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*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances!*

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends,

As we enter our stewardship season and the season of thanksgiving, this month I'd like to share with you an article by Pastor Rob Blezard (used with permission).

Sages, mystics and prophets through the ages have taught us that cultivating an attitude of thankfulness will not only help us grow as disciples, but thankfulness will also bring us closer to God and neighbor, and give us a happier and more fulfilling life.

And how do you cultivate thankfulness? First and always, through prayer. Consider how many of the Psalms offer thanks, or how often the Apostle Paul gives thanks for the people and blessings of his ministry. Pray always, and always with thanksgiving. Keep a "blessings list" and pray through it regularly.

Giving thanks to God can nourish thankfulness in your own heart and soul. And you can also help encourage thankfulness in your community by developing a habit of thanking others - verbally, by text or email, or with cards and notes.

Since our national holiday of Thanksgiving takes place in November, this month offers the perfect opportunity to start.

Throughout November, look for every opportunity to thank someone for any reason, big or small. It could be a stranger who holds a door open for you, a clerk who rings up your sale, or a neighbor who does you a favor. Keep track of the number of times you can say "thank you." You may be surprised. For fun, compete with others to see who can say "thank you" the most times in November.

In the process of saying "thank you" you will not only develop a habit that will change your heart and soul, you will also change your relationship with neighbors, your community and our world. And that will be a real cause for thanksgiving. (Copyright © 2020, Rev. Robert Blezard. Pastor Blezard serves as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, MD, and works as content editor for [www.stewardshipoflife.org](http://www.stewardshipoflife.org). He blogs at [www.thestewardshipquy.com](http://www.thestewardshipquy.com).)

See you in church!

*Pastor Robin*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-person Worship** With the number of COVID cases still high, we are asking that you wear a mask for in-person worship, even if you are fully vaccinated.

**Holy Communion** Consecrated communion kits can be picked up in the church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for those unable to attend in-person.

### Donation Opportunities

#### Smoky Row Food Pantry Needs for October

- Baby items, such as diapers 2-3-4, wipes
- Household supplies, such as laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning and disinfecting products
- Winter coats, hats, and gloves for children and adults

Please bring your donations to the church during services, or the published office hours. Thank you!

**All Saints' Sunday - November 7** 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 7th, please contact Pastor Robin or Tracy or add your loved one to the list on the table in the narthex.

**Time Change Sunday on November 7th!** Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night and change the batteries in your smoke alarms!



**Guys' Night Out!** The next Guys' Night Out will be on Monday, November 1. Meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Sawmill Roosters (behind Olive Garden).

**Congregation Meeting** Please mark your calendars for November 14. We will be holding our annual congregation meeting following the morning worship service. We need to have at least 20 voting members for a quorum at this meeting. The primary objective of the meeting is to approve the budget for 2022. If you have items that you'd like to add to the agenda, please contact the office.

## Meals on Wheels

Friday, October 15      Engen                      Friday, November 19      Farel  
Saturday, October 16      Cardimen                      Saturday, November 20      Goleb

**Worship Servers Needed!** If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. Worship service, please let either Tracy Farel or Pastor Robin know. Lectors, counters, and greeters are needed.

**Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with Vanco Mobile** - If you would like to give to Fellowship with your smartphone, please download Vanco's new 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 gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.

**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!

**Staying Connected Program for the Elderly** - Did you know that Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected?" 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/>

**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 (In-person & virtual)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
9/5	16/3/24 views	10/3	21/6/23 views
9/12	15/3/25 views	10/10	31/5/21 views
9/19	21/5/17 views	10/17	21/7/26 views
9/26	16/4/28 views	10/24	36/8/23 views

**Youth Quake 2022** Calling all 6th grade-12th grade youth to see if you are interested in attending Youth Quake in Cincinnati on January 7-9, 2022? In 2022, the Quake will be back at Holiday Inn and Suites on Eastgate Blvd. Early bird deadline is November 3rd. The speaker will be Tiger McLuen and the musician is Peder Eide. If your child is interested, Fellowship will pay for the admission and hotel room, less a \$50 deposit/youth. Youth would be expected to bring money for two lunches and one dinner (we walk to the Eastgate Mall food court which is adjacent to the hotel). Scholarships are available.

