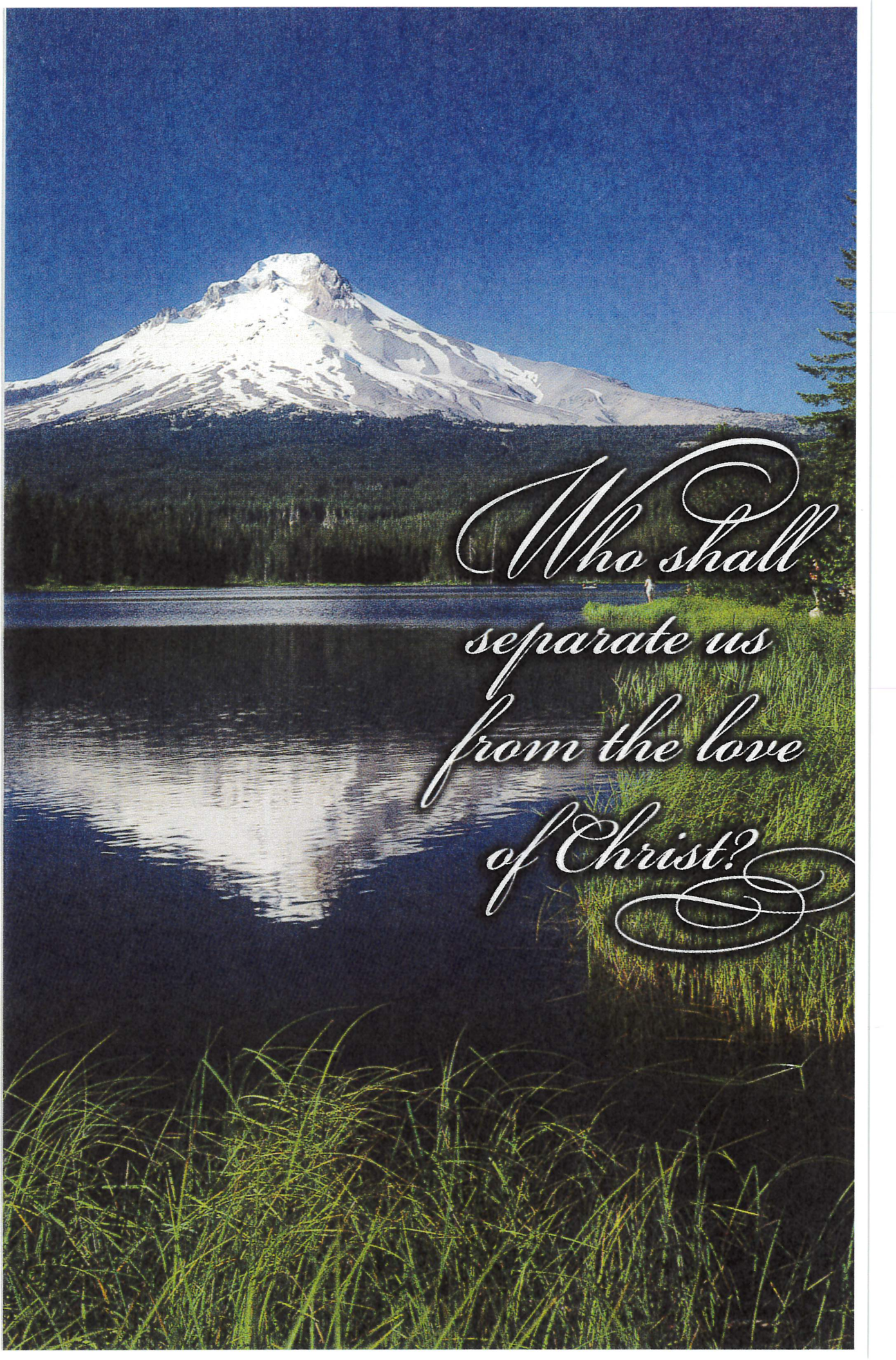




*Who shall
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from the love
of Christ?*

First Evangelical and Reformed Church

320 W. Wayne St . Lima, OH 45801

“Open Hearts, Open Doors”

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Doors Open – 8:45 am

Sunday School – 9:00 am

Worship Service – 10:15 am



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September 6, 2026

PRELUDE: “The Church’s One Foundation”

Todd Kendall

WELCOME

HYMN: “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Hymnal #456

HYMN: “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story”

Hymnal #284

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Meditation on “Be Thou My Vision” Robert Lau

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: TBA

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:9-21

SERMON: "It's Not as Easy as It Seems"

Rev. John Hyter

HYMN: “May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Praise Book #22

BENEDICTION: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Hymnal #209

(Verses 1 & 4)

Serving You This Week:

Pastor:
Organist
Secretary

Rev. John Hyter
Charles Cheuvront
Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Missionary James Reynolds, Paul & Melissa Busick's Prison Ministry, Scarlet Rettig, Tom & Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Mike Lautzenheiser, Connie Ryan, Rob Hyter, Sheila Coon, Christian, Mike Butler, Tessa Money, Remy Hefner, Marisha Collier, Kameyan Campos, Charles (Jill's Dad), Karen, Anna, Don, Ruth Ann Russell, Randall Allen, Jr., Jill Thomas, Sue Jamison, Dennis Gladfelter, Danielle McNamara King, Jennifer Lewis and Keith McGloughlin.

Life Situations: Pray for cancer patients to feel God's healing touch and relief from fear and anxiety during treatment. Please pray for healing for people with mental illness and addictions and their families. Pray for the safety of our military and law enforcement officers.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.)

Shut-In of the Week: Sarah Moneer is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, Room 310, Lima, OH 45805.

Fill in the blank: "Let every man be swift to _____, slow to _____, slow to _____;" (*James 1:19 NKJV*)

Pondering: "In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise." (*Proverbs 10:19 NKJV*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



For September, CUP has requested donations of toilet paper. CUP is also urgently in need of plastic grocery bags.

If you can help with a donation, it would be much appreciated. You can place your donations of the shelf near the elevator marked CUP. Thank you.



We have a prospective pastor coming to preach on September 13. His name is Craig Kittock, and he is going to be here with his wife and 4 children.

Craig wants to visit and answer any questions we have regarding him and his family so he will be staying for our Gathering meal. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome.

Website: www.firstchurchoflima.com Did you miss a Sunday? Sermons, events, announcements, newsletters, bulletins and other information can be found here. Check it out!

Bible study starts up again on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 7 PM at Alicia's house. It will be every Tuesday evening unless otherwise noted. We have a study guide and will be going through the Bible in a year. Please bring a pen, notepad and your Bible. All are welcome. Call the church for the address if you are new. 419-222-6700.

The September 2026 issue of The *Informer Newsletter* was emailed. If you do not have email, you can pick up your copy in the lobby off the table near the sanctuary.

The September/October/November 2026 issue of *Our Daily Bread* devotional is available for pick-up at either door of the sanctuary.

LABOR DAY PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

Creator of the world, we give you thanks for the gift of stewardship and work. Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do our work in truth and beauty and for the common good.

God of justice, we pray for all workers that they would receive fair compensation and treatment in their labor.

For those who seek work, provide jobs. For those who cannot work, provide sustenance. Make those who lead the industries and commerce of this country responsive to your perfect will. Build up in the leaders of our country a respect for all labors. Deliver us, Lord Jesus, from the maligning evils of greed, sloth, and gluttony that we may lead lives of holiness in service to you and our neighbor.

We ask all these things for our good and your glory. Amen



“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” (Colossians 3:23-24)