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Alleluia! Christ is risen! *He is risen indeed, Alleluia!*

One of the many things I love about our church season is that it keeps going! For example, in the secular world, Christmas is done and over with in one day. After the presents are all opened, many secular minds are let down because the "fun" is all done. Likewise with the secular world's view of Easter... After the eggs are all found and the chocolate is all eaten, the only thing the world is left with is a tummy-ache!

But not in the church! In the church, we get to celebrate Christmas for weeks. The same goes for Easter. Even though the buzz of Easter Sunday has gone away and some of the fanfare has indeed vanished, we're still in the season of Easter! The joy of the resurrection of Jesus is far too great to be contained on one day, however special our celebration of Easter may be. The glorious news that Jesus was not in the tomb, that He has risen, never to die again takes up an entire season on our church calendar. Have you noticed the colors on the altar and on my stole? They're still white. Our hymns are still hymns proclaiming the resurrection. Our worship services are still services of Easter joy!

We get to celebrate Easter not just for a day or two, but for a whole SEASON! And during this season of Easter, we are able to stay fixated upon the Easter resurrection of Christ and to view it from many different angles, and from many different sides - much in the same way you would with a beautiful diamond; turning it around and around to gaze upon its beauty from so many different sides and angles.

One beautiful facet of Easter we can view is the resurrection appearances of Christ. Late in the evening on Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to two disciples who were walking on the road to the town of Emmaus. These two men saw Jesus, but didn't realize it was Jesus. They saw Jesus walking right next to them, but they didn't realize this was the resurrected Jesus. They were staring right into the brilliance of the Son of God's face, but they did not realize this was the Son of God. They walked and talked with God, but didn't even realize it.

But then all of this changed. As soon as Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them - a veil fell away from their eyes and they finally saw Jesus for who He is; the Passover lamb who is risen from the dead and whose reign will never end! I pray during this Easter season, and every season of the church year, that our eyes will never deceive us. Look upon Christ as the one who was slain, but now who lives and reigns forever and ever. Gaze upon Him as you would a many faceted diamond always seeing the different ways He loves you, comes to you, keeps His promises to you, and how He will never fail you.



See you in church!

Pastor Robin



Sunday Evening Worship and Praise Services continue on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. Please help us spread the word! This is a 45-50 minute, "come as you are" service with singing, a short message, and communion.



Women's Activities

Women's Dinner - Our next women's dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28th, at **Liberty Tavern**, 50 North Liberty St., Powell, OH 43065, (614) 825-0500. If you need transportation, please let Pastor Robin know.

Women's Bible Study will resume again in the fall.

Meals on Wheels Schedule for May and June

Friday, May 17	Biemel	Friday, June 21	Farel
Saturday, May 18	McDaniel	Saturday, June 15	McDaniel

Next FLC Carwash, Saturday, May 11th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the church. Come help us raise money for our roof fund..

If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin, please let Pastor Robin or Tracy know so we can get one scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency... just an opportunity to get to know you better.

Did You Know That Fellowship Has an Active Care Team? Our care team meets monthly and sends out cards to those in our congregation, and their relatives and friends with concerns. We now have other members trained in Congregational Care and Hospital Visitation who will be assisting Pastor Robin with the pastoral care needs of our congregation, visiting our homebound members and offering communion.

Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. If you have trouble with the regular communion wafers or with the bread served, please let Pastor Robin know. We do have gluten-free wafers available. **Large print bulletins are also available for worship.** Please ask the usher for assistance.

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!

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!

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! We received over \$1,000 last year!

Graduate Recognition We would like to honor our high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 2nd. If you or a family member are graduating, please provide the church with the following information: Name, name of school, month graduating, degree if applicable, future plans and a picture.

Important Congregation Meeting on Sunday, May 19th, immediately after worship. We will be ratifying our new constitution. Please try to attend.

Attendance Information

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
3/3	71/8	4/3 (Midweek)	21
3/6 (Ash Wed.)	34	4/7	64/6
3/10	44/7	4/10 (Midweek)	14
3/13 (Midweek)	19	4/14	66/14
3/17	57/7	4/18 (Maundy Thurs.)	40/53
3/20 (Midweek)	19	4/19 (Good Fri.)	12/85 from FLC
3/24	55/9	4/21	54/112
3/27 (Midweek)	21	4/28	60/6
3/31	48/7		

Proverbs 27:17 “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

As I reflect on our Easter morning events, I was moved by the generosity of our family of faith to help with the services, with the breakfast and with the egg hunt. As many of us are looking forward to a warmer spring and school wrapping up, I am looking to others to help me plan events for this summer. If you have an interest in planning an event, please feel free to email me or talk after church, as many hands make for lighter work.

