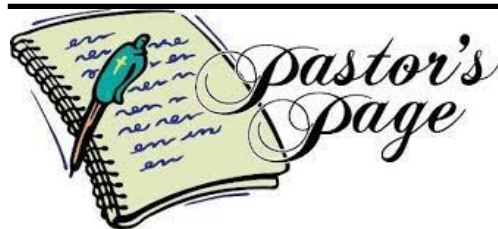


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*"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross." **Philippians 2:5-8 NRSVUE***

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As we continue our sacred pilgrimage through Lent, in April we find ourselves on a transformative journey that takes us from the quiet introspection of Lent, through the solemnity of Holy Week, and into the boundless joy of Easter morning. Each part of the journey invites us to draw closer to God, to reflect on God's love, and to live in the hope of the resurrection.

Lent is a sacred invitation to step away from the noise and distractions of life and look inward. Our midweek services help us to do just that. If you have not yet tried one of our midweek Lent services either in person or on-line, I invite you to do so. The "Hidden With Christ" liturgy helps us to quietly reflect during this special time of the church year and encounter the Holy together. Lent is a gift - a time to be transformed by Christ's presence.

Holy Week marks the final steps of Jesus' earthly ministry and his journey to the cross. The church enters deeply into the mystery of Christ's crucifixion and death. The week begins with the joyful celebration of Palm Sunday, where the crowds cry out, "Hosanna!" as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Yet, as the week unfolds, we are reminded of the depth of Christ's humility and love for humanity. Holy Week invites us to walk alongside Christ, bearing witness to his unwavering love.

On Maundy Thursday, in our readings we hear about the tenderness of Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the first Lord's Supper - a model of servanthood and unity. Good Friday then brings us to the foot of the cross, where we confront the weight of sin and the incredible price of our redemption. Isaiah writes, "He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds, we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).

And then comes Easter morning—the dawn of a new reality. The tomb is empty, and the risen Christ proclaims victory over sin and death. Easter is the foundation of our faith, the assurance of eternal life, and the call to live as people of hope. Easter challenges us to share this hope with others, to live lives transformed by grace, and to celebrate the promise of new life every day. The resurrection isn't just a moment in history—it is a living reality that shapes who we are and how we love.

May this season be a time of transformation for each of us, as we embrace the grace of our Savior and share Christ's love with the world.

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 will be on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Anna's Greek Cuisine, 7370 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, OH 43235 (614) 799-2207. The next Guys' Night Out is on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Kitchen Social, 6791 Longshore St., Dublin, OH 43017 (614) 763-1770. All are welcome!



Wednesday Soup Suppers/Lenten Services We continue our midweek soup suppers/Lenten services on Wednesday evenings through April 9th. Soup suppers begin at 6:15 p.m., with a Lenten service following at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! The theme this year is, "Savior Servant Friend."

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

- **April 17, 7:30 p.m.** - Joint Maundy Thursday service with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church with refreshments to follow
- **April 18, 7:30 p.m.** - Sawmill Community Good Friday service @ Church of the Redeemer Moravian Church (3883 Summit View Rd., Dublin, OH)
- **April 20, 10:00 a.m.** - Resurrection of Our Lord worship service with fellowship time & refreshments following service

2025 Easter Flowers If you ordered Easter flowers, they may be picked up at the end of worship on Easter Sunday.



Community Easter Egg Hunt On Sunday, April 13th from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., Linworth United Methodist Church is offering a free Community Easter Egg Hunt with inflatables, games, prizes and snacks too. The church is located at 7070 Bent Tree Blvd, Columbus, OH 43235. Egg Hunt Age Groups & Times: Birth-2 @ 2:30p.m., Ages 3-5 @ 2:45 p.m., K-3rd @ 3:00 p.m., 4th and up @ 3:15 p.m. Sensory Zone open from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

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.

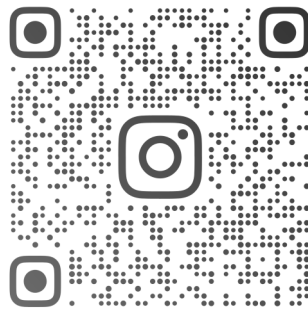


Worship Servers Needed If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let Pastor Robin know. Assisting ministers, lectors, counters, and greeters are needed. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out! Sign-up sheet is on the table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



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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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! There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday.

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!

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

February 2	21/15 views	March 2	26/21 views
February 9	26/18 views	March 5 (Ash. Wed.)	17/20 views
February 16	16/24 views	March 9	34/10 views
February 23	38/17 views	March 12 (MW)	10/28 views
		March 16	32/13 views
		March 19 (MW)	11/19 views
		March 23	29/10 views
		March 26 (MW)	10/ views
		March 30	

Philippians 4:12-13 *“I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”*
(NRSVue)

Welcome to spring! Spring activities and opportunities are just around the corner. There are also opportunities for later this year. To highlight a few:

45th Anniversary Celebration ministry team – We need a small group of people to plan something for Reformation Sunday in October. This will be a short-term ministry team, not a permanent one. Nothing has been decided yet. Two people have stepped up and we would like to have a few more. Please let Pastor Robin or me know if you are interested in helping with this celebration.

