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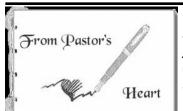
Fellowship Family News

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"But God is looking for allies in mission and each of us and each of our congregations has a role to play as God's dream unfolds. That role is our purpose. Mission is God's work to bless and save the world. Our purpose is our part in God's work. The mission is always bigger than our purpose."

Dave Daubert, <u>Living Lutheran: Renewing Your Congregation</u>

What an incredible, amazing, busy, and wonderful month July has been! Between mission planning, final planning for Amazing Grace Day Camp, continued work on the purchase offer, planning for a somewhat new and more efficient, church friendly organizational structure to incorporate into a revised, up-to-date constitution, and the actual week of Amazing Grace Day Camp, the leadership and our volunteers at Fellowship have truly been productive!

Amazing Grace Day Camp went well beyond our expectations for our first year. You'll read more about this later in the newsletter. The diversity of the youth who attended was impressive and their enthusiasm for the camp and learning about Christ energized all of us who helped out with the camp. Thanks again to all who volunteered! We hope to offer this camp again next year.

For the last month and a half, many of our members have been involved with discerning God's mission for our congregation, using the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod's <u>Manual for Congregational Mission Planning</u> and Dave Daubert's book (quoted above), <u>Living Lutheran: Renewing Your Congregation</u>. What wonderful ideas came out of this process! We listened first to God, especially through Bible Study and prayer, we listened to our neighbors to learn more about our neighborhood and the needs of the community, and we listened to each other so that, as a congregation, we could bring our identity and our context together in a clearly stated purpose. We studied our current mission statement and core values and tried to improve on them in an effort to develop a more concise, purpose statement that describes God's purpose for our congregation today and reflects the work that we actually do. Many good suggestions came out of this process and three statements were developed. These were taken to the PPC meeting on July 25th for further study, and the purpose statement recommended by PPC is as follows - God's purpose for our congregation is to:

Share God's grace and love through our words and actions.

If you didn't get a chance to participate, now it's your turn - we would like to get as much input as possible from all of you on this purpose statement before it is presented at the fall congregational meeting on August 27th. Please share your comments with a PPC member or myself. We'd love to hear your thoughts - positive, negative, or somewhere in between.

As we continue the process to become a more inviting and welcoming church, this month's home-
work is to think about one thing our church does very well. Perhaps it's our education ministry,
music, outreach, Bible study, service projects, etc. Then use that to finish the sentence, "My
church is really good at" Again, try to share this with one person in conversa-
tion at least once each week.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

Women's Activities

Women's Dinner - Our next women's dinner will be on Monday, July 31st, at 6:00 p.m., at Senor Antonio's, 8617 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, (740) 548-6996. Please sign up if you're interested in attending and let Pastor Robin know if you need transportation (cell. 937-725-



Women's Bible Study - On break until fall.

4930).

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 \$1,400 last year!

Also our youth continue their recycling fundraiser. There's a collection box 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 also available for worship. Please ask the usher for assistance.

Nursery/Sunday School Teachers - Please see Pastor Robin or Bill Lude if you work in one of these capacities and have not yet completed a volunteer disclosure form.

Source Point (formerly Senior Center) is offering caregiver support groups in which you can share experiences, meet other care-givers, find out about new resources, and ask questions. The support groups will meet at the Ganzhorn Suites, 10272 Sawmill Parkway from 2-3 p.m. on the following dates: **August 23, September 27, October 25, November 15, and December 27**. Please register with Sara Stenlen (740) 203-2399.

2018 Youth Gathering - Houston, Texas - June 27-July 1, 2018 Students who will have completed Grades 8-12 by June 2018 are eligible to attend. Please let Pastor Robin know if interested.

Special Offering Update Our goal was \$4,800.00. To date we have received \$5,125.00 (23 responses). Thank you all who are helping out with this request!

Mutual Ministry Committee News We now have a new mutual ministry committee in place. Thank you Kathy Farel, Carol Jaeger, and Chad Laucher for being on this important committee. If you have any concerns or suggestions on ways that we can "better be a church together," please feel free to contact them or Pastor Robin. We will be meeting on a quarterly basis.

