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*[Jesus said] "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*  
**Matthew 11:28-30**

Dear Fellowship members and friends!

Grace and peace be with you as we embark on the joyful and rejuvenating season of summer. The warm weather and longer days remind us to slow down, breathe deeply, and embrace the blessings of relaxation, family, and friends. As we gather in worship and community, let us reflect on the importance of finding balance in our lives and cherishing the time we spend with our loved ones.

Summer offers us a unique opportunity to step away from our usual routines and create space for rest and rejuvenation. In the midst of our busy lives, it can be challenging to prioritize relaxation, but God calls us to find solace and renewal in God's presence. Just as Jesus sought moments of solitude and communion with the Father, we too must carve out time for spiritual and physical replenishment. It is in these moments that we can connect deeply with ourselves, our loved ones, and our Creator.

One of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves and our families is quality time spent together. During the summer, let us seize the chance to create lasting memories with our loved ones. Whether it be a leisurely walk in nature, a picnic in the park, or a day trip to explore new places, these simple activities can strengthen our bonds and bring us closer to one another. Our faith teaches us that relationships are at the core of our lives, and nurturing them is essential for our overall well-being.

Our connections with friends also play a vital role in our journey of faith. Summer provides an ideal setting to foster and deepen these relationships. Hosting a backyard barbecue, organizing a game night, participating in Women's Dinners or Guys' Night Out, or simply inviting a friend for a coffee can be a source of joy and encouragement for all. These moments of fellowship not only strengthen our existing friendships but also create opportunities to extend God's love to those who may feel lonely or disconnected.

As Lutherans, we understand the significance of rest and relaxation. We recognize that God created us as whole beings, with physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. Taking time to enjoy the beauty of creation, to slow down and savor the simple pleasures of life, is not only permissible but also essential for our well-being. It is through these moments of respite that we can recharge and return to our daily responsibilities with renewed energy and a deeper sense of purpose. Wishing you all a blessed and joy-filled summer!

See you in church!

*Pastor Robin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-person Worship** Masks are now optional. Please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable with one on.

**5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service** Come join us for our 5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service on the 1st Sunday of each month.

**The Smoky Row Food Pantry** is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for July, August, and September include:

- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta.
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes



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



Sunday School classes for youth and adults are on break until fall. If you would like to help out with Sunday School in the fall, please let Pastor Robin know.

### Meals on Wheels

Saturday, July 15 Engen



**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.



**Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out Update** The next women's dinner will be on Tuesday, July 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Don Tequila Mexican Restaurant (9762 Sawmill Parkway, Powell). Next Guys' Night Out TBD. All are welcome!

**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.

**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!

**One Rollator Still Available** Two rollators have been donated to Fellowship from Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and one is still available in the coat rack area. If you are in need of a rollator, please let Pastor Robin know and take one. Please return to the church when you no longer need the rollator.

**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 new 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** - Did you know that 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/> .

**SAVE THE DATE! August 27th, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Joint Buddy Box Packing Party with Lord of Life Lutheran Church at Family Mentor Foundation

## Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

May 7	32/6/22 views	June 4	23/4/36 views
May 14	45/34 views	June 11	51/29 views
May 21	34/43 views	June 18	27/14 views
May 28	23/24 views	June 25	16/14 views

*Welcome to our Newest Member!!!*



*Conner Paul Smith, son of Kathryn Tucker and Andy Smith, was baptized on June 11, 2023!*

In the book of Hebrews, the author writes “What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.” Hebrews 11:1.

The theme of this year’s Southern Ohio Synod assembly was “ Hope is Believing!” So, what do we hope for at Fellowship Lutheran Church. An obvious hope is that we can stay financially viable – at this point, we are holding our own. That’s the business part of our hope.

But we have other hopes beyond the finances. We hope that we meet the spiritual needs of our members and those who worship with us. We hope that we can find ways to reach out and help our neighbors. We hope that the fellowship we have together continues to grow and nurture our congregation. We hope that we can make a difference in the world, even small things add up.

God had blessed each of us with many and varied gifts. Our leadership team has a variety of backgrounds, beliefs, and experiences which are combined to help Fellowship pursue our joint hopes and dreams. We ask for your prayers as we plan and work to bring Fellowship into a vibrant and fulfilling future.

We also ask that each member be an active part of our joint community, whether it is by reading the lessons, being a greeter, a counter, or assisting minister, or providing treats for our post-service fellowship time. OR, can you commit to taking a larger role in bringing our hopes to fruition. Try it, you’ll like it!

Council is currently reading and discussing a book titled “The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door” by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. While the book is focused on getting to know your neighbors where you live, we are finding elements that can be used by Fellowship to reach out to the community around us. We believe that our future as a church lies in being an active partner in our community, to show God’s love in all we do, and to act on that love.