Thank you for all that participated with the Mardi Gras pictures (Guess Who). I have heard many people have enjoyed the pictures and getting to know other members within our congregation. I want to continue these types of activities, so our next activity is to share our baby pictures between Mother’s Day (May 12th) and Father’s Day (June 16th). I will print out new cards to tape your pictures to starting May 5th.

A small but very impactful, recurring event of fellowship is having a host provide a small snack after church. Our host list is in the Narthex on the bulletin board near our mailboxes. I would greatly encourage families to sign up. This is a great and easy way for each of us to help bring our Fellowship family together!



"If we live, we live to the Lord; if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we all stand before God's judgment seat." **Romans 14:8-10**

Sunday School News

In the adult class we finished the New Testament series by Professor Bart Ehrman. We will finish this session by reviewing the Old Testament's most enlightening passages by Professor Amy - Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University. The last day for Sunday School (except the confirmation class) will be May 12, 2019.

On Sunday, May 19, 2019, at 8:45 a.m., we will have our Annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. This will recognize the teachers, thanking them for their leadership. Everyone is invited. Confirmation class **will** also meet that day.

Confirmation Sunday will be on **Pentecost Sunday, June 9th** at the 10:00 a.m. service. Confirmation students and parents, please meet @ 9:30 a.m. with Pastor Robin that Sunday prior to the service.

Food Pantry

LSS is still operating the food pantry at the Champion-Frebis location on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12-2 p.m. The Westside pantry has moved to the Glenwood Community Center at 1888 Fairmont Ave. It will operate on Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. This is a temporary move for the Westgate center which will be remodeled this winter.

They still need volunteers at both locations from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. I changed my volunteer day to Wednesday because of the donation center. I'm willing to coordinate working at Frebis on Wednesdays. You can call me at 614-764-1084. You may also call the main number 877-LSS-MEAL from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Our next men's breakfast will be on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. All men are invited. Please come if you can. We'll eat at 8:30 a.m. and then stay for our spring clean-up at 9:30 a.m. Come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship. This will be our last men's breakfast until September 14, 2019.

Amazing Grace Day Camp

It is not too early for planning the Amazing Grace Day Camp here. It will be from July 14-19. Last year we had twenty four volunteers helping out with tasks from cooking to crafts. Please see Todd, Pastor Robin, or me for details.

Golf Outing at Wilson Road

On July 21, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. , we will have the annual Wilson Road Golf Scramble. Details to follow. All skill levels are invited to play. Keep the date!

Rally Day - September 15, 2019

In God's service,
Bill

*“Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing” **Philippians 1:27,28***

As of April 1, a quarter of our journey through 2019 has finished and I wanted to give you a status update on Fellowship for the first quarter.

A good way to measure our vitality is how we are living up to our mission of sharing God’s love and grace through our words and actions. When we follow that mission, we follow God’s will and do his ministry here on Sawmill Road. So, how are we doing for the first quarter? The new Council is working on leading the congregation in our mission. We are developing focus areas for our respective ministry areas and generating new ideas of how we can best deploy our resources. Council is an exciting place right now and I hope you sense that excitement.

The planning for the Amazing Grace Day Camp is well underway and we are taking enrollments. We already have 14 campers signed up. We are working on getting a date for Pumpkin Patch for the fall that will focus our resources on the most important part of the patch. We are doing a lot of fellowship activities, such as the Easter breakfast, host boards, men’s and women’s nights out to build our relationships that help us come together in our faith family.

The energy level in the congregation is high and positive. This is evidenced by the fact that we have had a significant number of visitors in the first quarter who are now attending regularly. Our visitors and others that we talk to and hear from, tell us that they are impressed about how much ministry we do for our size.

Council is working on improving our ability to invite people to Fellowship and welcome them when they come. We put together some business-type cards to use to invite people to our church. They are out on the table in the narthex. Please take a few to give away. We have done some mailings of invitations to come to visit Fellowship. I see how the energy of our members rises welcoming visitors when they come to Fellowship and our visitors have noticed, too.

On the financial side, we are in pretty good shape. We started the year with a balance in our operating fund of \$6,058 and we ended March at \$8,001. Our goal is to increase our benevolence and ministries. If we maintain this momentum we can increase that in next year’s budget. We have identified some additional savings, too. We changed our insurance carrier and reduced our annual insurance bill by over \$2,200. We identified a change to our One-Call-Now subscription that will save us \$200 per year.

