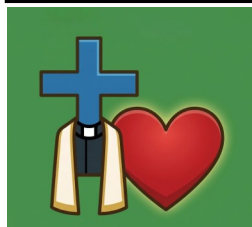


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"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."- Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NRSVue)

Dear friends in Christ,

August has a particular kind of energy to it, doesn't it? Backpacks are getting dusted off, school supply lists are taped to refrigerators, and our kids are getting ready to walk back through the doors of their classrooms. There's something hopeful in all that packing and preparing — a sense that we're gearing up for something good.

Moses understood that feeling too. In Deuteronomy, he doesn't hand Israel a list of pencils and folders — he hands them a way of carrying faith with them wherever they go: at home, on the road, lying down, rising up. Faith isn't just for the sanctuary. It goes in the backpack.

This month, we get to practice that together — quite literally moving our worship outside our walls.

Outdoor Worship at Murphy Park

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 9th at 10:00 a.m.**, when we'll gather for outdoor worship at **Murphy Park in Powell**. The **FLC Band**, led by George Biemel, will be leading us in music under the sky and trees, and we'll close out the morning with a **picnic**, generously coordinated by **Cindy Frey**. Bring a chair or blanket, your neighbors, your voice for some outdoor hymn-singing and your own drinks and desserts. Worship looks a little different with grass underfoot instead of carpet, but the Spirit shows up just the same.

Thrivent Members — Time to Order Your Cause Kit

If you're a Thrivent member, don't forget to put in your order for this year's **Thrivent Cause Kit** — your choice of **solar lights** or **water filters**. These kits turn into real, tangible mission work in communities that need it, so if you haven't ordered yours yet, now's the time.

Looking Ahead: God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

Save the date for **Sunday, September 13th**, as we join congregations across the ELCA for **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday** — a day set aside to take our faith out of the building in service to our community. We will be building our solar lights and water filters this year.

So as the kids pack their backpacks this month, maybe we each take a little inventory of our own. What are we carrying with us into the season ahead? Whatever it is, may it include a heart full of these words — at home, on the road, and everywhere in between.

See you at church and the park!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items for **July, August, and September** include:



- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, deodorant, 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!



Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out The next Women's Dinner is on Tuesday, August 25th, at 6:00 p.m., at der Dutchman, 445 S. Jefferson Ave., Plain City, OH 43064 (614) 873-3414. The next Guys' Night Out is also August 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Chapala Mexican Grill, 240 N. Liberty St., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 396-7222. All are welcome!

August 9th, 10:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic @ Murphy Park in Powell Weather permitting, our annual outdoor service will be on Sunday, August 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Murphy Park in Powell. The park is behind Handel's Ice Cream on Powell Road. The FLC Band will provide music for the service and a picnic lunch will follow.

Thank you Frey family for coordinating the picnic. The church will provide BBQ Pork sandwiches, Mac and Cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, Napa Valley salad, tableware, and water, and we invite members to bring their own drink/soda, and dessert. Don't forget to bring your own chairs. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex or call/email the office so we can have a count.



THRIVENT MEMBERS - Please order a Thrivent cause kit, either solar lights or water filters, to be completed on God's Work, Our Hands. Sunday, Sept. 13th.

Sunday School Sunday School classes for adults and youth are on break until September. **We are in need of teachers!** If interested, please contact Dianna Roll.



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.

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!



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. White grape juice is available on the trays. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

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!

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 and assisting ministers. We are also looking for fellowship hosts to serve light refreshments after Sunday worship once a month. Thanks!



Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

June 7	21/15 views	July 5	20/24 views
June 14	18/17 views	July 12	31/10 views
June 21	19/18 views	July 19	38/10 views
June 28	31/18 views	July 26	21/8 views

**Here's a picture of one of our latest members, Lara Killian.
Welcome back to Fellowship, Lara!**



Worship Servers Schedule for August 2026

	August 2	August 9 (outdoor)	August 16
Asst. Minister	George Biemel		
Lay Reader	George Biemel		
Counter	George Biemel		Darcy Dom
Greeter			
Fellowship Host	--	Worship Team	--
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Carol Scantland

	August 23	August 30
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Counter		
Greeter		
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	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:

Carolyn Crispin	Ed Lathy
Major N Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Claire Haase	Pete Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Bridget Smith
Karen Henry	Sonya Thelin
Lillian Kachic	Ray Ward

August Birthdays

Sarah Burns	8/1
George Biemel	8/5
Andy Lee	8/6
Sonya Thelin	8/17

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Lynda Dinsdale, Jaeger family friend
Donna and Rick Fox, Ruth Albert's cousin and husband
Meredith Kaminicki, Jim Jaeger's Thrivent friend
Rachel Lathy, Ed Lathy's daughter
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher's father
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Karen O'Connor, Donna Williamson's friend
Supriya Palepalli, FLC visitor
Patty Ramsey, Dianna Roll's cousin
Dee Secrest, Karen Henry's friend
Jon Self, John Votino's friend
Rovan Spears, Jasmine Neal-Spears' husband



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:

Ernest Burley, Jasmine Neal-Spears' cousin
Barbara Garrison, former FLC member
Heather Hernandez, Jim Jaeger's friend
Harrie White IV, Jim Jaeger's friend

August Anniversaries

Mike & Ruth Rankin	8/12
George & Jeanine Biemel	8/17
Erling & Susan Lee	8/24



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	3	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1/8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
9 10:00 am - Worship @ Murphy Park 10:45 a.m. - Picnic 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	10	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (Zoom)	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG 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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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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