



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

OCTOBER 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

**"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

As I sit and ponder the words for my article within the October's Scroll, the weather outside is changing. It's the final day of summer, although it hardly feels like summer. Tomorrow's forecast for the first day of Fall is chilly and very wet. The time and season is changing.

I actually love Fall. I've always equated my fondness to Fall with its connection to my birthday. Even though my birthday is on September 1st and doesn't technically happen in Fall its close enough to the change of season to count for me. In my opinion, there is so much to love about this season. The smell of campfires on a cool evening. The color and vibrance of the leaves as they change throughout the months ahead. The crisp bite of an apple picked from the tree, or the moment to savor the flavor of apple cider. There is the joy of rooting for your favorite football team and cheering them on to victory. Then there is the cooler air that is refreshing enough to open the windows and turn off the air conditioning. Indeed, there is much to enjoy and fall in love with as we approach the Season of Fall.

As the seasons change, the Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is a season for everything and a time for every matter under heaven. As we watch, witness, and experience the change of seasons taking place around us, so too must we realize that life is full of "seasonal" changes. We grow older. We grow more frail. We grow up. We experience more independence. We fall in (and sometimes out of) love. We learn more in school. We learn to tolerate what we forget. Our vision grows blurry. Our teeth chip and crack. Our hair grays, thins, and falls out. Our diets change. Our sleeping habits change. Everything about life, like the seasons we experience, is changing.

Through it all, there is one constant . . . Jesus Christ and his never ending love for us. This never fails. This never falters. This doesn't grow weary. It doesn't ebb and flow. It is always there. It is continually being poured out upon all of creation again and again, through every season of the life in which we live.

In fact, as familiar we may be with the opening words to the third chapter of Ecclesiastes,

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

**Sunday Worship:
10:00 a.m.**

**Join us for worship:
We are offering worship in-person with precautions
Broadcast live on 93.3 FM
or 1600 AM and on
Facebook Live
(firstlutherantiffin)**

Piece Corp

**Wednesday, October 13
9:00 a.m.**

Church Council

**Wednesday, October 20
6:30 p.m.**

**West Ohio Food Bank
Thursday, October 28
Volunteers report by 12:30
Distribution begins at 1:00**

**Temporary Office Hours
Tuesday & Thursday
9-4**

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"to everything there is a season," we may be less familiar with the rest of the chapter. Verse fourteen reminds us of our place in the great change of the time and season. The writer proclaims:

I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

As we journey through October and witness the change of seasons around us and as we journey through the ever changing seasons of life, let us not forget God's unending love that is never changing. Then let us give thanks as we stand in awe of the majesty of our God.

A blessed Fall!

Pastor Bailey



For Everything There is a Season

CAMP OUT HOMELESSNESS

The Seneca county Council on Homelessness is hosting a fall fundraiser entitled "Camping Out Homelessness" during the first weekend in October. There are a variety of ways that you can participate:

- *If you would like to experience homelessness you are invited to pitch a tent or use a provided cardboard box to live in the parking of our future shelter.
- *You can support those who are camping by acting as a sponsor. Your financial gift will help to purchase beds and bedding for the shelter.
- *Or, you can assist with our Friday evening dinner, as First Lutheran will be the host for that evening.

If you are interested in knowing more or participating, share some conversation with Pastor Bailey or search Seneca County Council on Homelessness on Facebook for more information on how to register.

If you are interested in sponsoring a "homeless", camper, the Bailey's will be camping out, and they would greatly appreciate your kindness and financial support.

If you want to know more about helping with the Friday evening dinner, please see Jeanette Conley, as she is coordinating the meal for that evening.

YOUTH

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

The time for Registration is here! All youth currently in 8th grade or in High School are encouraged to be a part of life formative event, which will take place in Minneapolis. We will join nearly 30,000 other youth and adult leaders from across the country as we spend July 24-28, 2022 together in worship, service, and fellowship with God and one another.

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office or on the Youth tab of our website. At the time of your registration a \$150 deposit is required. This will be put towards the \$600 total per person cost. Also, mark your calendars for "Youth Night" when those participating in the NYG will have some time to prepare for our travels and reflect on our theme "Boundless."

YOUTH NIGHT IS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Attention All Youth! Mark your calendars for our evening together. On the Second Sunday of the Month, Confirmation Youth will gather from 6-7 p.m. Youth Group will take place from 7-8 p.m. And our pre-Gathering meetings will go from 8-9 p.m. Together we will have a crazy and fun evening of learning, playing, and growing in faith together.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME

This month our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade youth will be learning more about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Some of our time will be spent watching the film, *Luther*. Be sure to mark your calendars for October 10th from 6-7 p.m.. If you can't make it or want to know more, please see Pastor Bailey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HALLOWEEN HOSPITALITY

As in past years, we will again be hosting a Halloween Hospitality tent on the front lawn of First Lutheran.

Red tubs will be placed in the lobby area for the collection of candy and/or other appropriate goodies that can be handed to trick-or-treaters, along with doughnuts and hot cider.

