



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

JULY 2020 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 PASTOR BAILEY

Our family has started enjoying several picnics since we are still a bit hesitant going into a place to eat. We often pick up dinner, and head to one of our local parks to spend some time together over dinner and conversation. As we get organized, we stop to pray:

God is good!

God is great!

Let us thank him for our food.

Amen!

Simple words. It may be a bit hokey to think of your pastor praying this childhood prayer at every meal, but that's what we do. Then after our prayer, we ask God's special blessings on whatever seems near and dear to us at the time. People, events, social concerns, etc. as a way to commend it all to God's care, and as a great conversation starter for the rest of the meal.

While we were out a few weeks ago, well into our meal, another family sat down at a table not too far from us. As they pulled out their bags of fast food, they began to pray . . . and pray . . . and pray. I was impressed. I was humbled. I was somewhat embarrassed and ashamed of our childhood prayer. Later in the day, sharing my observation, I even asked Wendy is our prayer good enough?

Seems like an odd question, especially when I recall Jesus' words.

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

(Matthew 6:7-8, NRSV)

Jesus says this to the crowd gathered for the Sermon on the Mount. Then he goes on to teach the people how to pray, "Our Father . . ."

In the end, I had to remind myself, and if I had to remind myself, then I thought it would be worth reminding you as well. It is not about how you pray, it's more about what you pray!

As we bow our heads, what is our intention? Are we just heaping up "empty phrases" to be showy, or are we lifting up honest, written on our hearts, concerns and blessings?

See the fact is most of us struggle with prayer. We think that we aren't good enough or capable enough, but none of that matters to God. What matters is that we pour out our heart and mind entrusting all things to the Lord of Heaven and Earth. So feel free to pray, even if it is as simple as: "yubba, dub, dub, thanks for the grub!" As long as it is poured out from the heart!

Pray on!

Pastor Bailey

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m.

Join us for worship:
Broadcast live on 93.3 FM
or 1600 AM and as we
livestream on Facebook
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All worship services within
the physical walls of
First Lutheran are
suspended until further
notice.

Wednesday
Times of Reflection:
2-4 and 5:30-7:30 for
Individuals who wish
a blessing, meditation, or
private communion

Council Meeting:
Outdoor Council Mtg
July 20th at 7 pm.

THANK YOU / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAYS

Thank You from... First Call for Help

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your congregation for all you have done during the COVID19 pandemic. Recently First Call For Help received cash and checks totaling \$523.00 from your congregation (along with First Christian and Faith United Methodist). This money was applied towards the COVID 19 Disaster Relief Fund. Your assistance will continue to allow individuals, who are struggling as a result of the COVID 10 pandemic, to remain in their homes and keep their utilities on.

While it may not be readily visible, the support you have offered will have a profound effect on the lives of the families that receive assistance as they are faced with adversity. I thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our community.

Sincerely,
Jason D. Pollick
First Call For Help

Thank You To...

The ladies at Crosswaeh who made and donated 200 masks to First Lutheran. We have two styles and a wide variety of patterns available for anyone who might need an extra mask or two. The available masks are on a table beside the office door. Help yourself to what you need!

TRANSITIONS

HUGH RATHBURN
OCTOBER 8, 1946
June 1, 2020

RUDY KARLE
APRIL 13, 1938
JUNE 4, 2020

WEST OHIO FOOD BANK

July 23rd will be the next opportunity to lend a hand as we help feed Seneca County.

Distribution begins at 1.
Volunteers are welcome
anytime after noon.

If you are in need of assistance, know that the line starts forming around 10 a.m. Feel free to come early, as supplies are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Many thanks to those
who are faithful in helping
each month!**

A HUGE THANK YOU...

to Panera Bread for providing lunches, consisting of a sandwich, chips and an apple, for all of the volunteers helping with the June West Ohio Food Bank Distribution.

This was an unexpected, but welcome perk for the volunteers.

THANK YOU, PANERA

Thank you from...

Beverly and Jerry Wheatley wish to thank everyone for the cards and congratulations for their 73rd wedding anniversary.

