



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

SEPTEMBER 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

Do you have a loved one who is in the hospital?

Or in need of aid?

We know that some are in need.

But we don't know about them without your help.

**When someone is in need of pastoral help, they are too busy worrying about
their condition to let someone in the church know.**

**Start by asking if they want help or someone to call on them. Then let some-
one at the church know.**

Since we now have a **SAM, Rick Greene**
(email: canacab@sbcglobal.net or phone: [419-937-7378](tel:419-937-7378)),

you can call him or **Pastor Mark Schuring**
(email: Theskipster55@gmail.com or phone 740 360-2306

You can also contact **Gloria Stacy**, our secretary
(email: firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com or phone: [419-934-3023](tel:419-934-3023)).

Just My 2 Cents

I understand that some few people have trouble standing as much as the service calls for.

Don't let that stop you from attending services.

I have trouble standing too, but I still attend when I can.

If you need to sit through the service, come any way!

There are others who have difficulty standing.

It is important for you to attend without worrying about what other people think. We are just happy to see you. So come out to meet friends at First Church!

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

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
NOVEMBER**



Life Line Screening

will be here

Thursday

September 17, 2026

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>

FISH FOOD PANTRY

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

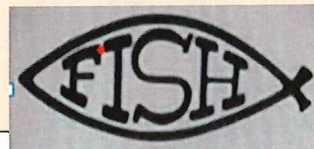
The Pantry is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

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, September 24, 2026

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Thursday, December 17th

Thursday, November 19th

(Note 1 week earlier due to holidays)



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

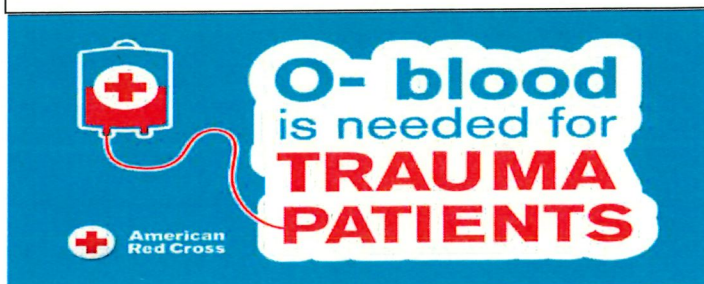
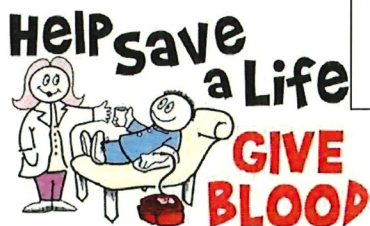
RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

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



Upcoming Church Events

Next dates for

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.



Current Projects

BACK TO SCHOOL—SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The annual school supply project has concluded and will be sent on to the Lutheran Relief location.

We were able to put together **50** backpacks !!!

**Thank you to everyone who
contributed to this project.**

MOWING SCHEDULE 2026

Week	Mower	
09/03	John Kobelt	
09/10	Rick Nominee	
09/17		
09/24	Pete Myers	
10/01	John Kobelt	
10/08	Rick Nominee	
10/15		
10/22	Pete Myers	
10/29	John Kobelt	
11/05	Rick Nominee	
11/12		



Bells of Praise :

Practice resumes Monday
September 14th at 5:15 PM

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

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



7 September Prayers

Kelly's Treehouse

May your finances multiply.

May your health improve

May your family be loved.

May your friends be blessed.

May your pains lessen.

May your worries disappear.

