



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

## FEBRUARY 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

February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day. Have you thought about what you might be getting your Valentines? I know I haven't so I've got work to do!!

Interestingly enough, as we close out January and move into February, our text for Sunday January 30 includes those beloved words from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. If you've heard them once, you've heard them a thousand times:

Love is patient:

Love is kind

Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude

It does not insist on its own way

It is not irritable or resentful

It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends.

Chances are this text was read at your wedding, or you've heard it read as someone else exchanged their vows. Wendy and I chose this as one of our readings, and Pastor John Mawhirter preached a sermon that I'll forever remember. I've borrowed on his idea at a few weddings I've had the joy to preside over, and I'd like to share a bit of it with you.

First, take in the reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians and contemplate the number of times the word "Love" is

mentioned or implied, such as all of the "it's". In those places I want you to substitute your name. If you do so the reading becomes very personal. St. Paul's words then read something like this:

(your name here) is patient:

(your name here) is kind

(your name here) is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude

(your name here) does not insist on (his/her) own way

You get the idea, right? It's pretty intimidating isn't it? We may ask ourselves how often are we patient or kind? How often do we set aside our envy or how often do we boast in the face of others. Maybe as we do we become a bit too arrogant and rude. I'm sure we could go on down the list and say, we have a long way to go if we are to love as St. Paul is teaching us to love one another.

Gratefully, there is another name that can be substituted in the same place. As you ponder St. Paul's words a third time, this time I'd like you to insert Jesus' name in the place of Love. In doing so, these words from First Corinthians reads something like this:

Jesus is patient:

Jesus is kind

Jesus is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude

Jesus does not insist on his own way

### 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, February 9  
9:00 a.m.

#### Lifeline Screening

Thursday, February 10  
All Day

#### Church Council

Wednesday, February 16  
6:30 p.m.

#### West Ohio Food Bank

Thursday, February 24  
Volunteers report by 12:30  
Distribution begins at 1:00

#### Office Hours

9-4 Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday

Jesus is not irritable or resentful  
Jesus does not rejoice in wrong-  
doing, but rejoices in the truth.  
Jesus bears all things, believes all  
things, hopes at thing, endures all  
things.  
Jesus the Christ will never end.

How powerful is that! For all of our  
shortcomings, and all of our ability  
or inability to love as we ought to  
love, there is one who is the truest  
essences of love as God intended

for us. That one is Jesus Christ.  
As the world around us celebrates  
Valentine's Day, and as we shower  
our loved ones with cards, choco-  
lates, candies, and other goodies, I  
pray that you might pause long  
enough to remember the one who  
loves you unconditionally. Always  
has! Always will! In fact we often  
sang a song about it back in our  
Sunday School days. You'll know  
those words too:

Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to him belong  
They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so!

Happy Valentines!

*Pastor Bailey*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BOOKWORMS ANONYMOUS will meet February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30** in the church Library.

The February book selection is  
*Lightning Strike* by William Ken Krueger.

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

## **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  
December 16, 2021

Present: Beth Margraf, Shelley Ross,  
Bonnie Oberlander, Deb Nominee,  
Jane Fruth, Diane Greene, Janet  
Zirger

Absent: Kim Ames, Anna Wildman,  
Kelly Cook

Call to Order: Beth Margraf

Opening Prayer: everyone recited  
the Lord's Prayer

Welcoming of Guest Andy Stephey  
from United Insurance

Andy updated us on the  
insurance policy that the church  
has with his company. Currently,  
our policy is with Cincinnati and it

renewed automatically in  
November. It covers the building,  
contents, liability, clergy  
counseling, daycare, sexual  
abuse, the parsonage, and  
garage. The difference between  
companies is mainly whether they  
offer RC (replacement cost)

which carries a higher premium  
because of the increase in building  
supplies or ACV ( Actual Cost  
Value) which carries a lower  
premium but higher deductible.  
RC is the cost to repair a claim to  
its original condition/value. ACV  
would only repair a claim by its  
depreciated value usually 2/3's of  
the original cost. No one will do a  
replacement cost on the house  
because of the slate roof.  
Replacing the roof to metal or  
shingles would help us get a better  
rate on our premium. In his opinion,  
ACV is not a good idea but it is a  
savings on our premium. At  
present, no company but  
Cincinnati offers replacement cost  
in their policies.

After listening to our options, it

was decided that we should  
continue with Cincinnati keeping  
our currant deductible for this  
term, with the idea that we work  
with Andy to find another carrier  
that will offer replacement cost in  
our policy. Replacing the roof on  
the house is something that needs  
to be done to help us secure the  
replacement cost clause in our  
policy. Shelly made a motion to  
accept that we stay with  
Cincinnati at the present time,  
Jane seconded the motion. The  
motion passed. Beth will notify  
Andy Stephey of our decision.

