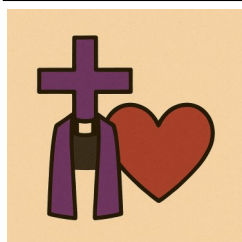




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"See, I am making all things new." — Revelation 21:5 (NRSVue)

Dear friends in Christ,

April always feels like a threshold month. We step out of the long shadows of Lent and into the bright, surprising light of Easter. The story we've been walking toward—the cross, the tomb, the quiet grief of Holy Saturday—suddenly opens into something we could never have imagined on our own. New life. New hope. A new beginning that doesn't depend on our strength but on God's.

I love how Revelation puts it: "See, I am making all things new." Not some things. Not just the easy things. All things. God's renewal reaches into the places we've given up on, the habits we can't seem to break, the relationships that feel stuck, the corners of our hearts we've kept closed. Easter is God's declaration that nothing—absolutely nothing—is beyond the reach of resurrection.

And yet, Easter isn't only a moment. It's a season. A way of living. A way of seeing the world with resurrection-shaped eyes. It invites us to look for signs of newness in our daily lives: a conversation that softens, a burden shared, a small act of courage, a spark of joy we didn't expect. These are Easter moments too.

My hope for us this April is that we practice noticing them. That we let the promise of resurrection seep into our routines, our relationships, our prayers. That we trust God is still making all things new—slowly, tenderly, persistently—even when we can't yet see the full picture.

May this Easter season fill you with hope. May it renew your spirit. And may it remind you that the God who raised Jesus from the dead is still at work in you, in our congregation, and in the world God so loves.

One last thing — I'll be on vacation from April 6-13. If something urgent comes up while I'm away, please get in touch with a church council member and they'll make sure you're taken care of.

Easter blessings in this season of new life!

Pastor Robin



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 women will meet on Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Anna's Greek Cuisine, 7370 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, OH 43235 (614) 799-2207. The next Guys' Night Out TBD. 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!

2026 Easter Flowers Flowers may be picked up at the end of the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

- April 2, 7:30 p.m. - Joint Maundy Thursday service with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church with communion and stripping of the altar
- April 3, 7:30 p.m. - Community Good Friday service @ Highlands Presbyterian Church, 6909 Smoky Row, Columbus
- April 5, 10:00 a.m. - Resurrection of Our Lord worship service with fellowship/snack time/Youth Easter Egg hunt following service

EASTER SUNDAY SNACKS After our Easter worship service on April 5th, we will be offering fellowship time with snacks. If you would like to help out with snacks, please sign up on the table in the narthex.



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.

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.



Sunday School Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! The adult class is studying "Living Purple," a Southern Ohio Synod study. Pete Cardimen is teaching our youth. Everyone is welcome to attend!

There will be no Sunday School classes on 4/5.

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)

February 1	39/15 views	March 1	31/26 views
February 8	43/16 views	March 4 (mw)	12/11 views
February 15	21/17 views	March 8	35/13 views
February 18	15/18 views	March 11 (mw)	10/8 views
February 22	25/23 views	March 15	31/15 views
February 25 (mw)	12/12 views	March 18 (mw)	8/6 views
		March 22	31/21 views
		March 25 (mw)	6/8 views
		March 29	31/4 views

HOLY WEEK

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY – March 29th @ 10:00 a.m.



MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 2nd @ 7:30 p.m.

Joint Service with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – April 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.
Community Tenebrae Service @ Highlands Presbyterian Church

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Easter Sunday – April 5th

Easter Service with Communion @ 10:00 a.m.
followed by light breakfast snacks afterwards in the Narthex



Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (NRSVue)

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter greetings to you and your families.

As we celebrate our Lord's rising from the dead, we need to think about the doubters. It wasn't just Thomas! Every single disciple experienced some sort of doubt that day. The women at the tomb, Mary, Peter, John, and the rest. Even the soldiers guarding the tomb doubted what had happened. They all did not believe until they saw the empty tomb, the folded grave clothes. The disciples on the road to Emmaus also doubted. Yet within a short time they also believed when He broke bread with them.

Faith can move us in many unexpected ways. When I told Pastor Mike Sayre on Palm Sunday in 1995 that I wanted to transfer my membership to Fellowship Lutheran Church, I never dreamed, nor believed, that I would still be here 31 years later, and be president of the congregation.

