



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

JULY 2021 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

Last month, I began to ponder with you the pledge that we have made at the time of our confirmation. If you missed the article, I'd encourage you to take a look at it by visiting our website (firstlutherantiffin.com) and reading the June Newsletter posted on our newsletter tab. This month, we'll continue to ponder these same questions as we approach them much like Martin Luther would have by further asking: "What does this mean?"

As a refresher, at the time of our confirmation we were likely asked to reaffirm our baptismal covenant by responding to the following question:

Do you intend to continue in the covenant

God made with you in baptism:

To live among God's faithful people?

To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper?

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed?

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus?

And, to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

What does it mean to "proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed?"

With our confirmation youth, I'd encourage you to reflect upon a few Bible stories. Would you turn with me to Acts 7:1-8:1, Luke 21:1-4, Mark 10:35-45, and John 13:1-17. After you've taken some time to read all of these, you will notice four very different models of proclamation in word and in deed.

In Acts, Stephen is stoned because of his faith. Yet ask yourself, how does Stephen respond in his dying breath? If only we could be so bold. In Luke, Jesus observes a poor widow. What does she give? Amazingly she gives abundantly. If only we could be so generous. When turning to Mark, what is it that James and John are seeking? Together, we realize that power, in the name of Jesus, isn't everything. If only we could be so humble. Then, turning to John as Jesus meets with his disciples on the night of his betrayal, a new commandment is written on their hearts in the most unexpected of ways. If only we could serve as Christ served us.

There are a lot of "if only's" in the previous paragraph. If only we could be so bold. If only we could be so generous. If only we could be so humble. If only we could serve as Christ served us. While they remain "if only's", they are not impossible tasks. Not at all: yet it starts with you and I making a

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday Worship:

10:00 a.m.

Join us for worship:
Broadcast live on 93.3 FM
or 1600 AM and on
Facebook Live
(firstlutherantiffin.com)

We are offering worship in-person with precautions

Drive-Thru Communion

Cancelled on July 4th

Congregational Picnic :

Following worship on July 4th

Council Meeting:

July 8th 6:30 p.m.

West Ohio Food Bank

Thursday, July 22nd
Volunteers report by 12:30
Distribution begins at 1:00

Piece Corp

Wednesday, July 14th
9:00 a.m.

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conscious decision to place faith first. As baptized children of God, living within our baptismal affirmation, God's love, grace, and peace is supposed to come over and above everything else. This is not an easy task, not even for me. For this is the direction we are supposed to take if we truly are willing to "proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed."

So where do we begin? Perhaps we find direction for that in the next part of our baptismal pledge as we respond to, "serving all people, following the example of Jesus." We can end this part of the conversation pretty quickly by defining "all" to be exactly what it means to be . . . each and every person. Regardless of race, color, creed, ethnicity, social standing, mental capacity, political party, or whatever class or division you want to throw in there, God loves them all! No questions asked. God loves them all! As God

loves, then so should we. Again not an easy task, as human nature tends to create barriers between anyone who is different than we are.

So step one in living within the covenant God made with us in baptism is to love all people just as God loves us, which is unconditionally. The rest will then begin to fill in along the way. Then, it will be easy to serve all people and to proclaim Christ in word and deed.

Next month we will reflect on our call to justice as we continue to live out the pledges we have made in our confirmation.

Blessings as we work and serve together!

Pastor Bailey

YOUTH

Mark Your Calendars!



Attention all upcoming 8th graders through upcoming Freshmen.

You do not want to miss out on this once in a life time faith formation event.

The National Youth Gathering is on for next summer! Save the date, and mark your calendar for July 25. We'll gather following worship for some conversation and planning for our trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Registration begins this fall, and we want to be sure to be informed, ready, and willing. If you can't make it, be sure to chat with Pastor Bailey in the near future.