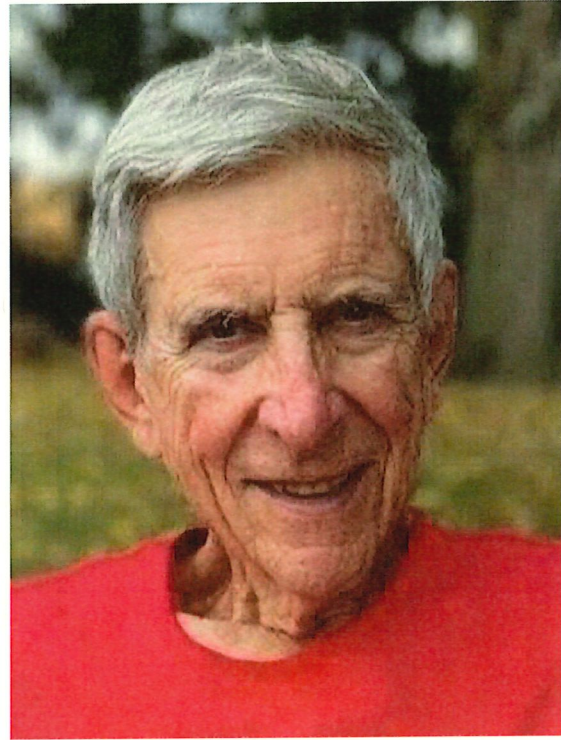
May God Bless You and

hold you in the palm of His
hand today and always.

May the sun shine
warm your heart and
bring new energy
every day. Amen!



LIFE IN TRANSITION



February 19, 1938—August 30, 2026

It is with great sadness that we must announce the transition of life of Jim Ruess. Jim passed over on August 30th surrounded by family and friends. He has always been a very active member and volunteer.—from helping with maintenance, maintaining lawn mower and landscape equipment, helping set up the Peace Quilt materials before meetings and decorating for Christmas. He was a member of various committees throughout the years and most recently the Property Committee. If the church needed something - Jim was there.

He will be greatly missed.

The family states there will not be a service for him at least in the near future.

You can send sympathy cards to:

The Ruess Family
1466 Smith Road
Ashland, Ohio 44805

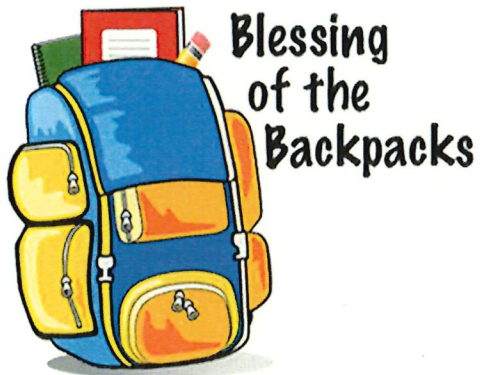
Upcoming Church Events

Blessing

With grateful hearts, we bless these backpacks and quilts prepared for Lutheran World Relief.

May each one carry the love and prayers of our congregation to someone in need, reminding them that they are not alone and are held in God's care.

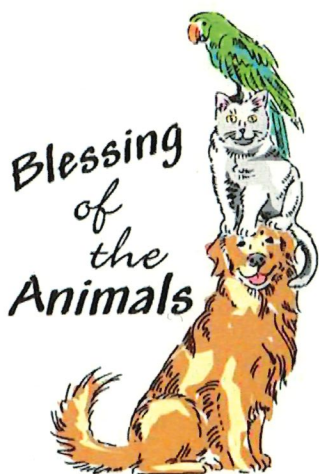
October 4, 2026



Quilt Blessing



God cares for all living things



The **Blessing of the Animals** is a joyful tradition celebrating the beauty of God's creation and the special place animals hold in our lives. As we gather with pets of all shapes and sizes, we give thanks for the companionship, comfort, and delight they bring each day. This blessing reminds us that all creatures are part of God's good world and worthy of care, kindness, and gratitude.

Whether your companion has fur, feathers, scales, or hooves, this moment honors the bond we share with them and invites us to reflect on our call to be faithful stewards of creation. May this blessing strengthen our appreciation for the creatures entrusted to us and inspire us to live gently with all God has made.

Date: TBA

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.

