



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

OCTOBER 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

I'd like you to think about the largest crowd you sat down to dine with. What was it? Was it at a wedding banquet? Was it at a holiday meal? Was it in the school cafeteria, or the college dining hall? Now think, how many people were there? 50, 100, 500? With all that in mind, what would constitute a crowd for dinner? According to the Guinness Book of World records the largest dining table was set for 7,000 people. It was set by the Administrative Capital of Egypt in Cairo on June 2, 2019, and it measured 10.465 feet 7 inches long (just shy of two miles). That's a lot of dishes!

This month's Council Bible reflection, if you haven't guessed it already, takes us to the feeding of the thousands. Notice I didn't state a number with that "thousands" because there are a variety of feeding stories that include thousands of thousands. Together, let's dust off our Bible, open them up and explore together.

Turn to Matthew 14:13-21. Pretty traditional understanding. 5 loaves, two fish. 5,000 men fed and twelve baskets of leftovers were collected.

Turn to Mark 6:30-44. Again, a pretty traditional understanding. 5 loaves, two fish. 5,000 men fed and twelve baskets of leftovers were collected.

Turn to Luke 9:12-17. Once again, we find a pretty traditional understanding of the story. 5 loaves, two fish. 5,000 men fed and twelve baskets of leftovers were collected. One notable difference for Luke is how everyone is seated in group of "about 50 each."

Turn to John 6:1-15. Again, a pretty traditional understanding of the story, except that the 5 loaves, two fish come from a young boy rather than the disciples. Another subtle detail is that there are 5,000 "in all" who are fed and twelve baskets of leftovers were gathered.

So, for the most part vary similar stories. Except the numbers may vary, especially as Matthew, Mark, and Luke all indicated 5,000 men in addition to the women and children. Perhaps that crowd could have been as large at 10,000 to 12,000 people! Now that's a crowd.

Before you tuck your Bibles back away, one more story to look up. Turn to Matthew 15:32-39. Did you know, Matthew has a second feeding of the thousands story? This time it's with 4,000 men "besides women and children" and they were fed by seven loaves of bread and a few small fish.

When all was said and done, seven baskets were collected of leftovers.

Now you may be slightly confused and wondering what is going on

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY

Worship

10:00 a.m.

In-person, on the radio @ 93.3 FM, and Facebook (firstlutherantiffin)

Confirmation Class

11:00 a.m.

HEALING SERVICE

Wednesday, October 5

6:30 p.m.

PIECE CORP

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 a.m.

COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 19

6:30 p.m.

WEST OHIO FOOD BANK

Thursday, October 27

Volunteers report by 12:30

Distribution begins at 1:00

here. Why the need for two separate feeding stories? Great question. To answer that we have to look at the context of Matthew. Jesus' ministry from the beginning of the Gospel was for the "lost sheep of Israel," meaning that his message and ministry was reserved for the Jews. Meaning that the first feeding of the 5,000 in Matthew is likely a Jewish gathering. Gratefully, things change! After feeding the 5,000 Jesus travels to the other side of the sea, where he encounters a Canaanite woman seeking healing for her daughter. Out of this moment, we get that wonderful verse "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." At least of Matthew's gospel this is a turning

point for Jesus. From that point on, Jesus' ministry is much more global which includes the second feeding story for those who are likely of non-Jewish descent. That's an important plot twist, because now we are all welcome at the table. Although I firmly believe that Jesus' grace was meant for all people from the beginning, these two feeding stories in Matthew remind us that we are all welcome to the table! Gratefully that includes you and me! Think on that! Then remember as we gather around the table for communion, we are dining with the saints forever, past present and future. Which means the largest table we dine at, is our own altar, every altar for that matter, as we

break bread and lift a cup, with Christ and all those who call upon his name. Thousands fed? Nope! Billions and billions served? Nope, this banquet is bigger than that too. Countless numbers, for countless eons, is more like it, as we dine at the table of our Lord!

Blessings as we break bread together,

Pastor Bailey

BAPTISM

Pastor Bailey was invited to share in the baptism of Jamie Porter at First Presbyterian Church on September 24, 2022. Pastor Katie Treadway and Pastor Bailey co-officiated the baptism of Jamie.

Jamie's Mom, Darci is involved with the music ministry at First Presbyterian. Dad, Mike has since been deployed to Iraq for the next six months.



TRANSITIONS

Chet & Brooke Margraf celebrated their marriage on September 10, 2022.

Jamie Porter was baptized on September 4, 2022

Golden Hanna's funeral was held August 29, 2022



GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES!

