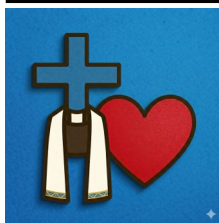




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"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." — John 12:24 (NRSVue)

Dear friends in Christ,

I don't know about you, but I am finally starting to feel like we've turned a corner. There's something about May that just feels like a giant exhale. We've made it through the long, reflective walk of Lent and the high energy of Easter morning. The Alleluias of Easter are still ringing in our ears, and all around us, the earth is waking up. Now we get to see what's actually starting to grow.

I've been thinking a lot about that "grain of wheat" verse from John lately. In the Lutheran church, we talk a lot about being "simultaneously saint and sinner," but I think we're also simultaneously "seeds and sprouts." We spend a lot of time tucked away, doing the quiet work of faith in the dark, but May is the season where things start to break the surface.

It's a reminder that all that time we spent in prayer, or wondering where God was during the colder months, wasn't wasted. It was just the "falling into the earth" part. Now, we get to see the "much fruit" part—the acts of service, the prayers, the steady faith that allows God to do impossible things through us.

As the weather gets better and our schedules start to fill up with graduations and yard work, I hope you'll take a second to look at the "sprouts" in your own life. What is God growing in you right now? We are not meant to grow alone! Like the flowers in a garden, we thrive when we are rooted together in Word and Sacrament. This month, let's focus on being present for one another, celebrating the graduations, the new beginnings, and the simple joy of being the Body of Christ in this place.

Let's keep tending this garden together. I'll see you on Sunday!

Pastor Robin

What's Coming Up This Month

- **Wear Red for Pentecost:** It's almost here! On **May 24th**, we're celebrating the Spirit's arrival. Dig through your closet and find something red to wear to worship.
- **Graduation High-Fives:** We're celebrating our grads (and teachers) on **May 17th**. Come help us cheer our grads on and thank Pete Cardimen for his service teaching youth Sunday School this year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items for **April, May, and June:**

- Baby items (diapers - all sizes) and wipes
- Toilet paper
- 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!

Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out The next Women's Dinner is on Tuesday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Blue Ginger Asian Fusion Bistro, 6234 Sawmill Rd., Dublin, OH 43017 (614) 792-3888. The next Guys' Night Out is on Tuesday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Elliot's Wood Fired Kitchen & Tap, 50 S. Liberty St., #104, Powell OH 43065 (740) 670-8510. All are welcome!

Worship Servers Needed If you are willing to serve as assisting minister, reader, greeter, or counter for our 10:00 a.m. service, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We are especially in need of counters. We are also looking for fellowship hosts to serve light refreshments after Sunday worship once a month. Thanks!



Spring 2026 Graduates We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 17th. If you or a family member are graduating in 2026, 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.

Sunday School Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! The last day of Sunday School classes will be on May 17th.



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 or recurring gift, or a special occasion.



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!

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.



Fellowship has an Instagram Page thanks to Pete and Lilly Cardimen! Click on this link: https://www.instagram.com/fellowship_lutheran_church/#

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!

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

March 1	31/26 views	April 2	35/14 views
March 4 (mw)	12/11 views	April 5	56/17 views
March 8	35/14 views	April 12	19/11 views
March 11 (mw)	10/10 views	April 19	22/12 views
March 15	31/16 views	April 26	36/6 views
March 18 (mw)	8/7 views		
March 22	31/21 views		
March 25 (mw)	6/8 views		
March 29	31/11 views		

Worship Servers Schedule for May 2026

	May 3	May 10	May 17
Asst. Minister	Sonya Thelin	Paul Wargowsky	
Lay Reader	Sonya Thelin	Paul Wargowsky	
Counter	Darcy Dom		
Greeter	Karen Harris	Ethan Wolkan	
Fellowship Host	--	--	--
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	May 24	May 31
Asst. Minister	Ruth Albert	
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	
Counter		
Greeter		
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland



Worship Servers Needed!

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

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Carolyn Crispin | Lillian Kachic |
| Major N Crispin | Ed Lathy |
| Byron Engen | Frank LeMay |
| Claire Haase | Leena LeMay |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Dianna Roll |
| Karen Henry | Pete Meighen |
| Jim Jaeger | Bridget Smith |
| | Ray Ward |

May Birthdays

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| Susan Lee | 5/05 |
| Tom Scantland | 5/07 |
| Maria Anderson | 5/09 |
| Sam Sgro | 5/13 |
| Karen Harris | 5/24 |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Garrett Henry**, Mike Rankin's grandson
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher's father
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend



DEATHS:

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!

May Anniversaries

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| Anna Oliver & Paul Lloyd | 5/3 |
| Bill & Kathy Farel | 5/12 |



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	4	5 Election Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1/8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2/9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
10 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	11	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
17 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	18	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out 7:00 pm - Council	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
24 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	25 Memorial Day	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
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Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Bill Farel
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist/Pianist	Suzanne McNutt
Sub. Pianist/Organist	Amy Wargowsky, David Fleisher, Ruth Albert
Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Ruth Albert
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Angela Kidd Pastor Robin

At-large Council Members

Andy Smith
Cathy Votino
Donna Williamson

Team Coordinators

Congregational Life	Vacant
Education & Youth	Dianna Roll
Outreach	Pete Cardimen
Property	John Votino
Stewardship	Vacant (Council)
Worship	Karen Harris

Thank you for your leadership!!!

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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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