

*February*  
*2025*

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*"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."*  
**1 John 4:7-8**

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As February unfolds, our thoughts often turn to love. Valentine's Day, with its red roses, heart-shaped chocolates, and handwritten cards, reminds us of the joy found in expressing love to those dear to us. While these gestures are beautiful, they point us to a greater, everlasting love—the love of God.

The Bible tells us in 1 John 4:16, "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." This powerful truth reminds us that God's love isn't seasonal, nor is it fleeting; it is steadfast and eternal. Unlike human love, which may falter, God's love is unconditional, perfect, and transformative.

As we celebrate Valentine's Day this year, I encourage you to reflect on how God's love has shaped your life. Consider these three ways God's love can inspire us:

- **God's Love Calls Us to Love Others.** Jesus commanded us to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). This isn't always easy, especially during these divisive, unsettling times, but when we look to the cross, we see the ultimate example of sacrificial love. Maybe this month we can challenge ourselves to extend kindness, patience, and forgiveness to those around us, even those who disagree with us, mirroring the love God has shown us.
- **God's Love Offers Hope.** In a world that can sometimes feel overwhelming, God's love provides a firm foundation. Romans 8:38-39 assures us that nothing can separate us from God's love. No matter what challenges we face, we can rest in the knowledge that we are deeply loved and we are never alone.
- **God's Love Strengthens Our Relationships.** When we allow God's love to fill our hearts, it transforms how we relate to others. Whether it's within our families, friendships, marriages, communities, or on our social media pages, God's love empowers us to be more selfless, compassionate, and understanding.

This February, as we celebrate love in its many forms, I encourage you to take time to give God thanks for God's incredible love. Reach out to someone in need of encouragement, letting God's love shine through your actions. And always remember that you are God's cherished child, just as we are all God's beloved children.

May your hearts be filled with the warmth of God's love, not just on Valentine's Day but every day.

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 **January, February, and March:**



- Baby items (diapers - all sizes) and wipes
- Winter coats, hats and gloves (adult, child, and infant)
- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
- Lightbulbs

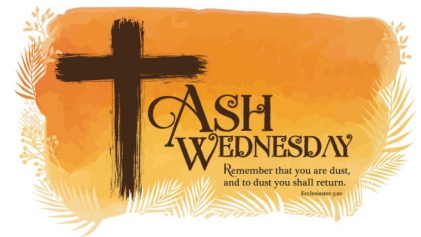
Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!

**Women's Dinner and Guys Night** The next Women's Dinner will be on Tuesday, February 4th at 6:00 p.m. at SGD Dubu So Gong Dong Tofu & Korean Barbeque, 2950 Hayden Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43235 (614) 389-1050. The next Guys' Night Out will be on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Outback Steakhouse, 2704 Bethel Rd., Columbus, OH 43220 (614) 326-1605. All are welcome!



**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 which is studying "Faith after Certainty," and Pete and Lilly Cardimen are teaching our youth. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**Our Ash Wednesday Service** will be on Wednesday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special service which begins Lent. The imposition of ashes and holy communion will be offered.



### **Wednesday Soup Suppers/Lenten Services**

Beginning Wednesday, March 12th, we will begin our midweek soup suppers/Lenten services. Soup suppers will begin at 6:15 p.m., with a Lenten service to follow at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! The theme this year is, "Savior Servant Friend." We hope to

have 2 volunteers each week to prepare the soup or sandwich and salad-type suppers. A sign-up sheet will soon be on the table in the narthex.

## SOUPER BOWL 2025

Message from Lutheran Social Services Congregational Relations Manager Benjamin Powers, stating LSS's 2025 goal:

"Last year 26 churches participated in raising over \$21,000 and collected more than 4,200 lbs. of food! This year, the goal is to have 30 churches participate, raise more than \$30,000 and collect over 4,000 lbs of food! Due to the buying power of Food Pantries, each \$1 donated will be able to purchase \$4 of food."

Message from outreach team:

This year FLC will participate as one of the 30 congregations in previous years by collecting funds toward the LSS goal.

To contribute toward the effort, FLC members can either place cash or check donations in baskets indicating their favorite team, the NFC Philadelphia Eagles or the AFC Kansas City Chiefs - or in the basket labeled "don't care" or contribute using Vanco by selecting their preference in the app.

