



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

JANUARY 2022 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

Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that 2022 is now upon us. Where have the days gone? Indeed the Latin phrase is true "tempus fugit"...Time Flies! As we gaze into a new year, I want to share one of the highlights that helped to close out 2021.

On Sunday, December 19, I had the joy of sharing in a service of ordination for Kenny Oswald. You may remember Kenny as the vicar at First Christian Church when we shared our joint parking lot services together. It was indeed a joy to be a part of his ordination and to participate in the laying on of hands as we all prayed fervently for the Holy Spirit to come into, move through, and use Kenny for pastoral ministry.

Along with all the joys of the day, Rev. Allen Harris, the Regional Pastor and President of the Christian Church in Ohio, preached a moving sermon. His focus on the "Be's of Ministry." I'd like

to share them with you:

Be not afraid
Be expectant
Be on the look-out
Be innovative
Be present
Be humble

With each one of these came a description and a challenge for ministry, and as we turn page to 2022, I believe that the same challenges for ministry stand before us in this new year.

Our mission statement proclaims:

*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.*

These are bold words, and as we move into 2022 we will focus on the many and various ways that we are called to "share the gospel." In order to do this as God intended us to. we are going to have to be not afraid, be expectant, be on the look-

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday Worship:

10:00 a.m.

Join us for worship:
In-person with precautions
93.3 FM or 1600 AM and on
Facebook Live
(firstlutherantiffin)

Piece Corp

Wednesday, January 12
9:00 a.m.

Church Council

Thursday, January 20
6:30 p.m.

West Ohio Food Bank

Thursday, January 27
Volunteers report by 12:30
Distribution begins at 1:00

Annual Meeting

January 30 following worship

Office Hours

9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday

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out, be innovative, be present, and be humble. We are going to have to be the church! Imagine that! Us, God's people, acting as the hands, feet, voice, and heart of God.

This is no small task. Yet remember we do not do this alone. Christ walks with us. I walk with you. We walk with each other. Celebrating that God is forever among us, taking up the challenge to share the gospel to the ends of the earth. blessings as we worship, work, and serve together!

Pastor Bailey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOKWORMS ANONYMOUS will meet **January 17th** at 1:30. The January book selection is *At Home in Mifflord* by Jan Karan.

Contact Diane Greene for more information if you would be interested in becoming part of this group.

Mark your Calendars

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on Sunday January 30th. The meeting will take place following worship and the agenda will include:

the review and approval of reports

adoption of the 2022 budget

election of council members

Please make it a point to attend our Annual Congregational Meeting.

Congregational Meeting



HOLY HUMOR



1. The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00. Please use the back door.
2. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
3. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
4. Ushers will eat latecomers.
5. Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.
6. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
7. The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
8. Pastor is on vacation. Messages can be given to the church secretary.
9. Potluck supper: prayer and medication to follow.
10. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
11. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
12. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
13. The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.
14. Announcement in a church bulletin for a National Prayer & Fasting Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer conference includes meals."
15. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM . All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.



GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES!

Greetings from Childhood Ministries! We certainly had a "December to remember"! We have had to quarantine three of our preschool classes for ten days each. Two of our staff had Covid and were off for a while. Several other children were quarantined due to family members having Covid and Ms. Barb resigned at the end of November.

Our preschool students who were able to attend enjoyed various Christmas activities. Our Pre-Four/Five classes enjoyed making gingerbread, only to have them jump out of the oven and run around the church, causing trouble inside of the building! Please don't worry, I caught them all and put them back on the baking sheet before they were able to do too much damage! (Ms. Mindy has done this for years. The children really enjoy this activity!) We adults know this is all make-believe, but the children believe it and really enjoy it!

Our Pre-Three classes were able to gather for a Christmas party on the final day before Christmas. They enjoyed watching a Christmas movie and shared special snacks.

Our Extended Care children have been enjoying various Christmas-related art activities, games and snacks.

As I prepare this article, we are open during Christmas break for Extended Care only. We have 12 or more children needing care each day. Our board felt we should be open for child-care to support the parents who have supported our programs during these unusual times. It is so nice to not have to watch the clock and watch for buses!

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year! Special thanks to all who support our program in any way. We were very pleased with the gifts for our Pre-school programs from the giving tree. Special thanks to all who participated!

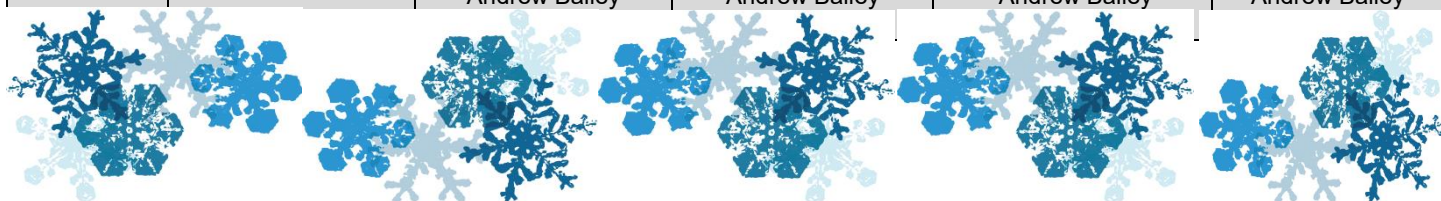
Sincerely,

Jane Frederick,

Director of Childhood Ministries

WORSHIP INFORMATION

	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
	JANUARY 2	JANUARY 9	JANUARY 16	JANUARY 23	JANUARY 30
	Second Sunday of Christmas	Baptism of Our Lord Epiphany	2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	4 th Sunday after Epiphany
Acolytes					
Lector	Beth Margraf	Phillip Scherr	Gracie Chester	Carol Jarrett	Shelley Ross
Hosts	?	Judy Kimmel	Janet Zirger	Shelley Ross	Janet Zirger
Sunday School	No Sunday School this week	Mary Hoyda	Beth Margraf	Shelley Ross	Diane Greene
Slide Show		John Bailey	John Bailey	John Bailey	John Bailey
		Haley Welter	Haley Welter	Haley Welter	Haley Welter
Facebook-Live	Molly Luidhardt	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey
		Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey



