



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

300 MELMORE STREET

TIFFIN, OHIO

MAY 2023 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

The congregation is invited to an exciting day as we gather to celebrate the ministry we share together here at First Lutheran. Mark your calendars and plan to attend on:

Sunday, May 7

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ?

← Looking back, to look ahead! →

I am looking forward to sharing all of the blessings that May 7th will bring. More importantly, I am looking forward to sharing them with you. It reminds me of a “cute” church billboard that I scrolled passed surfing online once upon a time: “What’s missing from the ch__ch? U R!” The blessings of all that we do here at First can’t be completed without U! So come and join in helping to shape our future as a congregation as we gather on May 7th.

10:00 a.m.

We gather for worship on the 5th Sunday of Easter as we continue to celebrate the good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Our Gospel reading reminds us God’s promised welcome place

that had been prepared for all who come to know the ways of Christ.

11:00 a.m.

Following worship we transition to a Special Congregational Meeting. The business of the meeting will be three fold: 1) We will be electing individuals to council allowing us to have a full slate of elected leaders. 2) From the members of council, we will be electing our officers for the remainder of 2023. 3) We will have an initial read of several Proposed Constitutional Changes as we look at future council structure and update our Constitution to match the model constitution of the ELCA.

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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

May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

PIECE CORP

Wednesday, May 10
9:00 a.m.

WEST OHIO FOOD BANK

Thursday, May 25
Volunteers report by 12:30
Distribution begins at 1:00

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12:00 p.m.

Following our Special Congregational Meeting we transition to the Fellowship Hall for lunch. Graciously Thrivent has sponsored our meal together, which will include build our own subs, chips, pretzels, a variety of fruits and veggies, as well as drinks and desserts. In order to help us better prepare for lunch there is a sign up sheet on the Dietz Room wall. If you can't make it in person you can RSVP by calling the church office at 419-447-1323.

begin to ponder the next chapters of our congregational life together. Together, we will look back reflecting on what first drew us to this congregation. What have been our joys and struggles, and how has God been revealed in them?

Then we will ponder what our future joys might look like? How do they embrace the community? How to they minister to the world which we are called to serve?

Honestly, the questions could go on and they likely will! However it starts with you. So, I pray that you will take the time to be a part of this exciting day. Then we can all give thanks knowing UR important part of the ch_ch and all that we do together!

God's Blessings!

Pastor Bailey

12:30 p.m.

While we break bread, we gather in conversation as we

SHARING KITCHEN

This is a reminder that First Lutheran has been assigned work dates of June 5th and June 8th at the Sharing Kitchen.

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

She can be reached in person on Sunday mornings, by message at: 419-618-4065 or email at: rdcp@woh.rr.com

Thank you for supporting the "caring for all" portion

THANK YOU

Thank you...

Dear Church Members, Happy Easter!

I want to thank you for the Easter cards you sent me. It made the Easter season more beautiful as I read my devotional. The cards are sitting on my desk and remind me of this special season. The cards also brought memories of Beth and her love of flowers, and the fun times with Weed Warriors.

Thank you again and God Bless,

Jack Myers



Happy
Mother's
Day

MAY
14TH



Celebrating
our Graduates

Congrats to our Grads:

High School

Gracie Chester, Jace Margraf,
Kael Margraf and Garrett Vaughn.

College

Aubrey Margraf
Morgan Wise
Hayden Cook
Chloe Eppley

GREETINGS FROM CHILDHOOD MINISTRIES!

April was a very exciting month for us, especially in the daycare area. Tiffin City Schools were on Spring Break from April 3-7, which meant we did not have preschool classes during this time. We were able to use the preschool room upstairs for all day daycare while Richard's Carpet was busy installing our new floor. It was a great deal of planning, organizing, and moving furniture for our staff, and Couch Judd Lutz, and some of his student athletes, but well worth it!! Many thanks to all who made the effort to help. The floor looks amazing!!! We have had many positive comments from our parents and children.

Our preschool classes have been busy with weekly units on "Pets", "Animals" and "Bugs". The children enjoyed many different related stories, art activities, puppets and sorting activities. They continue to work on letter writing, calendar, weather, Nursery Rhymes and other kindergarten readiness skills.

Our Extended Care children enjoyed TCS Spring Break with a variety of themed days, including "Pajama Day", "Sports Day", "Wacky Wednesday" and "Favorite Color Day".

We had special snacks, art activities and games to keep us busy during the week. The remainder of the month, the children enjoyed various spring-related activities and outdoor play, as the weather allowed.