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GOD BEYOND MEASURE

A Request from Office Ruth

Each week, I use stamps (plus an extra ounce stamp) for the Home Bulletins I mail. On weeks when I mail SCROLL, I use nearly 60 stamps, **just** for that job. I also use stamps to mail acknowledgements to people who have made memorial contributions to First Lutheran. Although I love the US flag, I do get tired of seeing all those flag stamps! A few people have been faithful in bringing me books of stamps that are much more colorful, including the garden flowers and the winter scenes series. Knowing that the price of first class stamps is increasing at the end of August, I would like to make a request that if you would like to donate a book of colorful stamps, I would appreciate it. It will brighten my day AND maybe the day of the mail recipient as well! *Thank you for your consideration of this request.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAYS

West Ohio Food Bank

July 22nd will be the next opportunity to lend a hand as we help feed Seneca County. Distribution begins at 1:00. 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 distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Many thanks to our faithful volunteers!



Sharing Kitchen Update

The Sharing Kitchen at St. Paul's Methodist Church will begin serving in-person meals beginning in June. The 2021 dates we have been assigned are as follows:

July 12th and 15th
August 16th and 19th
October 11th and 14th

We have been asked to have 2 people arrive at 10:30 and 3-4 more volunteers at 11:00. The request has been made that everyone be able to stay until clean-up is completed (usually by 1:00).

Please contact Deb Nominee if you are able to help on any of these dates.

Updated Covid-19 Policy

Everyone is asked to wear a mask when entering, leaving or moving around the church facility. Once seated, you may remove your mask if you feel comfortable doing so.

Social distancing has been relaxed with the removal of the center pew dividers, but every-other-row seating is still in place.

Greeters will distribute communion packets when you enter the nave.

You will not need to register with greeters, but individuals and family groups are asked to complete a Fellowship Card and place it in the offering plate.

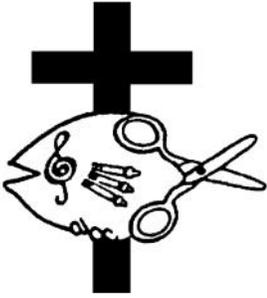
Thank you for your consideration and cooperation as we try to safely navigate the ever-changing guidelines of Covid survival, while keeping all members, guests, staff, and daycare participants healthy.

- 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
- 14 Lori Groves
- 16 Rick Greene
- 17 Kelli Brueggemeier
Deb Clark
Andrew Shawberry
- 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

SOS

We are in serious need of lectors and hosts. If you could help fill any of these vacancies it would be much appreciated. You can call the church office at 419-447-1323 or email: firstlutherantiffin@gmail.com

GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES!



Greetings from Childhood Ministries! We are enjoying our summer schedule and more time outside. We currently have 16 Preschool students and 19 School Age students in our Extended Care Program. Our Extended Care program has completed units on "Making Friends", "Bugs and Critters", "Colors of the Rainbow" and

"Camping". We will end June and begin the month of July, focusing on "Red, White and Blue" activities. The children were able to enjoy various related art activities, games and snacks. During "Colors of the Rainbow", we encouraged the children to wear a particular color of shirt each day and passed out coordinating jelly bracelets or candy. We also had different color of juices and snacks each day. We had some interesting snacks during "Bug Week". The children enjoyed "S'mores" during "Camping week" and various red, white and blue snacks.

Our preschool classes started their Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) on June 8. There are two four-week sessions, meeting on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9-11:30am. Most of our students were here during the school year and their parents are looking for a little extra structure for their child during the summer. We have

a few new students who are getting ready for kindergarten and this gives them a nice review before starting in the fall. We currently have 12 students in our first session. They began the summer by focusing on "Critter Connections". The classes also participated in sessions about "The Magic of Color", "Cupcake Creations" and finished the month with "Party In The USA".

As of June 10, our School Age students and vaccinated staff were able to go without masks. We are relaxing our toy disinfecting policies and have the sand box back out in the play yard. Slowly, things are returning to a new-normal. It has been an extremely long year and is certainly appreciated by all!

Special thanks to all who support our programs in any way! We would all like to send a huge "THANK YOU" to the donors of the new mulch for our play yard.! It is wonderful! We were able to play outdoors after a few showers and not get all muddy, which helps keep our classrooms cleaner!

Sincerely,

Jane Frederick,

Director of Childhood Ministries

HOLY HUMOR



LET IT WALK

Down in the south, there are many churches known as "answer back" churches. When the preacher says something, the congregation naturally replies.

