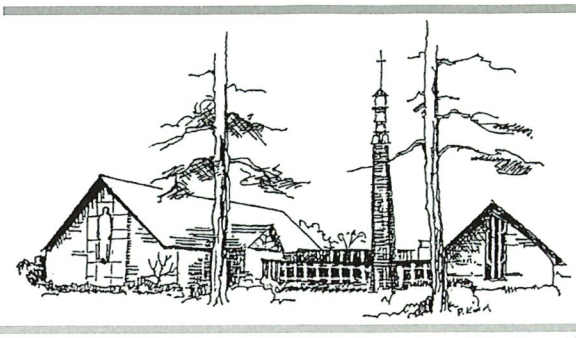


First Lutheran Church

300 Melmore Street Tiffin, Ohio

November 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

Happy November! This is the month of Thanksgiving. We are thankful and grateful for all of God's blessings that we have been given. Blessings come in many forms. Some are obvious, but others are not. We don't always recognize our blessings. But we need to recognize them to improve our moods and outlook on life.

A number of years ago, I was in a club. Each month we answered roll call with the answer to a question. The question that year was what would our lives be like if we lived a hundred years ago. I said I probably wouldn't have lived very long. As a child, I had whooping cough. As a five-year-old, I developed what was then called Bright's Disease. Now it is known as acute nephritis. Because they had recently come out with penicillin, I got that each day for 10 days. One of my older brothers also had it. We both survived. I have felt very blessed since that time.

Perhaps you could find things to be thankful for in your lives. There are so many things we take for granted until we are forced to think about them. We know to be thankful for families and other things in our lives. How many things in your life can you think of to be thankful for?

God's Blessings on you and your families.

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.

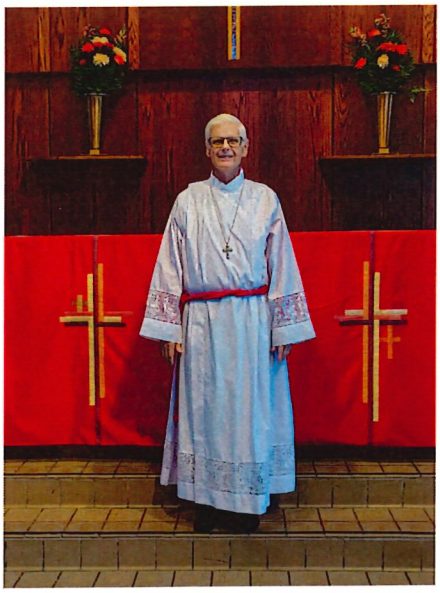
Linda Warren

MESSAGE FROM YOUR SAM

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for the support that you have given me in my journey to become a SAM. We are still working on suggestions from the congregational survey. Please be patient. So far we have continued visitation in the homes as well as in the hospitals. Please give me a call (419) 937-7378 if you are in need of a visit. We now have some daytime volunteer office coverage on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, usually from 10:00 to 2:00.

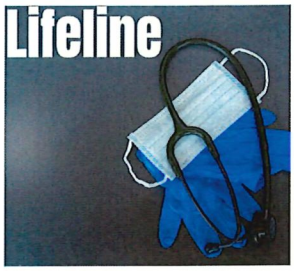
We are in need of some additional members to be on church council (President, Vice President, Property Chair and an at-large slot). These are exciting times. Please pray about serving the church in one of these positions.

Rick Greene



Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

NOVEMBER
DECEMBER
JANUARY



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

December 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, November 19, 2026

Thursday, December 17th

(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

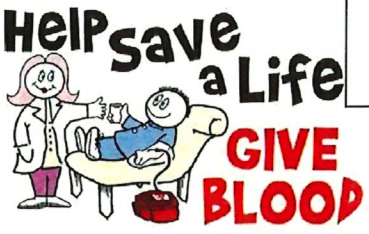
FISH of Tiffin at 419 618-7724

Or

E-mail Catherine Gase at csgase@gmail.com

Application forms can be obtained on the Church Office Bulletin Board

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

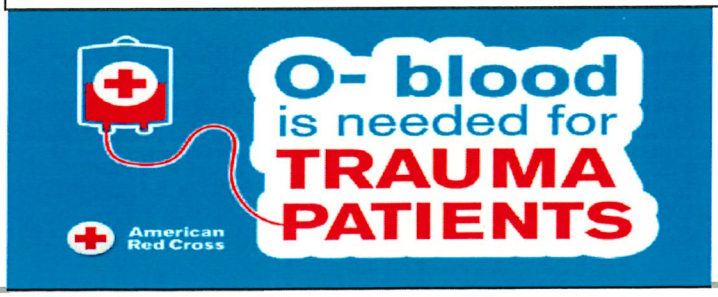


Next date

December 8, 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



FEBRUARY—TBA

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 is on the table in the Lobby.