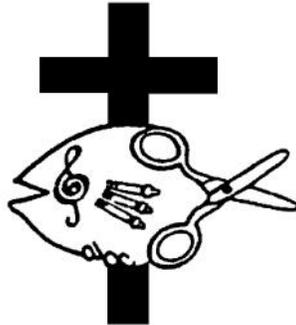


- 3 Ashley Myers
- 5 Cara Cook
- 6 Ella Hoover
Mike Oberlander
- 9 Carol Jarrett
Deb Nominee
- 11 Andrew Fay
Amy Moneer
- 12 Blake Vaughn
- 13 Kegan Kelly
- 16 Rick Greene
- 17 Kelli Brueggemeier
- 19 Kim Ames
- 22 John Jarrett
Jackson Vallery
- 23 Garrett Chester
- 24 Michael Ross
Vera Smith
- 25 Jennifer Binkley
- 30 Ruth Lape
Brian Zoll
- 31 Donna Brueggemeier
Hayden Cook



GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES!

WE ARE BACK!!! We were able to re-open our center on Monday, June 15, after being closed for nearly three months. There are many new rules and routines to follow. The biggest change was that we are only allowed to have ten people in a room (nine children and one adult). The Childhood Ministries Board had several lengthy meetings, as we worked out the details for re-opening. We started with information from Ohio Department of Health, using the guidelines for "Responsible Restart Ohio" for Child Care, and looking at Mandatory Practices and Recommended Best Practices. We have three staff here each day. One opens the center at 6am, another closes at 6pm and I am there in the middle. (A second adult is required when the seventh child arrives and must be there until we are down to six children.) We are not using the Fellowship Hall, kitchen or the preschool classroom upstairs, so there is a clear division between the church and the daycare center.



Our goal was to find nine children who needed childcare five full days per week. We also raised our rates and went from paying hourly to charging a weekly rate for five days or a daily rate for four days or less. Some of our current families were not comfortable with committing to that, so we have several new children enrolled now. We currently have nine boys and one girl using our program. Five of them are preschoolers and five are school age. Hopefully, the rules will change so that we can soon have more than ten people in a room and provide childcare to more families. We are currently taking temperatures of children and staff upon arrival and again before they leave each

day. Because we are required to sanitize the toys after use, some were put away to make it more practical. We are also required to wash hands upon arrival and before leaving. The drinking fountains are not to be used, so the children are bringing water bottles. We are not able to go on any field trips or have guests. It has certainly been a challenge, that is for sure!

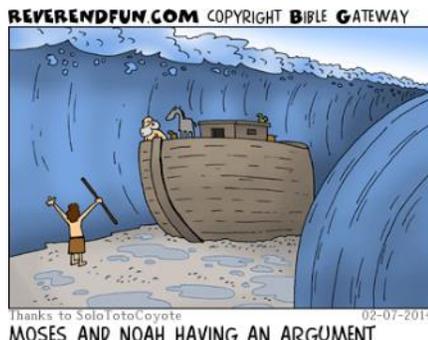
Thank you to those who support our programs. Your concern and interest has helped me weather this "storm". Also, special "Thanks" to those who weeded our play yard! It looked so much better and more welcoming when we re-opened. As we move forward and make decisions for our future, positive thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jane Frederick,
Director of Childhood Ministries

Holy Humor



Y'all need to stop with this "bread is not good for you" foolishness. Jesus did not say I am the broccoli of life. Nor did He say give us this day our daily kale. Stop. Jesus is life. Jesus is the bread of life. Bread is life.



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WORSHIP INFORMATION

	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday	Sunday
	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
	5 th Sunday of Pentecost	6 th Sunday of Pentecost	7 th Sunday of Pentecost	8 th Sunday of Pentecost
	Lector: Melissa Chester	Lector:	Lector: Shelley Ross	Lector:

Words on Covid-19

Our Congregational Planning team has been working hard on a proposal on how to resume in person worship. At this time the proposal is being passed on to Council for their review and approval. The current recommendation is to welcome people back as early as August 2.

Why "as early as"? As cases of Covid-19 seem to be on the rise, we do not want to take any unnecessary risks, by simply opening our doors. If the cases continue to climb throughout July, our restart date may be pushed back. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding during these uncertain time.

While we are all anxious to return to in person worship, here are a few

things that you might want to be aware of as we move in that direction:

We will continue on Facebook Live and on the Radio

Many of us are eager to return to "normal", however we fully recognize that many are not as eager to venture out into a crowd. We are blessed with the gift of technology that has kept us connected via Facebook Live and via the Radio. We look forward to continuing to offer both of these as additional worship opportunities well into the future. On that same note the bulletins will continue to be available online and will be sent via email on a weekly basis.

