

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

AUGUST 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

Dear Church Family,

It is with deep gratitude and great joy that I announce that our candidate, Richard Greene, has been officially approved to serve as a Synod Authorized Minister (SAM). This is a significant moment not only in Rick's life but in our congregation as well. I would like to share what this means for us as a church community.

This approval is more than a credential. It is a recognition by the Synod that the individual (Rick) we have come to trust, support and walk alongside has demonstrated the spiritual maturity, pastoral gifts, and leadership qualities needed to serve God's people faithfully.. For our congregation, this brings several important blessings:

Strengthened pastoral leadership—We now have an additional person who is formally recognized and entrusted by the synod to preach, teach and provide pastoral care.

Expanded Ministry Opportunities—With authorization Rick can preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments (Baptism & Holy Communion) lead worship, and support congregational life in a deeper and more meaningful way.

A renewed sense of mission—This milestone invites us to grow, serve and look to the future boldly as a congregation.

This achievement did not happen overnight, it is the result of hard work, prayer, study, and faithful dedication. On behalf of the entire church, I want to express our heartfelt thanks to our newly approved Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) —thank you for your perseverance, your commitment to learning and your wiliness to serve with humility and love. Your unfailing dedication to this church and congregation has truly been recognized and appreciated.

Rick's installation of service date will be August 16, 2026. Please join us on that Sunday to witness this important event and attend a celebration reception afterwards.

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

Rick

*"Do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* — **Isaiah 41:10**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER**



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, August 27, 2026

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Thursday, October 22, 2026



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

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

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



Sharing Kitchen

October 12th & 15th.



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 will be put in the Lobby. IF you have any question feel free to contact Deb Nominee.

BACK TO SCHOOL—SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The annual Lutheran Relief School Supply donation project has started and will continue until August 30. A list of needed supplies is on the table in the hallway. You can drop off the supplies in the box by that table or in the office.

School Supplies for LWR Backpacks

- 4 70 sheet spiral notebooks
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Blunt Tip scissors
- 5 #2 Pencils, unsharpened, with eraser tops
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)



Cooking Class Series

Sponsored by  **MERCY HEALTH**

all four

**4-CLASS SERIES**
Saturdays | 9:30–11:30 AM
 Tiffin Community Kitchen

FREE!
✓ Registration required
✓ Limited to 12 participants per class

August 15
August 29

September 12
September 26

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)

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

Women's Bible Study: every Thursday at 7:00 PM (location will vary)

Please feel free to attend anyone of these meetings



MOWING SCHEDULE 2026

Week	Mower		Week	Mower
08/06	Rick Nominee		10/01	John Kobelt
08/13	Bob Fruth		10/08	Rick Nominee
08/20	Jim Ruess		10/15	Jim Ruess
08/27	Pete Myer		10/22	Pete Myers
			10/29	John Kobelt
09/03	John Kobelt			
09/10	Rick Nominee		11/05	Rick Nominee
09/17	Jim Ruess		11/12	Jim Ruess
09/24	Pete Myers			

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



Bells of Praise : Practice resumes Monday
September 14th at 5:15 PM

Blessing



Quilt Blessing



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

August 17:

The Winter Garden, by Kristin Hannah

September 21:

Buckeye, by Patrick Ryan

October 19:

In Order to Live:

A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom

By Maryanne Vollers & Yeonmi Park

November 16:

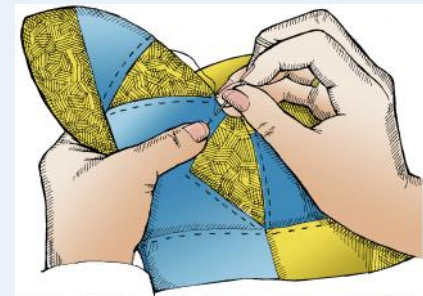
The Christmas Pearl by Dorothea Benton Frank



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

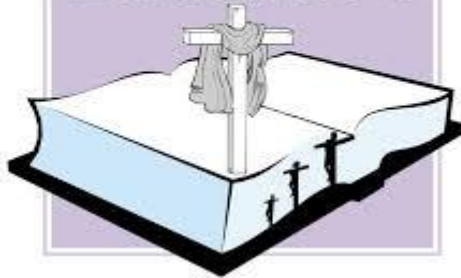
Next meetings will be -

- August 12th
- September 9th
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9



QUILTING GROUP

Religious
Education



CATECHISM CLASSES

Any 6th, 7th or 8th grader or adult who is interested in
attending catechism classes this fall, please contact the office
or

Rick Greene at 419-937-7378

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School class will resume

September 10th at 10:00am



After 30 years of service at First Lutheran Preschool and Extended Care, we celebrate the retirement of Jane Frederick. Her dedication, compassion and leadership have touched the lives of countless children and families. Throughout her time at First Lutheran, Jane has been the heart of our preschool, creating a nurturing environment where children could grow academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

For three decades, Jane has welcomed children with a warm smile, creating a safe atmosphere where they could explore the world around them. She has guided teachers, partnered with parents, and led our preschool and extended care with wisdom and patience. Jane has directed Christmas programs, spring programs, graduations and many special seasonal celebrations and creative activities. She has worked tirelessly to improve our program.