IF you have any question feel free to contact Deb Nominee.



Current Projects



The Tiffin-Seneca Public library is putting together a special community cookbook in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. They have invited us to contribute recipes and food traditions from our congregation.

The commemorative cookbook, which will be published and distributed in 2027, will highlight the recipes, traditions and memories that make Tiffin and Seneca County community special.

They are looking for favorite family recipes, recipes passed down through generations, local favorites, holiday traditions, church recipes, or any recipe that has a special story or connection to our community.

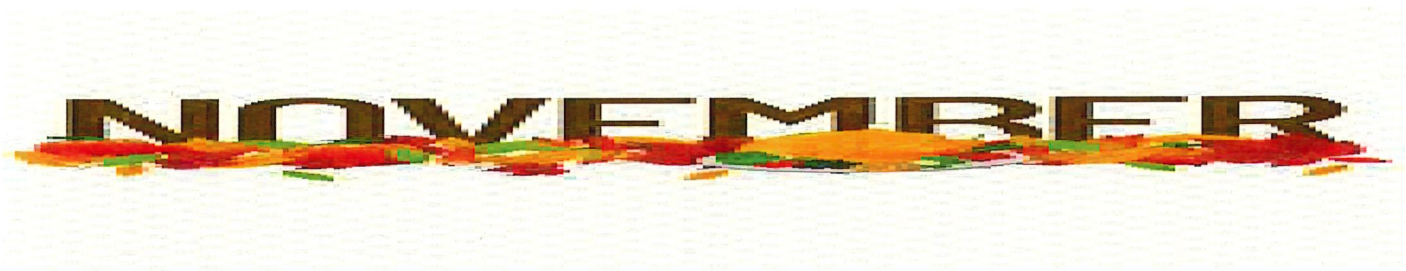
Everyone who submits a recipe will receive a copy of the cookbook when it is published in 2027. They would like all recipes to be submitted by the November 10th.

Recipes can be submitted in any of the following

- Bring a copy to the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library. We can photocopy original recipes.
- Submit a recipe through our online form here: https://forms.gle/6Hq4o6Mp9puLTbQs5
- Email a scanned or typed recipe to tiffinlibrary@tiffinsenecalibrary.org.

We would like to show off our wonderful chefs & bakers in this book. Please contribute (even if the recipe is your secret) so we can be represented in our community. You may drop off your recipe in the recipe box located on the table in the hallway or e-mail them to firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com

Upcoming Church Events

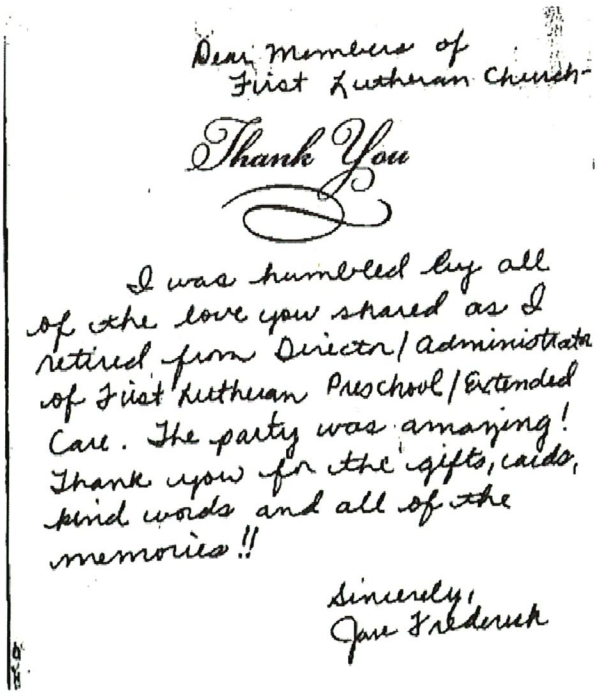


Heidelberg Community Choir Concert
November 14TH

THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH MEMBERS FOR THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND GIFTS,