And remember to **“Let Your Light Shine!”**

## **Property update June 2023**

- **Team - if you notice something that needs fixed or repaired, please let me know - all eyes are better than one set.  
Thanks John**

### **On going**

- ✓ Rhonda (Rough Roofing) - 614-805-0311 - still trying to get some funds back for the leak that we had to have repaired by another company in the Narthex and also the lady's restroom repairs.
- o -classroom 1 - finish the ceiling repair (re paint)
- o Replace monument inside 4-foot bulbs

### **Some things that may need to be accomplished.**

- ⇒ Form a group of 3 to 5 volunteers to walk thru the church and yellow tag items that need to be thrown away and or donated to clear out stuff we have not used and or that has become obsolete over the years.
- ⇒ If anyone stops by and the two potted plants need watered, please contribute and do so if you can
- ⇒ I spray the parking lot weekly to try to eliminate the weeds
- ⇒ This fall clean out the gutters when we do fall clean-up of the leaves
- ⇒ Air conditioning filters will be changed out this week

### **Accomplishments**

- ◇ Basketball hoop was replaced finally. Many thanks to all who have helped by making donations
- ◇ Spring clean-up was a success and thank you all who helped

**All in all we are in good shape**

**Thanks  
John**

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*"Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."* **Colossians 3:1**

### **Traditional Communion**

On 5/14 we began having our traditional offering of Communion with Pastor Robin giving congregants the host wafer and her lay assisting minister holding a communion tray of wine and grape juice in individual cups for persons to take themselves. We are currently using up plastic wine cups, but when those run out we will go back to using our glass cups.

### **Outdoor Worship Service, 8/13/2023**

This will be held at Murphy Park in Powell. This is the same lovely, wooded park we have been able to use for years now. Worship will begin at 10 am. We will sing and have a band. Bring your lawn chairs and your friends. A potluck will immediately follow under the shelter. Items for making great sandwiches will be provided, as will drinks. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert.

### **Dates to Remember:**

7/2—Worship & Praise service @ 10 am & 5 pm

7/2—Fellowship after 10 am worship

8/6—Worship & Praise service @ 10 am & 5 pm

8/13—Outdoor Worship & Potluck

9/3—Worship & Praise service @ 10 am & 5 pm with healing service

**Karen Harris, Team Leader**

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, 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 July 2023

	<b>July 2</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>July 16</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	George Biemel	Sonya Thelin	Cindy Frey
<b>Lay Reader</b>	George Biemel	Karen Harris	Cindy Frey
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Lude	Bill Lude	
<b>Greeter</b>			Susan Wolfe
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	George Biemel	----	----
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris

	<b>July 23</b>	<b>July 30</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	George Biemel	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	George Biemel	
<b>Counter</b>	Andy Smith	
<b>Greeter</b>	Kathryn Tucker	Darcy Dom
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	----	----
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris



### 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. Thanks!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
2 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	4 <i>Independence Day</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
9 10:00 am -Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
16 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs 8:00 pm - CJMC	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
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**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Fritzi Bear</b>     | <b>Lillian Kachic</b>           |
| <b>Major N Crispin</b> | <b>Ed Lathy</b>                 |
| <b>Byron Engen</b>     | <b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b>  |
| <b>Barb Fisher</b>     | <b>Pete &amp; Sonja Meighen</b> |
| <b>Margery Gress</b>   | <b>Carolyn Shaw</b>             |
| <b>Cheryl Hamilton</b> | <b>John Votino</b>              |
| <b>Karen Harris</b>    | <b>Ray &amp; Carol Ward</b>     |
| <b>Zach Jaeger</b>     |                                 |

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

- Jim Barnett**, Bill Lude's friend
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Rikki-lynn Cromlish**, Mal Tonn's teammate
- Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son
- McKenna Harris**, Karen Harris' granddaughter
- John Katsarus**, George Biemel's neighbor
- Kristi Mason**, Mike Rankin's cousin
- River Opper**, Frey family friend's daughter
- Pat Reed**, Pastor Robin's friend's wife
- Scott Reimer**, John Votino's friend
- Shaun Steward**, George Biemel's friend

**DEATHS:**

**July Birthdays**

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|-----------------|------|
| Erin Jaeger     | 7/2  |
| Katie Rankin    | 7/3  |
| Jason Hobbins   | 7/4  |
| Carolyn Crispin | 7/6  |
| Andy Poland     | 7/8  |
| Lorien Crispin  | 7/11 |
| Callen Anderson | 7/12 |
| Amy Wargowsky   | 7/15 |
| Byron Engen     | 7/19 |
| Cindy Frey      | 7/24 |
| Evelyn France   | 7/26 |
| Grayson France  | 7/26 |



*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!*

**July Anniversaries**

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|-------------------------|------|
| Steve & Cheryl Hamilton | 7/20 |
| Ryan & Rebecca Roll     | 7/20 |



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



*Our Purpose:* To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

*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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