Your generosity in donating candy and/or your time to pass out treats and interact with our community members is much appreciated.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On the First Sunday in November we will remember all those who have died this past year.

If you have a name of a friend or loved one who you would like remembered during our All Saints service, please pass their name on to the Church Office.



COMMEMORATION
of the
**FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**

STAY TUNED FOR NEWS ABOUT...

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Needs are being assessed and information will be made available as soon as possible.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Sunday, October 3rd

HOLY HUMOR



MORE CHURCH FOOTBALL PHRASES

RAIN DELAY– Baptism

RED DOG– Common strategy performed each Sunday by those who own their own private pew.

SUDDEN DEATH– The penalty to the pastor who preaches more than twenty minutes.

TIMEOUT– Refreshment time in the Fellowship Hall.

TWO MINUTE WARNING– The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

BENCHWARMER– Those who do not pray, work, or do anything but sit.

BACKFIELD-IN-MOTION– Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

TRAP– You're called upon to pray and are asleep.

END RUN– Getting out of church quickly, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

FLEX DEFENSE– The ability to allow nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.

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

Their October book selection is *Educated* by Tara Westover. All are invited to join them the third Monday of the month at 1:30, (October 18th). This group meets in the Library at First Lutheran.

Come join them and enjoy some fellowship and lively discussion.



GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES!

Our fall Preschool program began on Tues. September 7 and now all of our classrooms are very busy! Our first day went quite well. A few children (and a few Moms) cried! We have children here from 6am until 6pm, Monday through Friday in our Extended Care. Our preschool classes are from 9am to 11:30am and 12:00 to 2:30pm. Younger children attend preschool two or three mornings per week, and some of our older preschoolers attend a afternoon class, Monday through Friday afternoons. We were visited by our state licensing specialist and the fire department for our unannounced in-depth inspections.

Our Pre-Three classes with Ms. Ashley are focusing on "Welcome to Preschool", "All About Me" and "Apples". The color of the month is red, the shape of the month is circle and the letter is "A". The children are learning to follow basic rules, line up and take turns among other things. We had preschool pictures taken September 16 and 17 and as I helped with the Pre-Three classes, I had forgotten exactly how busy

Our Extended Care children keep us very busy early in the morning and after school. We send 15 to 20 children to school each morning, some by bus and some walk to Krout. After school, we get about 20 children off of buses and walk about 15 from Krout each afternoon. When the students arrive after school, we have snack and free play until parents arrive. We have been enjoying the play yard while the weather allows and going to the gym in smaller groups on the very hot or rainy days.

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year! Again, thanks to all of you who support our program in any way!

Sincerely,
Jane Frederick,

Director of Childhood Ministries



WORSHIP INFORMATION

Sunday October 3	Sunday October 10	Sunday October 17	Sunday October 24	Sunday October 31
<i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</i>	<i>Reformation Sunday (wear RED)</i>
<i>Lector: Linda Ellinger</i>	<i>Lector: Gracie Chester</i>	<i>Lector: Carol Jarrett</i>	<i>Lector: Melissa Chester</i>	<i>Lector: Beth Margraf</i>
<i>Hosts: Deb Hohman, Judy Kimmel</i>	<i>Hosts: Janet Zirger</i>	<i>Host: Nominee Family</i>	<i>Host: ???</i>	<i>Hosts: Nominee Family</i>
<i>Slide Show: John & Haley</i>	<i>Slide Show: John & Haley</i>	<i>Slide Show: John & Haley</i>	<i>Slide Show: ???</i>	<i>Slide Show: John & Haley</i>
<i>Videographer: Wendy Bailey</i>	<i>Videographer: Wendy Bailey</i>	<i>Videographer: Wendy Bailey</i>	<i>Videographer: ???</i>	<i>Videographer: Wendy Bailey</i>

OUR VOLUNTEERS

SHARING KITCHEN

First Lutheran has been asked to provide volunteers at the Sharing Kitchen on
October 11th and 14th.

If you are able to help, please contact Deb Nominee.

LAWN CREW

October 7-Rich Ellinger
October 14-Connie & Keith Spittler
October 21-Pete Myers
October 28-John Kobelt
November 4-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
August 18, 2021

Present: Pastor Bailey, Beth Margraf, Shelley Ross, Kim Ames, Janet Zirger, Bonnie Oberlander
Absent: Anna Wildman, Jane Fruth, Kelly Cook, Deb Nominee

Devotions: Pastor led devotions and led us in prayer. Beth called the meeting to order.

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

Approve July Minutes: Pastor motioned to accept. Janet seconded and the motion passed.

Approve July Financial report: Janet motioned to accept. Shelley seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business

Long Term Project Goal to prioritize and get estimates:

Pastor had a meeting with a paving company representative who looked at the parking lot. He will be giving Pastor an estimate on the repairs to the parking lot.

The Finance committee will be contacted to look at the report from the Maintenance Needs committee. They will be asked to prioritize the projects and look at ways to fund these projects.