One of the greatest measures of Jane's impact can be measured in the generations of families she has served. Parents who once attended have returned with children of their own, confident that they would receive the same strong foundation that they had experienced.

As Jane begins this well-deserved retirement, we offer our deepest gratitude for her 30 years of service to the program. **We will be honoring Jane at a reception immediately following the church service on August 9th.** Please tell everyone who has worked with Jane or has attended the preschool or extended care program that they are invited to come from 11-1 in the Fellowship Hall to help us celebrate.

Congratulations, Jane! May God bless you as you begin this exciting new chapter.



Sincerely,

Bonnie Oberlander,

Children's Ministry

Summer is coming to an end! Where did it go? We started a few things this summer. Walking field trips to Krout Elementary, water day Fridays, and visiting Linda Rose who taught us all about nature. As summer dwindles down we will do a study on outer space, zoo animals, travel and back to school.

The fun activities we have planned; Galaxy goo, zoo animal scavenger hunt, all around the world treat (where we get to try snacks from all around the world) and much much more.

I have loved this time getting to know all of the summer extended day children and looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of our new preschool friends.

If you or someone you know has a fully potty trained 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old-5 year (entering Kindergarten 27-28 school-year) who is looking for a preschool let them know.

Open House:
August 26 10A-12P
5P-6:30P

If you or someone you know has a child who will be entering K-5 we have an extended day open house also

Open House:
August 13 5P-7P
August 15 2P-4P

Ms. Jane is retiring. There will be a reception:
Sunday, August 9, 11AM-1PM.



Jackie Webb,

Director,
FLEC/Extended Care



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-Shawberry**
 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**

9/1 **Ron Clouse**
 9/2 **Ronald Mellott**
 9/4 **Jamie Chester**
 9/6 **Deb Cleveland**
 9/6 **Izaac Woessner**
 9/6 **Dick Wyka**
 9/7 **Sandra Mellott**
 9/7 **Camille Stephens**
 9/7 **Jim Zellner**
 9/9 **Linda Phares**
 9/9 **Alice Smith**
 9/11 **Diane Hampshire**
 9/11 **Scott Jarrett**
 9/12 **Lynn Harbaugh**
 9/12 **Kathy Livoti**
 9/13 **Maxwell Pauly**
 9/14 **Angela Nominee**
 9/15 **Jacob English**
 9/16 **Janet Meyer**
 9/17 **Martin Meyer**
 9/19 **Avery Hoover**
 9/22 **Savanna Cook**
 9/22 **Libby Hoyda**
 9/22 **Kevin Reser**
 9/25 **Claudia Fleckner**
 9/26 **Deborah Fassler**
 9/26 **Jill Griffin**
 9/26 **Jason Lather**
 9/30 **Isabella Meyer**
 9/30 **Pat Nelson**

10/2 **Andrew Crerar**
 10/4 **Brendon Blott**
 10/9 **Tom Stine**
 10/12 **Pat Eckelberry**
 10/12 **Richard Phares**
 10/14 **Renee Wise**
 10/15 **Clay Stacy**
 10/17 **Sharon Losey**
 10/17 **Jeff Smith**
 10/18 **Karri Hagen, K**
 10/21 **Theodore Schulz**
 10/22 **Judy Hofmann**
 10/22 **Dave Pauly**
 10/25 **Reese Hoover**
 10/25 **Kayley Hossler**
 10/25 **Alixandra Woessner**
 10/28 **Eleanor Cole**
 10/30 **Genna Reis-Kelly**



"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**

	JUNE	YTD
First Lutheran Church		
Income	\$12,914.43	\$69,282.83
Expense	\$14,039.84	\$112,023.17
Church Summary	-\$1,125.41	-\$42,740.34

First Lutheran Pre-School		
Income	\$10,489.56	\$60,492.15
Expense	\$11,004.71	\$55,680.77
School Summary	-\$515.15	\$4,811.38

Combined Summary		
Income	\$23,403.99	\$129,774.98
Expenses	\$25,044.55	\$167,703.94
Total Summary	-\$1,640.56	-\$37,928.96

Checking Account balance 06/30/2026 \$17,077.21

Investment balance 06/30/2026 \$601,950.02

Total Church Operating budget for 2026 is \$204,200.
\$3,927 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses
and the weekly offerings have averaged \$2,373

