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*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. Psalm 46:1-2*

Greetings FLC members and friends,

Well, it's been six long weeks since we have been able to be together in worship. We have adjusted to our governor's stay at home order and into our

new routines. We are living in an interesting world where the rules for living have changed so much! Our reality at the moment is not what it was two months ago, and there is no clarity as to when we can resume a new normal that resembles more closely what was. Our labor to be physically distant and to wear a mask when we are out and about is a labor of love for our neighbor.

Throughout scripture there are countless examples of the rules for living changing. Abraham follows God's guidance from Ur. Moses frees the Israelites from Egypt and they live in the desert for 40 years. Israel is exiled to Babylon. Jerusalem is overtaken by the Romans. Jesus comes and transforms lives. In each of these instances of turmoil, there is one constant. God does not leave God's people, God is with them in the midst of this transition. God is present as the community learns a new way of living. Most importantly, in the end, the community flourishes.

While I hope our current way of living is temporary (like a temporary residence), we are living into a new way of being church. First, thank you for your willingness to try stepping into this new medium! We've received a lot of positive feedback and helpful suggestions on our online services - especially from our homebound members who are not able to attend church. We hope to continue recording our services when we reopen to make them available to those who cannot attend church in person. One suggestion that might help to make your computer screen feel more like a worship space: consider lighting a candle at the beginning of the service to create a sacred space right there in your office or living room.

As I write this, the governor today just announced a gradual reopening of Ohio beginning on May 1st. However, the limit of gatherings to just 10 people is still in force at the present time. We are awaiting recommendations from the health commissioner and our bishop about safely reopening churches to in-person worship and will update you when more information is available. I suspect that for most, if not all of May, we will be having on-line services only. Todd Engen and I have also purchased 80 KN-95 masks and 50 3-ply masks which should be delivered in early June. These will be available at the church when we reopen (donations appreciated - the KN-95 masks cost \$4.00 each and the 3-ply masks were \$.58 each).

If you have any needs that we can assist with, please let me know and we will do our best to help you out. And a big thank you to those who have continued your giving during this difficult time. Donations can be mailed, dropped off in our locked mailbox, or given via EFT or Vanco Give Plus. Hope to see you all soon!

God's blessings and love,  
*Pastor Robin*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Women's Activities

#### Women's Dinner - TBD

**Women's Bible Study - Date TBD** Come and join us as we discuss Chapter 12 from the book, *Finding Rest in a Busy World*, by Margaret Feinberg. Susan Wolfe facilitates the discussion. This will be our last meeting until fall.

### Meals on Wheels for May and June

Friday, May 15	Biemel	Friday, June 19	Farel
Saturday, May 16	Wolfe	Saturday, June 20	Himmel-McDaniel

**Amazing Grace Day Camp** LOMO has informed us that after much prayerful consideration, for the safety of all the campers and counselors, they have decided to cancel all summer camps, day camps, and Amazing Grace Day Camps due to COVID-19. Fellowship will reapply for an Amazing Grace Day Camp in 2021.

**Blessing Box** We now have a blessing box on our property, thanks to HelpColumbus, a group that supports individuals and families recently impacted by the events of COVID-19. A blessing box houses non-perishable items like food, baby supplies, etc. If you or someone you know are in need of these items, feel free to stop by the church.



**Smoky Row and LSS Food Pantries** - The collection of items for our local food pantries will continue when the church reopens. The items most needed include: baby diapers size 2-3-4, and wipes; toiletries such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper; and kitchen/cleaning items like dishwasher liquid, laundry detergent, and dish soap. Place the items in the plastic tubs located in the Narthex.

**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. We will be tailoring it over the next couple weeks to reflect the funds that we use at Fellowship. In the meantime, you can download the app and try it out. Just search your app Store for Give Plus. To start, search for churches near you or specifically for Fellowship. John Votino and Todd Engen have used it, so they can give you more information.

**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.

**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 \$800 last year!

**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!

**Attendance Information**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
3/1	56/15	4/5	streamed
3/8	42/12	4/12	streamed
3/15	27/5	4/19	streamed
3/23	streamed	4/26	streamed
3/39	streamed		



**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

<b>Sarah Almeida</b>	<b>Hazel Lambert</b>
<b>Fritzi Bear</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b>
<b>Major N Crispin</b>	<b>Sonja Meighen</b>
<b>Bob Drake</b>	<b>Joshua Mott</b>
<b>Barb Fisher</b>	<b>Sue Perry</b>
<b>Margery Gress</b>	<b>Martha Sampson</b>
<b>Cheryl Hamilton</b>	<b>Ray &amp; Carol Ward</b>
<b>Zach Jaeger</b>	<b>Bill Zahn</b>
<b>Lillian Kachic</b>	

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

**Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother  
**Lynn Brown**, Debbie Bear's mother  
**Toni Carroll**, Pastor Ron Bott's wife  
**Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother  
**Janet & Eric Goldberg**, Sherri Reed's friends  
**Chris Johnson**, Bruce Johnson's sister-in-law  
**Suzanne Kimperman**, Sonya Thelin's co-worker  
**Roger Linley**, Barb Fisher's friend  
**Carol Niedecker**, Stacy Niedecker's mother  
**Cindy Powell**, Don Johnson's friend  
**Anna & Les Schmelzer**, Sherri Reed's friends  
**Belinda & Gabriella Seemer**, Sherri Reed's friends  
**Mary Ann Stanton**, Frey family friend's mother  
**Carol Swank**, Pastor Robin's friend  
**Dr. Jenifer Takats**, Todd Engen's wife  
**Baby Hayden Valesky**, Votino's great nephew  
**Jenny White**, Barb Fisher's friend

**FOR OUR SHUT-INS:**

**Lynn Brown**, Debbie Bear's mother...

**DEATHS:**

**Ken Andersen**, Jim Jaeger's high school friend  
**John Kudart**, Pastor Robin's colleague's son  
**Dottie Manns**, Margery Gress' friend  
**Jackie Orlando**, Sonya Thelin's friend  
**Jerry Smitley**, Chris Tonn's uncle

**May Birthdays**

Susan Lee	5/05
Tom Scantland	5/07
Kate King	5/08
Maria Anderson	5/09
Matt Bear	5/12
Sam Sgro	5/13
John M. Votino	5/14
Karen Harris	5/24
John Votino	5/25



***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	5/04
David & Sarah Almeida	5/05
Bill & Kathy Farel	5/12
Bill & Pam Lude	5/30



**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Heather & Chris Tonn
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	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!!!***

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3</i> 10 am - Worship (streamed) 11:30 am - Executive (Zoom)	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10</i> 10 am - Worship (streamed)	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 7:00 pm Worship (Zoom)	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> 10 am - Worship (streamed)	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 7:00 pm - Council (Zoom)	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24</i> 10 am - Worship (streamed)	<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>31</i> 10 am - Worship (streamed)						



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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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