There are lots of opportunities to share God’s love and grace. Please consider your talents and assets and how you can support the mission and ministry of Fellowship. And, don’t be afraid to try something new. We have teams that need your help. What team(s) fit your passions and interests?

Your servant in Christ,
Todd Engen



"Our Church - All Are welcome"

We held our first car wash in April; it was fun and we enjoyed some good times & fellowship.

All remaining Car Washes will be in "Our Church" parking lot and will remain being held on the second Saturday of every month. Our donation funds that we receive will be to help with the roof and small projects to repair in our Narthex and or other areas of need and for our youth programs.

The next car wash fund raiser will be May 11th, from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, after our spring clean-up. So if you're in town, invite your friends and stop by to get you car washed and/or help out.

Also remember to sign up for the Kroger program at your local Kroger's.

We did send out a post card the week before Easter. The logic was to let any one who wishes to worship know we are in a close proximity to them. Please be aware of any new people attending in the coming weeks and as always, say hi as everyone always enjoys a friendly conversation.

PUMPKIN patch. We were able to work out a down-sized delivery (1/2 a truck load) and also reduce the amount of time to staff the PUMPKIN patch to possibly 3 weeks. More information will be provided.

Invite a friend to attend Our Church with you, it just feels good when you do.

Thanks!
John



Saturday, May 11th, 9:30 a.m.

“He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Luke 24:6-7

Thank you to everyone who contributed their special gifts during Lent and Easter. A special thanks to those who hosted midweek suppers, to George Biemel and others who shared seasonal music, and to people who helped with setup or teardown for services, supplied food for the Agape meal, and helped with the meal and service on Maundy Thursday.

Organist transition

Our long-time organist, Andrea Sumner, has resigned after fourteen years of faithful service to Fellowship. We appreciate Andrea’s devotion to the musical life of our congregation and many musical contributions during that time. She will be missed! Andrea will be with us through the end of May.

We will welcome our new organist, Michael Cherup, on Sunday, June 2. Michael, from Delaware, Ohio, is pursuing a degree in Music at Capital University, with a focus on the organ.

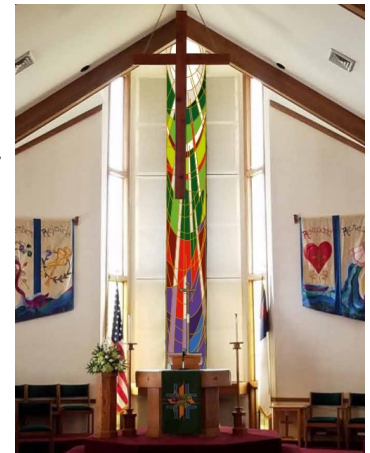
Thank you to the team that worked on recruiting, interviewing and selecting our new organist: George Biemel, Ruth Albert, Todd Engen, Karen Harris, Pastor Robin, and Sonya Thelin. A special thanks to George Biemel for serving as the primary contact for applications and leading the audition/interview process!

Mark Roll memorial

Mark Roll’s parents, Charles and Mary Roll, are donating to our church a universal dossal in memory of Mark. All colors of the church year are represented in the beautiful design. The new dossal is in the process of being made. Here’s a sneak preview!

Sunday evening worship

Sunday evening Worship and Praise services continue. Please join us at 5:00 p.m. for this 45-50 minute, “come as you are” service with singing, a short message, and communion.



Dates to remember

Teacher appreciation Sunday	May 19
Congregational meeting	May 19
Healing service	June 2
Recognition of graduates	June 2
Pentecost Sunday/Confirmation	June 9
Outdoor service	August 11

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

- Maxine Brunner**
- Sam Brunner**
- Major N Crispin**
- Bob Drake**
- Barb Fisher**
- Curtis Fleisher**
- Brittany Hairston**
- Leena LeMay**
- Sonja Meighen**
- Joshua Mott**
- Sue Perry**
- Martha Sampson**
- Sonya Thelin**
- Shawn Turnbull**

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother...
- Denny Frey**, Pat Frey's father..
- Gretchen Kocher**, Andrea Sumner's friend...
- Cindy Morgan**, Margery Gress' daughter's mother-in-law
- Mitzi Moshiri**, Todd Engen's friend...
- Ben Pettigrew**, Cheryl Hamilton's grandson...
- George Sumner**, Mike Sumner's father...
- Russell Thelin**, Sonya Thelin's father...
- Shirley Tipton**, Michelle Cleveland's grandma...
- Baby Hayden Valesky**, Votino's great nephew...
- Ray Ward**, Barb Fisher's father...
- Maurine Wilcox**, Karen Harris' friend...