Adoption of the November  
minutes: A motion was made by  
minutes. Deb seconded the  
motion. The motion was passed.  
Bonnie to accept the November  
Presentation of Financial Reports  
for October and November: With  
the Preschool being open to full  
capacity, this has been a big help

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## **HOLY HUMOR**

### **TOO MUCH PRAISE**

A Christian guy named Bill saw an ad online for a Christian horse, so he went to check it out. The horse's owner said, "It's easy to ride him. Just say 'Praise the Lord!' to make him go and 'Amen!' to make him stop." Bill got on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" Sure enough, the horse started to walk. "Praise the Lord!" he said again, and the horse began to trot. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" he yelled, and the horse broke into a gallop. Bill was enjoying his ride so much that he almost didn't notice the cliff he and the horse were about to go over. Bill shouted "AMEN!" at the top of his lungs, and the horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, Bill said, "Phew! Praise the Lord!" —Submitted by Z.S. via rd.com



## **GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES!**

January has been a very interesting month for us! We have returned from Christmas break and Tiffin City Schools (TCS) have had two "Teacher Work Days", two "Snow Days" and two "2 Hour Delays" so far this month. We also currently have a staff member missing, due to Covid. Our Preschool classes follow TCS, as far as closings go. If TCS delay, our preschool classes meet as normally scheduled. This means that our preschool staff needs to leave Extended Care and go to Preschool, leaving myself and one other staff person to watch the preschoolers and extra school age students, give them all a snack, put Washington and Noble students on the bus and walk Krout students to school!

Our Pre Three classes have been learning about Snow and Winter fun, Penguins, Bears and Dinosaurs. They have been focusing on the color blue, the rectangle shape and the letter "S".

Our Pre 4/5 classes have been working on letters "Q" (Quilts), "S" (Snowmen), "J" (Jack and the Beanstalk) and "D" (Dinosaurs). The classes have also been working on recognizing and writing their first and last names, opposites, patterns, number skills and verbal associations. The classes have been enjoying virtual visits from Ms. Angie from Tiffin-Seneca Public

library, as they are currently not doing in-person visits.

The preschool teachers are working on evaluations and will be scheduling parent-teacher conferences soon. The children are all looking forward to Valentine's Day parties in February.

Again, special thanks to all of you who support our programs in any way. We were very appreciative of all of the gifts from the Christmas Giving Tree. It was so kind of you to remember our programs during the gift-giving season! Special thanks to our staff, board members, families, and church members. This morning, as I walked the Krout students to school in this frigid weather, I was very thankful for those who have braved the cold weather and cleaned all of the sidewalks, especially those on Glenn Street! That certainly makes our job easier!!

Sincerely,

*Jane Frederick,*

Director of Childhood Ministries



## **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
	FEBRUARY 6	FEBRUARY 13	FEBRUARY 20	FEBRUARY 27
	5th Sunday after Epiphany	6th Sunday after Epiphany	7th Sunday after Epiphany	Transfiguration of Our Lord
<b>Acolytes</b>				
<b>Lector</b>	Melissa Chester	Gracie Chester	Rick Greene	Phil Scherr
<b>Hosts</b>	Nominee Family	Judy Kimmel	Janet Zirger	Ross Family
<b>Sunday School</b>	Mary Hoyda	Beth Margraf	Shelley Ross	Diane Greene
<b>Slide Show</b>	John Bailey	John Bailey	John Bailey	John Bailey
	Haley Welter	Haley Welter	Haley Welter	Haley Welter
<b>Video Crew</b>	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey
	Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey



## **SNOW CREW**

**January 29-February 4-John Kobelt**  
**February 5-11 John Kobelt**  
**February 12-18 Shawn Vallery**  
**February 19-25 Jim Ruess**  
**February 26-March 4 Bob Fruth**

*Guys, please note that in addition to clearing the snow around the entrances, we are also responsible to clear our sidewalks on both Melmore **and** Glenn Streets. The Glenn Street sidewalks are especially important because staff from the Daycare/Preschool accompany students to Krout School using those sidewalks. If they are not cleared, they have to resort to walking in the street until they get to shoveled sidewalks again!*

*Many THANKS for all you do!*

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to us financially. If things continue in this direction and with the additional contributions that we are receiving from our members, we may not have to transfer money from our investments at the end on the year.

Jane will get worksheets out to each committee this week so that they can discuss the needs of their committee and submit their budget to Jane. A motion was made by Janet to accept the report with a second by Diane. The motion passed.

Old Business:

Review and Discussion of Project Priority List:

- Beth will schedule a meeting with the members of this committee to go over the Priority List. Members are Deb, Beth, Mark Stephens, Bob Fruth. The meeting is scheduled for January 6th at 7:00.

Nominating Committee:

- Beth will contact the members to come to the next Council meeting to give an update on their committee.

New Business:

Room Use:

- Two room rentals were approved, via email, one for a recital on Dec. 12 and one for a birthday party on Dec. 22. An additional request was made for a birthday party on Feb. 21. This request was also approved.