THANK YOU FLC FROM JANE FREDERICK



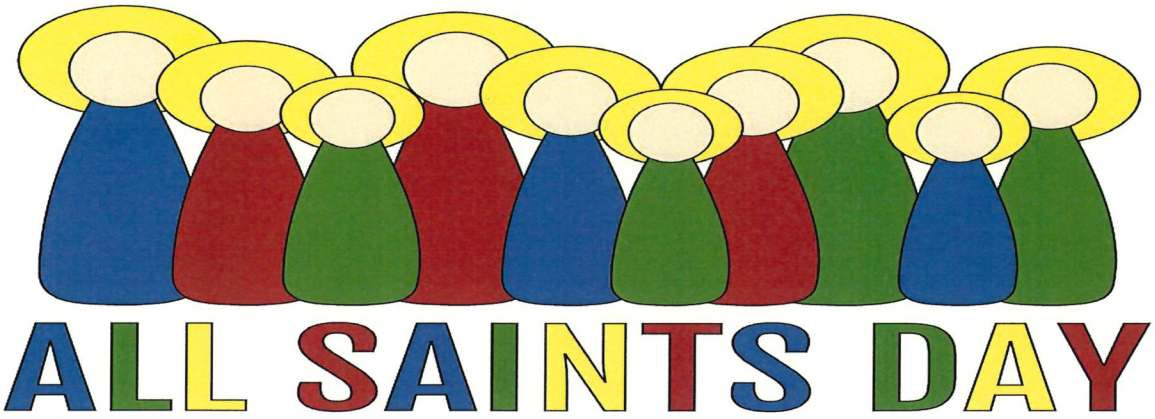
Dear Members of
First Lutheran Church-

Thank You

I was humbled by all of the love you shared as I retired from Director/Administrator of First Lutheran Preschool/Extended Care. The party was amazing! Thank you for the gifts, cards, kind words and all of the memories !!

Sincerely,
Jane Frederick

ALL SAINTS DAY—NOVEMBER 1ST



As a people of God, we celebrated *All Saints Day* on November 1st.
It is an important day in the life and ministry of the church
as we recall the names of those who have been
received into the arms of Christ throughout this past year.
We had invited the families of

Matt Guisinger

Bev Wheatley

Phil Engle

Jean Covert

Jim Ruess

To join us and be part of the opening procession
and place a rose in the vase by the altar.

We also engraved a memorial stone with each person's name
which will be placed in our memorial garden
by the front door entrance.

PIECE CORP

The Piece Corp is looking for flat sheets to use as stuffing for the quilts. Please see Jeannette Conley or Bonnie Oberlander for more information.

BOUNTIFUL FEAST

This year's Bountiful Feast will be held after worship on Sunday **November 22th**.

It will be a dine-in only meal. Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy and drinks will be provided.

Members are asked to sign up to provide desserts.

Sign-up sheets for what you can bring is located on The Information Board.

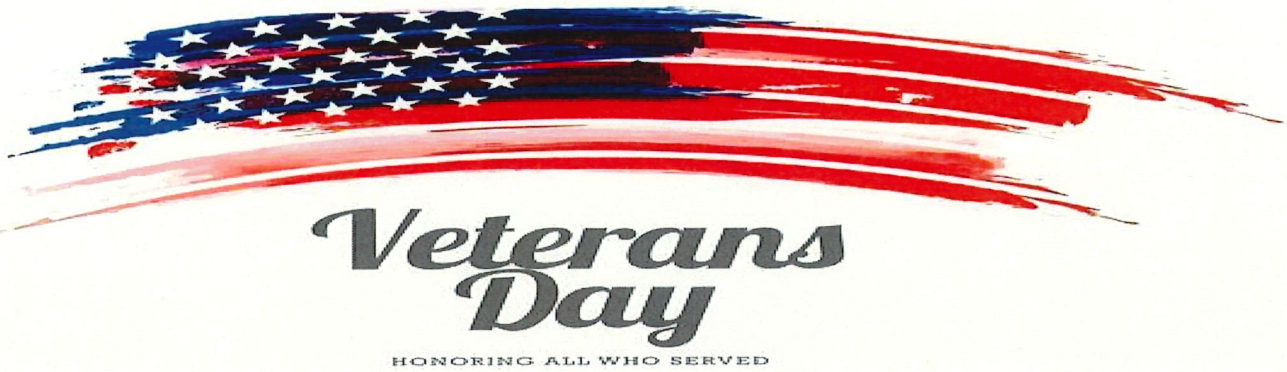
Tuba Christmas!

