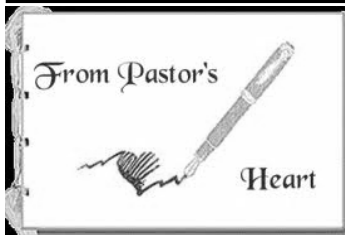


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*¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)***

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..."
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)*

As I was thinking about what to write about in this newsletter article, I was intrigued by a quote I read from the late Mr. Fred Rogers in a devotion I received this morning. "As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has - or ever will have - something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression." Very wise words from this cherished figure of many of our childhoods...

In my seven years of ministry, I have run across many individuals with low self-esteem who have felt "beaten up" by the world and comments made by others. In today's constantly on-the-go world that we live, so many in modern society have an "it's all about me" mentality and not too much concern or time for the other. When you add to that all the negativism and the constant tearing down of others, the bullying in schools and other places, the apostle Paul's words to the Thessalonians are as appropriate today as they were in the first century.

Since we are all created in the image of God as relational beings, how can we help build each other up to find our uniqueness and value as a beloved child of God? How can we be a source of encouragement to others - our family, our friends, our coworkers and others - in today's world? Here are some suggestions that we could all benefit from - be encouraging and understanding, be humble, be positive (the glass is half full, not half empty), be quick to offer (and ask for) forgiveness, be a good listener, be respectful of one another, don't gossip, and most importantly love one another. The ones that are hardest for us to love are probably those who need our love the most.

Paul gives us a beautiful definition of love in 1 Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." If we put love for the other behind all of our words and actions, how can we not help but encourage one another and build each other up, and help others to find that uniqueness of which Mr. Rogers so eloquently writes?

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

Be sure to check out the article from Dr. Susan Wolfe on how her faith intersects her work life.



Sunday Evening Worship and Praise Service 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.

All Saints Sunday - November 5th The 1st Sunday in November is observed in our church as All Saints Sunday. On that morning, all those who have lost a loved one in death during this past year (since the 1st Sunday in November one year ago) are invited to be with us in worship, as we remember those who have died in the Prayers of the Church. If you have a loved one (family member or friend) who has died in the past 12 months whom you would like remembered on November 5th, please contact Pastor Robin or Tracy or add your loved one to the list on the table in the narthex.

Veteran Recognition - November 12th In November, we want to again recognize all the veterans in our church family. If you are a veteran, could you please provide our church office with your name, branch of service, dates served, and a picture in uniform if you have one? (Pictures will be returned.) You can also email the information to flc7350@gmail.com. Thanks!



Women's Activities

Women's Dinner - Our next women's dinner will be on **Monday, November 27th, at 6:00 p.m.**, at **Tanuki**, 3954 Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 336-8888. 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 - Monday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. is the next meeting for the Women's Bible study, *Encouraging One Another*, by Christa Kinde. Susan Wolfe facilitates the discussion, and meetings occur on the first Monday of the month through April. Please read chapters 2 and 3 for the November study.

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.

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: **November 15 and December 27.** Please register with Sara Stenlen (740) 203-2399.

Meals on Wheels Schedule for November and December

Friday, November 17th
Saturday, November 18th

McDaniel
Goleb

Friday, December 15th
Saturday, December 16th

McDaniel
Goleb

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.

Welcome to our newest member of Fellowship - Kamere' Cowans!

Kamere' has been a regular visitor at Fellowship since Amazing Grace Day Camp this summer. He was baptized on October 8th with grandma Candi at his side and Todd Engen as his sponsor. Little did Kamere' know that when he assisted me this summer pouring water into the baptismal font for a session on baptism, that he would 3 months later be baptized himself!



Don't forget to set your clocks back on Saturday night, November 4th, or you will be very early for worship on Sunday!

Attendance Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
9/3	45	10/1	76/5
9/10	71	10/8	57/9
9/17	57/19	10/15	56/6
9/24	61/10	10/22	65/11
		10/29	74/5

FAITH AND MY COUNSELING VOCATION

I, Susan Wolfe, will be sharing here about about how my faith has influenced my counseling vocation. God has been faithful and truly inspired my choice of vocation. I counsel at a community mental health center in a rural farming community halfway between Columbus and Cincinnati. I trained for my present position by completing graduate work in counseling psychology at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois as well as my undergraduate education at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. At the community mental health center, I treat individuals with a diverse range of problems, such as, depression, anger, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia. I help children, adolescents, adults and elderly clientele. I have counseled at the clinic and also gone to hospital and jail settings to provide emergency evaluation services.

