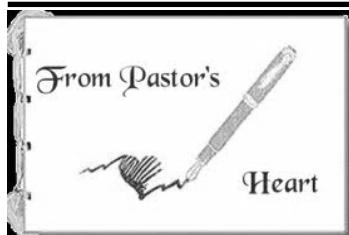




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*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...¹¹He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-4,11***

Our culture is often governed by a clock. We all know that there is a time for everything under the sun. As children we learn that there is a time to play, and a time to listen and obey. There is a time to do homework, and a time to stop and have our meals or go to bed. We may have time to watch television or visit friends. When we get older we know that there is a time to find a job and earn money to live, as well as a time to relax and enjoy life.

We get up in the morning at a particular hour. We start work when the clock tells us it's time to begin. We leave work when it's time to go. We have meals when it's time to eat. We agree to meet people at set times. And as many Buckeye fans know, we definitely set time to watch football! There seems to be a time for just about everything.

Time is important to us, and we expect things to happen on time. Even when we find time to retire, we still have to decide what to do every hour! Life is just ups and downs. We may not want a time for war. Neither do we want a time for hate. Is that really what God wants us to know? Do we want some of those negative times? But as the 3rd chapter of Ecclesiastes reminds us, in a way that has inspired songs and poems throughout human history, there is a time for every activity under heaven.

God's people are to take life each day at a time, enjoying what God has given them. That truth rises up against the question that emerges from the heart of humanity: what is the whole plan for life? Since time is so important to us as humans and we understand that there is a time for everything, we are anxious to know when and how things are going to happen. The answer to that is direct, though. We cannot find out what God has done from beginning to end. We don't get to know how everything will work together or what lies down the road. We simply get one day at a time. Please take some time during that day to find "time" for God.

As I write this, we stand on the precipice of a new year and our hearts and minds may be contemplating what is ahead. Do we look forward to fresh possibilities and renewed potential? Or do we cling to the familiarity of the waning year? Whether we like it or not, time hurls us forward. The New Year stretches before us like a blank white piece of paper. We may think that 2017 is the time for marriage, retirement, starting a family, or a host of other things. Does God have those things in mind for us this year? Is this the time? Maybe. We aren't privy to that information. But we can enjoy each day as it comes and trust God. God will bring all that we need in its proper time.

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 so blessed to have been called to this loving congregation!
Pastor Robin



Women's Activities

Women's Dinner - Our next women's dinner will be on **Monday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.**, place to be determined. Please sign up if you're interested in attending and let Pastor Robin know if you need transportation (cell. 937-725-4930).

Women's Bible Study - The next women's Bible study meeting is **Monday, January 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** We will review chapters 6 & 7 of the Bible study series, *Worshiping God With Our Lives*, by Christa Kinde. Susan Wolfe will facilitate the discussion. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month.

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: DID YOU REMEMBER TO REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER FOR THE 2016-17 YEAR? If you have problems registering 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 receive checks quarterly and received over \$1,300 last year!

Also our youth continue their recycling fundraiser. There's a collection box in front of the office by the paper recycling bin and a smaller one in the narthex.

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 available for worship.** Please ask the usher for assistance.

If anyone 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Friday, January 20 - K. Farel, A. Sumner
Saturday, January 21 - Goleb Family

Friday, February 17 - Daniels, A. Sumner
Saturday, February 18 - Cardimens

Attendance Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Nov. 6	95
Nov. 13	82
Nov. 20	102
Nov. 27	77
Nov. 30 (midweek)	38

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Dec. 4	104
Dec.7 (midweek)	15
Dec. 11	87
Dec. 14 (midweek)	19
Dec. 18	93
Dec. 21 (midweek)	13
Dec. 24 7:00 p.m.	125
Dec. 24 10:00 p.m.	63

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Tracey Nave
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Andrea Sumner
Sub. Organist	David Fleisher, Cathie Brown
Choir Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Dave Schneider & Family, Robert Hensley (volunteers on off weeks)

Board of Administration

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

Board of Education & Youth

Director	Bill Lude
Members	Megan Cardimen, Major Crispin Jr. Carol Scantland (ad hoc.)

Board of Evangelism & Fellowship

Director	Karen Espe
Members	Dave Anderson, Bridget Daniels, Susan Wolfe

Board of Property

Director	Major Crispin Sr.
Members	Bill Farel, Craig Robinson Peter Meighen (tech. support), John McDaniel (special projects)

Board of Stewardship & Service

Director	Jim Jaeger
Members	Pete Cardimen, Missy Hensley Bruce Johnson (ad hoc.)

