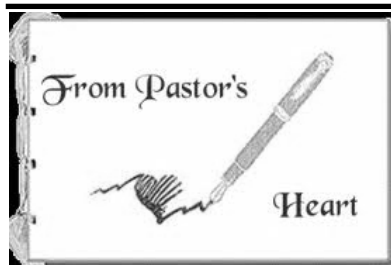




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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it..." John 1:1-5

As I sit in my office and write this newsletter article, it is Christmas Eve, everyone is now gone, and we just finished a beautiful candle light service. Christmas Eve services are one of my favorite services of the year, and this year was no different. I especially like the singing of "Silent Night" under candle light as the lights in the sanctuary are turned off. I don't think there is a more beautiful image of Jesus Christ as the light of the world than this when the words of this hymn are lifted up during this holy night.

Light was an especially powerful image in biblical times. Once the sun went down, darkness closed in and enveloped people like a pall. The only weapon to keep it at bay was the flame of an oil lamp or a candle. Light, to the early church, was life. As light was life to the physical existence of humankind, so Jesus was the light and life to the moral/spiritual existence of humankind. It is Jesus, the light of the world, who illuminates, exposes, saves, protects, reveals, warms, and nourishes our lives, giving them not just existence, but rich, robust, bold, authentic life. It is Jesus who fulfills the prophecy that Isaiah preached to the exiles in Babylon some 500 years earlier. His opening words were words of light: "Arise! Shine! Your light has come."

With all of our street lights, security lights, safety lights, neon signs, headlights, airport lights, city lights, many of us take our many artificial sources of light for granted these days. Even though light is, for twenty-first century western humanity, omnipresent, Jesus as the light of the world is still a powerful image for us. The good news that was proclaimed on Christmas Eve is now unwrapped and unpacked for the new year! Because we are receivers of the light, we are also called to be light to all who live in darkness.

May your new year be bright with the light of Christ and let your light shine to others!

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

Thank you all so much for all of the Christmas cards, gifts, goodies, and generous monetary gift. I am very blessed to have been called to this loving congregation!

Pastor Robin





Sunday Evening Worship and Praise Services continue on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Please help us spread the word! This is a 45-50 minute, "come as you are" service with singing, a short message, and communion. There will be no Worship and Praise Service on Sunday, 12/30.



Women's Activities

Women's Dinner - Our next women's dinner will be at **6:00 p.m.** on **Monday, January 28th**, at the Hunan Lion Chinese Restaurant, 2038 Crown Plaza, Columbus, OH 43235, (614) 459-3933. If you need transportation, please let Pastor Robin know.

Next Women's Bible Study is on Monday, January 7th at 7:00 pm. Susan Wolfe is the facilitator for the discussion utilizing the book entitled, *More Than Enough: How Jesus Meets Our Deepest Needs* by Jeff Iorg. Please read Chapter 3 for the class.

Meals on Wheels Schedule for January and February

Friday, January 18	Biemel	Friday, February 15	Biemel
Saturday, January 19	Himmel-McDaniel	Saturday, February 16	Engen

If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin, please let Pastor Robin or Tracy know so we can get one scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency... just an opportunity to get to know you better.

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!

Did You Know That Fellowship Has an Active Care Team? Our care team meets monthly and sends out cards to those in our congregation, and their relatives and friends with concerns. We now have other members trained in Congregational Care and Hospital Visitation who will be assisting Pastor Robin with the pastoral care needs of our congregation, visiting our homebound members and offering communion.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. If you have trouble with the regular communion wafers or with the bread served, please let Pastor Robin know. We do have gluten-free wafers available. **Large print bulletins are also available for worship.** Please ask the usher for assistance.

Do You Order From Amazon? If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Fellowship Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Fellowship Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

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! We received over \$1,000 last year!

January Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, January 27th after worship. This is an important meeting to receive the 2018 annual reports and approve our 2019 budget. Please plan on attending.

With the new year, Pastor Robin will be in the office on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. On Wednesdays, she will be working at home, except during Lent. Tracy will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you have pastoral care needs or need to contact the church, feel free to call Pastor Robin at home (614) 219-7722 or on her cell (937) 725-4930. Thanks!

Attendance Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
11/4	72/6	12/2	59/8
11/11	81/5	12/9	62/27
11/18	60/11	12/16	107/7
11/25	43/6	12/23	53/6
		12/24	117
		12/30	

Welcome new members!