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like the congregation to pray for someone
during the Prayers of Intersession, 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



			OPERATOR	ASSIST	
08/02/2026	Melissa Chester	Janet Zirger	Jonathan Nominee	Melissa Chester	Pastor Wittenmyer
08/09/2026	Jonathan Nominee	Shelley Ross	Rosses	Jonathan Nominee	Pastor Mark Schuring
08/16/2026	Rick Greene	Judy Kimmel	Rosses	Rick Greene	Pastor Mark Schuring
08/23/2026	Shelley Ross		Rosses	Shelley Ross	Pastor Larry Michaels
08/30/2026	Ecumenical	Hedges Park			
ALTAR GUILD	Luise & Ken Zeop				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	READER	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	WORSHIP ASSIST	PASTOR
09/06/2026					Pastor Christian Dittmar
09/13/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
09/20/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
09/27/2026					Pastor Larry Michaels
ALTAR GUILD	Bonnie & Mike Oberlander				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY	READER	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	WORSHIP ASSIST	PASTOR
10/04/2026					
10/11/2026					
10/18/2026					
10/25/2026					



On July 26, 2026,

FLC welcomed

2 new members by Baptism.

Clementine Lauren Luidhardt

(Daughter of Mollie & Derek Luidhardt)

&

Nevin Ballreich Martin

(Son of Katlyn & Nevin Martin)



First Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2026

Present: Linda Warren, Melissa Chester, Deb Hohman, Judy Kimmel, Diane Greene, Rick Greene, Steve Huffman, and Gloria Stacy, Curt King, Rick Sholl Absent: Alice Smith

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Diane and seconded by Deb. Motion passed.

April Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes by Rick Greene. Seconded by Melissa. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Steve Huffman emailed the May Financial Reports to the council members.

Total income for May was only a little over \$7,000. (Income total in February was \$18,000, total in March was \$13,600, total for April was \$10,800. May had a 5th Sunday when we do not have an offering and there were 3 payrolls!) Total expenses for May besides regular expenses, we paid Earl Mechanical \$37,000. We transferred \$40,000 from Thrivent.) The checking account has only \$12,000 as of June 17. We need to transfer more funds to keep up with expenses. Rick made a motion to transfer \$40,000 from Thrivent. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed to accept the \$40,000 transfer into checking account to cover expenses.

Committee Reports:

Transition committee report:

The congregational survey has been available to pick up and fill out until July 5. Then the committee will open them together and compile the results.

Worship & music committee report:

Melissa reported that the wedding booklets are completed. Both the member and non-member booklets are the same except for the charges. A form to keep in the office was also written for the couple to fill out. Council approved the completed wedding booklets.

Property Committee report:

Earl Mechanical submitted first half of their bill. King Glass gave an estimate to replace sliding entrance by chapel at \$13,113. Clouse Electric replaced the electric starter on the organ. They are checking to see if the switch on the second bank of ceiling lights can be moved to a non-used bank. A dead magnolia tree was removed from front lawn. Front FLC sign is in sad shape. We are open to suggestions on how to proceed.

Old Business:

Steve suggested that we try to make deposits every week into the checking account

New Business:

We received "Thank you" cards from the families of Beverly Wheatley and Norman & Jean Covert.

We accepted the membership transfer of Blake & Jan Grangaard to Minneapolis, MN
Gloria, Curt & Rick brought an issue to council concerning who is in charge when a person/people has/have a room reservation event. Gloria cannot be here to watch over each group. A contract may need it spelled out, a committee may need to be in charge or a point person, and the sexton needs to know the hours of the event. Ideas to be discussed.
Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday July 15th at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Greene

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!!!!!!!!



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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Here's what's coming ahead in the next couple of months.

October: Pastor Appreciation Month

10/04 Blessing of the Quilts,

10/25 Halloween Hospitality, 10/25 Reformation Sunday (wear red)

November:

11/01 All Saint's Day, Day light Saving's Time Change, 11/03 Election Day

11/07 Heidelberg Community Choir Concert,

11/08 Veteran's Day Celebration, 11/22 Bountiful Feast,

11/29 TUBA Sunday, Ecumenical Sunday,

11/26 Thanksgiving Day, 11/29 Advent begins

December: Advent, Christmas

January: Council 2027 and installation of new officers



The 5th Sunday Ecumenical Worship Service on August 30, 2026

Will be held by The First Presbyterian Church at the

Lions Shelter at Hedges Boyer Park at 10 am

Please bring

Lawn Chair,

Potluck dish to share,

Your own table service (plates, cups and silverware)

Drinks (water & lemonade) will be provided.



Quilt Blessing





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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

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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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