September 21:

Buckeye, by Patrick Ryan

October 19:

In Order to Live:

A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom

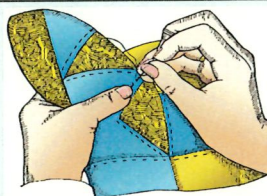
By Maryanne Vollers & Yeonmi Park

November 16:

The Christmas Pearl by Dorothea
Benton Frank



PIECE CORP



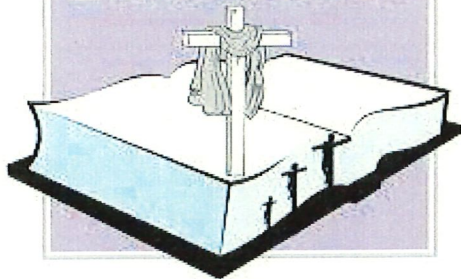
QUILTING GROUP

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

Next meetings will be -

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

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

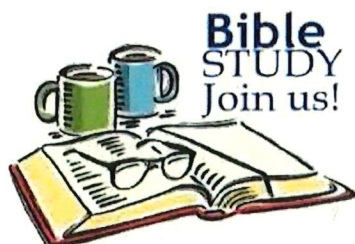
Rick Greene at 419-937-7378

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School class will resume on September 13th and is held every Sunday during the service. Please contact Diane Greene for more information



SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

BIBLE STUDY

Monday Morning Bible Study is scheduled for 10a.m. at the Willows with Pastor Schuring.

Everyone is welcome.

GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES! - SEPTEMBER

Greeting from Childhood Ministries,

September is here. The preschool room is really looking great. Classes start September 8th. We still have openings available.

Linda comes back every month. Looking forward to what she has to share with us.

September preschoolers will get an opportunity to learn about themselves and their peers in a "All About Me" me week. Ms. Leslie also has tons in store for them including Teddy Bear Show-in-Tell day. Looking forward to seeing what else she has in store for the rest of the year.

We honored Jane August 9th with a retirement party after the church service. Along with our gift, and thanks from many current and previous children, she was honored with a Mayoral Proclamation

A copy is below and can be found on the hallway table.



GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES! - SEPTEMBER



Again, Thank you, Jane!!



Jackie Webb,

Director,
FLEC/Extended Care



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



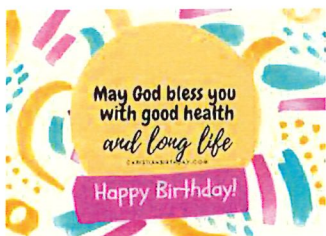
10/2 Andrew Crerar
 10/4 Brendon Blott
 10/9 Tom Stine
 10/12 Pat Eckelberry
 10/12 Richard Phares
 10/14 Renee Wise
 10/15 Clay Stacy
 10/17 Sharon Losey
 10/17 Jeff Smith
 10/18 Karri Hagen, K
 10/21 Theodore Schulz
 10/22 Judy Hofmann
 10/22 Dave Pauly
 10/25 Reese Hoover
 10/25 Kayley Hossler
 10/25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



11/3 Zachary Shawberry
 Aaron Wildman
 11/4 Vicki Clouse
 11/5 Julie Garlock
 Allison Sallee
 Gloria Stacy
 11/6 Herb McClellan
 11/9 Janice Nord
 Harrison Widman
 11/13 Janet Zirger
 11/15 Ron Guisinger
 11/17 Claire Groves
 11/19 Doug Rathburn
 11/21 Heather Sallee
 Charles Schrenk III
 11/22 Dave Weickert
 11/25 Gregg Cole
 Racquelle Kelly
 David Lather
 11/29 Jackson Hohman



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



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

SUNDAY WORSHIP ***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

FINANCIAL REPORT

	JULY	YTD
<i>First Lutheran Church</i>		
Income	\$8,534.32	\$77,817.15
Expense	\$17,890.90	\$129,914.07
Church Summary	<i>-\$9,356.58</i>	<i>-\$52,096.92</i>

<i>First Lutheran Pre-School</i>		
Income	\$9,520.93	\$70,013.08
Expense	\$14,088.72	\$69,769.49
School Summary	<i>-\$4,567.79</i>	<i>\$243.59</i>

<i>Combined Summary</i>		
Income	\$18,055.25	\$147,830.23
Expenses	\$31,979.62	\$199,683.56
Total Summary	<i>-\$13,924.37</i>	<i>-\$51,853.33</i>

Checking Account balance 07/31/2026 \$44,854.34

Investment balance 07/31/2026 \$523,768.54

Total Church Operating budget for 2026 is \$204,200.
\$3,927 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses
and the weekly offerings have averaged \$2,342.