Eliana Jean Anderson, daughter of Maria Votino Anderson and Kevin Anderson, was baptized into membership at Fellowship on December 16th. Welcome Eliana!

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people." Luke 2:10

As we finish Advent and the Christmas season, we are reminded of the promise of Jesus and the joy that God promises us with his arrival. We are thankful for the gift that God has given us in his son.

For Fellowship, this is also the changing into a new year and a new leadership team. I would like to take this occasion to thank our outgoing PPC leadership team for all of their hard work over the last 2 years. I would like to thank each of the PPC team of Mike Rankin, Ruth Albert, Karen Espe, Major Crispin, Bill Lude, Jim Jaeger, Sonya Thelin and Robin Neumeier for their leadership and contributions to PPC and to Fellowship. This team has been a delight to work with over the last 2 years. Some of our meetings have been a little longer than I would have liked, but there have been many times we have shared a lot of joy. I'd also like to thank Tracey Nave for her service as Treasurer and thank Heather Tonn for taking over the Treasurer's position from Tracey.

As we turn to the new term, I am looking forward to working with our new leadership team. Mike, Ruth, Bill and Sonya will be carrying on for another term. Chad Laucher, John Votino, and Carol Jaeger will be our new members for this term. We have a lot of exciting work to do this term. We will be transitioning to a new organizational structure as our updated constitution comes into force once it is approved by the congregation. We will be looking for ways to invite people to our church and to expand our ministries and service as we execute our purpose of "sharing God's love and Grace through our words and actions." We are planning to do some planning and visioning on Saturday, January 26. If you have any suggestions for the incoming leadership team, feel free to let one of us know your thoughts.

In our new structure, we will be looking for ministry teams to do most of the work that has been done by boards in the past. These teams will be more flexible and will not require meetings, votes, etc. If you have an interest in something, you can join a team and serve on that team for as long or short as you desire. Some teams will be fairly continuous, but some will come and go. For example, the Amazing Grace Day Camp team will have light activity early in the year planning for the Day Camp, and then will have a burst of activity just before the camp, and during the camp. Then, it will hibernate until the next time.

A quick reminder, we have a congregational meeting scheduled for January 27. We will be reviewing and approving an updated budget for 2019 as well as other business as needed. Please make an effort to attend. We need a quorum of 40 voting members for that meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

I am looking forward to the opportunities that the new year will bring to Fellowship. I am humbled by your trust in me to elect me to serve again as president.

Your servant in Christ,

Todd Engen

Be Courteous

"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how to answer each one." **Colossians 4:6**

Sunday School News

In the adult class we will continue with the study of the New Testament from Matthew to Revelation. We will discover how historical research can illuminate the New Testament by a series of twenty lectures by the Professor of Religious Studies, Bart D. Ehrman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Ehrman has crafted these lectures as a historical introduction to the 27 books of the New Testament to allow us to come to understand their content, meaning, and historical accuracy. Each lecture lasts about twenty-five minutes after which the class will discuss the lecture. Dr. Ehrman is outstanding! Hope to see you there!

Food Pantry

LSS is still operating the food pantry at the Champion-Frebis location on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12-2 p.m. The Westside pantry has moved to the Glenwood Community Center at 1888 Fairmont Ave. It will operate on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. This is a temporary move for the Westgate center which will be remodeled this winter.

They still need volunteers at both locations from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. I changed my volunteer day to Wednesday because of the donation center. I'm willing to coordinate working at Frebis on Wednesdays. You can call Josiah, the LSS volunteer coordinator at 740-364-8298 or me at 614-764-1084. You may also call the main number 877-LSS-MEAL from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Our next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, January 12th at 8:30 a.m. All men are invited. Please come if you can. We'll eat at 8:30 a.m. and you'll be home by 9:45 a.m. Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship.

Amazing Grace Day Camp

It is not too early for planning the Amazing Grace Day Camp here. It will be from July 14-19. Last year we had twenty four volunteers helping out with tasks from cooking to crafts. Please see Todd, Pastor Robin, or me for details.

In God's service,

Bill

As the outgoing chair person, I'd like to take this time to recognize my fellow committee members Pete Cardimen and Bruce Johnson for their time, advice, input, and support over the last two years. Thank you guys.