Fall Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, August 27th, immediately after worship. Please try to attend. We will be introducing new members, giving an update on the purchase offer/relocation and the results of our month of mission planning, along with introducing a new purpose statement for your consideration.

Welcome new members Michelle and Jase Cleveland and newly baptized Ethan Wolkan! Michelle, a long time Lutheran from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ravenna, and her son Jase recently transferred to Fellowship. We welcome them to our Fellowship community. Ethan, son of Kathleen and Zak Wolkan, was baptized at Fellowship on July 9th.





Attendance Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
6/4	106	7/2	78
6/11	61	7/9	76
6/18	70	7/16	73
6/25	59	7/23	84
		7/31	

2017 Summer Youth/Adult Adventures

Thursday, August 3
Sunday, August 6
Sun, Aug. 20

Trampoline Fun & Pizza at Get Air, Hilliard (1:00 p.m. meet at church or 1:30 at Get Air)
Lunch at church at 12:30 p.m., then swimming at Hilliard Pool
Faith Day at Clippers (5:05 p.m. game) Advance reservations required so we can sit together – sign up sheet now up)





Amazing Grace Day Camp - What a great week of fun! A big thanks to all who helped out with AGDC in any way - planning committee, host families, volunteers, campers, snack providers, etc. It was a great success and outreach to our community - we had 17 campers for the week! A special thanks to Mary McDaniel for taking on the important role of camp coordinator and Dianna Roll for coordinating the lunches and snacks!! Thanks for all of your hard work!

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. Our current care team is Fritzi Bear, Carolyn Crispin, Lillian Kachic, Frank and Leena LeMay, Martha Sampson, Andrea Sumner, and Pastor Robin. In the near future, I would like to expand the care team to include people trained in Christian caregiving and home communion to help with the growing pastoral care needs of our congregation. More information about training will be coming shortly. If this is something you might be interested in, please let Pastor Robin know.

""I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 4-7

We are continuing our focus on renewing and revitalizing our mission. Pastor led a 3 hour workshop on July 16 to help focus our purpose on the things that Fellowship should do to be relevant in this location at this time. We had a lot of good conversation. We used Dave Daubert's methodology. We developed some drafts of a simpler Purpose Statement to help us define our purpose as Fellowship Church, and to guide us in our decision-making process. There is still some additional work to be done there.

We continue to do due diligence on the property sale. The biggest part that we have been working is to do the mission planning that the Southern Ohio Synod has asked us to do to make sure that we are evaluating whether or not to move based on what God intends for this congregation, and not just jumping at a shiny object (i.e. the sale or a new building). All of the work that we have done with Pastor Katie Kerrigan has been aimed at helping us to discern what our purpose is as a congregation here at Fellowship. We are nearing completion on this work and should be in a position to bring the final results to the congregation for a final decision. We have a congregational meeting that we are scheduled to do in September. We are moving that meeting up to August 27th so that we can get this decision done, let the potential buyer know our decision and move forward with whatever choice we make. Watch for an announcement for the date for that meeting.

We have just concluded a very successful Amazing Grace Day Camp. We had 17 children enrolled in the camp. It was very successful by almost any measure. We got to know a number of children from around the area. Our children became friends with many of the non-Fellowship attendees. Watching them together was a joy. Administratively, the counselors told us that our congregation was one of the most organized that they have done, and they had a hard time believing that this was our first one. There is almost no way to say enough thanks to our co-coordinators, volunteers and host families who made this all possible. Thank you for everything that you all did. Special thanks to Mary McDaniel who was at the camp full time all week making sure everything went just right, and to Dianna Roll who did the same thing for all of the food that we provided for the campers, counselors and volunteers.

Now, we will start working on next year's camp. Folks will be needed for the next one to help with hosting counselors, coordinating the camp, and other assistants.

Your servant in Christ, Todd Engen

Education

"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches and favor is better than silver and gold." Proverbs 22:1

In today's world, too much is placed on what a person has or their earthly riches rather than the Great Commission for which God called us. There is too much greed in in today's society. We need to refocus our priorities or we will not like the outcome.