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 SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	READER	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	WORSHIP ASSIST	PASTOR
09/06/2026	Mike Oberlander	Janet Zirger	Rosses	Rick Greene	Pastor Christian Dittmar
09/13/2026	Jonathan Nominee	Janet Zirger	Nominees	Jonathan Nominee	Pastor Mark Schuring
09/20/2026	Shelley Ross	Judy Kimmel	Rosses	Shelley Ross	Pastor Mark Schuring
09/27/2026	Melissa Chester		Jonathan Nominee	Melissa Chester	Pastor Larry Michaels
ALTAR GUILD	Bonnie & Mike Oberlander				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER

SUNDAY	READER	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	WORSHIP ASSIST	PASTOR
10/04/2026	Shelley Ross		Rosses	Shelley Ross	Minister Rick Greene
10/11/2026	Melissa Chester			Melissa Chester	Pastor Mark Schuring
10/18/2026					Pastor Roger McQuiston
10/25/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
ALTAR GUILD	Deb & Jonathan Nominee				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	READER	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	WORSHIP ASSIST	PASTOR
11/01/2026					Pastor Christian Dittmar
11/08/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
11/15/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
11/22/2026					Pastor Giese
11/29/2026					
ALTAR GUILD	Sandy & Ron Mellott				

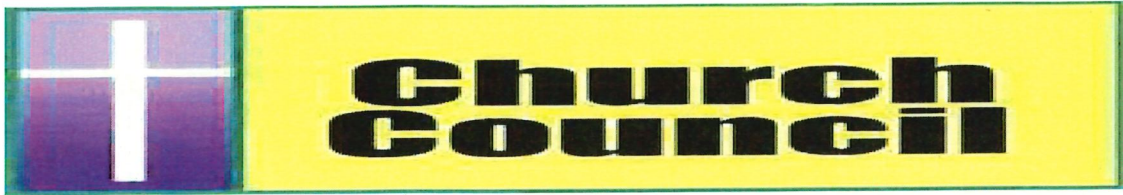
It takes many hands to help make worship happen each week. Would you prayerfully consider joining in lending a hand? If so, please contact Melissa Chester at melissac@qt2.com as she helps put this schedule together.

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

LIFE IN TRANSITION

RICK GREENE'S SAM INSTILLATION





Present: Linda Warren, Melissa Chester, Judy Kimmel, Diane Greene, Rick Greene, and Steve

Huffman Absent: Deb Hohman, Alice Smith

Agenda:

Motion to approve agenda by Rick and seconded by Judy. Motion passed.

April Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes by Melissa. Seconded by Judy. Motion passed.

Financial Report:

Steve Huffman emailed the June 2026 Financial Reports to the council members. Combined expenses (church & Day Care) for June were \$1,640, higher than both incomes.

June church income was \$12,914 while expenses were \$14,039. During the first half of 2026 we had a total income of \$129,774 & total expenses of \$167,703 with a shortfall of \$37,928. As of June 30, we have \$17,077 in our checking account. Most actual expenses were close to the budget for June. Diane made a motion to accept the financial report. Rick seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Transition committee report:

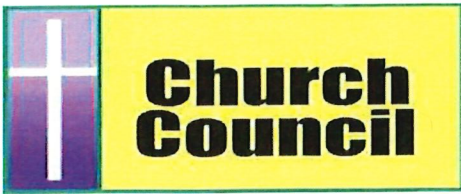
The congregational surveys have been collected via email or handwritten. Many were returned. The committee will meet July 22 to read through all the surveys.

