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*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." 1 Peter 1:3*

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As we approach the joyous season of Easter, our hearts are filled again with anticipation and joy for the miracle of Christ's resurrection. This event, central to our faith, not only marks the triumph of light over darkness but also serves as a beacon of hope for all humanity.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. It is a powerful testament to the profound love and boundless grace of our Lord. Just as Jesus conquered death and emerged victorious from the tomb, so we too are reminded of the promise of eternal life that awaits us when we die. Not merely a historical event confined to the past, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a living reality that echoes through time and space, offering us glimpses of resurrection in our own lives and in the world around us.

We experience various forms of resurrection in our lives every day. We see the power of resurrection in the mending of broken relationships as forgiveness and reconciliation breathe new life into broken bonds. We see the power of resurrection in the restoration of hope in times of despair, as we emerge from the depths of adversity or disasters with newfound strength and courage. We see the power of resurrection in the renewal of purpose in our moments of doubt. We see the power of resurrection in new dreams and aspirations as we overcome obstacles or setbacks or addictions. These are all reflections of the transformative power of resurrection at work in our midst, testifying to the abiding presence of the risen Christ in our lives.

The resurrection power of Christ continues to make itself known in countless ways, offering us these glimpses of divine grace and mercy in the world around us. Where have you experienced the power of resurrection in your own life? As we celebrate Easter, let us open our hearts to these signs of resurrection, embracing the transformative power of God's love in our lives.

As we gather together this Easter season, may we do so with hearts full of gratitude and praise for the miraculous resurrection of our Savior. Let us proclaim with unwavering faith that Christ is risen indeed, and let His resurrection power continue to transform our lives and the world around us.

May the joy of Easter fill your hearts with resurrection hope, peace, and love, now and always.

See you in church!

*Pastor Robin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY** is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for **April, May, and June** include:



- Toilet paper
- Baby items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- **Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, deodorant, toothpaste**
- Laundry detergent
- Kitchen cleaning items, such as dishwasher liquid, and dish soap

Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!



**Sunday School** Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! The youth class is taught by Pete and Lilly Cardimen. Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class.

**Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update** The next women's dinner will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Liberty Tavern, 50 S. Liberty St., Unit 104, Powell, OH 43065 (614) 825-0500. The next Guys' Night Out will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Koble Grill, 176 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 670-8270. All are welcome!

**2024 Graduates** We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates on **Sunday, May 19th**. If you or a family member are graduating in 2022, please provide the church with the following information: Name, school/university, month graduating, degree if applicable, future plans and a picture. Please email the church with this information at [flc7350@gmail.com](mailto:flc7350@gmail.com).



**Worship Servers Needed!** If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let Pastor Robin know. Assisting ministers, lectors, counters, and greeters are needed. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out! We are also looking for fellowship hosts following worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. Sign-up on the table in the narthex.



**Holy Communion** We celebrate Communion weekly. All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to join us in the celebration of Holy Communion. Grape juice is available in the center of the trays. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

**Thrivent Members** - For those of you with choice dollars. don't forget that Fellowship can be a recipient of those dollars. Thank you to all who have donated this way in the past!



**Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with Vanco Mobile** - If you would like to give to Fellowship with your smartphone, please download Vanco's smartphone app, **Vanco Mobile**. Vanco Mobile will enable anyone to donate at anytime to Fellowship. It makes it easy to give instantaneously for a regular gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.

**Pastoral Care Request** If you have a pastoral care request (hospitalization, upcoming surgery, need for counseling, etc.), please call Pastor Robin at (937) 725-4930. If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin, please let Pastor Robin know so it can be scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency...just an opportunity to get to know you better.



**Staying Connected Program for the Elderly** - Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected." You get to pick the hour to receive the phone call. For more information, here is the link: <https://aging.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/aging/care-and-living/get-help/staying-connected/> .