Board of Worship

Director	Robin Neumeier
Members	Karen Harris, Dianna Roll, Sonya Thelin

“And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you.”
– **Exodus 3:10**

As I begin my term as President for our church I have to admit that I am awed by the responsibility, but also the opportunity. If you remember this story about Moses, Moses has many excuses for why he can't lead the Israelites: “Who am I to lead the Israelite? What if they don't believe that you sent me? I am a lousy speaker, who will listen to me?” Well, I have many of the same feelings as I take up this role and responsibility. I hope that God blesses me as he did Moses. I hope my best will be good enough. I hope that I am able to listen to you and to turn what I hear and what I think into actions that are good for our congregation. I encourage you to talk with me about what is on your mind. And, I hope you will forgive me if I make a mistake or two along the way. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with a great leadership team. I think the team we have assembled will do a wonderful job for this congregation.

I also thank the outgoing team for leaving us with a good foundation to build on. We went through some challenges over the last year with the building and all the challenges with the heating and air conditioning systems, all of the burned out bulbs in the sanctuary, a few trees that had died, etc. The outgoing team's actions in refinancing our loan and applying the cash to updating our physical systems will help the building be much more stable and require less maintenance over the coming years. Hopefully, that will allow all of PPC to put energy on the real mission of the church and much less on just keeping the lights on.

Personally, I have a few goals that I would like to try to work on in this term. First, I'd like to see us start to grow a little more than we have been lately to try to get back where we were when Pastor Mike retired after more than 20 years of service to our congregation. It is natural to lose people when you change pastors, and when someone has been such an integral part for so long, like Pastor Mike, it is bound to be a big impact. Now, it's time to start a new legacy of growth.

In order to grow, I think one key item is for our congregation to find our passion. I recently read a book by Rick Barger who is now the President of Trinity Seminary. The title was *A New and Right Spirit*. I would encourage anyone to read it. His thesis is that churches that grow have a passion that drives their mission and is reflected in their behavior and actions. The passion and its affects are obvious and observable to anyone who sees the church and its members. Different churches have different things that they are passionate about. There is no one-size fits all answer. I would like to hear your ideas about what our unique passion is or what it could be and how that can drive us forward.

I am looking forward to the opportunities our congregation has. We have some good things going. We have a lot to build on. I hope you will help me, the rest of the leadership team and our congregation find our unique mojo!

Your servant in Christ, Todd Engen

Then Jesus told Thomas, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29

First of all, a big thank you to Todd Engen for his leadership of this board for the last two years. The new leadership team for 2017-2018 is Bill Lude, Major Crispin, Megan Cardimen, and Carol Scantland, ad. hoc.

Also, a big thanks to Chad Laucher for directing and coordinating the Christmas play. All the children seemed to enjoy themselves and everyone had a good laugh. We are also blessed with a group of outstanding Sunday School teachers from elementary to the adult class.

One of our goals for 2017 is to review all of the curriculum for the elementary classes. Currently we are using Concordia but we will also review others including Augsburg and David Cook. Our main focus this summer is to help as our church has agreed to host the Amazing Grace Day Camp during the week of July 16th through the 21st. It will be a major outreach for Fellowship Lutheran Church. We all need to support Mary McDaniel who has agreed to lead the day camp team. There will need to be many volunteers for this to become successful, so if you are asked to help, please prayerfully consider helping this major church outreach.

Parents and adult Sunday School class members - thank you for donating personal items for the Frebis Food Pantry. These items include toothpaste, toilet paper, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, etc. Most of the time personal items are not at the food pantry. This pantry serves 70 - 80 families every day so personal care products go fast. They are also expensive for the pantry to purchase.

Finally, the board is looking forward to a successful two years. We know that we have total support from our church members.

IN HIS SERVICE,

Bill Lude

The 2017 Board of Evangelism & Fellowship consists of Director Karen Espe, and members, Dave Anderson, Bridget Daniels, and Susan Wolfe.

The 2017 Board of Property consists of Director Major Crispin Sr. and members Bill Farel and Craig Robinson. Peter Meighen will be available for technical support and John McDaniel for special projects.

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 Peter 4:10 says it this way, “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” Stewards exist not for personal enrichment, but to serve one another.