We will begin Summer and Fall Registration on May 1st for church members and current families. Registration will open to the public on May 8th. If you or someone you know is interested, please call me at 419-447-1145.

Jane Frederick,

Director FLEC/Extended Care



Here are two views of our new downstairs flooring. We LOVE it because it is such an improvement over the old flooring. We have this new flooring in the hallway, the office and both classrooms. We are so thankful for the special grant that provided funds to make this upgrade possible!



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Monday Evening Group Contact Carol Jarrett for information.

Tuesday Morning Group The Tuesday Morning Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. and should be a refreshing opportunity to learn and grow together. This is a group that welcomes **everyone**, not just ladies!

Thursday Night Group

Contact Diane Greene or Janet Zirger for meeting info. Meetings will be weather and member-availability-dependent during the winter months.



May BIRTHDAYS

BOOKWORMS ANONYMOUS

This group will meet Monday afternoon, May 15th at 1:30 pm, if you would like to join them.

Their reading selections for 2023 are as follows:

May – No Dogs in Heaven: Scenes from Life
by Robert T. Sharp

PIECE CORP



The May gathering will be held on May 10th, beginning at 9am in Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited to join Piece Corp the second Tuesday of each month.

YOUTH NEWS!

Confirmation Classes:

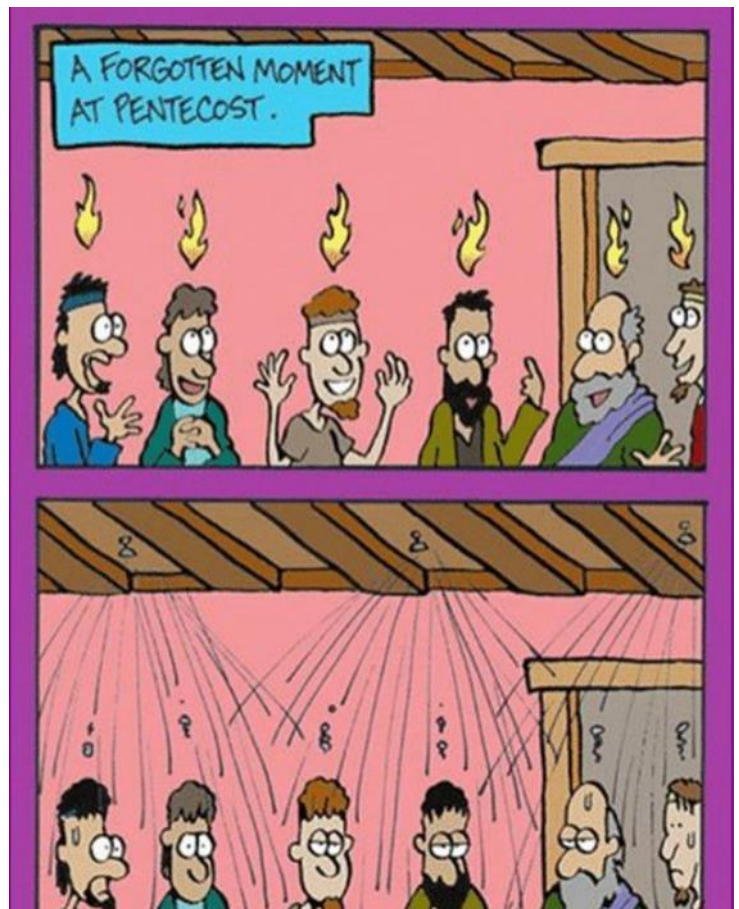
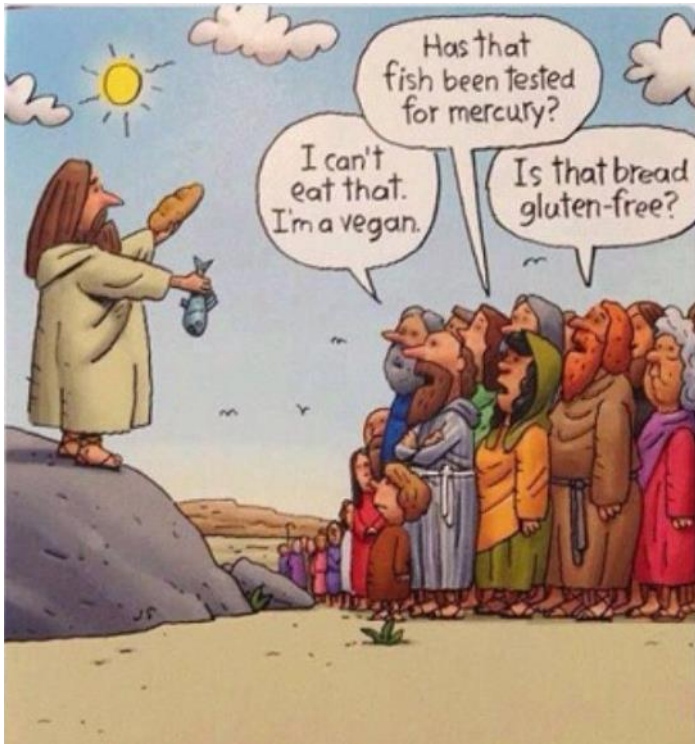
Our Confirmation Youth are busy on their end of the year projects. Each is asked to help bring their favorite New Testament Story to life. Once they are complete, they'll be shared for all to see.