**Kroger Plus Fundraising Information:** If you would like to register your Kroger card for the Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Robin or the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser!

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## Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

February 4	39/16 views	March 3	33/17 views
February 11	30/21 views	March 6 (Midweek)	13/16 views
February 14 (Ash Wed.)	16/30 views	March 10	32/15 views
February 18	20/28 views	March 13 (Midweek)	13/6 views
February 21 (Midweek)	14/14 views	March 17	36/20 views
February 25	28/27 views	March 20 (Midweek)	13/27 views
February 28 (Midweek)	15/20 views	March 24	37/22 views
		March 28 (Maun. Th)	
		March 29 (Good Fr)	
		March 31	

Matthew 16:18-20 “Jesus came and told his disciples, ‘I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

Just as Jesus gave the direction to his disciples, we too at Fellowship Lutheran Church have received his direction to “go and make disciples.” But how do we do this? We may not be missionaries, but we can show God’s love for all people right here in our own backyards.

Fellowship developed Purpose and Vision statements and adopted Core Values to guide us in our corporate and individual lives. They are:

**Fellowship’s Purpose** – To share God’s love and grace through our words and actions.

**Fellowship’s Vision** – Be a diverse, thriving community of faith where all are welcome to God’s love and grace.

**Fellowship’s Core Values**

**Worshiping:** Rooted in the Lutheran traditions and centered on Word and Sacrament.

**Serving:** Caring for each member and our neighbors in the greater community.

**Welcoming:** Striving to welcome and engage all by establishing meaningful relationships so that all feel part of our FLC community.

**Education & Youth:** Growing and sustaining our faith with ongoing education, for all members, while also involving youth of all ages and finding ways to integrate them.

**Generosity:** Sharing God’s Word and God’s abundance with others by being generous with the time and resources God has given us.

We can live out our Purpose, Vision, and Core Values every time we reach out to others: hold a door open for the mom struggling with a full grocery cart and young children, give to or work at a food pantry, give to charitable organizations such as Lutheran Social Services and Disaster Relief, the Red Cross, etc., and in so many other ways.

We hope that each of us finds ways to serve God daily by living Fellowship’s Purpose, Vision, and Core Values, because **each of us is Fellowship Lutheran Church.**

**Update of FLC Policies and Procedures** - Fellowship’s church council is currently reviewing the written Policies and Procedures for our church. Some of the policies and procedures date back to the late 1990s and early 2000s, and do not represent who we are now, how we are organized, and how we operate. We have set a goal of completing this task for all of our policies and procedures by the end of 2024 so that we have current operating systems in place.

**Church Insurance** – We have received our insurance rate for April 1, 2024 to April 1, 2025 from our current insurer, Church Mutual. The rate (\$5,258) is \$1,036 higher than our 2023-24 rate (\$4,222). We have asked for an alternative quote from Insurance Board to determine whether changing insurance carriers provides a financial advantage while providing comparable coverage for Fellowship as we strive to be prudent with our church’s finances.

**“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade ...” from 1 Peter 1:3.**

This week has been Pastor Robin’s final midweek Lenten offering of “Guided to the Cross” and last soup and sandwich supper. These services have helped us to reflect and focus on Jesus’ unending love for man. He loved us so much that He submitted to death on the Cross so that we would have eternal life with Him in heaven.

Palms will be given out this Sunday, March 24. Instead of a sermon, Executive Committee will read the Passion of Our Lord.

At 7 pm. On Maundy Thursday, Fellowship Lutheran Church will join with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church in a worship service with Communion and traditional Stripping of the Altar. All are welcome. St. Andrew Christian Church will host the Sawmill Community Good Friday service at 7 pm. They are located at 1985 Swansford Dr., Dublin, right off Smoky Row Rd.

Join us in celebration of Our Lord’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 31. Worship will be held at 10am followed by light snacks and fellowship in the narthex.

