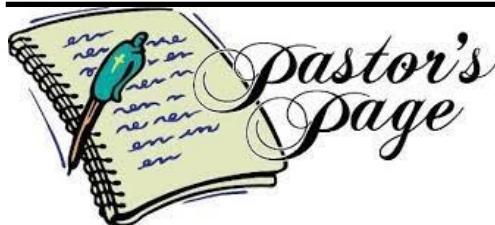


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"Resurrection is just the way things work! When we say hallelujah on this Easter morning, we're also saying hallelujah to our own lives, to where they're going, to what we believe in, and hope for."
—Richard Rohr

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** This month, I'd like to share a meditation from theologian, Matthew Fox, from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations for April 26, 2025. I found it very meaningful and I hope you do too.

How Am I Resurrection?

Who does not seek Resurrection? Who does not seek a full and fuller life? Did Jesus not promise, "I have come that you may have life, life in abundance?" (John 10:10) How am I Resurrection for others? How am I Life for others?

To be Resurrection for another I need to be Resurrection for myself. That means I cannot dwell in darkness and death and anger and oppression and submission and resentment and pain forever. I need to wake up, get up, rise up, put on life even when days are dark and my soul is down and shadows surround me everywhere.... I have to listen to the voice that says: "Be resurrection."

"Break out of your tombs; do not settle for death. Break out. Stand up. Give birth. Get out of easy pessimism and lazy cynicism. Put your heart and mind and hands to creating hope and light and resurrection. Be born again. And again. And again...."

Resurrection is a commitment to hope and being reborn. It is a commitment to creativity, to the Spirit who "makes all things new" (Revelation 21:5). Resurrection is the Spirit's work. It is life of the Spirit.

And what about Life? How am I Life? How living and alive am I? How much in love with life am I? Can anyone or any event separate me from my love of life? Paul the mystic asks (and then answers), "Who shall separate us from the love of God? Neither death nor life, height nor depth, neither present nor future" (Romans 8:35, 38). Is my curiosity alive? My gratitude? My mind? My imagination? My laughter and sense of humor? My creativity? My powers of generosity and compassion? My powers for continually generating and regenerating life?...

Yes, I am, yes, we are, the Resurrection and the Life. We bring aliveness and rebirth and plenty of hope into the world, however [troubling] the news becomes. That is what it means to believe in Easter Sunday and the Resurrection. We become Resurrection and the Life. Christ rises anew.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items for **April, May, and June:**



- Toilet paper
- Baby items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, deodorant, toothpaste
- Laundry detergent
- Kitchen cleaning items, such as dishwasher liquid, and dish soap

Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!

Women's Dinner and Guys Night The next Women's Dinner is on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Azteca Mexican Grill, 3962 W. Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 210-0900. The next Guys' Night Out TBD. All are welcome!



Winter 2024-Spring 2025 Graduates We would like to recognize our high school and college graduates on **Sunday, May 18th**. If you or a family member are graduating in 2025 (or December 2024), please provide the church with the following information: Name, school/university, month graduating, degree if applicable, future plans and a picture. Please email the church with this information at flc7350@gmail.com.

FLC Service Opportunities There are opportunities coming up that we need members to assist with or do the planning. The first opportunity is for light refreshments after worship service on one Sunday of each month. We have March and April covered already. Snacks could be cookies, cookie bars, fruit, or other small treats that will be enjoyable as people talk after church in the narthex. The second opportunity is preparations for the church's 45th anniversary of founding. This will be a short term ministry team. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please let Ruth Albert or Pastor Robin know.

Sunday School Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class and Pete and Lilly Cardimen teach our youth. Everyone is welcome to attend! The last day of Sunday School before the summer break will be May 18th. 2



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opportunities



Worship Servers Needed If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let Pastor Robin know. Assisting ministers, lectors, counters, and greeters are needed. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out! Sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Pastoral Care Request If you have a pastoral care request (hospitalization, upcoming surgery, need for counseling, etc.), please call Pastor Robin at (937) 725-4930. If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin, please let Pastor Robin know so it can be scheduled.



Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with Vanco Mobile - If you would like to give to Fellowship with your smartphone, please download Vanco's smartphone app, **Vanco Mobile**. Vanco Mobile will enable anyone to donate at anytime to Fellowship. It makes it easy to give instantaneously for a regular or recurring gift, or a special occasion.

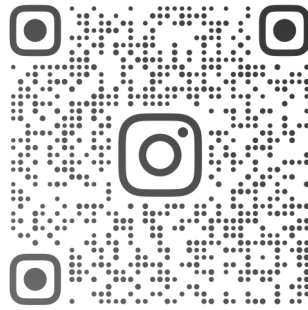
Holy Communion We celebrate Communion weekly. All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to join us in the celebration of Holy Communion. Grape juice is available in the center of the trays. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.



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!

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!

Fellowship now has an Instagram Page thanks to Pete and Lilly Cardimen!
 Scan the QR code to access the page. Or click on the link below:
https://www.instagram.com/fellowship_lutheran_church/#



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Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

March 2	26/21 views	April 2 (MW)	10/24 views
March 5 (Ash. Wed.)	17/20 views	April 6	26/12 views
March 9	34/11 views	April 9 (MW)	12/23 views
March 12 (MW)	10/29 views	April 13	37/13 views
March 16	32/13 views	April 17 (Maundy Thurs.)	31/23 views
March 19 (MW)	11/20 views	April 18 (Good Fri.)	61 (not rec.)
March 23	29/12 views	April 20	56/59 views
March 26 (MW)	10/27 views	April 27	21/34 views
March 30	28/24 views		

Worship Servers Schedule for May 2025

	May 4	May 11
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	George Biemel
Lay Reader	Frey	George Biemel
Counter		
Greeter		
Communion Asst.	Gabby Frey	
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	May 18	May 25
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Counter		
Greeter		
Communion Asst.		
Fellowship Host		
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland



FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Carolyn Crispin
Major N Crispin
Byron Engen
Pat Frey
Margery Gress
Cheryl Hamilton
Karen Henry
Lillian Kachic

Ed Lathy
Frank LeMay
Leena LeMay
Bill Lude
Pete Meighen
Sonja Meighen
Ray Ward

May Birthdays

Susan Lee	5/05
Tom Scantland	5/07
Maria Anderson	5/09
Sam Sgro	5/13
Karen Harris	5/24

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Jonah Albert, Ruth Albert's nephew
Cindy Anderson, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law
Emmory Jackson, Karen Harris' friend's granddaughter
Judy Lathrop, Donna Williamson's cousin
Pat McCarthy, Paul Wargowsky's sister
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Charlotte & John Schall, Pastor Robin's parents



DEATHS:

Bob Beall, Mary Beth Hammeren's brother-in-law
Terry & Susy Bragg, Margery Gress' friends
Mary Roll, Dianna Roll's mother-in-law; Vanessa, Ryan, and Angie's grandmother
Jeff Sielaff, FLC member

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!

May Anniversaries

Bill & Kathy Farel	5/12
Bill & Pam Lude	5/30



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	28	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG
4 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	5	6 Election Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG
11 Mother's Day 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	12	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG
18 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	19	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG
25 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	26 Memorial Day	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Bill Farel
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Dixie Heck
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, Ruth Albert
Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Ruth Albert
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Angela Kidd
	Pastor Robin

At-large Council Members

Andy Smith
Cathy Votino
Donna Williamson

Team Coordinators

Congregational Life	Vacant
Education & Youth	Dianna Roll
Outreach	Pete Cardimen
Property	John Votino
Stewardship	Vacant (Council)
Worship	Karen Harris

Thank you for your leadership!!!

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Our Purpose: To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

Our Vision: To be a diverse, thriving community of faith where all are welcome to celebrate God's love and grace.

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