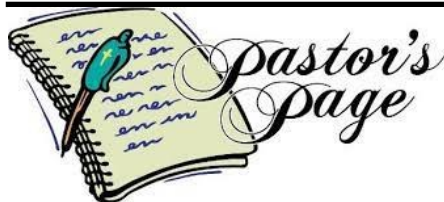


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"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." - Martin Luther

Greetings Fellowship Members and Friends!

Fall is here, and with it comes cooler mornings, pumpkin-flavored everything, and that gorgeous moment when our Ohio trees decide to show off. October invites us into a season of gratitude and reflection. What a joy it was to celebrate the births of two precious new babies, Bridget and Julian to our congregation in September—babies who remind us that God is always doing something new among us! And how wonderful it is to see our youth Sunday School class buzzing with energy again, while our adult learners engage in Bible study in the narthex. God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday was a beautiful testament to how this congregation lives out its faith beyond these walls. It was definitely a team effort, and together we assembled 9 solar lights and 36 water filters to be sent to families in need throughout the world.

October 26th brings us some significant moments in the life of Fellowship, each worthy of celebration and prayer. Reformation Sunday falls on the 26th this year, and we'll join Lutherans around the world in remembering Martin Luther's bold stand for grace over works, faith over fear, and Scripture over human tradition. In a world that still tries to earn its worth through achievement and appearance, we need the Reformation message now more than ever: You are loved, you are forgiven, you are enough—not because of what you do, but because of what Christ has done. Come ready to sing "A Mighty Fortress" with full voice!

We'll also mark Fellowship's 45th anniversary as a congregation. Forty-five years of baptisms and burials, confirmations and weddings, potlucks and prayers. Forty-five years of faithful people showing up, speaking up, and lifting up the name of Jesus in the Sawmill community. We are standing on the shoulders of saints who had a vision, who gave sacrificially, who prayed faithfully. As we celebrate, let's ask ourselves: What vision will we cast? How is God calling us forward? Former pastors have been invited to help us celebrate this important milestone in our congregation's history, and worship will be followed by a potluck in the fellowship hall.

Finally, we'll recognize my 12th year anniversary serving as your pastor and honor the departure of our beloved organist, Dixie, who's blessed us with her musical gifts the last two years.

October reminds us that change is not something to fear but something to embrace as part of God's creative rhythm. Trees let go of their leaves in trust that spring will come. We let go of what was, grateful for what is, and hopeful for what will be.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Smoky Row Food Pantry is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for **October, November, and December** include:



- Baby Items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap & deodorant
- Turkeys/Hams
- Laundry Detergent
- Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves

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

The Next Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out will both be at Anna's Greek Cuisine, 7370 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, OH (614) 799-2207. The women will meet on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. and the guys will meet on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!



Worship Servers Needed If you are willing to serve as assisting minister, reader, greeter, communion assistant, or counter for our 10:00 a.m. service, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We are especially in need of counters. We are also looking for fellowship hosts to serve light refreshments after Sunday worship once a month. Thanks!

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.



SAVE THE DATES

- October 26 - 45th FLC Anniversary & Reformation Sunday - Don't forget to wear red! Potluck to follow worship.
- October 27, 7:30 p.m. - FLC's Ohio Estate Planning Seminar (zoom)



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.



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! Click on this link: https://www.instagram.com/fellowship_lutheran_church/#

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!



Sunday School Sunday School classes continue on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for youth and adults. If you are interested in helping with a preschool class, please let Dianna Roll or Pastor Robin know.

All Saints Sunday - November 2 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 2nd, please contact Pastor Robin or add your loved one to the list on the table in the narthex.

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

August 3	25/not recorded	September 7	30/19 views
August 10	32/49 views	September 14	32/20 views
August 17	28/28 views	September 21	19/22 views
August 24	38/23 views	September 28	26/26 views
August 31	19/21 views		

Congratulations!

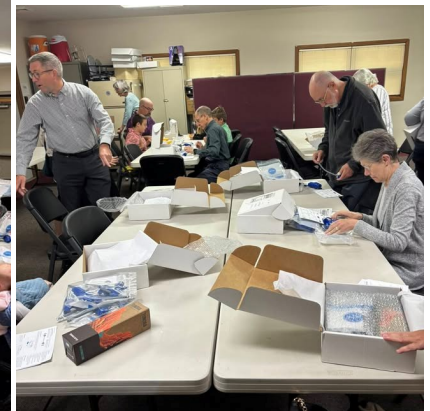
To Kathryn Tucker, Andy Smith, and Conner on the new addition to their family. Bridget Jane Smith was born on September 7th at 9:27 p.m., weighing 4 lb 1 oz. and was 17" long.