Our Fall programs are now in full swing. Our preschool classes started the day after Labor Day. The classes have been focusing on learning procedures in and out of the classroom. Hopefully, this will set the tone for the entire school year and will help each child have a successful experience. The children will be learning how to use and care for tools and supplies in the classroom. They will also be given a simple skills assessment for use in tracking their progress. The children are also getting used to the various areas in the classroom. Among other things, they have been learning about apples and look forward to apple tasting at the end of the month.

Our Extended Care children are learning rules and expectations, too! We were happy to welcome some new friends to our program, as well as some of our friends that were not here this past summer, but returned in the fall. We are also happy to welcome Paula Marslett to our afterschool staff. We currently put children on a bus to Noble and Washington in the morning and get children off of the bus after school. We continue to walk children to Krout before and after school. We also have a preschooler who comes on a bus from the Lincoln building Monday through Thursday to attend our afternoon class! As you can see, our staff spends a great deal of time chasing

buses and signing children in and out. The children are offered a snack after school and then enjoy going out in the play yard for free play and exercise.

Thank you to those of you who have shared toys and art supplies with us. It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use!

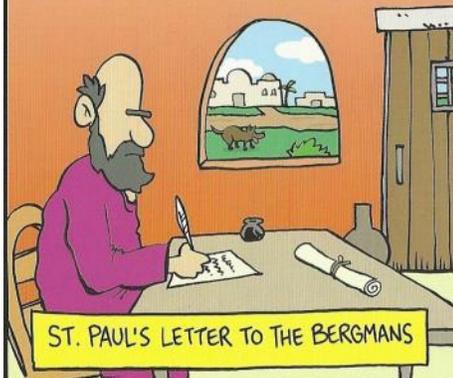
Jane Frederick,

Director of FLEC/Preschool



HOLY HUMOR

*I, Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus,
greet you in the name of the Lord,
and ask you to keep your dog
out of my petunias.*



COMING SOON...

Wednesday Evening Healing Service

Mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of the month as we gather for a service of reflection and healing.

This service will include music, reading from scripture, the laying on of hands for healing, and communion. Come and be a part of what we hope will be a new first Wednesday of the month tradition.

Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.



YOUTH & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning October 2, during worship . . . we will gather with our early elementary youth for a time of Sunday School and Children's Church. Our story for the month will be the good Samaritan.

Following worship, on October 2nd . . . our middle school youth will be gathering for confirmation class. We'll begin our year by digging into the ten commandments.

Then on the evening of October 2nd, our high school and middle school youth we will gather for bible study, fun, snacks, and some games from 6 to 8 p.m.

Please spread the word and as we look forward to welcoming our youth and youth activities back this Fall.

HALLOWEEN HOSPITALITY

The cool crisp days of Fall aren't too far away, which means its time to think about Halloween.

There are two ways you can help:

1) Baskets are available in the Lobby waiting for your generous donations of candy which we can pass out to our local trick or treaters.

2) We are looking for volunteers to help with our Hospitality Tent on Sunday October 30. Keep in mind that this year trick or treating has been moved to the afternoon.

If you can assist please see Wendy Bailey.



PIECE CORP

Piece Corp funds are severely depleted. We would very much appreciate any monetary donations so that we are able to continue to purchase supplies and contribute to the mailing costs of the quilts and school kits sent to LWR. All donations will be gratefully accepted..

A special THANK YOU † Jeanette Conley who provided a wonderful breakfast buffet to kick off the fall and winter season of Piece Corp prior to quilting time in September. Everyone is invited to join Piece Corp the second Tuesday of each month. Many hands make light the work!

THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER

Pastor Bailey has the honor of being asked to teach "Worship Leadership" to our SAM and Diakonia students from the Northwestern Ohio Synod. Thursday afternoon and evening throughout October he will be in Findlay to prepare and teach some of the future leaders of our synod. Please keep Pastor in your prayers during his travel and teaching time.



ANNOUNCEMENTS / BIRTHDAYS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Monday Evening Group Contact Carol Jarrett for information.

TUESDAY Morning Group will meet in the Library at 10 AM (Please note the day change!)

Thursday Night Group Contact Diane Greene or Janet Zirger to see when they will be meeting.

BOOKWORMS ANONYMOUS

This group will meet Monday afternoon, October 17th at 1:30 pm. If you would like to join them, the October reading selection is:

The Lincoln Highway by Amon Towles..

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Beginning in October, we will start collecting items for our annual Thanksgiving Basket project.