November 29, 2026

This will be Heidelberg's 53rd year for this wonderful event.

All are welcome to participate either in the audience as a listener or as a tuba player. If participating, registration is $15.00 starting at 2 p.m. with rehearsal to follow at 3 p.m. The performance will begin at 4 p.m.

Admission is free for those who want to watch and enjoy the merriment from the audience.



As members of our church family, we pause to honor and express our heartfelt gratitude to the brave men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Their courage, dedication, and willingness to sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today deserve our deepest respect and appreciation.

Veterans have given of themselves in many ways. Some have served far from home, endured difficult circumstances, and faced challenges that many of us may never fully understand. Others continue to carry the memories and experiences of their service throughout their lives. Each veteran has a story, and each story is a reminder of the courage, commitment, and strength it takes to serve our nation.

As people of faith, we are reminded by Scripture in John 15:13: *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."* These words remind us of the selflessness and love demonstrated by those who are willing to put the needs and safety of others before their own.

Today, we honor not only those who have served, but also their families, whose prayers, patience, and sacrifices have supported them along the way. We recognize that freedom comes at a cost, and we are grateful for those who have answered the call to serve.

To the veterans in our congregation and throughout our community, please know that you are appreciated, respected, and remembered. Your service has made a lasting difference, and we thank you for the sacrifices you have made for our country.

May God continue to bless our veterans with peace, strength, good health, and His everlasting love. May He also bless their families and guide our nation in the ways of justice, unity, and peace.

From our church family, thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your dedication.
We honor you today and always.
May God bless our veterans and bless the United States of America.

(Please wear our veterans badge so we can personally thank each one of you.)

NOVEMBER

Advent begins November 29th



Toledo Symphany Orchestra

RETURNS!!

December 15th

More information to follow

MOWING SCHEDULE 2026

Week	Mower	
11/05	Rick Nominee	



Bells of Praise :

Practice every Monday
at 5:15 PM



YES, It's time to start thinking about SNOW REMOVAL!!
Anyone interested in helping shovel the side walks
the shovel and salt will be located inside the doorways.

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



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.

November 16:

The Christmas Pearl by Dorothea Benton Frank

December 21, 2026

Christmas Party



PIECE CORP

QUILTING GROUP

The Piece Corp

continues to meet every *2nd Wednesday* at 9am

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Next meetings will be -

- **November 11**
- **December 9**

Currently looking for new members.

No experience in sewing needed.

Will Train Onsite!

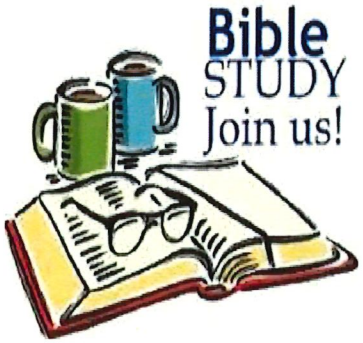
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School class has resumed and is held every Sunday during the service.

Please contact Diane Greene for more information



BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is held every Monday at 10a.m. at the Willows with Pastor Schuring.

Everyone is welcome.

LIFE IN TRANSITION





Guillermo Julian Munoz

June 19, 1926—September 30, 2026

G.J. leaves behind the legacy of a life well lived and fully realized:
a loving marriage, a proud family, a distinguished medical career, and a century marked by resilience, discovery, and enduring love.
His family will remember him not only for the length of his life, but also for its remarkable fullness and for the love he shared so generously along the way.

Services will be held at First Lutheran Church, Tiffin, Ohio.
Details forthcoming.

if anyone wants to reach out to them.

You can do so via email : thefamilyofgjmunoz@gmail.com

MITTEN TREE

Mitten Tree 

The mitten tree is more than a holiday decoration. It is a symbol of generosity, compassion, and the importance of helping one another. Even a small donation can make a meaningful difference in someone's life.