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, May 28th as two of our youth will be confirmed on Pentecost. Please keep Angela Nominee and Jackson Vallery in your prayers as they reaffirm their baptismal promises.

- 1 BEV WHEATLEY
- 2 DEB CRERAR
- 3 MCCLAIN MEYER
- JULIA WILDMAN
- MISSY WOESSNER
- 4 HEMANT BHAGAT
- MICHAEL HAMPSHIRE
- 6 JACK MYERS
- 8 BOBBY ENGLISH
- 10 PETE MYERS
- 12 PAULA GUISSINGER
- 13 JAMIE LODERMEIER-FAY
- 15 LORI HAMPSHIRE
- 16 JAMIE SWOPE
- KAREN SWOPE
- 18 GRACIE CHESTER
- 19 JEAN COVERT
- 20 LINCOLN BLOTT
- WILLIAM HERTZER
- DIANE RESER
- 21 JUNE COLE
- 29 ROBYN COOK
- 31 BRENT PHARES



HOLY HUMOR



MOWING CREW



WORSHIP INFORMATION

SUNDAY	READER	HOSTS	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTES
5/7 5EASTER	LINDA ELLINGER	NOMINEE FAMILY	JONATHAN NOMINEE	
5/14 6EASTER	MELISSA CHESTER	JANET ZIRGER	MELISSA CHESTER	JONATHAN NOMINEE ANGELA NOMINEE
5/21 7EASTER	BETH MARGRAF	JUDY KIMMEL	SHELLEY ROSS	JACKSON VALLERY ZACHARY ROSS
5/28 PENTECOST	PHILIP SCHERR	NOMINEE FAMILY	PHILIP SCHERR	
ALTAR GUILD	DONNA BRUEGGEMEIER AND DEB HOHMAN			

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FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH ENDING MARCH 2023

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

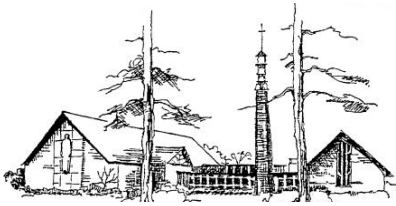


	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Church	\$17,444	\$43,228
Pre-School	<u>\$11,138</u>	<u>\$29,269</u>
	\$28,583	\$72,498
<u>Expenses</u>		
Church	\$34,463	\$69,411
Pre-School	<u>\$11,771</u>	<u>\$28,597</u>
	\$46,235	\$98,008
<u>Summary:</u>		
Income	(\$17,652)	(\$25,510)



May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <i>Office Open</i> 10:30a Bible Study	3 <i>Office Open</i> 6:30p Healing Service 7:15p Worship & Music	4 <i>Office Open</i>	5 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	6 7:00p Heidelberg Community Chorus
7 The 5th Sunday of Easter 10:00a Worship 11:00a Congregational Meeting 12:00p Fellowship Lunch 12:30p "What Happens Next?" Conversation	8	9 <i>Office Open</i> 10:30a Bible Study	10 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00a Piece Corp 4:00p Pre-School Board	11 <i>Office Open</i>	12 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	13
14 The 6th Sunday of Easter 10:00a Worship 11:00a Confirmation Class	15 1:30p Book worms	16 <i>Office Open</i> 10:30a Bible Study	17 <i>Office Open</i>	18 <i>Office Open</i>	19 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	20
21 The 7th Sunday of Easter 10:00a Worship 11:00p Council Meeting	22	23 <i>Office Open</i> 10:30a Bible Study	24 <i>Office Open</i>	25 <i>Office Open</i> 1:00p West Ohio Food Bank	26 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	27
28 Pentecost 10:00a Worship 11:00a Fellowship & Congrats to our Confirmands	29 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Memorial Day Holiday</i>	30 <i>Office Open</i> 10:30a Bible Study	31 <i>Office Open</i>			



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