**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.

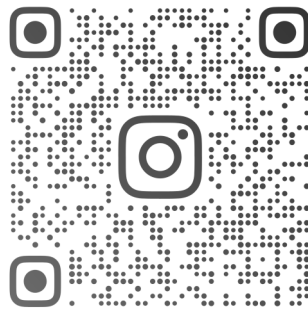


**Kroger Plus Fundraising Information:** If you would like to register your Kroger card for the Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Robin or the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser!

**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!

**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.

**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/#](https://www.instagram.com/fellowship_lutheran_church/#)



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**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.

### **Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)**

December 1	39/22 views	January 5	29/17 views
December 8	26/30 views	January 12	41/22 views
December 15	33/24 views	January 19	24/24 views
December 22 (joint)	81/22 views	January 26	32/15 views
December 24	74/48 views		
December 29	26/21 views		

## Worship Servers Schedule for February 2025

	<b>February 2</b>	<b>February 9</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Sonya Thelin	George Biemel
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sonya Thelin	George Biemel
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Lude	Bill Lude
<b>Greeter</b>	Darcy Dom	Karen Harris
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Ruth Albert	Freys
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd

	<b>February 16</b>	<b>February 23</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
<b>Counter</b>		
<b>Greeter</b>		Karen Harris
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Karen Harris	Freys
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd



### Worship Servers Needed!

If you can fill any of our openings for assisting ministers, readers, counters, greeters or fellowship hosts or help out in future months, please call or email Pastor Robin or Tracy Farel. Thanks!

**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

<b>Carolyn Crispin</b>	<b>Ed Lathy</b>
<b>Major N Crispin</b>	<b>Frank LeMay</b>
<b>Byron Engen</b>	<b>Leena LeMay</b>
<b>Pat Frey</b>	<b>Pete Meighen</b>
<b>Margery Gress</b>	<b>Sonja Meighen</b>
<b>Cheryl Hamilton</b>	<b>Jeff Sielaff</b>
<b>Karen Henry</b>	<b>Ray Ward</b>
<b>Lillian Kachic</b>	

**February Birthdays**

Zach Jaeger	2/09
Eliana Anderson	2/10
Erling Lee	2/11
Caitlyn Votino	2/11
Kathleen Wolkan	2/18
Lillian Cardimen	2/22
Paul Wargowsky	2/22
Leena LeMay	2/28

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

**Jonah Albert**, Ruth Albert's nephew  
**Mike Allemang**, Kathy Farel's brother  
**Cindy Anderson**, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law  
**Jan Hearst**, Karen Harris's friend  
**Kenny Hoffman**, Jim & Carol Jaeger's friend  
**Angie Jaeger**, Jim Jaeger's niece  
**Judy Lathrop**, Donna Williamson's cousin  
**Connie Margarf**, Andy Smith's aunt  
**Kristy Mason**, Mike Rankin's 2nd cousin  
**Mike McKinley**, David Fleisher's friend  
**Frank (Buzz) Wright**, Greg Schaughency & Bill Lude's friend



***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!

**DEATHS:**

**Bill Brenner**, Pastor Robin's friend's father  
**Dale Dasher**, Cheryl Hamilton's uncle  
**Darcy Fortner**, Major Crispin's sister  
**Cathy Frey**, Pat Frey's cousin's mother

**February Anniversaries**





# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>26</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out	<b>29</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	<b>30</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>31</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>1</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 12 - 3:30 pm - Council Retreat
<b>2</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	<b>5</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	<b>6</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>7</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>8</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
<b>9 Souper Bowl Sun.</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	<b>12</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	<b>13</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>15</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
<b>16</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	<b>19</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	<b>20</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs. 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>21</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>22</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
<b>23</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>26</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	<b>27</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>28</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>1</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO

**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**

<b>Congregational Life</b>	Vacant
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>	Dianna Roll
<b>Outreach</b>	Pete Cardimen
<b>Property</b>	John Votino
<b>Stewardship</b>	Vacant (Council)
<b>Worship</b>	Karen Harris

***Thank you for your leadership!!!***



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



*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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