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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Dear Fellowship Members & Friends,

When we flip our calendars over from September to October, we change from one season into another. The eighty and ninety degree days of summer have changed to cooler days and nights. The breeze that blew green leaves through the branches of the trees all summer will soon be enticing our eyes with bright colors of red, yellow and orange. The rustling will become a little louder as the leaves become dry, and soon the beautiful colors will be rolling along in our yards ready to be raked. Summer baseball has given way to football. Kids have already forgotten the free days of summer and have been in school with teachers and friends learning new things. Yes, the season has changed from summer to fall.

As we witness the change of the seasons, we can't help but notice the change of seasons in our lives. We witness children grow through first days of school in elementary school, then middle school, high school and suddenly first days of college. We look back on the first day pictures and wonder how did that happen so fast? The seasons come and go. We also witness this truth in our own lives. We remember when we were young, graduating from high school, going to college, getting our first job, finding that someone special, marveling at the miracle of our children. As the seasons pass, we celebrate anniversaries from five, ten, twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years and more. We are wowed at the blessings and adventures of the years. Yet, at the same time, some of us have lost grandparents, parents, spouses, friends, and even some children. Just in the last week in our own congregation, we have lost two of our members, Hazel Lambert and Donna Engen, beloved by their families. The adventure of the seasons is the celebration of blessings, the times of joy, the times of sadness, a time to be born and a time to die.

Even though we have been witnesses to the different seasons and we have seen things change and we have changed, at least one thing has been constant. Our Lord is always walking with us. Our Lord claimed us in the beginning of our

seasons, a time to be born, as the baptismal waters washed over our brows and we were marked with the cross of Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit. The Lord was walking with us as we walked through our first seasons growing up with our families. The Lord is present through each season we have experienced and promises to be with us always.

At the end of October we will be celebrating our Reformation Heritage. Truly, the Lord walked with all our brothers and sisters in Christ through the season. The Holy Spirit blew through the streets of Jerusalem empowering the disciples to proclaim the gospel and the church was born. There was a season of growth and persecution. There was a season when the church became the center of culture. There was a season when the church needed reformers and the Lord sent Reformers like Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli and many more. There was a season when every church filled their pews with Sunday schools full, and every church had a pastor. Now it is a different season. We have brothers and sisters that gather together in person and those who are on-line and worship as families, work for social justice, but all are still the church. It is a different season.



Like the seasons before, we don't know how the season will unfold with blessings, joys, challenges, brokenness and sorrow. But what we do know is that God still hold us in God's hands. The Lord is steadfast in love, blessing us in abundance. The Lord is present walking with us through the joys and sorrows. As we venture forth from one season to the next, we know only that our Lord who has walked with us in the past seasons will walk with us into this new season. The Lord is steadfast. The Lord is faithful. The Lord is present.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-person Worship With the rising numbers of COVID cases, we are asking that you wear a mask for in-person worship, even if you are fully vaccinated. Masks are available on the table in the narthex and more are available in my office (surgical masks and KN-95). We will continue to practice physical distancing and refrain from singing until the cases go back down. I encourage you to get vaccinated, if you have not already done so. What a better way to "love your neighbor."

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!

Pumpkin Patch Pumpkins are coming on Saturday, October 16th at 9:00 a.m. This year we will be receiving a 3/4's truck load. We're hoping to have lots of volunteers to help us unload and work the patch through October 31st, Halloween. Please volunteer as you are able. We also need help setting up the tent on Saturday, October 9th at 9:30 a.m.

PUMPKIN PATCH



Meals on Wheels

Friday, October 15

Engen

Friday, November 19

Farel

Saturday, October 16

Cardimen

Saturday, November 20

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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?" 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/>

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 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.

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.