Quake events are weekend retreats created specifically for youth in grades 6-12. Quake partners with youth leaders to encourage teens to become established in their faith, empowered for Christian living and enabled to live a life of ministry and leadership. The 2022 Quake theme is Courageous. "We have been saved by a loving Lord who courageously battled the forces of earth and hell and was victorious. We who have the crucified, resurrected and living Christ living in us are empowered to live courageously as the Holy Spirit leads us in our journey of life. Our God will be with us wherever we go and we will be more than conquerors even in the scary and disheartening events and situations we encounter."

### **Welcome EJ Wendt to Fellowship!**



**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher
Choir/Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

**Executive Committee**

President	
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**

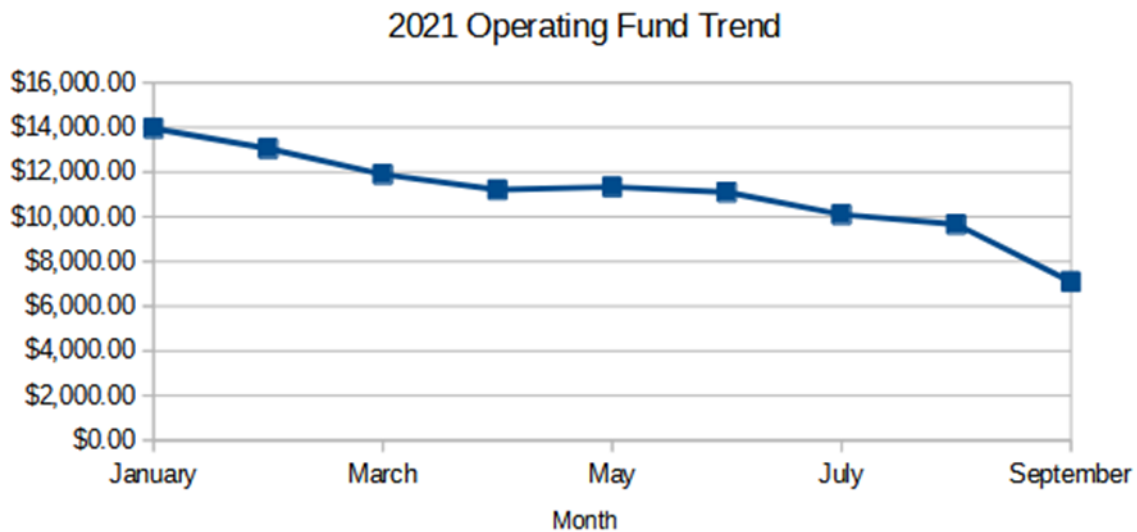
Director	John Votino
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**Worship**

Director	Karen Harris
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***Thank you for your leadership!!!***

Thank you for your support of Fellowship so far this year. Thanks to your support, we are keeping up with, or surpassing, our projections. Our first half worship offering has increased to about 3% ahead of the year to date budget projection. The following graph shows how our “operating fund” is tracking so far this year. While the operating fund is slowly declining, this continues to be better than we had projected during our budgeting last fall. In our budget last year, we projected ending the year with a \$7,000 deficit. Giving is usually stronger during the fourth quarter of most years, so we should hold our Operating Fund fairly steady or increase it some through the end of 2021. This past month, we had a handful of large, unexpected expenditures that led to the drop in September. About \$2,000 was spent in our building maintenance for trimming trees to protect the roof, and for replacing lamps in the sanctuary and parking lot.



We continue to meet our commitment to increase our benevolence to 7.5% of our worship offering. For the third quarter, we contributed \$2,462.96 to the Southern Ohio Synod. These contributions to the Synod help the Synod, the ELCA and it also comes back to us. Our contributions to the Synod help the synod provide services to the local congregations. One of the things that the Synod is doing is running a program called Stewardship for all Seasons. It is a consulting engagement with Michael Ward and his firm GSB Consultants. Micheal Ward wrote the book, Abundance, that the council has been using. The program supports the congregations in our synod in leadership training and helping to create a culture of generosity. In addition, it has enabled the congregations in the synod to access GSB’s Generosity Center to help support each of the synod’s congregations efforts to increase their culture of generosity. The congregations in the Synod are seeing increases in the support of their congregations through this program and enabling them to be more generous in their communities.