Counseling involves utilization of a diverse range of skills including listening, empathizing, evaluating and advising. Listening is the most fundamental skill underlying the range of skills. Effective listening involves capturing words, discerning intentions, noticing tears, catching particular vocal inflections, picking up nonverbal messages like a particular facial expression, detecting omissions or information left out. When you listen well, you gradually are afforded an accurate understanding of the problem from the viewpoint of the client. You also learn what solutions have been implemented in efforts to get better. You also learn what it means for someone to sit in a chair in your office. I gather this information so I can see the big picture in which the particular problem area fits contextually. I also find out the treatment goals/outcomes desired.

Empathizing involves using words and actions to convey caring. It also means trying to put yourself in the shoes of another. Evaluating is making a judgment about what you believe the problem to be. We arrive at an initial diagnosis after listening, observing and reviewing any available records. Diagnosis is an effort to identify a descriptive condition for a particular set of symptoms. Symptoms pertain to an array of mental/physical complaints - for example, insomnia, poor appetite, irritable mood, restlessness. Advising involves helping with coping skills, offering feedback, discussing treatment options.

There are many ways my faith has influenced my work. When I was considering my vocational path, I sought out advice from God, parents, educators, books, et cetera. I prayed to God for direction. As I pursue this path, I have sought His direction through praying and reading His word. I have prayed to God that I would be able to help lift others' burdens. I know what it means to have my burdens lifted as God sent His son Jesus to die for me. From the Bible- Galatians 6:2 (NIV) "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Counseling is a process typically a series of meetings with a common goal to expand the repertoire of coping skills or strengthen existing skills. Faith has influenced this counseling process. God helps sustain me as I work with various individuals to work through their problems. I have prayed to God to help me do the job I need to do for I know He can surpass my human limitations. I know He has been faithful by helping me in countless ways. I also recall ways He has helped individuals in Biblical times. From the Bible - 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV) "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all of our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives so also through Christ our comfort overflows."

Faith has helped me with inspiration for this work way beyond what I could attempt to do on my own. I remind myself of God's many sacrifices and love for me. I am grateful for the gifts God has provided in my life and I am eager to share His love. I have prayed to help me be understanding. From the Bible- Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV) "Trust in the Lord with

all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Communicating means verbalizing your understanding. Capturing the message can mean going deeper than words to catch what is meant. It is also important to be sensitive to timing as there is a time to deliver particular messages. Faith has helped me by allowing me to know that God will use my words to benefit the individual. I have prayed to God to help me know how to respond. From the Bible, Ecclesiastes 3:1,7 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to be silent and a time to speak.”

It is important to hear with heart. As a counselor, I am evaluating through the process the factors which contribute to recovery as well as factors which could impede recovery. There can be some hard choices on the path to recovery- many forks in the road. True change can be challenging and rewarding. It means letting go of some familiar habits in exchange for acquisition of new habits. My faith has helped me to hear with heart because I know God loves me unconditionally. I have prayed to love others by seeing them through God’s perspective. From the Bible, 1 John 4:19 (NIV) “We love because he first loved us.”

Thank you for this opportunity to share about how my faith has influenced my vocation.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR HIS GREAT LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS!

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15 8-10 (NSRV)

In this verse, Luke uses the parable of the lost coin to illustrate the value of the one who is lost that becomes found. I would like to tell a story of a “founding” here at Fellowship that has spanned many of our ministries.

As you know, we’ve been doing the Burgers and Basketball service most Sunday evenings through the warm months to provide some fairly nutritious meals for the kids playing basketball outside. Fellowship also hosted the Amazing Grace Day Camp this summer.

There is a group of 10 to 20 middle school to high school kids that are out playing basketball most any day at our hoop. Through the Burgers and Basketball we got to know some of the kids and a couple of their families – especially Dottie Haggard who has become known as Grandma Dottie to some of our guests.

One Sunday, Mary McDaniel was going to get supplies for a sign for the day camp. I lent her my church key to put the supplies away in the shed Sunday afternoon. She was going to return my key for Burgers and Basketball. As luck would have it, Mary and John changed their plans for Sunday afternoon and did not do their shopping and did not come back to the church. And, they still had my key. So, when I got there, no Mary, no key. I called Mary and she got to church as quickly as she could to open the doors so we could cook. While John and Mary were there, they met some of the kids and also the Hussein family’s mother, Suhad, and encouraged Suhad to sign them up for the day camp. They were interested and it also turned out that Nawar Hussein’s friend, Kamere, could also come.