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
8/1	18/5/28 views	9/5	16/3/24 views
8/8	38/3/21 views	9/12	15/3/24 views
8/15	22/5/33 views	9/19	21/5/17 views
8/22	39/4/22 views	9/26	16/4/19 views
8/29	24/11/27 views		

As the days get shorter and cooler, we look forward to pumpkin everything! And one thing I'm excited about is the return of the great tradition of our Pumpkin Patch. It's a reminder that even if we're not entirely back to normal, we're getting there. God is still good, and pumpkins will still bring joy to our community. What could be better than an outdoor activity that still brings folks together in times when that can be difficult? It's a great way to share God's love. Look for details on the patch and how you can help elsewhere in the newsletter and in upcoming bulletins.

On council, we've been working hard over the past several months studying ways to build on Fellowship's mission and vision. We've been studying *Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity*, a book by Michael R. Ward. Pastor Ward was the keynote speaker at our recent Southern Ohio Synod Assembly and offered a hopeful message about growth in the church both spiritually and in generosity. We also had an excellent retreat, led by Todd Engen, which helped our leadership learn and practice better ways to share our vision with the congregation. One area of focus recommended by Pastor Ward is to focus on the congregation's core values, those principles, activities and ideas that motivate us as a community. Look for a survey coming up soon, as we need everyone's feedback as we develop those values. The expectation is that we can better grow and thrive by ensuring that we stick to those things we find most important.

For worship, while we're disappointed we once again need to mask and cannot enjoy singing during worship, we are happy that we can still be together and hold conversation and commune with each other. It's not a small thing after the past year, which has been so difficult for so many. And we still celebrate Jesus through song, as we recently welcomed Amy Wargowsky as our pianist for our morning worship, adding to her duties for our Sunday evening service.

Fall also is traditionally our stewardship season, and we are changing things up a bit this year. We are thrilled that the congregation has stepped up despite Covid, lack of in-person worship for so many months and economic uncertainty. This year, we are going to ask you to help with our planning and yours by returning an intention-of-giving card. It isn't a contract, and we know circumstances change, but it is a great way to express your gratitude for God's many gifts. During stewardship, we also focus on gifts of time and talent to the congregation. Leadership is grateful and humbled by all you continue to do to support Fellowship.

You'll notice that we've been doing some repairs to the roof, and we're also working on cutting back our trees to prevent further damage. This has been a big task, and we're grateful to Council Member [John Votino](#) who took it on and found the right people to make it happen. Keeping our building safe and beautiful makes it a comfortable place for our members and a welcoming one for our visitors, and we're grateful for the funding you provide.

Also, please save the date for our annual Congregational Meeting, scheduled after worship on Nov. 14. Look for more details next month.

It's such a blessing and privilege to serve God and the congregation through this role. I am grateful for each and every one of you and pray that this is a fall filled with joy as we watch God's beautiful artwork unfold on the trees and in our lives.

"Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

We have been focusing a lot on generosity during our council meetings. I believe it is important to be generous not only outside our congregation but also inside our congregation as well. One of the ways to share your generosity with others in our congregation is to be part of the Care Team. We are looking for a few generous members to give of their time to contact our homebound members who are no longer able to make it to worship with us regularly. Want to know more, well keep on reading:

Do you like to visit and talk to others? Is one of your gifts compassion? How would you like to help share God's love and grace through your words and actions? Consider joining Fellowship's care team! Our care team sends cards, makes phone calls to our members, and assists Pastor Robin with visits and communion. Our homebound members really appreciate the love, care and support that they receive from our congregation. We currently have ten homebound members/families who would love to hear a friendly voice or receive a visit. Please consider joining our care team! If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Robin or Cindy Frey.

Since COVID-19 (or the "yucky germs" as they are called in my house) is still very prominent in our lives we are still being very cautious about having any events together involving food and fellowship - what Lutherans do best. Hopefully that will not be the case forever so keep watching the bulletins and newsletters for more information!

In Christ,
Cindy Frey

SUNDAY SCHOOL POSTPONED Due to the high number of COVID cases in the community, FLC leadership has decided to postpone Sunday School until COVID cases drop. The safety of our students and teachers was the primary reason for this decision. Thank you for your understanding!