I'd also like to thank all of the members of the congregation that served in some way this past year. We've accomplished quite a lot: A successful Pumpkin Patch fundraiser, feeding the hungry via the Souper Bowl collection and preparing and serving dinners at First English Lutheran Church, Burgers & Basketball, donations to food pantries and schools, Meals on Wheels, The Little Library, supporting Frebis Food Pantry, and many more ways that have touched and lifted up our community. Thanks to everyone for giving of your time, talents, and treasures.

Two years ago my first newsletter article started out with the following::
"Whom do you serve? That is a good question for a steward to ask. The quick answer is that since the steward is not the owner of that which he or she manages, the answer can never be "me". As followers of Jesus, stewards always live not to be served, but to serve."

I think we've done a pretty good job of being faithful stewards, but I also think that we can do more. As we begin another calendar year here at Fellowship, why not make a New Year's resolution to examine your involvement in the stewardship of your gifts, and how you can serve our ministries?

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.” Psalm 96: 1-3

As we begin a new calendar year, we can also think about singing a new song to the Lord. Many of us begin a new year with resolutions about how we want to live our lives during the coming year. This is also an opportunity for us to think about how our actions and contributions to the Fellowship community reflect God’s love for us throughout the entire year.

If you are not already assisting during worship on Sunday mornings, please consider volunteering to serve in roles such as Usher, Communion Assistant, Lay Reader or Assisting Minister. Just contact the church office (flc7350@gmail.com) to let us know where you would like to serve.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our worship services in December. Many members of our congregation participated in special holiday activities such as decorating the church, preparing luminaries, singing in the Sermon in Song, serving during special holiday services and more.

The season of Lent begins on March 6, with Ash Wednesday. Please plan to join us for simple soup suppers followed by a worship service on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

Sunday evening Worship and Praise services continue. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for this 45-50 minute, “come as you are” service with singing, a short message, and communion.

Mark your calendars

Epiphany	January 6
Take down Christmas decorations	January 6 after worship
Healing service	March 4
Ash Wednesday	March 6
Midweek Lenten services and suppers	March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10
Palm Sunday	April 14
Agape meal and service	April 18
Good Friday	April 19
Easter	April 21

A Year in Pictures

"He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him." Luke 10:34 (NSRV)

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Rather than writing a summary of the articles from this past year, Here are some pictures of the topics I've written about over the past year and links for more information.



<https://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-World-Hunger>
https://www.facebook.com/pg/AmextraOficial/photos/?ref=page_internal,
<https://www.amextra.org/>
<https://www.livinglutheran.org>
<http://www.elca.org/globalfarmchallenge>
www.lirs.org

www.elca.org/gathering

When Shepherds Grieve – www.livinglutheran.org/2018/02/when-shepherds-grievewww.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Suicide-Prevention

National Institutes on Aging – www.nia.nih.gov/health/depression-and-older-adults
<http://www.cherishallchildren.org/home>

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

- Maxine Brunner**
- Sam Brunner**
- Major N Crispin**
- Bob Drake**
- Barb Fisher**
- Curtis Fleisher**
- George Haggard**
- Leena LeMay**
- Sonja Meighen**
- Joshua Mott**
- Sue Perry**
- Don Poland**
- Martha Sampson**
- Sonya Thelin**
- Shawn Turnbull**

January Birthdays

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|----------------------|------|
| Gwen Cardimen | 1/7 |
| Carol Jaeger | 1/9 |
| Will Colombo | 1/11 |
| Hayden Laucher | 1/12 |
| Dave Bear | 1/13 |
| Jenny DeVantier | 1/17 |
| Michael King | 1/17 |
| John Nave | 1/19 |
| Anna Oliver | 1/22 |
| Major N Crispin | 1/25 |
| Elizabeth Singeltary | 1/26 |
| Josh Mott | 1/28 |
| Abigail Cardimen | 1/30 |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:



- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother...
- Sandy B. and Ben**, Andrea Sumner's friends...
- Steve Bear**, Fritz Bear's son, Dave's brother...
- Toni Carroll**, Pastor Robin's friend's wife...
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother...
- John Haddow and family**, Becky Schaugency's friend...
- Jeff Hardman**, Tom Mott's co-worker...
- George Lude**, Bill Lude's brother...
- Cindy Morgan**, Margery Gress' daughter's mother-in-law
- Rebecca Schultz**, Andrea Sumner's mother...
- Kim Short**, Bill Lude's niece...
- George Sumner**, Mike Sumner's father...
- Shirley Tipton**, Michelle Cleveland's grandma...
- Baby Hayden Valesky**, Votino's great nephew...