October 2	Peanut Butter & Jelly
October 9	Pancake Mix & Syrup
October 16	Applesauce & canned cranberries
October 23	Canned Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Veggies
October 30	Cereal, Boxed Dessert, Cornbread
November 6	Instant Potatoes & Sweet Potatoes
November 13	Mac & Cheese, Stuffing & Gravy

INGATHERING OF QUILTS & KITS

Our faithful crew will be packing, weighing, labeling and transporting our quilt and school kits soon. This year, we will once again be able to deliver our things to the ingathering at St. Paul Lutheran in Pemberville.

Many thanks for Jim Ruess and Paula Guisinger who do the packing and weighing portion of this job. Thanks also go to Paula and Ron Guisinger as the delivery team, bound for Pemberville.

We could not do these projects without the ever-faithful Piece Corp volunteers and members who contribute

school supplies.

THANK YOU ALL!



- 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
- 29 Ruth Scott
- 30 Genna Reis-Kelly



WORSHIP INFORMATION

<p>Call or email Melissa Chester if you would like to become more involved as a worship assistant.</p> <p>419-618-6622 melisac@qt2.com</p>	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
	OCTOBER 2	OCTOBER 9	OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 23	OCTOBER 30
	PENTECOST 17	PENTECOST 18	PENTECOST 19	PENTECOST 20	REFORMATION
LECTOR	Philip Scherr	Rick Greene	Melissa Chester	Beth Margraf	John Kobelt
HOSTS	Janet Zirger	Nominee Family		Judy Kimmel	
SLIDE SHOW	Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey	Andrew Bailey	
VIDEO CREW	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey	Wendy Bailey	

MOWING CREW & WEED WARRIORS

October 6-12-Richard Ellinger
October 13-19-Keith & Connie Spitler
October 20-26-Pete Myers
October 27- November 2-John Swope
 Many THANKS for all you do!



Weed Warriors would be thankful for any available extra hands to help with the church grounds to be prepared for the upcoming colder weather. Contact Janet Zirger, Deb Hohman or Sharon Losey for additional information about how your help could be of the greatest use. Thank you!

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
Wednesday, August 17th, 2022

Present: Pastor Bailey, Janet Zirger, Jonathan Nominee, Deb Nominee, Beth Margraf, Chet Margraf, Diane Greene, Jane Fruth, and Bonnie Oberlander.
Absent: Mike Porter.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Pastor Bailey, in temporary absence of Beth.

Pastor then started the meeting with a bible study on the baptism of Jesus and a prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA: Beth added a room request to agenda. Deb motioned to accept the agenda and Diane seconded. The motion passed.

Approve July Minutes: Janet made a motion to accept the minutes and Jonathan seconded. The motion passed.

Approve July Financial Report: Jane informed council that church receipts are down 9% from last year. It looks like the church will need to pull some money out of investments to cover all expenses. A motion to accept the report was made by Diane and Deb seconded. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Updated church constitution.
 - o Council reviewed Chapter 12 of a new model constitution as prepared by Pastor Bailey with guidance from the ELCA.
 - o Updates were suggested for the constitution as to increase office term length to two years and adjust some minor responsibilities of each officer position.

□ Historical project

- o Deb informed council that there was interest in organizing the stored materials.
- o The next steps are to get stuff down from storage and start organizing.
- o At this time, the next meeting date for the project is to be determined.

FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH ENDING AUGUST 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Church	\$13,151	\$113,370
Pre-School	<u>\$10,468</u>	<u>\$114,074</u>
	\$23,619	\$227,444
<u>Expenses</u>		
Church	\$18,655	\$182,824
Pre-School	<u>\$8,137</u>	<u>\$81,735</u>
	\$26,792	\$264,559
<u>Summary:</u>		
Income	(\$3,173)	(\$37,115)

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

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



□ Protocol for Pastor Illness

- o Pastor created and administered an emergency list of supply pastors and emergency contacts to council members for the event of pastor illness.
- o Council has also requested from Pastor to get a list of what the Bailey family normally does on a typical Sunday so in the event of an emergency council will know what needs done for a successful service.

□ Technology Committee

- o Will continue discussion next meeting.

□ Juneteenth Holiday

- o Council decided to uphold previously recognized holidays at last meeting.
- o This item to be removed from agenda.

□ Summer Rental House

- o Pastor met with our local representative for the insurance company, and he will be making a report

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to the company as to the condition of the church rental house for insurance adjustments, if any.

□ Fundraising

- o Janet talked to our current envelope provider on getting different colors and they told her it would be expensive to get special order envelopes.
- o Council liked the idea of special envelopes if they could be homemade at a lesser cost.
- o A project for this fundraising idea has yet to be determined.

