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"For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Isaiah 55:12

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends,

With school starting back up again and things trying to return to normal, I was sure hoping that COVID would be behind us by now but that simply is not the case. I do so miss singing and our sung Lutheran liturgy, but that will have to be on hold for a bit longer. If you have not yet been vaccinated, I highly encourage you to do so, and when boosters are available for the vaccinated, to get one. We have approximately 70% of our members vaccinated at this time.

I hope you all have had an enjoyable summer and have been able to take time off to relax. It was great to see so many of you at our outdoor service and picnic. Thanks to George Biemel and the Fellowship Band, who provided our lovely music, and our worship, support, and congregational life teams who helped us with this service.

I am looking to expand our congregational care team. If you have an interest in helping with visits/communion to our homebound members, please let Cindy Frey or me know.

As we finish up the summer narrative lectionary series and our study of the Book of Revelation next week, our worship team has decided to continue with the narrative lectionary for the next year. The narrative lectionary allows for more in-depth study of the Bible readings with a goal of improving Biblical literacy. From mid-September to mid-December, we will focus on Old Testament readings, with a theme of how God provides out of chaos, then begin readings from the Gospel of John until May. From May until Pentecost, our readings will come from the Book of Acts and Philipppians. I hope you are enjoying the narrative lectionary as I am. It's a refreshing change from the Revised Common Lectionary that we've used in the past. If you are interested in the daily readings, please let me know and I will make them available.

It was truly a blessing to attend Michael Cherup's farewell organ concert at Fellowship on August 8th and see so many members there to support him. His growth on the organ has been wonderful to watch! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give Michael a parting gift of \$414.00! We wish Michael the very best in his studies and future endeavors.

We have also gained 4 new or returning members, Byron and Donna Engen, and Sam and Maxine Brunner. Byron and Donna live in Delaware, OH, near the LeMays in Burr Oak Commons, and Sam and Maxine have returned to Claremont Retirement Village on Bent Tree Blvd. Their pictures are elsewhere in this newsletter. Welcome to Fellowship!

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 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.



Rally Day Coming Soon! This year, Rally Day will be on Sunday, **September 19th** at 9:15 a.m. Classes will begin the following Sunday, September 26th from 9:15 - 9:50 a.m. for Preschool through Upper Elementary. Interested middle school and high school youth will be assisting the younger classes. If you are interested in attending/facilitating an adult class, please let Dianna Roll or Pastor

Robin know.

Donation Opportunities

Smoky Row Food Pantry Needs for September

- Peanut Butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Non-perishable food staples, i.e., beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Toiletries, i.e., shampoo, conditioner, soap
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Grocery bags

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

Save the date! Pumpkins will be 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.

PUMPKIN PATCH



Meals on Wheels

Friday, September 17	Biemel	Friday, October 15	Engen
Saturday, September 18	Tucker	Saturday, October 16	Cardimen/Tucker

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 - Our EFT provider, Vanco, will be discontinuing the smartphone app, **Give+**, at the end of September. Please download Vanco's new smartphone app, **Vanco Mobile**, as soon as possible. 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>
7/4	25/4/37 views	8/1	18/5/28 views
7/11	30/6/81 views	8/8	38/3/21 views
7/18	22/7/25 views	8/15	22/5/32 views
7/25	19/3/53 views	8/22	39/4/22 views
		8/29	24/11/20 views

Welcome to our New Members of Fellowship!



Byron & Donna Engen

(Todd Engen's parents who moved from Florida to Delaware, OH in 2020)



Sam & Maxine Brunner

(former FLC members who have returned to the Sawmill area)



***New Sunday Morning Service Pianist***

The Worship Team is pleased to announce that Amy Wargowsky has been hired to serve as our pianist for Fellowship's Sunday morning worship services. Yes, Amy is Pastor Robin's daughter, has played for our 5 pm service for several years, and alternated recorded services with Michael Cherup for the duration of our recorded virtual services. She is familiar with Fellowship and we are familiar with her. Amy is an accomplished pianist and brings many years of experience playing for worship services. Amy will begin playing for the 10 am services on September 19th. We are excited to have her as our Sunday morning pianist and hope you will welcome her as we begin our musical journey together in God's service.

For a brief bit of background, the Worship Team (Karen Harris, Sonya Thelin, Dianna Roll, Pastor Robin, and George Biemel) began organizing for finding a new accompanist for our Sunday morning services when we became aware that Michael Cherup was planning to leave Fellowship in early August. In May 2021, we advertised our position on the American Guild of Organists and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians websites.

In June we interviewed a candidate and discussed the position with him, however, he declined to proceed with Fellowship. A second candidate contacted us in July. She was interested, but then was unable to proceed with an interview due to health concerns.

In late July, Amy contacted us about the position. We interviewed Amy as we would any candidate and were quite pleased with her playing ability on the piano. Pastor Robin excused herself from the interview since Amy is her daughter. After the interview, the team discussed our impressions along with the fact that Amy plays piano, but not organ. We decided that her musical qualifications and dedication to playing in our church services will be a major benefit to Fellowship and that not using the organ, while regrettable, was an acceptable trade-off for Fellowship at this point. Amy will continue to play for our Sunday 5 pm services also.

Worship Servers Schedule for September 2021

Date	September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Lay Reader	Kathy Farel	Sonya Thelin	Cindy Frey	Todd Engen
Counter	Jim Jaeger	John Votino	John Votino	George Biemel
Greeter		Karen Harris	Kathryn Tucker	
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

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	Hazel Lambert
Major N Crispin	Frank & Leena LeMay
Donna Engen	Sonja Meighen
Barb Fisher	Joshua Mott
Margery Gress	Stacy Niedecker
Cheryl Hamilton	Martha Sampson
Karen Henry	Ray & Carol Ward
Zach Jaeger	Bill Zahn

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
Charles Schall, Pastor Robin's nephew
Hayden Valesky, Votino's great nephew

DEATHS:

Terry Dye, Stacy Niedecker's cousin
Earl Harris, Jim and Carol Jaeger's friend
Kyle Joseph Irwin, Jim and Carol Jaeger's friend's son

September Birthdays

Leah Anderson	09/01
Debbie Bear	09/03
Jenifer Takats	09/06
Martha Sampson	09/07
David Biemel	09/10
Ed Lathy	09/11
Donna Williamson	09/11
Aleigha Crispin	09/18
Naoki Tateyama	09/19
Michael Cherup	09/21
Mike Rankin	09/22
Ruth Albert	09/23
Nicholas Meighen	09/23
Ruth Rankin	09/24
Vanessa France	09/25
Cameron Frey	09/29
Dominic Frey	09/29
Gabriella Frey	09/29



***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!*

September Anniversaries

Michelle & Jason Cleveland	09/16
Chris & Heather Tonn	09/18
Pete & Megan Cardimen	09/19
Kevin & Maria Anderson	09/20
Jim & Carol Jaeger	09/20
John & Mary McDaniel	09/25
Peter & Sonja Meighen	09/28



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!!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
5 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-2:30 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	6 Labor Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
12 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (zoom)	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
19 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 10 am - 2 pm - Council Retreat
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	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

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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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