FOR OUR SHUT-INS:

- Lynn Brown**, Debbie Bear's mother

DEATHS:

- Cindy Boring**, Dianna Roll's cousin...
- Shirley Kocher**, Andrea Sumner's friend's mother
- Conni Murray**, Pat Frey's boss...

May Birthdays

Becky Singeltary	05/02
Susan Lee	05/05
Shannon Paro	05/07
Tom Scantland	05/07
Kate King	05/08
Debbie Campbell	05/09
Maria Anderson	05/09
Matt Bear	05/12
Sam Sgro	05/13
John M. Votino	05/14
Corey Colombo	05/22
Karen Harris	05/24
John Votino	05/25
Bonnie Deaner	05/30



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!

May Anniversaries

Michael & Kate King	05/04
David & Sarah Almeida	05/05
Bill & Kathy Farel	05/12
Robert & Annette Hollenbach	05/23
Gary & Anne Blackney	05/28
Bill & Pam Lude	05/30



Worship Server Schedule for May

Date	5-May	12-May
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Sonya Thelin	Hayden Laucher
Acolyte	Mallory Tonn	McKenzie Laucher
Lay Reader	Kathy Farel	Jeanine Biemel
Ushers	Votino	Bill Lude & Major Crispin
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland
Hymn Sel.	Robin Wargowsky	Robin Wargowsky
Counters	Bill Farel	Jim Jaeger & John Votino
Greeters	Lude	Jaeger
Host		

Date	19-May	26-May
Time	10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Assist. Minister	Chad Laucher	Chris Tonn
Acolyte	Lilly Cardimen	Gwen Cardimen
Lay Reader	Donna Williamson	Sonya Thelin
Ushers	Abigail Cardimen & Jillian Mott	Chad Laucher & Tom Mott
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland
Hymn Sel.	Robin Wargowsky	Robin Wargowsky
Counters	Andy DeVantier & Lori Hobbins	Bill Lude & Pete Cardimen
Greeters	Karen Harris	Crispin
Host		

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Heather & Chris Tonn
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Andrea Sumner
Sub. Organist	David Fleisher
Sunday evening pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Choir Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Todd Engen
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Ruth Albert Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Chad Laucher
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Education & Youth

Director	Bill Lude
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Sonya Thelin
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

May 2019 Calendar

Weekly Recurring Events

Sunday

- 8:45 a.m. - Sunday School (except 5/26)
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. - Worship and Praise

Monday

- 8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. - Choir (except 5/29)

Thursday

Friday

- 8:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous

Other Events & Meetings

May 7, 2019 (Tuesday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Executive Team

May 11, 2019 (Saturday)

- 8:30 a.m. - Men's Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. - Spring Clean-up
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - FLC Carwash @ church

May 14, 2019 (Tuesday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team

May 17, 2019 (Friday)

- 6:30 p.m. - BAPS

May 19, 2019 (Sunday)

- 11:15 a.m. - Congregation Meeting

May 21, 2019 (Tuesday)

- 7:00 p.m. - Council

May 28, 2019 (Tuesday)

- 6:00 p.m. - Women's Dinner

May 29, (Wednesday)

- 10:30 a.m. - Care Team & Lunch

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 pm - Choir	2	3 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	4
5 8:45 am - Sun. School 10 am - Worship 5 pm - Worship	6 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	7 7 pm - Executive	8 7:00 pm - Choir	9	10 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	11 8:30 am - Men's Breakfast 9:30 am - Spring Clean-up 11 am - 1 pm FLC
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:45 am - Sun. School 10 am - Worship 5 pm - Worship	13 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	14 7 pm - Worship Team	15 7:00 pm - Choir	16	17 10:45 am - Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm - BAPS 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	18 10:45 am - Meals on Wheels
19 8:45 am - Sun. School 10 am - Worship 11:15 am - Cong. Mtg 5 pm - Worship	20 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	21 7 pm - Council	22 7:00 pm - Choir	23	24 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	25
26 10 am - Worship 5 pm - Worship	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	28 6 pm - Wm Dinner	29 10:30 am - Care Team	30	31 8 pm. - Narc. Anon.	

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

Our Vision: To be a "called and gathered" family of faith whose members so fully experience the undeserved love of God that we are moved to express that same love of God, in our relationships with one another and our whole community . . .

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