-School		
Income	\$12,347.10	\$37,833.91
Expense	\$7,842.18	\$35,666.57
School Summary	\$4,504.92	\$2,167.34

Combined Summary		
Income	\$23,206.51	\$87,076.16
Expenses	\$23,273.75	\$116,306.06
Total Summary	-\$67.24	-\$29,229.90

Checking Account balance 04/30/2026 \$22,407.40

Investment balance 04/30/2026 \$591,179.66

Total Church Operating budget for 2026 is \$204,200.
\$3,927 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses
and the weekly offerings have averaged \$2,654.

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



SUNDAY	READER/WORSHIP ASSISTANT	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	COOKIES	PASTOR
06/07/2026	Melissa Chester	Janet Zirger			Pastor Wittenmyer
06/14/2026	Jonathan Nominee	Judy Kimmel	Rosses	Cake	Pastor Mark Schuring
06/21/2026	Shelley Ross	Janet Zirger	Rosses		Pastor Mark Schuring
06/28/2026	Mike Oberlander / Rick Greene				Jonathan Nominee
ALTAR GUILD	Luise & Ken Zeop				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR JULY

SUNDAY	READER/WORSHIP ASSISTANT	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	COOKIES	PASTOR
07/05/2026		Janet Zirger	Rosses		Pastor Dittmar
07/12/2026	Jonathan Nominee				Pastor Mark Schuring
07/19/2026	Melissa Chester		Rosses		Pastor Bill Schultz
07/26/2026	Shelley Ross		Rosses		Pastor Mark Schuring
ALTAR GUILD	Luise & Ken Zeop				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR AUGUST

SUNDAY	READER/WORSHIP ASSISTANT	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	COOKIES	PASTOR
08/02/2026					Pastor Wittenmyer
08/09/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
08/16/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
08/23/2026					Pastor Larry Michaels
08/30/2026					
ALTAR GUILD	Luise & Ken Zeop				

It takes many hands to help make worship happen each week. Would you prayerfully consider joining in lending a



On May 10th,
FLC welcomed a new member by
Baptism.

PARKER REESE ONEY

Daughter of Kayla & John Oney
Granddaughter of Kelly & Heath Reis-Kelly
Great Granddaughter
of Charlyn & Rodney Reis

Sponsors were Gaven Kelly, Genna Reis-Kelly,
Kasisi Reis-Kelly, Nathan Love & Sidney Love

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 (on hold)



Present: Linda Warren, Melissa Chester, Alice Smith, Deb Hohman,
Diane Greene, Rick Greene

Absent: Judy Kimmel, Steve Huffman

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Rick Greene and seconded by Alice Smith. Motion passed.

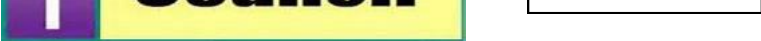
March Minutes:

Motion to accept by Alice Smith. Seconded by Deb Hohman.
Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Steve Huffman emailed the council members March Financial Reports
Total income for March was \$13,683. Total expenses were \$23,393. There were some extraordinary expenses: Earl Mechanical annual maintenance contract, \$620 organ maintenance, cold weather caused utilities to be higher. Checking account at the end of the month was \$23,055. Steve had not seen the Thrivent March report but expects it to be lower due to stock market reaction to Iran conflict. However, the market recovered losses in early April. Our balance should be somewhere over \$550,000 again this month.

Motion to approve Financial Report was made by Diane Greene and seconded by Alice Smith.



Committee Reports:

Transition committee report: no report

Worship & Music Committee:

Graduation recognition will be during the June 10 service.
Acceptance of Wedding Booklet was tabled.

Childhood Ministries: Bonnie Oberlander reported that 13 children have registered for preschool classes for next fall. 14 children signed up for Summer Extended Care. Preschool Spring Program/ Graduation on Tuesday, May 19 from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Bonnie asked council for approval of Jaclyn Webb for First Lutheran's preschool/ extended care director. Their board has interviewed her, she is qualified, has all necessary credentials, and has 15 years of early childhood experience. Rick Greene moved and Alice Smith seconded to hire Jaclyn Webb as the next director. Motion approved.

Property Committee report:

The surge protector has been installed. As the name implies, this equipment will protect us against surges, not power dips. The screening over the boiler intake passage will be secured.

Still waiting for good weather to check out the downspouts and eaves. Clouse Electric adjusted a starter on the organ. They are also researching how to fix or replace the dimmer in the nave for the second bank of lights. The committee is looking at fixing the sliding doors next to the chapel.

Old Business:

Earl Mechanical – Earl Mechanical will start the big upgrade when we no longer need heat in building.

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:

Allen Eiry requested FLC to donate to their October fundraiser. Since we have no idea of a specific amount to donate, it was decided by general agreement of those assembled not to participate in this fundraiser.

Room Requests: Preschool Program- Tuesday, May 19 in Nave 6:00-7:00

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday May 20th at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Greene

Diane K. Greene



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CALL

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LINDA WARREN	419 618-5207	COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RICK GREENE	419 937-7378	MINISTERIAL/PROPERTY
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 WTTF, 1600 AM, 93.3 FM at 10:00 AM

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