Social Distancing is a Must

During our gathering for worship, we will do our best to make sure everyone has enough space to protect you, your neighbor, and our worship leaders. Pews have been roped off, stations have been created in the Lobbies and Narthex, to allow enough time and space for everyone to feel comfortable while at First.

If you are feeling ill, STAY HOME!

While we are in the process of putting several best safe practices in place, we know that there are many variables to keeping each other safe. The first and foremost is acknowledging how you feel. If you are showing any symptoms or don't feel well, please stay home!

FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

JULY Lawn Mowers

July 2-8 John Kobelt
 July 9-15 Bob Fruth
 July 16-22 Shawn Vallery
 July 23-29 Richard Ellinger
 July 30-August 5 John Swope



WEED WARRIORS would welcome hands of any age to help water and weed the planters and flower beds on the church grounds.

COUNCIL NEWS

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Greene. We met via Google Meets due to the Corona virus situation. Participating in the meeting were: Pastor Bailey, Rick Greene Kelly-Reis Kelly, Jane Fruth, Linda Ellinger, Anna Wildman, Deb Nominee, Bonnie Oberlander and Amy Mills. Absent were Kelly Cook and Janet Zirger. Pastor Bailey gave a devotional and prayer.

Minutes: The minutes were presented. Deb Nominee moved to accept the minutes and Jane Fruth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jane presented the treasurer's report. Income is steady at the moment but will fall due to the closing of the pre-school. Linda moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Bonnie and the motion passed.

Old Business:

The pre-school entrance committee has not met. Bonnie was hopeful that they could meet once the Governor has laid out more guidelines for the Pre-School

Entrance rugs There was discussion about cancelling the contract for the entrance rugs. Linda moved to give pastor the leeway to negotiate the current contract with Kimmel Cleaners for the mats. Deb seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CCC Exit. All supplies and furniture have been removed except files that are currently being stored in a locked closet. These files have confidential patient information in them and can only be purged by their former secretary. Once purged, they may be moved to the possession of the newly formed counseling group.

Staffing Rick discussed that there was some confusion as to the wage for John Bailey who is filling in temporarily for Mike Porter. After discussion, Linda moved to set John's pay at \$10 per hour and to correct the past error in his next paycheck. The motion was seconded by Anna and the motion passed with one dissenting vote.

New Business:

Covid-19 Concerns A Re-entry Committee has been formed and will meet on May 19th. Once all have read Governor DeWine's recommendations and mandates, they will determine what changes need to be made. The church and pre-school area need to be separated. If there is a positive case, only the affected area will need closed and disinfected. Tentatively, it is

FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH ENDING
MAY 2020

Month YTD

Income

Parish	\$27,081	\$88,339
C.M.	\$865	\$46,794
	\$27,946	\$135,133

Expenses

Parish	\$21,384	\$81,412
C.M.	\$3,999	\$37,697
	\$21,977	\$119,109

Total Income

Less Expenses: **\$5,969** **\$16,024**

**Transfer from Investments
to cover expenses \$0**

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hoped to open the preschool in June, following the Governor's recommendation and under the pre-school board's guidance.

Discussion followed concerning the opening of the church and protocol for meetings. Our Bishop continues to be cautious, so Pastor recommended that we entrust the planning committee to consider opening the church for worship in July or later. He further recommended that beginning in June, groups of the church could meet at their own comfort and discretion, however, he encourages groups to meet online when possible.

Survey Results Pastor was pleased with
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OTHER NEWS

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the results. The majority of responses were pleased with the Facebook Live streaming and the online bulletins. The results of the survey will be used by the planning team.

Toledo Symphony Orches-

tra Curt King is hesitant to sign any contract because it will be hard to procure funding with no plan. This recommendation is supported by council.

Room Use

Curt King has indicated that he would like to use the room next to his office as a music library. It was also suggested that the conference room, immediately next to the proposed music library, be used as a storage room to help clear the clutter from the stage. Bonnie moved that the room immediately adjacent to Curt's be made into a music library. Deb seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. No decision was made concerning the proposed storage room.