By participating in a mitten tree project, we remind ourselves that the spirit of the season is about more than gifts and celebrations. It is about caring for our neighbors, sharing what we have, and bringing comfort to those who need it most.

Together, we can make winter warmer, one mitten at a time!

Watch for it's return!!

GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES! - NOVEMBER

Greeting from Childhood Ministries,

Fall is in the air. I love seeing the leaves start to change. What a beautiful time of year. Ms. Leslie and our preschoolers have had tons of fun in preschool. Themes they explored together were trees, pumpkins, and Halloween celebrations. The made leaf people had a bat themed sensory table, practice writing their name and fall words; such as pumpkin, apple, fall, leaves, and nuts. Ms. Linda Rose will be visiting the beginning of November.



Jackie Webb,

JANUARY ANNUAL MEETING & COUNCIL MEMBERS

A Call for Church Council Members: Will You Step Forward to Serve?

Our Church Needs You!

The church is more than a building; it is a family of believers working together to serve God and the community. For our church to continue growing spiritually and fulfilling its mission, we need committed, faithful, and willing people to serve as church council members.

We are inviting members of our congregation to prayerfully consider becoming part of the church council. This is an opportunity to share your gifts, ideas, time, and talents to help strengthen our church and support its ministry.

Why Do We Need Church Council Members?

Church council members play an important role in guiding the church, supporting the pastor, helping make important decisions, managing church affairs responsibly, and encouraging unity among members. Their service helps ensure that the church continues to grow and meet the spiritual and practical needs of its congregation.

You do not have to be perfect or know everything to serve. What matters is a willing heart, a commitment to God, a spirit of cooperation, and a desire to make a positive difference.

Perhaps God is calling you to take a more active role in the life of our church. Do not underestimate what you can contribute. Your voice, your experience, your commitment, and your willingness to serve may be exactly what our church needs.

As the Bible reminds us in **1 Corinthians 12:27**, we are all members of the body of Christ, and each member has a role to play.

Let us not leave the responsibility of building and strengthening our church to only a few people. Together, we can accomplish more, support one another, and create a stronger future for our congregation.

Will you step forward? Will you offer your time and talents? Will you help lead our church into the future?

We invite interested members to speak with the pastor or the appropriate church leadership representative to learn more about becoming a church council member.

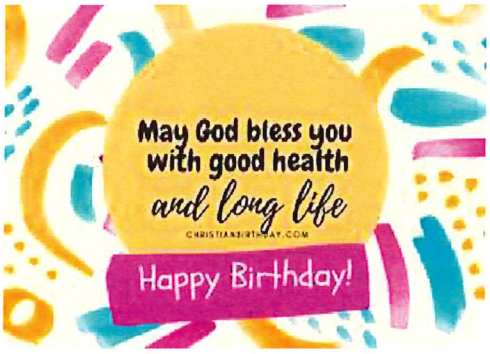
Many hands make light work, and when we work together in faith, we can accomplish great things for God's glory.

Let us serve together, grow together, and build our church together!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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





3	John Hoyda
	Frances Smith
	Jennifer Martinez
6	Amy Mills
7	Kim Kontak
11	Carol Bhagat
	Allison Meyer
	Shawn Vallery
12	Amanda Wildman
13	Gavan Reis-Kelly
15	Carter Groves
19	Beth Margraf
20	Jonathan Nominee
21	Andrew Porter
24	Nilam Bhagat
25	Renee Meyers
27	James Bosse
	Donald May
31	Ross Pauley



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

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

	SEPTEMBER	YTD
First Lutheran Church		
Income	$7,931.38	$93,527.57
Expense	$14,829.07	$167,794.87
Church Summary	**-$6,897.69**	**-$74,267.30**
First Lutheran Pre-School		
Income	$9,648.60	$93,867.21
Expense	$10,999.68	$91,313.77
School Summary	**-$1,351.08**	**$2,553.44**
Combined Summary		
Income	$17,579.98	$187,394.78
Expenses	$25,828.75	$259,108.64
Total Summary	**-$8,248.77**	**-$71,713.86**

Checking Account balance 09/30/2026 $32,227.69

Investment balance 09/30/2026 $510,033.85

Total Church Operating budget for 2026 is $204,200. $3,927 is needed weekly to cover operating expenses and the weekly offerings have averaged $2,119.00