□ Use of Building

- o Pastor explained the use of our A/C units in the building and the inefficiency of how church offices are configured.
- o Ideas were discussed as to get better function of the church building.
- o Pastor is going to look into a plan for better use of the facility going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

□ Church Facility Rentals

- o Victor requested use of the Nave on 8/31 for a recital.
- o Bonnie motioned to accept, and Chet seconded. Motioned approved.

Pastor's Report:

- A written report to council members was sent (attached to this report). Highlights from the report discussed at the meeting include.
- o Pastor has been busy meeting with couples for weddings this summer. In total, he will have conducted 6 marriage ceremonies.
 - o The youth trip was a success.
 - o John is now moved into Cincinnati.
 - o Pastor was appreciative of the hospitality and celebration of his 20th ordination service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship: Position not currently filled.

Evangelism: Position not currently filled.

Property (Mike Porter): Not present, no report.

Finance (Jane Fruth): The finance committee met this last month. Discussion was held as to church expenses in which the committee is only comfortable with spending \$47,000 in building expenses as approved in the congregation budget. In church investments we have about \$435,000. However, only \$97,000 of all investments are free to use for emergency expenses. About \$240,000 of church investments are to be spent only on mission funds.

Worship and Music (Janet Zirger): Janet informed council that we will be bringing back healing services on Wednesdays for the first Wednesdays of September, October, and November at 6:30pm.

Parish Education (Diane Greene): Diane is working to create coloring kits for the youth to play with while in the service. Sunday school is starting October 2nd with focus on the Good Samaritan. The next parish education meeting is September 13th tentatively starting at 4:30pm.

Childhood Ministries (Bonnie Oberlander): Notes from the last childhood ministries meeting are as follows: Preschool is still down in numbers. The 3-4 year old class will be mixing for this year. A new aide, Paula, was recently hired to help in the afternoons. The preschool is very happy with Rick as janitor.

Social Ministry (Deb Nominee): Sharing kitchen is on Thursday, August 18th .

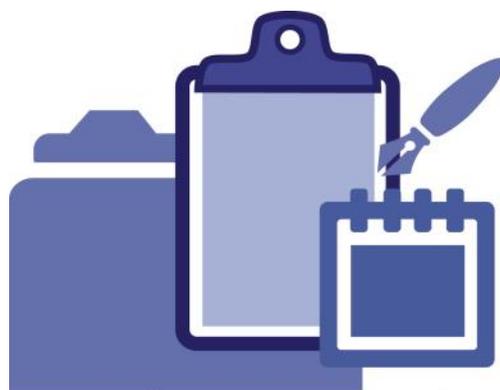
Youth Report (Jonathan Nominee): LutherRidge trip was a great time and experience for all members involved.

Adjournment: The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st , at 6:30pm.

A motion was made to adjourn by Chet and seconded by Jonathan. The motion passed.

Pastor sent everyone off with a blessing and prayer.

Submitted: by *Chet Margraf*,
Council Secretary



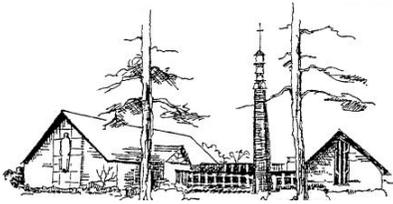
Church Council



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 17th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00a Worship 11:00a Confirmation Class 6:00p Youth Night	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Office Open</i> 10:00a Bible Study 4:30p Christian Ed	5 <i>Office Open</i> 6:30 Healing Service 7:15p Worship & Music	6 <i>Office Open</i>	7 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	18
9 18th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00a Worship 11:00a Confirmation Class	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Office Open</i> 10:00a Bible Study	12 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00a Piece Corp 4:00p Pre-School Board	13 <i>Office Open</i>	14 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15
16 19th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00a Worship 11:00a Confirmation Class	17 <i>Office Closed</i> 1:30p Book worms	18 <i>Office Open</i> 10:00a Bible Study	19 <i>Office Open</i> 6:30p Council	20 <i>Office Open</i>	21 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22
23 20th Sunday After Pentecost 10:00a Worship 11:00a Confirmation Class	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Office Open</i> 10:00a Bible Study	26 <i>Office Open</i>	27 <i>Office Open</i> 1:00p West Ohio Food Bank	28	29
30 Reformation Sunday 10:00a Worship 11:00a Confirmation Class 3:00p Halloween Hospitality	31 <i>Office Closed</i>					

Don't forget it's time to fall back before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5th. We want to see you at church at the right time!





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