Fast forward a few weeks, and Amazing Grace was a week away and we had only 3 kids signed up. Pastor told the Board of Education not to worry, the camp would work out. At the next Burgers and Basketball, the day before camp, we got the Hussein family -- Nawar, Zein, and Zeinab -- and Kamere Cowans signed up. Along with other late signups, we were up to 16 campers.

Fast forward another week. Of the non-Fellowship campers, Kamere was the one to come back on Sunday. Kamere was the one who danced with abandon! As the weeks passed, Kamere continued to come to Fellowship every week. Kamere occasionally brought a couple of his friends, Arabella and Cesar with him. Kamere would usually talk with Pastor Robin while he was there and sometimes come in other days. Pastor talked with him about baptism (the theme of camp), and Kamere expressed interest in getting baptized. On October 8, Kamere was baptized into Fellowship! Kamere and his friend, Cesar also helped us unload pumpkins from the truck. As long as he was able to stay, Cesar was our go-to guy for manhandling the biggest, heaviest pumpkins.

We found 1 coin, Kamere. Let’s find some more! Keep inviting people to church and to our activities. Kamere can do it. We can, too.

Your servant in Christ,
Todd Engen

*In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance." His disciples replied, "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?" He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. **Mark 8:1-8***

In this passage, Mark tells of the feeding of the four thousand followers from fish and bread. The people ate and were satisfied.

Speaking of being satisfied, just about one hundred percent of the clients who go to Frebis Food Pantry are happy with the three days of food they are given. However, after attending a recent LSS pantry meeting, we were informed that they are changing the procedure for the distribution of food and personal articles.

Some of the procedural changes are as follows:

- A. Clients will be able to order food from home online or by a phone call.
- B. Distribution will take place at various sites around town.
- C. This change will be phased in in about six months.
- D. Remember that just at the Frebis pantry, about seventy families a day are served with up to 12 family members in some families.
- E. Frebis serves more clients than any other LSS pantry in the state.
- F. Attached is a copy of the future of LSS Food Pantries which should answer any questions you may have. I will keep you informed of the progress.

The Sunday School Christmas program will be December 10th during the worship service. Each class will have their own gig.

The next men's breakfast will be on November 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. Last month we had ten men. Hope to see you there!

In His service,
Bill



The Future of the LSS Food Pantries

As a leader for more than 90 years in assuring healthy, nutritious foods are provided to families and individuals facing hunger, LSS has embraced its mission to offer quality, dignified services while being good stewards of the funds donated to support our work.

As part of that responsibility, LSS also has pioneered new methods for getting food to those who need it. For example, in 2006 LSS was the first in central Ohio to convert to the choice pantry model.

To ensure we can sustain our services into the future, and to maximize access, increase choice and improve convenience for our clients, once again LSS is innovating its approach to food delivery by leveraging the efficiencies and cost savings available through digital technology and mobile distribution. Over the course of the next few months, we will transition from traditional storefront pantries to an all-new online ordering and mobile distribution system, and those pantries will close.

This change allows us to maintain our mission of providing emergency food for hungry families in a way that is more cost-effective for our organization and sustainable for the long term. What will not change is the number of families we serve every year. Our goal is to serve as many or more hungry Ohio families.

It is important to us that we meet our clients where they are and offer support with the respect and dignity each person deserves.

What does this mean for our clients?

This new system is a more sustainable approach that preserves the mission of our programs and services to clients. It will allow clients to order the food they need via a secure website using points based on their family size. The choice model will still be utilized. Each family will have the ability to choose the food they need the most. Clients will still be able to shop monthly for food.

We will deliver food to our clients at a pickup location of their choosing in strategically identified neighborhoods. The hours of pickup will be based on location availability and our busiest storefront times but may be different from our current storefront hours. Our volunteers will be there to fulfill their orders and help clients shop for perishable foods including fresh produce.

This new system will allow us to meet our clients' needs closer to where they live with more choice and convenience, yet with the same experience they would have had in the storefront pantry.

What does this mean for you, our valued partner?