FLC Mission/Purpose Statement: To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

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

²⁴ *One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.* Proverbs 11:24 NRSV

Multiple verses in the Bible guide us to share with others as God has shared with us. Our trust in Him through our faith strengthens our resolve to show compassion through charitable giving.

We, at Fellowship Lutheran Church (FLC), have been generous in giving to the Smoky Row Food Pantry for many years, and much more so during the tough time of the pandemic. The pantry is located a short 1.9 miles from our doors at the Smoky Row Brethren Church and operated by a social network, Help My Neighbor. FLC serves with the organizations of the Sawmill Interfaith Community Care Group to provide funding, food, and volunteers to support the pantry.

The pantry is open every Wednesday, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, and Saturday, from 7:00 to 10:00 am. Each week, the pantry serves more than 150 families who are disadvantaged, underprivileged, and/or temporarily displaced, and do not qualify for government aid or social programs. Over 200 children received school supplies to support their learning in this academic year. The customers of the pantry are humble individuals who are grateful and blessed to receive support. Your donations contribute to their nutrition, education, and health status.

Please continue your donations to the Smoky Row Food Pantry. The most needed items for **October, November, and December** include:

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

Place your donations in the tubs located in the Narthex during church service hours, or during published office hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm

If you would like to give of your time, the pantry organizers, *Help My Neighbors*, appreciate the hands of volunteers. If you are interested, contact Carol Jaeger at carolbjaeger@gmail.com.

Meal distribution to seniors and individuals with physical challenges for *Meals on Wheels* is provided by FLC individuals/families on a Friday and Saturday each month.

Pete Cardimen and the high school students applied a fresh coat of paint to the Little Library at the edge of the parking lot. It looks wonderful—so inviting to those who borrow the books. We are grateful to Pete and our young members for their devotion to this project.

“God’s Work. Our Hands” was observed on September 12. The many opportunities that FLC has extended, and continues to extend, through the year was highlighted in the addendum to the bulletin on September 12. In addition, you donated funding and therapeutic care kits to Lutheran Social Services (LSS) CHOICES for victims of domestic violence. As stated in the bulletin, LSS CHOICES is the only shelter in Franklin County providing a safe-haven and 24-hour crisis and information hotline, counseling services and support groups, legal and community advocates, and domestic violence awareness and prevention education. Thank you for your support for these needed services offered by LSS.

You are a blessing to those who receive your generosity. Peace be with you as you share God’s love and grace through your actions.

In His Service,

Carol Jaeger



"Our Church All Are Welcome"**Stewardship:**

How are we doing with our congregational growth? We are all stewards doing God's work. We as a small congregation have to talk with all of our friends and invite them to visit and/or view our Sunday services on line (as the world is changing). In our busy lives I asked myself this same question, what can I do to possibly invite our friends to stop by on Sundays and/or to view our service? It's a tough project with good rewards.

Another process of stewardship is maintaining our leadership and physical property. This is only accomplished through all of our Generosity Giving to financially support the church for the continued growth. We as a congregation have been through COVID and possibly will continue to have unforeseen challenges in the future. With this being said, after reviewing our budget at our council meeting, we would like to thank all for your continued support to keep Our Church going in a positive direction. Many of you have made extra donations thru the Vanco Mobile app (formerly Give plus app), and also special donations during in service attendance.

The time is coming soon to look into next year, fiscal 2022. We will be discussing the topic of continued Generosity Giving and providing financial support for our Church and commitment packages will be forthcoming so we can Plan, Prepare and continue God's Work. Many Thanks for all you can provide to help with for Our Church.

Pumpkins Pumpkins Pumpkins

It is going to be a great year even with possibly extreme challenges. We are committed as you all know beginning with the tent set up on October 9th and the truck unloading on the 16th.

Please review your schedules as in all reality, I'm asking for approximately 3 hours of your days from the 16th thru the end of our campaign to help with God's work and help those that are less privileged than us.

All funds we raise will be going to great causes as per the following.