Remember that all that we have belongs to God, and thus we are accountable to God to use what God has entrusted to our care consistent with the wishes of God, the owner. We are also responsible to our fellow creatures and the creation to use “whatever gift each of you has received” not for our own advantage but for the advantage of others. That is what it means to be a servant. That is what it means to be a steward.

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?

--- Jim Jaeger, Chair

“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.

From Mary McDaniel and the Worship Board, **thank you** to everyone who participated in our worship services in December. The children’s program was very humorous and also very meaningful. The choir had record numbers for Sermon in Song and the Hallelujah Chorus was a special addition to the service. Thanks to everyone who brought milk/water jugs for the luminaries and to the Hensley family for setting up the luminaries. Many members helped in decorating the church, serving during special holiday services, participating in the Advent Services and lighting the Advent wreath at each Sunday service, and more. Pastor has been very busy this month ministering to the members as well as being involved in all of the special services.

The season of Lent begins on March 1, with Ash Wednesday. Please plan to join us for simple soup suppers followed by a worship service on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

Upcoming dates to remember:

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| January 8 | PPC installation |
| January 22 | Congregational meeting |
| March 1 | Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 pm |
| March 8, 15, 22, 29 | Lenten Soup Supper at 6:15 followed by service at 7:00 pm |



Lutheran Colleges



Like many Lutherans, I attended a Lutheran college, St. Olaf. My dad and his mother both attended St. Olaf. I know we have people in our congregation that are or have attended Capital and Wittenberg, and I am sure there are other colleges represented. The Lutheran colleges are a key mission of the ELCA. There are 26 colleges and universities that the ELCA partners with. They help to provide a mission of liberal (in the traditional sense, not the political sense) education covering a broad spectrum of disciplines in their class and degree offerings. They are dedicated to freedom of inquiry and developing the whole person in mind, body, and spirit. Their objective is to educate students with a sense of calling or vocation, enabling them to have a meaningful life of contribution to the common good through whatever career they choose.

The ELCA churchwide organization and the 26 colleges and universities collaborate as the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities. The network represents and supports the common mission and shared identity of ELCA higher education. There is an executive director of the network, [Mark Wilhelm](#) who helps lead the network.

The partnership with ELCA colleges shows up in the ELCA budget in the Leadership for Mission category. The ELCA's budget for Leadership for Mission is \$6.4M. There are 11 line items in the Leadership for Mission budget, including Candidacy, Theological Education, Disability Ministries, Lay Schools of Ministry and others. Of that the Partnership of ELCA Colleges and Education receives \$679,000.

We have tremendous resources available to our children through the ELCA partner colleges. As a former student, I fondly remember my days on Manitou Heights at St. Olaf College. It was a tremendous foundation for my further education as an Electrical Engineer.

For information about the ELCA College and University partnership, see: <http://elca.org/Our-Work/Leadership/Colleges-and-Universities>

For some of the specific colleges:

St. Olaf – stolaf.edu

Capital – capital.edu

Wittenberg – wittenberg.edu

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Fritzi Bear
Marvin Bear
Bryan Blair
Katie (Wahl) Diede
Bob Drake
Leena LeMay
Mary McDaniel
Joshua Mott
Fisk Paro
Fiona Peltier
Jan Poland
Susan Robinson
Mark Roll
Martha Sampson
Shawn Turnbull

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Lonnie Blair, Bryan Blair's brother...
Susan Chase, Todd Engen's friend...
Lynda Clark, Susan Lee's sister-in-law...
Joan & Morris Craig, Cindy Frey's grandparents...
Barb Dickey, Dottie Haggard's cousin...
Sarah Drexler, Fred Neumeier's niece...
Matt Franklin, Frank & Leena LeMay's neighbor...
Shirley Gregory, Pam Crispin's mother...
Bill Hull, Dottie Haggard's brother-in-law...
Joe Jankovich, Bridget Daniels' cousin's husband...
Margaret Karjalainen, Leena LeMay's sister-in-law...
Stephanie Kettendorf, Kate King's friend...
Paul McCleod, John McDaniel's nephew...
John Sagle, Andrea Sumner's family friend...
Rebecca Schultz, Andrea Sumner's mother...
Barry Smith, Cathie Brown's brother-in-law...
Joelle Smith, Liz Allen's friend...
George Sumner, Mike Sumner's father...
Carol Swank, Pastor Robin's friend...
Jenny White, Barb Fisher's friend...
Susan Zanner, Becky Schaughency's friend...

FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

Lynn Brown, Debbie Bear's mother
Ruth Buck, Carol Jaeger's mother
Joan Clark, Susan Lee's mother

DEATHS:

James Coleman, Ruth Albert's coworker's father
Susie Halls, friend of Daniels and Freys
Ron Hay, Major Crispin Sr.'s brother-in-law
Dr. Michael Hudson, Kyle Wahl's advisor at Ashland
Dennis Schimmoeller, Marianne Wiech's cousin
Joyce Schultz, Andrea Sumner's grandmother
Mary Lynn Vititoe, Pastor Robin's friend

January Birthdays

Robert Hensley	1/4
Adam Lensenmayer	1/4
Susan Robinson	1/4
Gwen Cardimen	1/7
Carol Jaeger	1/9
Will Colombo	1/11
Hayden Laucher	1/12
Dave Bear	1/13
Brad Rhoden	1/15
Jenny DeVantier	1/17
Michael King	1/17
Chad Neumeier	1/17
Cody Neumeier	1/17
John Nave	1/19
Anna Oliver	1/22
Hayley Smith	1/22
Major N Crispin	1/25
Elizabeth Singeltary	1/26
Josh Mott	1/28
Abigail Cardimen	1/30



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!

January Anniversaries

Frank & Leena LeMay	1/1
Jan & Don Poland	1/9
Bruce & Jean Johnson	1/20
Gregg & Becky Schaughency	1/20



Worship Server Schedule for January

	1-Jan	8-Jan	15-Jan
Date			
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Missy Hensley	Paul Wargowsky	Steve Espe
Acolyte	Alexis Colombo	Lorien Crispin	Laura Powell
Comm. Assist.	Ruth Albert	Chad Laucher	Paul Wargowsky
Lay Reader	Kathy Farel	Todd Engen	Jeanine Biemel
Ushers	Bill Lude & Major N Crispin	Chris Tonn & Mike Rankin	Leah Anderson & Laura Powell
Nursery	Amanda Laucher	Staci Wahl	Cathie Votino
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel
Hymn Sel.	George Biemel	George Biemel	George Biemel
Counters	Marianne Wiech & Dianna Roll	Bill Farel & Robin Neumeier	ALL COUNTERS
Greeters	McDaniel	Wiech	Nave
Host			

	22-Jan	29-Jan
Date		
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Larry Wiech	Sonya Thelin
Acolyte	Aleigha Crispin	McKenzie Laucher
Comm. Assist.	Missy Hensley	Bill Lude
Lay Reader	Sonya Thelin	Chris Tonn
Ushers	Nave	Bill Farel & Jim Jaeger
Nursery	Sonya Thelin	Kris Kochheiser
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel
Hymn Sel.	George Biemel	George Biemel
Counters	Andy DeVantier & Lori Hobbins	Steve Espe & Mike Sumner
Greeters	Crispin	Votino
Host		

Church Office, Contacts, Fellowship, Non-Church Events, f1c7350@gmail.com, Holidays in United States Jan 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 10am - Worship 1pm - JPC	2 New Year's Day 7pm - Wm Bible 8pm - Narc Anon	3 7pm - Admin 7pm - Property 7:30pm - JPC	4 7pm - Choir Practice	5 8pm - JPC	6 8pm - Narc Anon	7 7pm - JPC
8 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship/Inst 1pm - JPC	9 7pm - Stewardship 8pm - Narc Anon	10 7pm - Bd Ed & Youth 7pm - Bd of Worship 7pm - Evangelism & 7:30pm - JPC	11 7pm - Choir Practice	12 4:30pm - FELC 8pm - JPC	13 Youth Quake 8pm - Narc Anon	14 8:30am - Men's
15 Youth Quake 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 1pm - JPC	16 Martin Luther King 8pm - Narc Anon	17 Pastor Retreat 7:30pm - JPC	18	19	20 10:45am - Meals on 8pm - Narc Anon	21 10:45am - Meals on 7pm - JPC
22 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 11:15am - Cng Mtg 1pm - JPC	23 6pm - Wm Dinner 8pm - Narc Anon	24 7pm - PPC 7:30pm - JPC	25 7pm - Choir Practice	26 10:30am - Care 8pm - JPC	27 8pm - Narc Anon	28
29 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 1pm - JPC	30 8pm - Narc Anon	31 7:30pm - JPC	1 7pm - Choir Practice	2 8pm - JPC	3 8pm - Narc Anon	4 7pm - JPC

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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 . . .

Our Mission:

To involve people in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ
by sharing the good news of God's grace.
through our fellowship in worship, study and service.

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