The Education board did not officially meet in July; however some decisions were made concerning curriculum for the 2017/2018 school. We are leaning toward "Spark House" for our Sunday School curriculum. A final decision will be made after this article.

Also on Sunday, September 10, 2017, we will have Rally Day for the Sunday School. This year we will have a breakfast for everyone who attends starting at 9:00. We will serve eggs, sausage, home fries and all the trimmings. Mark it on your calendar for 9:00 a.m. After the breakfast, teachers will be introduced, curriculum reviewed and other items will be discussed. Classes will start on September 17, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

The men's breakfast is taking a breath in August but will restart on September 9, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. All men, don't miss this one! Dave Bear and Dave Anderson will cook. Chef Bear promised to cook a "do not miss" breakfast. All men are invited.

In His service, Bill



FREBIS FOOD PANTRY - Fellowship is scheduled to work at Frebis on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. We need 6-10 helpers that day (currently only 2 have signed up). Volunteers will be helping clients choose their food for three days. Please sign up on the poster in the hallway. You will also need a sack lunch for the day. Bill Lude will drive, leaving the church at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m. Also Mike Green, the LSS manager, told Bill that they are short on volunteers on 8/3, 8/11, 8/30, and 8/31.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

As a congregation this year, we have increased our efforts in evangelism in our Columbus community. Along with the sponsored dinners at First English and Pumpkin Patch, we have added:

- Burgers & Basketball
- Amazing Grace Day Camp
- Personal invitations to the neighbors of Murphy Park to attend our outdoor service and picnic

As you can see, Evangelism is not a responsibility for just my board, but for all boards and everyone in our congregation. As our church's mission states: "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."

The second part of this board is Fellowship. This year, we had a variety of new activities (hiking at Glacier Ridge and Highbanks), along with some old favorites (Easter breakfast, game nights, and Mardi Gras Dinners). Please consider participating in some of the future activities we have planned for the following months:

Dates To Remember

Rain date to be announced Wilson Road Golf Outing Meet at Wilson Road Golf Club at 1:30 PM

8/13/17 Outdoor Service & Picnic at Murphy Park

8/20/17 Clipper's Game at 5:05 PM

9/16/17 Euchre Night at 7:00 PM Bring a snack to share.

10/28/17 Reformation Potluck - after church service. Bring a dish to share

Stewardship & Service

Read the parable of the vineyard owner in Matthew 20:1-16.

In today's parable the vineyard owner asks the grumbling laborers, "are you envious of me because I am generous?"

What a question! Do we envy's God's generosity? I suspect not. Most disciples that I encounter can point to the ways that God has generously blessed their life. If given a chance most disciples can identify the ways that God's hands have opened wide to them to satisfy their needs. No. Most folks I know live as the grateful recipients of God's generosity.

Yet this parable stings for many of us. It seems unfair when the laborers receive the same wage. We see ourselves among the laborers who've been at it all day. Maybe it stings because it points out how calculating we are, or maybe because it shows how much we attach worth to wealth.

We may not envy God's generosity, but perhaps this parable bites for many of us because it reminds us of how we often fail to live in the image of our generous creator.

The Psalmist says, "You open your hand, satisfying the desire of living thing." God's generosity towards creation is lavish. Yet often we, who have been created in the image of a generous God, become focused on calculating what's right rather than on lavishing the abundance of what we have received on a hungry and hurting world.

What would happen if we spent time in the coming days and weeks identifying, practicing and focusing on the ways that God's character of generosity is alive in us? Such a practice might be one way to live our life in manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

This month's Stewardship article was prepared by Rev. Amy Walter-Pederson, Upstate New York Synod, ELCA.

Fellowship's annual stewardship campaign will be starting this year in mid-September. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

It seems that the summer months bring more people in need to our door. We try to help with gifts of prepaid food and gas cards, purchased with the "Good Samaritan" Fund. The Fund is currently close to depletion, and desperately needs replenishing. Please consider contributing what you can to this important community outreach.