**33% OF FUNDS WILL GO TO.
(Lutheran Social Services) FREBIS FOOD PANTRY
SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY
LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES (LOMO)
HEIFER INTERNATIONAL
FAMILY MENTOR FOUNDATION**

**13% LEADERSHIP EVENTS AND TRAINING
54% YOUTH FUND**

Todd will be setting up a category on the VANCO app for any special *GENEROSITY GIVING* that you may feel compelled to donate to if you are able.

Property:

We have been busy! The remaining church roof has been replaced due to previous storm damage.

We did have the trees trimmed back to remove the large branches that are touching the roof and others that were hanging over the roof. We also removed the tree near the entrance due to disease as it was recommended by all that bid on the project .

The narthex area by the coffee machine has been repaired due to water damage along with the men's room. During this process we found problems in the lady's room and by our entrance, so we are working on these areas.

Always something to accomplish to keep Our Church upgraded and perfect as it should be...

I will be sending out a group text this week about Pumpkin patch times to volunteer to help with operating the patch. With the sign-up board in the Narthex and not having a lot of in-service attendees due to COVID, if you send me back your time commitments I will write them in on the board. If you do not want to be a part of this group text, then simply send me back a text or e-mail and I will make the adjustments.

Text 614-205-4095

E-mail jwvotino@gmail.com

For where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst. Matthew 18:20

Worship Team continues to monitor the status of Covid in our community. Because Franklin county (and all of Ohio) is red right now, we have decided to return to not singing in worship.

Pastor continues to record our 10am worship service each Sunday. This is a much-appreciated convenience for our shut-ins and any of us concerned with worshipping together during the pandemic.

Worship Team is putting together a Fellowship celebration for Reformation Sunday, which also happens to be FLC's 41st anniversary of founding and Pastor Robin's 8th anniversary at FLC. Join us for this special worship service and day.

Pastor continues to make worship more meaningful to our children by having them light the altar candles, extinguish them, and by having a children's sermon with them.

Upcoming Events

October 31 - Reformation Sunday

November 7 - All Saints Sunday (Daylight Saving Time Ends)

November 14 - Veteran Recognition Sunday

November 14 - Congregation Meeting after 10:00 a.m. service

November 21 - Christ the King Sunday

November 28 - Advent begins

Worship Servers Schedule for October 2021

Date	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Lay Reader	Stacy Niedecker	George Biemel			
Counter		George Biemel			
Greeter	Karen Harris	George Biemel			
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd

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!

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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

October Birthdays

Megan Cardimen	10/07
Abby DeVantier	10/11
Sarah Almeida	10/18
Mike Defibaugh	10/18
Sarah Oliver	10/18
Kathy Farel	10/23
Don Johnson	10/25
Pam Crispin	10/28
Tom Mott	10/29
John McDaniel	10/30
Charlotte Tonn	10/30
Pam Lude	10/31

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Joan Albert, Ruth Albert's mother
Lucille Bline, Dianna Roll's close relative
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
Jeff LeMay, Frank & Leena LeMay's son
Allena McLaughlin, Cindy Frey's friend's daughter
Harry Swaengen, Bill Lude's friend
Hayden Valesky, Votino's great nephew



***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:

Fred Bline, Dianna Roll's close relative
Donna Engen, Fellowship member
Hazel Lambert, Fellowship member
Linda Wilcox, Barb Fisher's friend

October Anniversaries

Paul & Vanessa France	10/05
Pat & Cindy Frey	10/06
Andy Smith & Kathryn Tucker	10/10
Sam & Maxine Brunner	10/15
Dan & Megan Howard	10/19
Artem & Kate Terentyev	10/20
Dave & Debbie Bear	10/24
Zachary & Angela Kidd	10/24
Zak & Kathleen Wolkan	10/25



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	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!!!

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - BAPS	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 2:00 p.m. - Service for Donna Engen
3 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-2:30 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - SICC	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9:30 am - PP tent setup
10 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (zoom)	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9:00 am - Pumpkins arrive for unloading
17 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - Pastor's meeting 8:00 pm - CJMC	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
24 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
31 Reformation 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

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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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