OUR VOLUNTEERS

LAWN/SNOW CREW

January 1-7-Bob Fruth
 January 8-14-Shawn Vallery
 January 15-21-Jim Ruess
 January 22-28-Bob Fruth
 January 29-February 4-John Kobelt

**Many THANKS to our loyal Lawn/Snow Crew
 AND Weed Warriors who work tirelessly to
 maintain the well-kept curb appeal of First!!**

COUNCIL NEWS

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FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 2021

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2021

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

President Beth Margraf called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Pastor Bailey

Approve agenda: A motion accept the agenda was made by Shelley and seconded by Deb and the motion was passed.

Approve the October minutes: A motion to approve minutes was made by Deb and seconded by Bonnie. Motion passed.

Financial report: Deferred until December meeting.

Old Business:

Maintenance needs: Pastor re-sent needs list to council for sequencing of projects.

After physical needs have been prioritized separate group will work to get estimates.

Finance/investment committee will be asked how much they are comfortable with annually pulling out of investments for these building updates.

Nominating committee: The committee will be contacted to fill the following positions:

Property committee, Vice-President, Worship and Music.

New Business:

Room request: Heidelberg requested sanctuary for 12/5/2021 for a Tuba Christmas Celebration. Request approved.

Pastor's report:

A copy of his monthly report is attached.

Planning for the National Youth Gathering trip continues.

Additional Fundraising will be held in coming weeks.

Committee Reports:

Finances: no report

Stewardship: no report

Worship & Music: Christmas Eve will have 2 services 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

	Month	YTD
<u>Income</u>		
Church	\$14,641	\$137,721
Pre-School	\$11,566	\$94,428
	\$26,197	\$232,149
<u>Expenses</u>		
Church	\$15,785	\$182,922
Pre-School	\$9,229	\$76,921
	\$25,014	\$259,843
Summary:	\$1,183	(\$27,694)

Transfer from Investments to cover expenses \$0

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



Parish Education: Diane reported the teachers through December. We need to get word out to get kids into our Sunday school classrooms.

Childhood Ministry: Bonnie - Money has been received from the Covid Relief Fund. Discussion was had on how to set funds aside for future preschool needs.

Property: no report

Evangelism: no report

Social Ministry: Deb – Feast Sun was a success.

Next meeting: December 15th at 6:30.

Motion to adjourn: Pastor made a motion to adjourn and Anna seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Fruth, guest secretary

THANK YOU / BIRTHDAYS

Thank you from Wendy

My heart is filled with gratitude for all of the thoughts and prayers that were sent my way before and after my surgery. A thank you also for all of the cards, food, and gifts that were sent and given to me during my recovery. My recovery is going well and I look forward to a full recovery soon. Thank you for your love and kindness.

Wendy Bailey

Thank you from Pastor

Words can't express the feeling of gratitude felt by the caring concern extended to our family over these past few weeks as we navigated various health issues. We are so very thankful for all of the support given. Many thanks also for the cards and gifts for Christmas. I am honored to serve at First among this faith community. Blessings and Peace,

Pastor C.J. Bailey



- 2 Peyton Demith
Hannah Eppley
Peyton Phares
Anneliese Rochester
- 3 Lori Bell
- 5 Evelyn Marker
- 7 Kathy Bosse
- 8 Diane Greene
- 12 John Bailey
Shelley Ross
Brandon Stephens
- 13 Jan Grangaard
- 16 Maxum Hoyda
- 18 Pat Wise
Judy Kimmel
- 19 Olivia Pauly
- 22 Sue Johnson
- 25 Kendra Bosse
- 26 Taylin Bell
- 27 Melissa Chester
- 29 Phil Engle
Bob Meyer





January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<i>Office Closed</i>	Office Open	Office Open	Office Open	<i>Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</i>	1
2 2nd Sunday of Christmas 10:00a Worship	3 <i>Office Closed</i> 10:00a Women's Bible Study	4 Office Open	5 Office Open 10:00a Bible Study	6 Office Open	7 <i>Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</i>	8
9 Baptism of our Lord 10:00a Worship 6:00p Confirmation 7:00p Youth Group 8:00p Pre-Gathering	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 Office Open	12 Office Open 9:00a Piece Corp 10:00a Bible Study	13 Office Open 6:30p Council	14 <i>Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</i>	15
16 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00a Worship	17 <i>Office Closed</i> 1:30p Bookworms Anonymous	18 Office Open	19 Office Open 10:00a Bible Study	20 Office Open	21 <i>Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</i>	22
23 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00a Worship	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 Office Open	26 Office Open 10:00a Bible Study	27 Office Open West Ohio Food Bank	28 <i>Office Closed Pastor's Day Off</i>	29
30 4th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00a Worship Annual Meeting following worship	31 <i>Office Closed</i>					



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CHURCH COUNCIL & MINISTRY TEAMS

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

FIRST LUTHERAN STAFF

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John Bailey	<i>Janitors</i>	
Haley Welter		

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