We are so grateful that you share with us this important ministry helping to serve neighbors in need. Your continued support through giving your time, talent and treasure is still as vital as ever. This new system will significantly reduce our costs for space and utilities and make better use of your donated dollars. We will be able to invest more funding into the food our clients really need. The new mobile distribution system will also allow us to be very nimble in our distributions, so that we can address changes in client need or system requirements. We hope that you will continue to partner with us as we transition to this new mobile distribution system.

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What does this mean for our volunteers?

LSS relies on our dedicated volunteers to help us serve the community. This will not change. Volunteers will remain essential to our community impact as our volunteer opportunities evolve during the transition. An LSS Food Pantries volunteer manager will be hired to provide a great experience for our volunteers in service to our clients. New volunteer opportunities will be offered, as well as locations, dates and times to serve.

- **Distribution:** Your group will be needed to serve clients at each distribution site. Duties will include distribution set-up, checking in clients, filling food orders, assisting clients as they shop for produce, assisting clients to their cars, and distribution clean-up and tear down.
- **Warehouse:** Your group will be needed to assist in packing items for distribution, sorting and organizing in-kind donations, restocking items and assisting with inventory. You will be critical in ensuring the efficiency of the new mobile system. The warehouse will be located at the Delaware Pantry site.
- **Call Center:** You or a small group will be needed to take food orders over the phone from clients and record them in the ordering system. You will make it possible for clients without internet access to receive food. The call center will be located at the Delaware pantry site.
- **In-Kind Committee:** You or a small group will be needed to organize in-kind donations within small networks of congregational partners. This committee will help LSS communicate current needs, lead special/seasonal collections and work with pantry staff to schedule pick-ups of collected items. The committee will help us offset our food costs while meeting the needs of our clients.
- **Speakers Bureau:** You will be needed to help LSS build awareness of the new pantry system in our community. You will act as an ambassador for the LSS Food Pantries - educating the community at events and advocating for the needs of our clients.
- **Administrative Support:** You will work with the development department to support stewardship of the LSS Food Pantries. Duties may include assisting with donation appeals, expressing gratitude to donors and assisting with special events. You or a small group can work from the LSS office in Worthington, the warehouse in Delaware or, in some cases, from your home church.

What if our group is interested in exploring other volunteer opportunities within LSS?

There are many ways to serve through the LSS Network of Hope!

- LSS Faith Mission has opportunities for you and a group in the donation room, garden, clinic, resource center and shower center. Our greatest need is for volunteer groups to serve and/or provide meals in the Faith Mission kitchens. Please contact McKenzie Hopkins, volunteer services manager at Faith Mission, at mhopkins@lssnetworkofhope.org or 614-224-6617 for more information.
- LSS Affordable Housing communities need volunteer groups to support programs and events with senior residents in 21 communities across central Ohio. Please contact Roberta Baioni, LSS director of volunteer engagement, at rbaioni@lssnetworkofhope.org or 614-429-5516 for more information.
- You can find out more about these and other opportunities on our website at www.lssnetworkofhope.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/

What are my next steps?

- Please share this information with other members of your group and begin to discuss which opportunities may be the best fit for your group members.
- As volunteer sites, days and times are confirmed we will be reaching out to volunteer group coordinators to discuss the best way to partner. Please update group coordinator information with Roberta Baioni so that we are able to reach you in the coming months.
- Volunteers at the Westside and Delaware pantries should continue to schedule pantry shifts through the end of the calendar year.
- Volunteers at the Champion pantry should continue to schedule pantry shifts through the first quarter of 2018.

Thank you for your support of the LSS Food Pantries!

Hebrews 10:24-25

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

One of the responsibilities of the Board of Evangelism & Fellowship is coordinating the “coffee hour” we offer after each 10:00 am service on Sunday. I think we can all agree that these times have been marvelous opportunities to catch-up with our Fellowship family and to get to know our visitors.

Even with that common understanding we still struggle to get families or groups to step up and act as host for these “coffee hours”. From now until the end of this year we currently have only two Sundays where families have volunteered to host – which is sad.

In the next weeks I challenge every family to sign up for one slot on the 2017 or 2018 host list. It is a very easy way for each of us to help bring our Fellowship family together.

If we pitch in, I think we will continue to be amazed at how God works through a little orange juice and a few donut holes!

Dates To Remember:

11/11/17 Game Night at 7:00 PM - Bring a snack to share

12/6/17 Advent Family Night at 6:15 PM

See you in church!