To Nate and Sarah McCormick on the birth of their son, Julian Oliver McCormick. Julian was born on September 9th at 2:42 a.m., weighing 9 lb 2 oz and was 20.5" long. Proud grandma is Sonya Thelin!



God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday - September 7th



 **HOSTED BY FELLOWSHIP
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Online Event

**MONDAY,
OCTOBER 27TH
AT 7:30 PM**

OHIO ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

PRESENTER:
DAVID A. SKROBOT
Ohio Attorney with 48 years of
experience

SEMINAR TOPICS

ESTATE PLANNING

Wills, Powers of
Attorney (POA),
Healthcare POA,
Advance Directives

OHIO PROBATE LAW

How county
probate courts
handle estates

ASSETS AND MORE

Life insurance, bank
accounts, property
transfer,
guardianship

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Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (NRSVue)

Another Sunday and the announcements are noted both in the bulletin and by Pastor Robin. Have you been paying attention or do you go into a sort of haze thinking about what is next in the service and getting settled in for worship? Our calendar is full for October! Take a moment and really look at all the activities coming up! Fellowship's Purpose and Vision statements are played out in all these activities. Have you taken a moment to look at this lately? Yes, it is on the front of the bulletin each week and also on the rotating announcements on the television in the narthex.

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

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

There is a phrase that is in both that is the key to both "**God's love and grace**", not ours but God's. All the lessons for September 28 reflect what God wants us to do, not what we want to do. Even though we are a small congregation, have you reached out to the visitors among us? One Sunday, did you notice the gentleman who came in at the end of the service, went up the side aisle, then knelt in prayer? Likewise, do we ignore the Lazarus' in our lives? Do we reach out to find the resources they need to become whole people again and share those resources with them?

How are we in relation to one another? Even a simple conversation with another is a relationship. I attended a Southern Ohio Synod boot camp on being in relation with others. This extends from our families to our churches to our communities and our world. Yet as I am writing this, I learned of another church shooting and fire in Grand Blanc, Michigan. Even when hurting we need to continue to reach out to others as others also assist us. How can we as a small church reach out to our neighbors? We may be small, but we have an impact on those around us. Even making space for other congregations to use our building when we are not using it is an outreach. What other ways of reaching out can we do?

Yes, we will take time to celebrate much at the end of the month, but we need to celebrate and share **God's love and grace** every day, not just one day.

If there are relational activities you would like to do, let leadership know. We need **your** input on what type of activities you want to do.

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 Servers Schedule for October 2025

	October 5	October 12
Asst. Minister	Chad Laucher	Sonya Thelin
Lay Reader	Chad Laucher	Sonya Thelin
Counter	Darcy Dom	Darcy Dom
Greeter		Karen Harris
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd

	October 19	October 26
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Gabby Frey	Ruth Albert
Counter		
Greeter		
Fellowship Host	--	Potluck after worship
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd



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

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Carolyn Crispin	Ed Lathy
Major N Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Claire Haase	Pete Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Bridget Smith
Dixie Heck	John Votino
Lillian Kachic	Ray Ward

October Birthdays

Megan Cardimen	10/07
Sarah McCormick	10/18
Kathy Farel	10/23
Don Johnson	10/25
Pam Crispin	10/28
Charlotte Tonn	10/30
Pam Lude	10/31

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Mark Albert, Ruth Albert's brother
Cindy Anderson, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law
Twyla Fleming, Farel family friend
Garrett Henry, Mike Rankin's step-grandson
Lisa Hershberger, Sonya Thelin's sister
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher's father
Diane McClain, Pastor Robin's friend
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Tony Querry, the Freys' co-worker
Mike Walton, Jim Jaeger'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:

Margery Gress, member
Kenny Hoffman, Jaeger's family friend
Robert Lynch, Mary Beth Hammerin's friend
Chris Parker, the Freys' co-worker
Mike Silverman, Wargowsky's college friend

October Anniversaries

Paul & Vanessa France	10/05
Pat & Cindy Frey	10/06
Andy Smith & Kathryn Tucker	10/10
Dan & Megan Howard	10/19
Zachary & Angela Kidd	10/24
Zak & Kathleen Wolkan	10/25



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	29	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6-10 pm - CJMC Revival	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6-10 pm - CJMC Revival	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6-10 pm - CJMC Revival	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
5 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	6	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 p.m. - Women's Dinner	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
12 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	13	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
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Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Bill Farel
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist/Pianist	Dixie Heck
Sub. Pianist/Organist	Amy Wargowsky, 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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