Worship & music committee report:

Property Committee report:

Earl Mechanical has not told us when they will complete this project. Mulch money was been collected, thanks to the Giving Tree. The front FLC sign needs to be replaced or repaired.

Council gave permission for committee to decide. FISH has trouble with high temperatures in the room with freezers & refrigerators. They may need a window air conditioner to aid in cooling.



Preschool/Daycare report:

As of July 15 current Preschool registrations were 5 total. Extended care is a total of 18. Since the Family Fest had only a few interested parents, changes will be made. Family survey showed that most parents are pleased with the program. The State Inspector came July 8. Our facility had zero non-compliance. Since FH/gym are not listed on the license. A daily field trip form for parents will be added to allow us to use the gym. A new handbook has been written and must be approved by state licensing specialist. A new employee handbook is being written. The board is working on a new name for their entire program.

Old Business: Melissa passed out the FLC Facility Use & Room Rental Policy. We discussed the document. Rick moved to accept policy with changes. Judy seconded it. Motion passed.

New Business: It was announced that Rick Greene is to be installed as a SAM at FLC.

Room reservations: August 9, 11:00-1:00 Jane Frederick's retirement reception, Fellowship Hall

October 3 (time?) Leslie Fox, 30 people, birthday party, Fellowship Hall. Both were approved.

Rick moved to adjourn meeting, Melissa seconded it. Motion approved
Meeting adjourned.

Next Council Meeting will be Wednesday August 19 at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Greene

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

12/15 Toledo Symphony Orchestra—RETURNS!!

January:

Council 2027 and installation of new officers

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



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

Welcome Pastor Roger and Beth!

On Sunday, August 23rd, we were blessed and excited to welcome back a former pastor and long-time friend and family member of our church and community. The McQuiston family had been a special part of our church family and the surrounding community for most of the 60's and 70's. He was confirmed in our church in 1975 (*take a look at the picture in the show case—you will see a few other familiar faces*). He graduated from Columbian High School in 1978, Received his Bachelors from ONU, Master of Divinity in 1986, Ordained at our First Lutheran Church September 28, 1986 and received his Doctor of Ministry in 2007.

He married Elizabeth (Beth) Nugent on June 5, 1982. They have 3 sons and 4 grandsons.

Pastor Roger has served 4 different congregations: 3 in Western Ohio (Versailles, Jackson Center and Miamisburg from 1986-1999) and 1 in Appleton, WI (2000-2024). He was very much involved with supervising staff, rebuilding an educational program, establishing projection at worship and online outreach, crafting worship services to appeal to all ages and lastly, before retirement, helping the congregation become publicly welcoming and accepting community for LGBTQIA persons, their families and friends

Pastor Roger and his wife Beth have returned to build a home north of Tiffin on land that has been in Beth's family for 3 generations. Their current project is planting the two acres around their home in native grasses and flowers.

They are both passionate about issues of diversity, equity and inclusion and sustainable care for the earth.

They enjoy camping, hiking, READING and going to music festivals and shows. They have travelled internationally to Europe and the Middle East.

We are thankful for his willingness to step in from time to time and grateful to have you home again.



Roger & Beth

Son- Isacc & Lindsey with their sons -Ethan & Emerson,
 Son- Ian & Kaitlyn with their sons Benjamin & Wilson,
 and son -Evin

ALTAR FLOWERS—AUGUST

August 2: In honor of Jack Myer by Pete Myer and family

August 9: In honor of Jane Frederick by Daycare/Preschool
 staff and members of FLC

August 16: In honor of Rick Greene's installation as SAM
 by members of the First Lutheran Church.

Altar Flowers



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LINDA WARREN	419 618-5207	COUNCIL PRESIDENT
RICK GREENE (SAM)	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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The Staff of First Lutheran

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Pastor Mark Schuring

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Pastor Mark Schuring

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