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 need to be repeated every week



WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	READER	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	WORSHIP ASSIST	PASTOR
11/01/2026	Melissa Chester	Janet Zirger	The Rosses	Melissa Chester	Pastor Christian Dittmar
11/08/2026	Mike Oberlander	The Nominees	The Rosses	Rick Greene	Pastor Mark Schuring
11/15/2026	Shelley Ross	The Nominees	The Rosses	Shelley Ross	Pastor Mark Schuring
11/22/2026	Jonathan Nominee	Judy Kimmel	The Rosses	Jonathan Nominee	Pastor Giese
11/29/2026	Shelley Ross/ Melissa Chester		The Rosses	Shelley Ross/ Melissa Chester	LESSONS & CAROLS
ALTAR GUILD	Sandy & Ron Mellott				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR DECEMBER

SUNDAY	READER	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	WORSHIP ASSIST	PASTOR
12/06/2026					Pastor Christian Dittmar
12/13/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
12/20/2026					Pastor Mark Schuring
12/24/2026					Pastor Giese
12/27/2026					Pastor Melanie Haack
ALTAR GUILD	Bonnie & Mike Oberlander				

WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR JANUARY

SUNDAY	READER	HOST	FACE BOOK OPERATOR	WORSHIP ASSIST	PASTOR
01/03/2027					
01/10/2027					
01/17/2027					
01/24/2027					
01/31/2027					
ALTAR GUILD					

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.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

This year we are going to be partnering with FISH on the Thanksgiving Baskets. All the donated food will be given to FISH and they will be distributing the meals.
In order to make sure there is enough for all in need, please have food donated no later than

November 22nd.

Here is the list of food needed

Apple Sauce,

Peanut Butter,

Jelly,

Gravy,

Instant Potatoes

Stuffing Mix,

Cereal,

Pancake Mix,

Syrup,

Sweet Potatoes (Yams) canned,

Cranberry Sauce,

Corn Bread Mix,

Mac & Cheese,

Dessert Mixes,

Canned Corn,

Canned Green Beans,

Canned Peas



Election Day

November 4, 2025

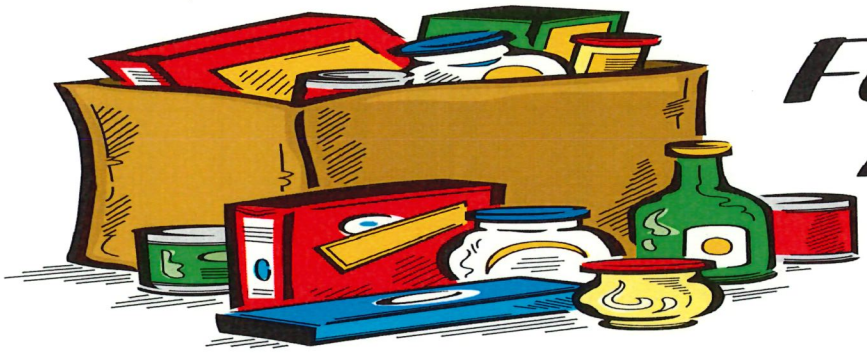
6:30AM to 7:30PM

Make Sure to VOTE!!



Daylight Savings Time ENDS!!

November 1st



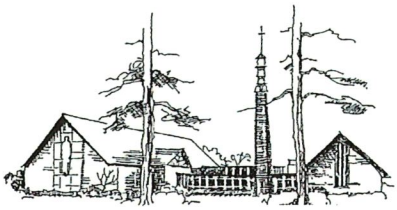
Food Pantry Needs

Below is a list of nonperishable items that the Food Panty is always in need of. Please remember some of these items while about and doing shopping.

Hearty canned soups (large & small)

Cream of soups, rice, Dehydrated potatoes, Mac-n-Cheese, Pasta (any kind), Pasta Sauce, Cereal (any boxed), Hot Cereal (oatmeal, etc), Baked or Pork-n-Beans, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers (Soda, Ritz etc.) Canned Meat or Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Condiments and Toilet Paper.

(Donations can be put in Food Basket located on hallway table)



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PASTOR MARK SCHURING	740 360-2306	PASTOR
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.

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