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*The LORD is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts,
so I am helped, and my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.*

Psalm 28:7 NRSV

Dear Fellowship members and friends,

President Jimmy Carter once wrote that difficult times have a way of reminding us of the fundamental things that give us a firm footing as we go through life. And this past year we sure have had some difficult times with which to contend, haven't we? A global pandemic that has killed over two million people worldwide, racial injustice, political discord, etc... Difficult times are an understatement!

So, I'm wondering, what are the fundamental things that have helped you through this past year? For me, working with a wonderful leadership team, support from family, friends, and ecumenical colleagues, and my nursing background has helped immensely. But underlying everything, is my faith in a loving, caring God, a God who sees us through good and challenging times, who encompasses us behind and before (Psalm 139), and knows us by name.

Our faith practices keep us grounded during times like these. Worshipping on a regular basis, sharing in the Lord's Supper, reading our Bibles often, praying without ceasing, serving others and striving for justice and peace in all the earth can help us keep our faith strong. If you are struggling spiritually or emotionally, reach out to a spiritual companion, a pastor, a counselor or doctor, or a trusted friend. Even if God seems far away, God promises always to be with us. Hold fast to that promise!

On other notes, Chris and Heather Tonn have decided to step down from the Treasurer's position due to work demands. We thank them for their faithful service! Todd Engen has graciously agreed to be Fellowship's Treasurer beginning in February. Thank you Todd!

I encourage you to receive the COVID-19 vaccination as it becomes available to you unless you have a health condition that prevents you from receiving this vaccine. To date, we've had at least 12 of our members start the vaccination process. It would be helpful to know how many FLC members have received the vaccination as we continue our plans to re-open the church building for in-person worship.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will offer a virtual Ash Wednesday service with holy communion (but no ashes) on that day so watch your inboxes.

Take care and be safe!
Pastor Robin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

When Will We Return to Our Regular Schedule? We continue to watch the number of new COVID-19 cases closely and the numbers vaccinated and will let you know when we are able to safely resume in-person worship services. Our weekly online services continue.

Holy Communion We celebrate communion during our on-line worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month. Consecrated communion kits can be picked up in the church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Meals on Wheels

Friday, February 19	Biemel	Friday, March 19	Himmel-McDaniel
Saturday, February 20	Wolfe	Saturday, March 20	Engen

Frebis Food Pantry They are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Healthy volunteers are needed at Frebis to fill orders, drive the truck, and work with the computer. If you are interested, call 614-300-3263 and ask for Joel, Paul, or David. You may also call 877-LSS-MEAL or Bill Lude at 614-707-3275 or 614-764-1084.

Donation Opportunities

LSS Frebis Food Pantry - non-perishable food items, hygiene items, cleaning, and sanitizing items.

Smoky Row Food Pantry Needs - January, February, March

Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta
Baby items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
Winter coats, hats, gloves
Lightbulbs

***Please bring donations to the church during the published office hours. Thank you!!**

Blessing Box We have been informed that the blessing box will be removed from our property by Help.Columbus because of difficulties maintaining it. Please do not drop off non-perishable items in front of the church.

Souper Bowl! It's that time of the year! - Souper Bowl is the way the Synod and FLC playfully use Super Bowl LV on February 7, 2021 to engage our giving for Lutheran Social Services (LSS). You can participate by giving money or donating cans of soup [or other non-perishable items]. You can donate money through GivingPlus+ on your app or the FLC webpage, or a personal check made payable to Fellowship Lutheran Church (memo: Souper Bowl). On GivePlus+ you can indicate your support for your team by selecting odd for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers or even for the Kansas City Chiefs. You can note the team name on your check. You can send a check addressed to FLC, drop off a check in our locked mailbox, or bring donated items to FLC and place them in the containers located in the Narthex during church business hours. So...WHO do you think is the best contender to win Super Bowl LV?

Staying Connected Program for the Elderly - Did you know that Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected?" We have at least one member who is enrolled in the program and really likes it. You get to pick the hour to receive the phone call. For more information, here is the link: <https://aging.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/aging/care-and-living/get-help/staying-connected/>

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!

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!

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!

Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with GivePlus+ - Our EFT provider, Vanco, provides a smartphone app, Give+, to enable anyone to donate at anytime to Fellowship. It makes it easy to give instantaneously for a regular gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.

Worship Servers Needed! If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service when we resume in-person worship services, please let either Tracy Farel or Pastor Robin know. Assisting ministers, counters, greeters and ushers are needed.

Attendance Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
12/2 (midweek)	104 views	1/3	117 views
12/6	129 views	1/10	186 views
12/13	266 views	1/17	105 views
12/20	153 views	1/24	135 views
12/21 (Blue Chr.)	67 views		
12/24 (Chr. Eve)	310 views		

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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| Fritzi Bear | Frank & Leena LeMay |
| Major N Crispin | Sonja Meighen |
| Barb Fisher | Joshua Mott |
| Margery Gress | Martha Sampson |
| Cheryl Hamilton | John W. Votino |
| Zach Jaeger | Ray & Carol Ward |
| Lillian Kachic | Bill Zahn |
| Hazel Lambert | |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
Carrie, Amy Wargowsky's friend
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
Deborah Dom, Darcy Dom's sister
Byron & Donna Engen, Todd Engen's parents
Erin & Jamie Jacobson, Karen Harris' friend's daughter & husband
Chris Johnson, Bruce Johnson's sister-in-law
Bill Leach, Karen Harris' brother
Roger Linley, Barb Fisher's friend
Vi McMonigle, Karen Harris' friend
Jenifer Takats, Todd Engen's wife
Hayden Valesky, Votino's great nephew
E.J. Wendt, Stacy Niedecker's daughter

DEATHS:

- Caroline Fredrickson**, Todd Engen's aunt
Carol Matheis, Sonya Thelin's sister-in-law's mother
Karl Moe, Pastor Robin's college friend
Jim Ramey, Jim Jaeger's friend
Mary Ann Stanton, Frey family friend's mother
Bill Way, Sonya Thelin's friend's father
Rosemary Weirich, Paul Wargowsky's aunt

February Birthdays

Haley Defibaugh	2/08
Zach Jaeger	2/09
Eliana Anderson	2/10
Celine Votino	2/10
Erling Lee	2/11
Caitlyn Votino	2/11
Kathleen Wolkan	2/18
Brittany Hairston	2/21
Lillian Cardimen	2/22
James Votino	2/22
Paul Wargowsky	2/22
Hazel Lambert	2/25
Leena LeMay	2/28



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!

February Anniversaries



Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Michael Cherup
Sub. Organist	David Fleisher
Sunday evening pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Choir Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Stacy Niedecker
Vice-President	Kathryn Tucker
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Cindy Frey
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Education & Youth

Director	Dianna Roll
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Karen Harris
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>31</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10 am - Worship with communion (streamed) 3 pm - Executive - Zoom	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 7 pm - Worship-Zoom	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> 10 am - Worship	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 7:30 pm -Council - Zoom	<i>17 Ash Wednesday</i> 7 pm - Worship with communion (streamed)	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 10 am - Worship with communion (streamed)	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 7 pm - Midweek Worship	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 10 am - Worship (streamed)	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 7 pm - Midweek Worship	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>

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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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