Covid Protocols: New signs have been placed on the doors. We will not change the protocols at this time. We will continue to use masks when entering and exiting the building. Masks may be removed once seated.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Beth will contact the committee to inform them of the Council seats that need to be filled for the new year in January. Known seats that need to be filled at this time are : Property, Evangelism, Stewardship.

FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH ENDING AUGUST 2021

	Month	YTD
<u>Income</u>		
Church	\$12,942	\$123,080
Pre-School	<u>\$10,295</u>	<u>\$82,872</u>
	\$23,237	\$205,952
<u>Expenses</u>		
Church	\$21,471	\$167,137
Pre-School	<u>\$8,056</u>	<u>\$67,692</u>
	\$29,527	\$234,829
Summary:	(\$6,290)	(\$28,877)

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

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



Nominating committee members are: Linda Ellinger, Rick Greene, Kelly Reis-Kelly, and Mark Stephens.

Room Request: Council approved a request for rental of the Fellowship Hall for July 9, 2022 to be used for a graduation party.

Addition of New Goals: Discussion took place on the return of Wednesday Church Service. Suggestions were given that will be passed along to the Worship and Music committee. They are working on how to possibly reinvent this service. It is the hope that this service will return at the start of Advent.

Pastor's Report:

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COUNCIL MINUTES (CONTINUED) / BIRTHDAYS

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The bulk of his report was updating us on the National Youth Gathering. He is keeping families updated on cost, travel, lodging, food expenses. The Youth will be given the opportunity to work for members of the congregation to earn money vouchers for the trip. More information will be coming.

Pastor is a member of the Homeless Coalition. They have purchased a building. Work days have been planned that will give the congregation the opportunity to get involved in this community project.

Pastor will poll parents on days and times to meet with our Youth Group, Confirmation Group, and the National Youth Group.

Committee Reports

Finance: After bills were paid there was no transfer of funds needed this month.

Stewardship: no report

Worship and Music: A request was made for the creation of a document on how to plan a funeral. A document exists for Baptism and Weddings. This Planning Sheet will be a helpful tool to our families at what is often a difficult time in their lives. Council will study the document and once approved Pastor will present it to the congregation.

Parish Education: Diane Greene will now be the Chairman and Beth will be the Council representative. They will be contacting Mary Hoyda about curriculum and will be going through the directory to contact families of Sunday School age children to survey how Sunday School might look in the coming year. They will also look at beginning Adult Bible Study, After Game Dances, and supplying First Communion Bibles.

Childhood Ministry: The 3 year old class is full, Before and After School Care is full. There are a few spaces in the 4/5 class and the Bridging class. The start date is set for September 7.

Property: no report

Evangelism: no report

Social Ministry: Our congregation has been asked to serve at the Sharing Kitchen on August 16, 19 and October 11,14. School supplies are being collected to fill 50 backpacks. They will be packed the second week in September. We need to decide if we want to participate in the Halloween parade. We will again host the Hospitality tent on the night of Trick-or-Treat. More information will be coming.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 15th.

Respectively Submitted,
Kim Ames & Janet Zirger,
Co-Secretary

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | John Swope |
| 2 | Andrew Crerar |
| 4 | Brendon Blott |
| 9 | Tom Stine |
| 12 | Pat Eckelberry |
| | Richard Phares |
| 14 | Renee Wise |
| 15 | Clay Stacy |
| 17 | Sharon Losey |
| | Jeff Smith |
| 22 | Judy Hofmann |
| | Dave Pauly |
| 25 | Kayley Garlock |
| | Reese Hoover |
| | Logan Lewis |
| 30 | Genna Reis-Kelly |





October



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed 7:30p NA Group	2
3 19th Sun. after Pentecost 10:00a Worship in-person, Live Stream, or on WTTf	4 Office Closed	5 Office Open	6 Office Closed 10:00a Bible Study 4:00 Preschool Board 6:30p W&M mtg 7:30p NA Group	7 Office Open	8 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off 7:30p NA Group	9
10 20th Sun. after Pentecost 10:00a Worship in-person, Live Stream or WTTf 6p Confirmation 7p Youth Group 8p Pre-Gathering	11 Office Closed Sharing Kitchen	12 Office Open	13 Office Closed 9:00a Piece Corp 10:00a Bible Study 7:30p NA Group	14 Office Open Sharing Kitchen	15 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off 7:30p NA Group	16
17 21st Sun. after Pentecost 10:00a Worship in-person, Live Stream, or on WTTf	18 Office Closed 1:30p Bookworms Anonymous	19 SCROLL INFO DUE TODAY Office Open	20 Office Closed 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Council 7:30p NA Group	21 Office Open	22 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off 7:30p NA Group	23
24 22nd Sun. after Pentecost 10:00a Worship in-person, Live Stream, or on WTTf	25 Office Closed	26 Office Open	27 Office Closed 10:00a Bible Study 7:30p NA Group	28 Office Open 1:00p West Ohio Food Bank	29 Office Closed Pastor's Day Off 7:30p NA Group	30
31 Reformation Sunday (wear RED) 10:00a Worship in-person, Live Stream, or on WTTf 6-8p Halloween Hospitality						

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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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