One Sunday, a preacher was speaking on what it would take for the church to become better. He said, "If this church is to become better, it must take up it's bed, and walk." The congregation said, "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

Encouraged by their response, he went further. "If this church is going to become better, it will have to throw aside it's hindrances and run!" The congregation replied, "Let it run, Preacher, let it run!"

Now really into his message, he spoke stronger. "If this church really wants to become great, it will have to take up it's wings and fly!" "Let it fly, Preacher, let it fly!" the congregation shouts.

The Preacher gets louder, "If this church is going to fly, it will cost money!"

The congregation replied, "Let it walk, Preacher, let it walk."

BOOKWORMS ANONYMOUS is looking for some new book lovers to join them!

Their August book selection is *The Paris Architect* by Charles Belfoure. All are invited to join them the third Monday of the month at 1:30, beginning August 16th. This group meets in the Library at First Lutheran.

Come join them and enjoy some fellowship and lively discussion.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday July 4	Sunday July 11	Sunday July 18	Sunday June 25
6 th Sunday after Pentecost	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	9 th Sunday after Pentecost
Lector: Melissa or Gracie Chester Hosts: Chester Family	Lector: Shelley Ross Host: Janet Zirger	Lector: Beth Margraf Hosts: Nominee Family	Lector: ??? Hosts: Beth & Jack Myers

OTHER NEWS



Mobile Communion will not take place on July 4th, so everyone can join and share a time of fellowship with an all-church picnic on the church lawn.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

JULY LAWN CREW

- July 1-Bob Fruth
- July 8-Shawn Vallery
- July 15-Richard Ellinger
- July 22-John Swope
- July 29 John Kobelt

Many THANKS to our loyal lawn crew and Weed Warriors!!

COUNCIL NEWS

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.

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021

Present: Pastor Bailey, Anna Wildman and Deb Nominee were at Church. On zoom were Beth Margraf, Shelley Ross, Kim Ames, Janet Zirger, and Bonnie Oberlander .

Absent: **Jane Fruth and Kelly Cook**

Beth called the meeting to order.

Approve Agenda: **Bonnie** motioned to accept, **Shelley** seconded, and the motion passed.

Approve April Minutes: **Janet** motioned to accept, **Pastor** seconded, and the motion passed.

Approve April Financial Report: **Deb** motioned to accept, **Shelley** seconded, and the motion passed.

Old Business:

-Pastor reported that North Coast will have new keys and locks for the preschool installed tomorrow (Tuesday, May 25, 2021). Cost will be \$600.00 to have it all done.

-Four youth were accepted to receive the Rite of Confirmation. They include Andrew Bailey, Andrew Fay, Chloe Orians and Zaine Reis.

-The purchase of landscaping and mulch for the church and preschool was approved prior to the Council meeting by a cast of votes on May 12, 2021. The cost of this project was covered by a generous donation by one family for the church and another generous donation was made by two family members to cover the cost for the playground. Nick's Landscaping did a very good job.

-Covid protocols will remain the same for masks. Communion will remain the same and the ropes will stay. Hymnals and envelopes will be placed back in the pews.

Outreach Activities:

-Pastor presented a book to each graduating preschooler. They loved receiving them. Thank you for all the generous donations for this outreach activity. The donations exceeded the expense so will have a head start for next year's class.

-Still uncertain about the proposed Community 4th of July service. Pastor has contacted several other churches but no one has made a commitment yet.

-The quilting group has resumed as of Monday, May 17, 2021.

New Business:

-Pastor will be on vacation for a week in June, followed by a week of continuing education.

FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH ENDING

MAY 2021

	Month	YTD
<u>Income</u>		
Church	\$18,840	\$83,413
Pre-School	<u>\$8,570</u>	<u>\$49,598</u>
	\$27,410	\$133,011
<u>Expenses</u>		
Church	\$17,818	\$105,475
Pre-School	<u>\$10,374</u>	<u>\$44,501</u>
	\$28,192	\$149,976
Summary:	(\$792)	(\$16,965)

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

We appreciate your gifts. The QR code will take you to our online giving page.