There were times I wondered, and doubted, if I should stay. Yet there is something about Fellowship Lutheran Church that keeps me coming each week and serving in many ways.

We are all doubters in our own ways. Yet we are faithful people. We each serve as we are able. Our church can grow if when we have faith and believe.

Have you invited someone to church? Did they come? Maybe? Maybe not? Maybe they went somewhere else to church? At least you said "Come and see!"

Our neighbors in the apartments know we are here, but they may be fearful, doubtful, of what we have to offer. How can we help them believe? Thomas finally saw Jesus the following Sunday and believed. What CAN we do if we believe?

COME AND SEE!

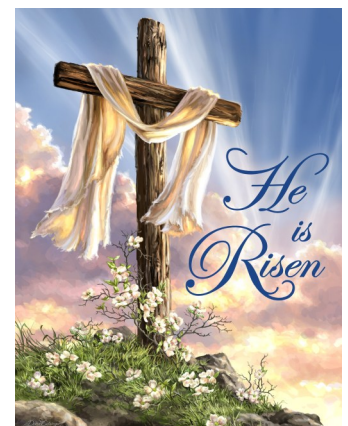
WHAT – What activities do you want to do?

CAN – Choose what we can do.

WE – Not just leadership, but **all** of us

DO – Let's get busy!

In Christ,
Ruth Albert



“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.” Mathew 28:6

This week we will be having our last of the 2026 midweek soup suppers and the last of Pastor’s midweek Lenten offerings, “Dying His Death, Living His Life.” These services have helped us focus on Jesus’ great love for mankind that He would willingly lay down His life to save ours.

Palm Sunday is next Sunday, March 29. We will offer palms at our traditional 10am worship . There will be no sermon. The executive committee will read the Passion of Christ instead.

On Maundy Thursday, we will have a joint worship service with the Korean Methodist church members. This service will be at 7:30pm, April 2. Communion will be offered and the traditional Stripping of the Altar will happen.

This year Highlands Presbyterian Church will host the ecumenical Good Friday service at 7:30pm, April 3. There will be a joint choir rehearsal at 6:30pm.

Easter worship will be held at 10am followed by snacks. There will be a signup sheet on Palm Sunday on the entrance table in the narthex. Please join in our joyous Easter fellowship!

Dates to remember:

Final soup supper and midweek Lenten offering,

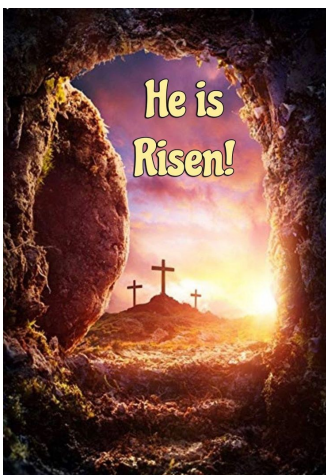
Wednesday, March 25

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Ecumenical Good Friday service, April 3

Easter, April 5



Worship Servers Schedule for April 2026

	April 5	April 12
Asst. Minister	Ruth Albert	George Biemel
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	George Biemel
Counter	Jim Jaeger	George Biemel
Greeter	Ethan Wolkan	
Fellowship Host	FLC	--
Altar Guild	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom

	April 19	April 26
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Cindy Frey
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	Frey
Counter	John Votino	
Greeter		
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom



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 | Pete Meighen |
| Karen Henry | Bridget Smith |
| Jim Jaeger | John Votino |
| | Ray Ward |

April Birthdays

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| 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 |
| Robin Wargowsky | 4/30 |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Lynda Allemang**, Kathy Farel’s sister-in-law
Cole Hatfield, Freys’ family friend
Rachael Lathy, Ed Lathy’s daughter
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher’s father
Diane McClaine, Pastor Robin’s friend
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher’s friend



***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!*

DEATHS:

- Mary Berry**, Carol Jaeger’s cousin’s wife
Terry O’Connor, Donna Williamson’s friend

April Anniversaries

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| Todd & Jenifer (Takats) Engen | 4/30 |
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Palm Sunday 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	30	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	2 Maundy Thursday 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service	3 Good Friday 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - Community Good Friday service at Highlands Presbyterian Church	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
5 Easter Sunday 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 a.m. - Youth Easter Egg Hunt & Fellowship Time 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	6	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
12 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	13	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	185 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
19 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	20	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Executive/Council	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
26 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	27	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study

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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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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