Worship

"Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:16

The heat of summer can be a challenging time, as we adjust to modified levels of activity and support the loved ones, pets and gardens that need extra care when temperatures soar. It is easy to be discouraged at the prospect of keeping up with the hydration required this time of year. Miss just one day of watering a flower bed, and it can appear to die. Yet as we read in Corinthians, it is only the outer layers that are decaying. With proper care – and the return of cooler temperatures in the fall - we will again witness renewal - the renewal that God promised us.

Summer worship

Our service time will remain 10:00 am on Sunday during the summer months.

Outdoor service August 13

Mark your calendars for our 5th annual outdoor service and potluck at Murphy Park on Sunday, August 13. The outdoor service is a collaboration between the Board of Worship and the Board of Evangelism and Fellowship. The FLC Band, directed by George Biemel, will provide music for the service.

The service will begin at 10:00 am. Please bring your own chair for the service. Murphy Park is just south of Powell Road, off Village Pointe Drive. Businesses facing Powell Road next to the park are Handel's Homemade Ice Cream and the Old Bag of Nails Pub. A map showing the location of the park is in our current bulletin inserts.

A picnic lunch will follow the worship service. The church will provide sandwiches and beverages, and we invite members to bring a side, salad or dessert to share. Feel free to note what you plan to bring on the tally sheet in the narthex. (Sign-up is optional, but it could help others plan their food contributions.)

SPECIAL SUMMER MUSIC.

If you would like to share your musical talents during worship this summer, please contact Andrea Sumner after church or at 614-787-5835/vetmedd2009@yahoo.com. THANK YOU for sharing your gifts with the congregation!

HOSTS NEEDED

Our post-worship fellowship time is a great place to connect with each other. Please consider hosting a Sunday during the coming months.

Dates to remember:

Outdoor service August 13 Healing service September 3 Rally Sunday September 10 Reformation Sunday/ October 29

500th anniversary of the Reformation

Amazing Grace Day Camp 2017

Hosanna! This past week, Fellowship hosted 17 elementary aged children for our first Amazing Grace Day Camp. As you can see, we had a campers: 4 from our congregation, 4 friends and family, and the rest from

very diverse group of outside Fellowship.

The theme of the camp was Water of Life. The lessons came from both Old and New Testaments. We had some excellent counselors from LOMO. Dervla was from Scotland and Brennan and Allison were from Ohio. They led the campers in song, praise, prayer, study and crafts to follow the theme. On Thursday we had fun with water.

We had some special visitors through the week. First, the campers packed up



over 220 pounds of dog biscuits for Sedona Grace to distribute to food pantries to give to food pantry clients to help them keep their pets and keep them healthy. We also had a visit from the Columbus Fire Department to talk about fire safety and show off their truck. Friday, the Columbus Po-

lice Department came to talk about safety and crime prevention.

Included in this item are several pictures from the week. You can see many more pictures of the children and camp activities on Fellowship's Facebook page and the bulletin board in the hallway. If you aren't on Facebook, here's a good excuse to try it out.

Amazing Grace is supported by LOMO and the Southern Ohio Synod of the ELCA.

Todd Engen - Mission Interpreter

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Fritzi Bear
Marvin Bear
Maxine & Sam Brunner
Katie (Wahl) Diede
Bob Drake
Leena LeMay
Joshua Mott
Sue Perry
Jan Poland
Mark Roll
Martha Sampson
Shawn Turnbull

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Joan Albert, Ruth Albert's mother... Janet Armstrong, Andrea Sumner's friend's friend... Jeff Bycynski, Craig Robinson's friend... Sarah Drexler, Neumeier's niece... Ron Espe, Steve Espe's father... **Lyn Fitzer**, Bill Lude's friend... Wendy Frey, Pat Frey's mother... Keith Gaver, Susan Robinson's father... Wanda Kerr, Becky Schaughency's mother... Mandy Lewis, Dottie Haggard's granddaughter... **Gary Mittendorf**, Dottie Haggard's neighbor... Vi McMonigle, Karen Harris' friend... **Tom Mosler**, Neumerier's brother-in-law... **John Sagle**, Andrea Sumner's family friend... Mike Sayre, former pastor... Rebecca Schultz, Andrea Sumner's mother... Randy Shoup & family, Donna Williamson's friend... Joelle Smith, Liz Allen's friend... George Sumner, Mike Sumner's father... Sandy Tanenbaum, Andrea Sumner's friend's friend... Russell Thelin, Sonya Thelin's father... Ray Ward, Barb Fisher's father... Jenny White, Barb Fisher's friend... **Larry Wiech Sr.,** Larry Wiech's father... Donny Williams, Pastor Robin's cousin...

FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

Lynn Brown, Debbie Bear's mother **Joan Clark**, Susan Lee's mother

DEATHS:

Ruth Buck, Carol Jaeger's mother...
Gloria Guskin, McDaniel family friend...
Larry Hicks, Cathie Brown's friend...
Ebenezer Seckle, Martha Sampson's brother...
Jenny Vaske, Robin Anderson's aunt...
Kenny Weirich, Paul Wargowsky's uncle...

CELEBRATIONS (BIRTHS):

Cecelia Rose, John & Mary McDaniel's granddaughter... **Tamsin Elise,** Bruce & Jean Johnson's granddaughter...

August Birthdays

Andy DeVantier	8/01
Shelby Defibaugh	8/04
George Biemel	8/05
Philip Meneses	8/05
Andy Lee	8/06
Manny Magno	8/08
Emily Singeltary	8/08
Dave Anderson	8/09
Greg Wilhelm	8/09
Tracey Nave	8/11
Missy Hensley	8/12
Nancy Lensenmayer	8/15
Eva Blackney	8/16
Marvin Bear	8/17
Sonya Thelin	8/17
Janet Wilhelm	8/21
Katherine DeVantier	8/23
Brian Singeltary	8/26



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!

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<u>August Anniversaries</u>

Mike & Ruth Rankin	8/12
Jeanine & George Biemel	8/17
Susan & Erling Lee	8/24
Karen & Steve Espe	8/25



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, 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

Worship Server Schedule for August

Assist. Minister Miss Acolyte Hayd	10:00 AM	
		Outdoor - 10:00:00 AM
	Missy Hensley	Chris Tonn
	Hayden Laucher	ΨN
	Chad Laucher	ΨN
Lay Reader E	Bill Lude	Chris Tonn
Ushers	Nave	ΨN
Nursery So	Sonya Thelin	NA
Altar Guild Caro	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland
Hymn Sel. Robin	Robin Wargowsky	Robin Wargowsky
Counters Andy DeVan	Andy DeVantier & Lori Hobbins	Robin Neumeier & Phil Kochheiser
Greeters	Crispin	NA
Host		Potluck

Date	20-Aug	27-Aug
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Larry Wiech
Acolyte	Alexis Colombo	Lorien Crispin
Comm. Assist.	Bill Lude	Bruce Johnson
Lay Reader	Robert Hensley	Bruce Johnson
Ushers	Votino	Chad Laucher & Tom Mott
Nursery	Kris Kochheiser	Abigail & Jillian
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland
Hymn Sel.	Robin Wargowsky	Robin Wargowsky
Counters	Steve Espe & Mike Sumner	Jim Jaeger & Pete Cardimen
Greeters	Votino	Kochheiser
Host		

Aug 2017 (Eastern Time) Church Office, Contacts, Fellowship, Non-Church Events, flc7350@gmail.com, Holidays in United States

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Wed Thu Fri	Sat
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₽ 00	6pm - Wm Dinner 8pm - Narc Anon	7 pm - Admin 7 pm - Property 7:30pm - JPC	9:30am - Frebis	1pm - Trampoline 8pm - JPC	8 pm - Narc Anon	7 p m - JPC
	8pm - Narc Anon	7 pm - Bd Ed & Youth 7 pm - Bd of Worship 7 pm - Evangelism & 7:30pm - JPC	6	8 p m - JPC	8 pm - Narc Anon	12
1	7 pm - Stewardship 8 pm - Narc Anon	7 pm - PPC 7:30pm - JPC	91	8 p m - JPC	10:45am - Meals on 8 pm - Narc Anon	10:45am - Meals on 7 pm - JPC
	8pm - Narc Anon	7:30pm - JPC	23	10:30am - Care 8 p m - JPC	8 pm - Narc Anon	26
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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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