Karen Espe

Director of the Board of Evangelism and Fellowship

As I was thinking of what to use for an article this month, I thought of all the post-it notes folks left on the board in the narthex. They included some of the things that they were grateful for, like our church, Pastor, family, friends, jobs, food, even dinosaurs. So many things to be thankful for this season! Let's remember that God is the source of everything we have, and gratefully acknowledge His bounty, while we give thanks around the Thanksgiving dinner table this year.

Many Americans think of Thanksgiving as a wonderful time to celebrate getting out of school and work for a long weekend, eating a great dinner, and watching some football. Or, maybe they think it is the start of the Christmas holiday season. What is the real meaning behind Thanksgiving? Author Catherine Millard writes:

We can trace this historic American Christian tradition to the year 1623. After the harvest crops were gathered in November, Governor William Bradford of the 1620 Pilgrim Colony, "Plymouth Plantation" in Plymouth, Massachusetts proclaimed:

"All ye Pilgrims with your wives and little ones, do gather at the Meeting House, on the hill... there to listen to the pastor, and render Thanksgiving to the Almighty God for all His blessings."

Many years later, on October 3, 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed, by Act of Congress, an annual National Day of Thanksgiving "on the last Thursday of November, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." In this Thanksgiving proclamation, our 16th President says that it is...

"...announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord... But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, by the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own... It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people..."

So it is that on Thanksgiving Day each year, Americans give thanks to Almighty God for all His blessings and mercies toward us throughout the year.

The Stewardship and Service board would like to thank everyone that helped with the Pumpkin Patch this year. This annual fund raiser has actually made our church somewhat famous in the community. There are people that know us as the Pumpkin Church, and come by every year to purchase their Halloween pumpkins. Several that I spoke with have moved from the neighborhood to other parts of the city, but still come back every year. It takes a lot of hard-working people to unload over 2200 pumpkins, and several hundred hours of time selling and caring for the "Patch". The rewards come back to our congregation, and our community in many ways. Thanks again for your time and hard work.

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

In this season, we are especially aware of the many things every one of us has to be thankful for. Yet, we continue to worry about issues in our everyday lives. This is the perfect time to focus on giving thanks for the blessings we receive every day, and letting go of our earthly concerns, giving them up to God's heavenly arms.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP AND PRAISE SERVICE

We continue our more informal Sunday evening service. This "come-as-you-are" service includes music, a short message, and communion. Please help us spread the word about this 5:00 p.m. service to those who can't always join us in the morning or are interested in a different option for fellowship and worship! This service will continue through December 17th, and then we will evaluate its status.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Advent will be here before we know it! We plan to decorate the church after worship on Sunday, December 3. Please plan to join us!

SPECIAL CHOIR MUSIC DURING UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The choir is preparing for the holidays. your voice to their musical offerings by joining weekly rehearsals on Wednesday night at 7:00.

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.

CHANGE IN NURSERY POLICY

The nursery is available during worship services for infants through 5 years old. Because of lack of recent use, our nursery is unattended at this time but feel free to use it as needed. Please do not leave your child alone in the nursery. We will revisit this policy should the needs of the congregation change.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

All Saints Sunday	November 5
Veteran Recognition	November 12
Christ the King Sunday	November 26
Healing Service	December 3
Decorate church for Christmas	December 3
Advent Family Night	December 6
Children's' Christmas program	December 10
Sermon in Song	December 17
Blue Christmas service	December 17 (evening)
Christmas Eve service	December 24 @ 7:00 p.m.



Sermon In Song Is Coming on Sunday, December 17...and choir is starting to get ready and YOU are invited to join the choir for this once a year event. We would welcome some additional members. If you are interested or have questions, please contact George Biemel before or after church, by email gbiemel@columbus.rr.com, or by cell (614) 581-8725 (call or text).

The Property Board has scheduled Fall Cleanup for Saturday November 4, 2017. Bring your rakes, shovels and paper leaf bags. We will start at 9 AM. I'll bring donuts.

We are in the process of getting the air conditioner fixed for the multi purpose room. We think kids got up on the roof by climbing on the air conditioner and then they jumped off the roof back onto the air conditioner and bent the motor housing causing the motor to freeze up.

We are also getting a new pull down stairs for the attic in the main hallway.

We will be finishing touch ups on the front doors.

If anyone has any concerns about the property, please let me know.