We continue to make important contributions to our community. Among them are:

- Collecting food and school supplies for the Smoky Row Food Pantry
- 28 Therapeutic Care kits for Lutheran Social Services Choices, Franklin County’s Domestic Violence Center
- Providing assistance to neighbors in immediate need through our Good Samaritan Fund
- Pumpkin Patch and the organizations that we support from its proceeds

Your gifts to Fellowship to support our mission to share God's love and grace through our words and actions. Thank you for your support.

Below are the third quarter statistics of our income and expenses:

<b>Operating Fund (Net Current Equity)</b>			<b>\$7,092.89</b>
<b>Total Net Equity</b>			<b>\$2,228,990.78</b>
	Bank Account		\$37,192.28
	Savings Account (MMA)		\$16,228.27
	Mortgage Balance		\$271,083.26
		<b>September</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	Worship Offering	\$10,017.60	\$97,813.60
	Building Use Donations	\$1,085.00	\$12,110.00
	Miscellaneous Donations	124.93	\$784.27
	Interest Income	1.09	\$6.78
	Restricted Income	50.00	\$28,634.82
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$11,278.62</b>	<b>\$139,349.47</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>12,990.53</b>	<b>\$117,101.92</b>

Our bank account is currently holding approximately \$25,500 for the insurance settlement for the damage to our roof from recent and past storms. That money is earmarked to pay for the roof replacement that was recently completed. The roofing company is working with the insurance company to update the claim based on additional things they uncovered in the process of replacing the shingles. They have pledged to accept the insurance company's payments as payment in full for the roof replacement once they've finalized the final details with the insurance company.

Thank you again for your support. I am happy to answer any questions you might have about our financial status.

Todd Engen, Treasurer

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## Worship Servers Schedule for November 2021

<b>Date</b>	<b>November 7</b>	<b>November 14</b>	<b>November 21</b>	<b>November 28</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sonya Thelin	Cindy Frey	Stacy Niedecker	
<b>Counter</b>	Dianna Roll			
<b>Greeter</b>	Karen Harris	Karen Harris		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel

We have not yet returned to our full schedule of worship servers due to COVID. If you can fill any of our openings for readers, counters or greeters or help out in future months, please call or email Tracy or Pastor Robin. Thanks!

**Worship Servers Needed!**

**Worship  
Servers**





**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

<b>Fritzi Bear</b>	<b>Lillian Kachic</b>
<b>Sam &amp; Maxine Brunner</b>	<b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b>
<b>Major N Crispin</b>	<b>Sonja Meighen</b>
<b>Byron Engen</b>	<b>Joshua Mott</b>
<b>Barb Fisher</b>	<b>Stacy Niedecker</b>
<b>Margery Gress</b>	<b>Martha Sampson</b>
<b>Cheryl Hamilton</b>	<b>Ray &amp; Carol Ward</b>
<b>Karen Henry</b>	<b>Bill Zahn</b>
<b>Zach Jaeger</b>	

**November Birthdays**

Frank LeMay	11/01
Karen Henry	11/10
Mark Drake	11/11
Don Poland	11/11
Chris Tonn	11/14
Maryann Mott	11/17
Tracy Farel	11/21
Peter Meighen Jr.	11/22
Lillian Kachic	11/23
Bill Farel	11/25
Amanda Laucher	11/28

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

**Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother  
**Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother  
**Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son  
**Pat Henceforth**, Rev. Ron Bott's friend  
**Chris Johnson**, Bruce Johnson's sister-in-law  
**Harry Swarengen**, Bill Lude's friend  
**Hayden Valesky**, Votino's great nephew



**DEATHS:**

**Jeff Collins**, Jim Jaeger's scouting friend  
**Jason Craig**, Cindy Frey's friend  
**Dennis Lacy**, Pat and Cindy Frey's neighbor  
**Jim Risk**, Pat Frey's stepmother's brother  
**John Schroeder**, Cindy Frey'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!*

**November Anniversaries**

Major & Carolyn Crispin 11/29



# November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31 Reformation</b> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>1</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>2</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>3</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>4</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>5</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - BAPS	<b>6</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>7 All Saints</b> 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-2:30 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>8</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>9</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (zoom)	<b>10</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>11</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>12</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>13</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>14 Consecration Sun</b> 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Cong Mtg 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>15</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>16</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	<b>17</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>18</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - Pastor's meeting 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>19</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>20</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>21</b> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>22</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>23</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>24</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>25 Thanksgiving</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC <b>Office closed</b>	<b>26</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray <b>Office closed</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
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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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