-On Sunday, May 30, 2021 we will be celebrating our graduates. They include Ella Hoover, Anna Stephey, Amanda Wildman, Gavin Reis, Kayla Reis and Chet Margraf.

Committee Reports:

Finance: No report

Social Ministry: Deb reported five or six volunteers are needed to help at the sharing kitchen. Volunteers are needed in July, August 16th and 19th and October. Dates will be published in the bulletin and in the Scroll. Adults and teens are welcome to help.

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CONTINUED COUNCIL MINUTES

-Second Sunday in October is Sharing Sunday.

Worship and Music: Anna reported they purchased and planted 50 geraniums around the church.

Childhood Ministry: Bonnie reported the purchase of tablets for the preschool. Someone had purchased them for their business but did not need them so offered to sell them to the preschool for a very reasonable price.

-Numbers are looking good for the preschool next year.

Property: People have been contacted to look at the parking lot for repairs.

-The preschool may need more window air conditioners.

Motion to Adjourn: Shelley made a motion to adjourn, Anna seconded it and the motion passed.

Next Meeting: July 8th at 6:30 P.M. Will try to meet in person.

Respectively Submitted,

Kim Ames/Janet Zirger, Co-Secretaries

THANK YOU

I recently underwent abdominal surgery at Johns Hopkins here in DC and I had many wonderful life-long FLC family praying for me. I truly felt the love and power of those prayers.

The surgery arose quite suddenly and was a bit scary for me; yet I knew so many wonderful folks were praying. I can't begin to tell you how very much that comforted me and how very invaluable the results. I inch along each day gaining more strength and most important of all resuming bright hope and purpose when not so long ago things didn't look so hopeful.

I cannot take any credit for this change. I absolutely attribute my improving health to many loving prayers of you all and Our Great Physician Himself.

I only wish to offer my heartfelt gratitude to the FLC family. I am blessed to have such true and faithful FLC family. Of final note I invite anyone that may be visiting the DC area to join us at my new church home at Georgetown Lutheran here in Georgetown. We are a very diverse and fun small congregation with a long and rich history. My heart shall always remain with First Lutheran, Tiffin and the precious family I've had my entire life.

Thank you and may the Lord Bless each one of you.

In Christ's Love

Maryann (Conley) Shahade





SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

				1	2 7:30p NA Group Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	3
4 6th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00a Worship via Live stream, radio or in-person Picnic on the Lawn following worship	5 Office Closed	6	7 6:30p W&M mtg 7:30p NA Group	8 6:30p Council	9 7:30p NA Group Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	10
11 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00a Worship via Live stream, radio or in-person	12 Office Closed Sharing Kitchen	13 SCROLL INFO DUE TODAY	14 9:00a Piece Corp 7:30p NA Group	15 Sharing Kitchen	16 7:30p NA Group Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	17 10:00 Lisa King Memorial Service
18 8th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00a Worship via Live stream, radio or in-person	19 Office Closed	20	21 7:30p NA Group	22 1:00p West Ohio Food Bank	23 7:30p NA Group Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	24
25 9th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00a Worship via Live stream, radio or in-person 1100 NYG Mtg	26 Office Closed	27	28 7:30p NA Group	29	30 7:30p NA Group Office Closed Pastor's Day Off	31

YOU ARE INVITED

FOURTH OF JULY
picnic



**THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO ENJOY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP
ON THE FOURTH OF JULY.**

Following worship we'll move to the front lawn for a congregational picnic.

Bring your own lunch, picnic blanket, and enjoy the company of others
as we enjoy a bit of time together on the Fourth.

Drinks will be provided. You bring the rest!



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PRESIDENT	Beth Margraf	WORSHIP & MUSIC	Anna Wildman
VICE PRESIDENT	Shelley Ross	PARISH ED	(vacant)
CO-SECRETARIES	Janet Zirger/Kim Ames	EVANGELISM	(vacant)
TREASURER	Jane Fruth	PROPERTY	Kelly Cook
CHILDHOOD MINISTRY	Bonnie Oberlander	STEWARDSHIP	(vacant)
SOCIAL MINISTRY	Deb Nominee		

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