With GOD all things are possible,

Major N. Crispin, Director of Property

Immigration

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt Matthew 2:13,14

According to UN statistics, <http://tinyurl.com/hxwfr9h> , approximately 244 million people migrated internationally in 2015! 1.38 million immigrated to the United States. The top five source countries for the US are India -- 179,800 China – 143,200, Mexico – 139,400, Philippines – 47,500 and Canada – 46,800. (<http://tinyurl.com/ycrla6gj>) Where do they go? Why do they migrate? What happens to them when they come here?

You can probably imagine a number of the major reasons why: **conflict, food instability, climate change, political instability, and poverty**. My family immigrated here from Norway and Sweden, mostly for poverty and food stability reasons in the 1880s to early 20th century to take advantage of homestead program. Land was crowded and not terribly productive in most of Scandinavia. My great uncle told stories of eating little but potatoes and salt cod.



The ELCA works to address some of these root causes and makes the process work better for immigrants through several programs, including:

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service – <http://tinyurl.com/ybf45m6g>, responds to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocates for their needs and interests, helps people access resources for basic human needs, works with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, develops new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and more.

Lutheran Disaster Response, <http://tinyurl.com/yacvhp4c>, helps people recover where they are when a disaster strikes whether it is at home here in the United States or internationally and prevents immigration due to such short term challenges.

This ELCA blog talks about food security becoming a major source of immigration: <http://tinyurl.com/ybf45m6g> and the ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. <http://tinyurl.com/y7quzren>

If you are interested in undocumented immigrants, the New York Times has an interesting article with information about undocumented immigrants in the US at <http://tinyurl.com/y8ftot9t>

Todd Engen – Mission Interpreter

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Fritzi Bear
Marvin Bear
Maxine Brunner
Sam Brunner
Katie (Wahl) Diede
Bob Drake
Lori Hobbins
Leena LeMay
Joshua Mott
Shannon Paro
Sue Perry
Jan Poland
Mark Roll
Martha Sampson
Shawn Turnbull
John Votino

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Amanda Alburitel, Bruce and Jean Johnson’s daughter...
Michael Brunner, Maxine and Sam Brunner’s son...
Pete Cahill, Maxine and Sam Brunner’s friend...
Lori Damron, Mike Rankin’s friend’s wife...
Sara Drexler, Neumeier’s niece...
Lyn Fitzer, Bill Lude’s friend...
Margery Gress, visitor...
Nick Heckman, Bob & Jan Wilhelm’s nephew...
Jan Hergatt, Dottie Haggard’s friend...
Anowarul Islam & Family, Chad Laucher’s coworker...
Tom Mosler, Neumeier’s brother-in-law...
Gary Rojewski, Todd Engen’s brother-in-law...
John Sagle, Andrea Sumner’s family friend...
John Sanders, visitor (Dave Sanders’ father)...
Rebecca Schultz, Andrea Sumner’s mother...
Ivan Seckle, Martha Sampson’s brother...
George Sumner, Mike Sumner’s father...
George Sumner Jr., Mike Sumner’s brother...
Ray Ward, Barb Fisher’s father...

FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

Lynn Brown, Debbie Bear’s mother
Joan Clark, Susan Lee’s mother

DEATHS:

Greg Albrecht, Jim Jaeger’s friend
Judy Bloede, Lillian Kachic’s cousin
Christine Fitzer, Bill Lude’s friend’s daughter-in-law
Frank Gottlieb, Jim Jaeger’s friend
Lois Hampton, Ruth Rankin’s aunt
Betty Miller, Mark Roll’s aunt
Matt Neiman, Maxine & Sam Brunner’s friend
Herbert Petersen, Maxine & Sam Brunner’s friend
Paitynn Tipton, Michelle Cleveland’s cousin
Warren Voorhies, Robert Hensley’s uncle

November Birthdays

Frank LeMay	11/01
David Quinn	11/01
Katie Quinn	11/03
Tracie Quinn	11/05
Lucille Blackney	11/06
Doug Wahl	11/06
Mark Drake	11/11
Don Poland	11/11
Chris Tonn	11/14
Parker VanNasdale	11/14
Maryann Mott	11/17
Tracy Farel	11/21
Peter Meighen Jr.	11/22
Lillian Kachic	11/23
Bill Farel	11/25
Amanda Laucher	11/28
Eric Ortiz	11/29



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!