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!

FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

- Lynn Brown**, Debbie Bear's mother

DEATHS:

- Scott Fisher**, Becky Schaugency's friend...
- Paul Hawkins**, LeMay's daughter-in-law's father...

January Anniversaries

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|----------------------|------|
| Bruce & Jean Johnson | 1/20 |
| Frank & Leena LeMay | 1/28 |



Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Heather & Chris Tonn
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Andrea Sumner
Sub. Organist	David Fleisher
Sunday evening pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Choir Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Todd Engen
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Ruth Albert Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Chad Laucher
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Education & Youth

Director	Bill Lude
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Sonya Thelin
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Server Schedule for January

	6-Jan	13-Jan
Date		
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Sonya Thelin	Chris Tonn
Acolyte	Hayden Laucher	Aleigha Crispin
Comm. Assist.	Sam Sgro	Kathy Farel
Lay Reader	Chad Laucher	Ruth Albert
Ushers	Abigail Cardimen & Jillian Mott	Chad Laucher & Tom Mott
Altar Guild		
Hymn Sel.		
Counters	Andy DeVantier & Lori Hobbins	Jim Jaeger & Pete Cardimen
Greeters	Votino	Bear
Host		

	20-Jan	27-Jan
Date		
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Todd Engen	Steve Espe
Acolyte	Mallory Tonn	Lorien Crispin
Comm. Assist.	Chad Laucher	Bill Lude
Lay Reader	Sam Sgro	Todd Engen
Ushers	Votino	Bill Farel & Jim Jaeger
Altar Guild		
Hymn Sel.		
Counters	Bill Farel & Mike Sumner	Andy DeVantier & Lori Hobbins
Greeters	Lude	Jaeger
Host		

January 2019 Calendar

Weekly Recurring Events

Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. - Sunday School (except 12/30)
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. - Worship and Praise (except 12/30)

Monday

- 8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Choir

Thursday

Friday

- 8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

Other Events & Meetings

January 1, 2019 (Tuesday)

- Happy New Year! Office closed!

January 6, 2019 (Sunday)

- 10:00 a.m. - Installation of PPC
- 11:15 a.m. - Take down Christmas decorations
- 11:15 a.m. - Executive Committee

January 7, 2019 (Monday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Women's Book Study

January 8, 2019 (Tuesday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Ministry Teams

January 11-13, 2019 (Friday - Sunday)

- Youth Quake in Cincinnati

January 12, 2019 (Saturday)

- 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast

January 18, 2019 (Friday)

- 6:30 p.m. - BAPS

January 21, 2019 (Monday)

- Office closed for the holiday

January 24, 2019 (Thursday)

- 10:30 a.m. - Care Team & Lunch

January 26, 2019 (Saturday)

- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - PPC Retreat

January 27, 2019 (Sunday)

- 11:15 a.m. - Congregational Meeting

January 28, 2019 (Monday)

- 6:00 p.m. - Women's Dinner

Jan 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Church Office, Contacts, Fellowship, Non-Church Events, flic7350@gmail.com,
Holidays in United States

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10am - Worship	31 New Year's Eve 8pm - Narc Anon	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 7pm - Choir Practice	3	4 8pm - Narc Anon	5
6 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 11:15am - Exec 11:15am - Take 5pm - Worship	7 7pm - Wm Bible 8pm - Narc Anon	8 7pm - Ministry	9 7pm - Choir Practice	10	11 Youth Quake 8pm - Narc Anon	12 8:30am - Men's
13 Youth Quake 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 5pm - Worship	14 8pm - Narc Anon	15	16 7pm - Choir Practice	17	18 10:45am - Meals on 6:30pm - BAPS 8pm - Narc Anon	19 10:45am - Meals on
20 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 5pm - Worship	21 Martin Luther King Office Closed 8pm - Narc Anon	22	23 10:30am - Care 7pm - Choir Practice	24	25 8pm - Narc Anon	26 10am - PPC Retreat
27 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 11:15am - Cong 5pm - Worship	28 6pm - Wm Dinner 8pm - Narc Anon	29	30 7pm - Choir Practice	31	1 8pm - Narc Anon	2

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Our Vision: To be a "called and gathered" family of faith whose members so fully experience the undeserved love of God that we are moved to express that same love of God, in our relationships with one another and our whole community . . .

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