**Budget Planning:**

- Committees will receive their budget statements this week. There will be a special Council meeting on January 9th after church to review the budget. This will insure enough time to get the information into the Annual Report which will be given to the congregation by January 16th, in preparation of the January 30th Congregational meeting.

**Janitorial update:**

-Mike Porter will not be coming back.  
- The Preschool is hoping to hire someone who can work afternoons and take on the daily cleaning.  
-John and Haley are willing to stay on as janitors for the church side of things. However they will be stepping down at some point before they leave for college. A motion to keep John and Haley on board was made by Janet and seconded by Bonnie. The motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

Social Ministry: The Bountiful Feast that took place in

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 2021

YTD

Income

Church	\$213,199
Pre-School	<u>\$128,796</u>
	\$341,995

Expenses

Church	\$250,259
Pre-School	<u>\$111,649</u>
	\$361,608

Summary: (\$19,613)

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

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



November went well. Deb Nominee, Sandy Mellott, Sue Johnson and Connie Spitler worked on preparing the food on Saturday. Everyone thought the meal was fabulous. Alice Smith organized and scheduled members to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Finance:** The committee will meet in January to discuss our finances and how to finance the items on the Priority List.

**Worship and Music:** No report

**Parish Education:** Attendance has been low in the Sunday School program. Diane has the lessons prepared and ready to go for the month of January.

**Childhood Ministry:** Covid continues to hit the Preschool causing it to close one day. A member of the staff has left and the Board is interviewing applicants.

**Updating Goals:** Goals were met for the month.

**Next meeting:** Our next meeting will be on January 19th at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Fruth, Guest Secretary

# BAPTISM / THANK YOU / BIRTHDAYS

Meet the newly baptized Harrison James Widman.  
He was baptized during worship of January 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## February BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Garrett Vaughn
- 4 Connie English  
Kiersten Garlock  
Kennedy Garlock
- 5 Nancy Betz  
Alec Demith  
Pat Rathburn
- 8 Larry Frankenfeld  
Jeff Shawberry
- 9 Jeanette Conley  
Ron Hall  
Anna Wildman
- 11 Dan Kontak  
Boomer Roszman
- 14 Lori Vallery  
Angie Vaughn
- 18 Becky Leopold  
Kayson Matter
- 19 Mike Griffin  
Kasisi Kelly  
Jim Ruess
- 20 Linda Ellinger  
Debra Hohman  
Connie Spittler  
Alice Zoll
- 23 Judy Ryman
- 24 Curtis L. King
- 25 Becky Bennett  
Hunter Stark
- 26 Lori Adkins  
Tyler Phares
- 28 Chloe Orians



If you missed the baptism January 23<sup>rd</sup>, we would like to acknowledge the Widman family: Harrison, big brother Bennett and parents Amanda and Scott.



## THANK YOU

Dear First Lutheran Members,

Thank you SO much to all who made donations for the items on the Pre-school Giving Tree! I was able to purchase many new, fun items for my classroom. Many of the items were "outer space" related. The pre-schoolers are looking forward to my first ever "Outer Space" theme in February. We can't wait to play with all the new toys and read the new books. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity!

Sincerely,

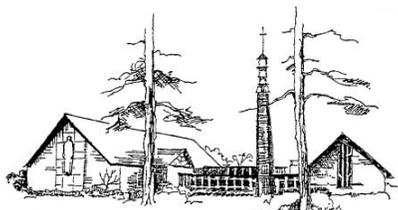
Ashley Hoerig-Corrick  
Pre3 Teacher



# February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Office Open	<b>2</b> Office Open  6:30p Worship & Music	<b>3</b> Office Open	<b>4</b> Office Closed  Pastor's Day Off	<b>5</b>
<b>6 5th Sunday after Epiphany</b>  10:00a Worship & Installing of council  1:30p NYG PrePlanning in Sandusky	<b>7</b> Office Closed	<b>8</b> Office Open 4:30p Parish Edu.	<b>9</b> Office Open  9:00a Piece Corp 4:00p Pre- School Board	<b>10</b> Office Open  <b>Lifeline Screening</b>	<b>11</b> Office Closed  Pastor's Day Off	<b>12</b>
<b>13 6th Sunday after Epiphany</b>  10:00a Worship 6:00p Confirmation 7:00p Youth Group	<b>14</b> Office Closed   <b>Valentine's Day</b>	<b>15</b> Office Open	<b>16</b> Office Open  6:30p Council	<b>17</b> Office Open	<b>18</b> Office Closed  Pastor's Day Off	<b>19</b>
<b>20 7th Sunday after Epiphany</b>  10:00a Worship	<b>21</b> Office Closed  1:30p Bookworms Anonymous	<b>22</b> Office Open	<b>23</b> Office Open	<b>24</b> Office Open  <b>West Ohio Food Bank</b>	<b>25</b> Office Closed  Pastor's Day Off	<b>26</b>
<b>27 Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>  10:00a Worship & Baptism	<b>28</b> Office Closed					



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### CHURCH COUNCIL & MINISTRY TEAMS

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

### FIRST LUTHERAN STAFF

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