November Anniversaries

Debbie & Jim Campbell	11/14
Major & Carolyn Crispin	11/29
Eric & Diana Ortiz	11/29



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
Sunday evening pianist	Amy Wargowsky
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

Mutual Ministry Committee Kathy Farel, Carol Jaeger, Chad Laucher

Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Server Schedule for November

	5-Nov	12-Nov
Date		
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Steve Espe	Chad Laucher
Acolyte	Mallory Tonn	Laura Powell
Comm. Assist.	Missy Hensley	Bill Lude
Lay Reader	Donna Williamson	Lori Hobbins
Ushers	Chris Tonn & Mike Rankin	Bill Farel & Jim Jaeger
Altar Guild	Mary McDaniel & Carolyn Crispin	Mary McDaniel & Carolyn Crispin
Hymn Sel.	George Biemel	George Biemel
Counters	Jim Jaeger & Pete Cardimen	Bill Farel & Dianna Roll
Greeters	Crispin	Votino
Host		

	19-Nov	26-Nov
Date		
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Sonya Thelin	Todd Engen
Acolyte	Aleigha Crispin	McKenzie Laucher
Comm. Assist.	Bruce Johnson	Sam Sgro
Lay Reader	Kathy Farel	Paul Wargowsky
Ushers	Leah Anderson & Laura Powell	Bill Lude & Major N Crispin
Altar Guild	Mary McDaniel & Carolyn Crispin	Mary McDaniel & Carolyn Crispin
Hymn Sel.	George Biemel	George Biemel
Counters	Andy DeVantier & Lori Hobbins	Steve Espe & Mike Sumner
Greeters	DeVantier	Bear
Host		

Worship Server Schedule for December

	3-Dec	10-Dec	17-Dec
Date			
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Mark Roll	Ruth Albert	Missy Hensley
Acolyte	Gwen Cardimen	Hayden Laucher	Alexis Colombo
Comm. Assist.	Kathy Farel	Robin Neumeier	Karen Harris
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Bill Lude	Chad Laucher
Ushers	Nave	Chad Laucher & Tom Mott	Votino
Altar Guild	TBD	Carol Scantland	TBD
Hymn Sel.	Ruth Albert	Ruth Albert	Ruth Albert
Counters	Bill Farel & Robin Neumeier	Jim Jaeger & Pete Cardimen	Bill Farel & Dianna Roll
Greeters	Jaeger	Laucher	Lude
Host			

	24-Dec	31-Dec
Date		
Time	7:00 PM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister		Chris Tonn
Acolyte	WORSHIP SERVER	
Comm. Assist.	SIGN-UP SHEET	Sonya Thelein
Lay Reader	WILL BE AVAILABLE	Missy Hensley
Ushers	IN HALLWAY	Abigail Cardimen & Jillian Mott
Altar Guild	FOR CHRISTMAS EVE	TBD
Hymn Sel.	SERVICES	Ruth Albert
Counters		Andy DeVantier & Lori Hobbins
Greeters		McDaniels
Host		

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 11:15am - Potluck 1pm - JPC 5pm - Worship 6pm - B&B	6pm - Wm Dinner 8pm - Narc Anon	Halloween 7:30pm - JPC	7pm - Choir Practice	8pm - JPC	8pm - Narc Anon	8:30am - Fall Clean 7pm - JPC
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Daylight Saving 8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 1pm - JPC 5pm - Worship	7pm - Wm Book 8pm - Narc Anon	7pm - Admin 7pm - Property 7:30pm - JPC	7pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Evangelism &	4:30pm - FELC 8pm - JPC	Veterans Day 8pm - Narc Anon	Veterans Day 8:30am - Men's 7pm - Game Night
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 1pm - JPC 5pm - Worship	7pm - Stewardship 8pm - Narc Anon	7pm - Bd Ed & Youth 7pm - Bd of Worship 7:30pm - JPC	7pm - Choir Practice	8pm - JPC	10:45am - Meals on 8pm - Narc Anon	10:45am - Meals on 7pm - JPC
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 11:15am - PPC 1pm - JPC 5pm - Worship	8pm - Narc Anon	7:30pm - JPC		Office Colsed Thanksgiving Day 8pm - JPC		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
8:45am - Sunday 10am - Worship 1pm - JPC 5pm - Worship	6pm - Wm Dinner 8pm - Narc Anon	7:30pm - JPC	10:30am - Care 7pm - Choir Practice	8pm - JPC	8pm - Narc Anon	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 . . .

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