Light snacks after worship – The narthex was a busy place after worship recently with all the goodies and conversation. If you (or possibly several of you) would like to provide these light snacks on a Sunday, Please sign up or let Pastor Robin know.

Worship servers – There are many ways to help with worship each week. If you are not certain about one of the roles (Altar Guild, Greeter, Lay Reader, Communion Assistant, Counter), please reach out to Pastor Robin. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you to all those who serve.

We will be receiving a gift of new computers for the office soon. This will enable Pastor Robin and Tracy to do their work much faster than they currently do. Thank you to our donor.

Congregation Council met for a retreat at the beginning of February. Many ideas were generated for activities that we could do both as a congregation and as outreach to our neighbors. If you have an idea for something, please let a council member know.

WHAT – What activities do you want to do?

CAN – Choose what we can do.

WE – Not just leadership, but all of us

DO – Let's get busy!

In Christ,

Ruth Albert



Worship Team Submission for April 2025 Newsletter**Karen Harris, Team Leader****“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.” Mathew 28:6**

This week we will be having our 3rd of the 2025 midweek soup suppers and the 3rd of Pastor’s midweek Lenten offerings, “Savior, Servant, Friend.” The suppers begin @ 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. These services have helped us focus on Jesus’ great love for mankind that He would willingly lay down His life to save ours.

Palm/Passion Sunday is April 13th. We will offer palms to those attending worship before they enter the sanctuary and they can be used during the worship service when indicated. There will be no sermon. The executive committee will read Luke’s Passion of Christ instead.

On Maundy Thursday, we will have a joint worship with the Korean Methodist church members.

This offering will be at 7:30 pm, April 17th. Communion will be offered and the traditional Stripping of the Altar will happen. The Korean church choir will be performing an anthem and their congregation will offer snacks afterwards.

This year the Moravian Church on Sawmill Rd. will host the ecumenical Good Friday service at 7:30 pm, April 18th. There will be an ecumenical choir singing.

Easter worship will be held at 10 am, April 20th, followed by fellowship with snacks in the narthex. Worship Team will furnish these. Please join in our joyous Easter fellowship!

Dates to Remember:**Soup suppers and midweek Lenten offerings, Wednesday, March 26, April 2 and 9****Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13****Maundy Thursday, April 17****Ecumenical Good Friday service, April 18****Easter, April 20**

Worship Servers Schedule for April 2025

	April 6	April 13
Asst. Minister	Ruth Albert	Sonya Thelin
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Sonya Thelin
Counter	Andy Smith	
Greeter	Kathryn Tucker	Darcy Dom
Communion Asst.		Gabby Frey
Altar Guild	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom

	April 20	April 27
Asst. Minister	Ruth Albert	Chad Laucher
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Chad Laucher
Counter	Andy Smith	
Greeter	Kathryn Tucker	
Communion Asst.	Dom Frey	Cam Frey
Fellowship Host	Worship Team	
Altar Guild	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom



FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Jonah Albert, Ruth Albert's nephew
Cindy Anderson, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law
Zoe Blemllek, Bill Lude's friend's granddaughter
Connie Hiaett, Mike Rankin's friend
Wendel Knott, Jim Jaeger's friend's son
Amy Malcolm, Pete Cardimen's co-worker's wife
Debbie Mason, Mike Rankin's cousin
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend

DEATHS:

Mike Allemang, Kathy Farel's brother
Kristi Mason, Mike Rankin's 2nd cousin
Gay Stewart, Carol & Jim Jaeger's friend

April Birthdays

Todd Engen	4/6
Pat Frey	4/6
Jim Jaeger	4/6
Kathryn Tucker	4/6
Pete Cardimen	4/11
Aria Kidd	4/14
Ray Ward	4/15
Doug Scantland	4/16
Lori Hobbins	4/18
Mallory Tonn	4/20
Jeanine Biemel	4/22
Claire Haase	4/26
Bill Lude	4/30
Robin Wargowsky	4/30





Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month! This list reflects the information we have in our computer at this time. We welcome your corrections and additions!

April Anniversaries

Todd & Jenifer (Takats) Engen 4/30



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	31	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Lent Service	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
6 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	7	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Lent Service	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
13 Palm Sunday 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	14	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	17 Maundy Thurs. 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - Worship Service with CJMC	18 Good Friday 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - Community Good Friday Service at Redeemer Moravian Church	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
20 Easter Sunday 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Easter Fellowship & Snacks 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	21	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray P a s t o r	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study R o b i n o n	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC V a c a t i o n	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
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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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