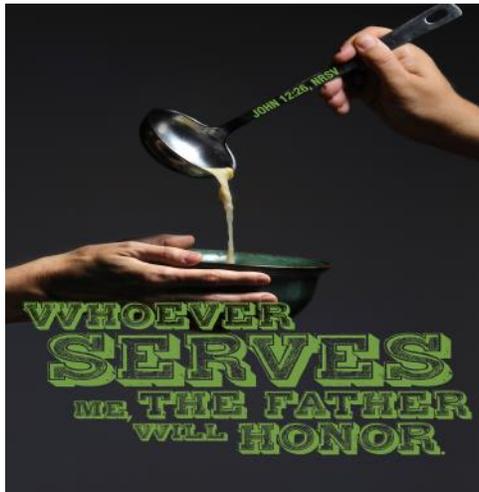
Other Business

Pastor along with Worship and Music are considering another parking lot service for Pentecost. This service would be similar to our Easter Service and would be in conjunction with First Christian and Faith United Methodist churches.

With no further business to be brought before the council, the next meeting was set for June 15th at 7 PM. Linda moved to adjourn, Bonnie seconded, and the motion passed. Pastor then closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Ellinger
Co-Council Secretary



Sharing Kitchen Update:

We need volunteers from First for Sharing Kitchen dates in August.

Our dates are August 17th and 20th.

It has been requested that we have 2 people arriving at 8:30 and 4 more people to arrive at 10:30.

If you can help on either of these dates, please let Deb Nominee know, or call the church office.

Thank you for helping!

Wednesday's With Pastor

Pastor Bailey is inviting anyone to join him in the Chapel on Wednesday from 2 – 4 p.m. or from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. You may use this time for personal prayer, healing anointing oil, and communion. This is also a great opportunity pick up your quarterly devotions, or to leave your tithes and offerings. Our only request is that we all practice good social distancing skills while here. If you see another individual/family in the chapel, please be patient and wait in the hallway until invited inside. Also, if you feel ill in any way, shape, or form, or if you are uncomfortable going out, please stay home.

NOTE: If you are in need of cloth masks, please know we do have a supply available, donated by makers at Crosswaeh.

YOUTH

The countdown has begun to the National Youth Gathering in 2021. We are now less than a year away! However, we haven't heard any official updates from the ELCA regarding the status of next year's gathering. So we wait patiently for opening registration.

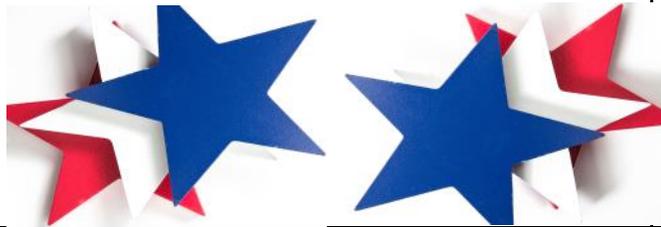
While we wait, please prayerfully consider whether or not your youth would like to be a part of a life changing week of worship, fellowship, service, and Bible study. If so, reserve the dates on your calendar now, of June 28 through July 5.

For more information regarding our plans, check out the "youth" page on our website. Plenty of details will be uploaded soon, including a PDF of all the information that we know at this time.

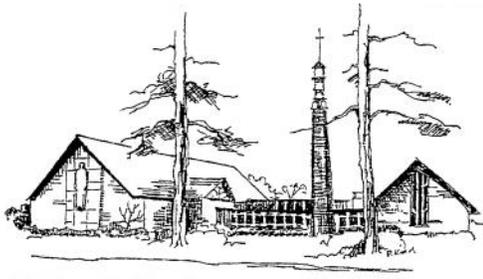
As always, if you have questions, feel free to reach out to the adult leaders who will be attending: Pastor & Wendy Bailey and Melissa & Jamie Chester.

2021 ELCA
YOUTH GATHERING
boundless
GOD BEYOND MEASURE

JULY



			1 Chapel time w/ Pastor 2-4p and 5:30-7:30	2	3 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	4 
5 10:00a Worship via Live stream and radio	6 Office Closed	7	8 Chapel time w/ Pastor 2-4p and 5:30-7:30	9	10 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	11
12 10:00a Worship via Live stream and radio	13 Office Closed	14	15 Chapel time w/ Pastor 2-4p and 5:30-7:30p	16	17 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	18
19 10:00a Worship via Live stream and radio	20 Office Closed Outdoor Council Meeting 7p	21 Information for SCROLL DUE TODAY!	22 Chapel time w/ Pastor 2-4p and 5:30-7:30	23 West Ohio Food Bank Distribution 1-3p	24 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	25
26 10:00a Worship via Live stream and radio	27 Office Closed	28	29 Chapel time w/ Pastor 2-4p and 5:30-7:30	30	31 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	



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