**Dates to remember:**

**Palm Sunday, March 24**

**Maundy Thursday, March 28 @ 7pm**

**Ecumenical Good Friday service, March 29 @ 7pm, St. Andrew’s Christian Church**

**Easter, March 31**

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Dixie Heck
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, Amy Wargowsky, Ruth Albert
Choir/Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

**Executive Committee**

President	George Biemel
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

**At-large Council Members**

Angela Kidd  
Bill Lude  
Susan Wolfe

**Team Coordinators**

<b>Congregational Life</b>	Vacant
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>	Vacant
<b>Outreach</b>	Pete Cardimen
<b>Property</b>	John Votino
<b>Stewardship</b>	Vacant (Council)
<b>Worship</b>	Karen Harris

***Thank you for your leadership!!!***

## Worship Servers Schedule for April 2024

	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 14</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Sonya Thelin	Cindy Frey
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sonya Thelin	Cindy Frey
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Farel	Bill Lude
<b>Greeter</b>		
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	---	---
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom

	<b>April 21</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>		Paul Wargowsky
<b>Lay Reader</b>		Paul Wargowsky
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Lude	
<b>Greeter</b>		
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	---	---
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom



### Worship Servers Needed!

If you can fill any of our openings for assisting ministers, readers, counters, greeters or fellowship hosts or help out in future months, please call or email Pastor Robin or Tracy Farel. Thanks!



# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31 Easter</b> 10:00 am - Worship (Snacks/Fellowship time after worship) 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>3</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>4</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>5</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>6</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
			<i>Pastor Robin on Vacation</i>			
<b>7</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>10</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>11</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>12</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>13</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>14</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	<b>17</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>18</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>19</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>20</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>21</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 6:00 pm - Guys Night Out	<b>24</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>25</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>26</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>27</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>28</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>1</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>2</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>3</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>4</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

<b>Fritzi Bear</b>	<b>Don Johnson</b>
<b>Major N Crispin</b>	<b>Lillian Kachic</b>
<b>Carolyn Crispin</b>	<b>Ed Lathy</b>
<b>Byron Engen</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b>
<b>Dominic Frey</b>	<b>Pete &amp; Sonja Meighen</b>
<b>Margery Gress</b>	<b>John Votino</b>
<b>Cheryl Hamilton</b>	<b>Ray Ward</b>
<b>Zach Jaeger</b>	

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

**Martha Ackerman**, Karen Harris' friend  
**John Berry**, Carol Jaeger's cousin  
**Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother  
**Larry Fiddler**, Bill Lude's friend  
**McKenna Harris**, Karen Harris' granddaughter  
**William Leach**, Karen Harris' brother  
**Nora Murphy**, Margery Gress's friend  
**Scott Reimer**, John Votino's friend  
**John & Charlotte Schall**, Pastor Robin's parents  
**Jeff Sielaff**, visitor

**DEATHS:**

**Jim Barnett**, Bill Lude's friend  
**John Berry**, Carol Jaeger's cousin  
**Tom Durham III**, Pete Cardimen's coworker's father-in-law  
**Mary Hassler**, Pete Cardimen's co-worker's mom  
**Homer Hayes**, Dixie Heck's uncle

**April Birthdays**

Todd Engen	4/6
Pat Frey	4/6
Jim Jaeger	4/6
Kathryn Tucker	4/6
Pete Cardimen	4/11
Aria Kidd	4/14
Ray Ward	4/15
Doug Scantland	4/16
Lori Hobbins	4/18
Mallory Tonn	4/20
Jeanine Biemel	4/22
Claire Haase	4/26
Bill Lude	4/30
Robin Wargowsky	4/30



*Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month! This list reflects the information we have in our computer at this time. We welcome your corrections and additions!*

**April Anniversaries**

Todd & Jenifer (Takats) Engen 4/30



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*Our Vision:* To be a diverse, thriving community of faith where all are welcome to celebrate God's love and grace.

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