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⁸"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:8,15-16

Greetings Fellowship members and friends!



My absolutely favorite time of the year is fall so I always love its beginning in September. The changing colors and cooler temperatures help me to appreciate the beauty of God's creation. The splendor of God's creation is unmatched - God is surely the best artist in the world! Looking at all the beauty that surrounds us, one has to wonder how some people could doubt God's awesome presence in the world.

While it's hard to part ways with summer, a new season always brings new beginnings. As we say goodbye to the days at the pool, summer vacations, and let go of the fun-filled craze of summer, may we embrace autumn with open arms and say hello to cozy flannels, pumpkin picking, campfires and s'mores, and the crisp autumn wind. One author, Lauren Destefano, describes fall as a time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature has been saving up all year for the grand finale.

The change of seasons also bring changes at our church. On September 11th we will participate in "God's Word. Our Hands" Sunday as we make blessing bags for the homeless and those in need in our community. September 11th is also Rally Day when we kick off Sunday School with our Rally Day Celebration. Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday, September 18th. Pete and Lilly Cardimen will teach our youth, Susan Wolfe will facilitate our Adult class, and I will teach the confirmation class. Also in September, we will change our liturgy to Setting 10 in the ELW and return to the traditional Lord's Prayer in the morning service.

Mark your calendars for two important upcoming congregation meetings. After worship on **October 23rd**, we will be updating our constitution with some needed changes and the recommended changes to the model constitution made at August's churchwide gathering in Columbus. We will also probably talk about the lighting situation at that meeting. Then our annual meeting will be after worship on **November 13th** when we will ratify the changes to our constitution, elect a new leadership team, and approve the budget for 2023. Please remember voting members are those who have communed **and** given an offering of record during this year or 2021. November 13th will also be Consecration and Veteran Recognition Sunday.

I encourage you to connect evermore to your church family this coming season and commit to faithfully participate in the ministries of your church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. May we all grow with God and one another and draw on God's providence and spirit to guide us through the seasons of our own lives.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-person Worship Masks are now optional. Please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable with one on.

Giving Opportunity With our current unexpected expenses to correct our lighting problem or the water damage in our first classroom, we are looking for possibilities of generosity giving. Please consider giving to our capital fund (on the Vanco Mobile app or designate Capital Fund on your offering envelope) to help us offset some of our expenses. We will keep track of the total giving for this and inform you weekly of the funds raised through your generosity giving. Thank you all!



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. Beginning in June, we will celebrate communion weekly, still using the prepackaged kits.

Donation Opportunities



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is September 11 - The Outreach Team is requesting donations of personal (sample/travel) size hygiene items, snacks, bottles of water, mittens, hats, T-shirts between now and Friday, September 9. We will use the items to fill personal Blessing Bags that we can offer individuals who stop by the church for immediate aid/support. Many are on foot, homeless, jobless, exhausted, and feeling disparaged. The Blessing Bags are small to carry, and provide items to refresh for another day. In addition to donations, we are asking for your help to fill the bags on September 11 during Rally Day activities. Please join us - share your generosity and uplifting spirit with your church family!

The Smoky Row Food Pantry located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items:

- **Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta.**
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex during church service hours, or during the published office hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. 2 Thank you!

Youth Sunday School News Rally Day for Sunday School will be on September 11th at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School classes will begin the following Sunday, September 18th at 9:00 a.m. This year, we will be using Sparkhouse, Activate Faith - All Kids for the curriculum and the class will be taught by Pete and Lilly Cardimen.



Adult Sunday School Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 9 am Adult Sunday School will be resuming. We will be discussing the book, *If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat* by John Ortberg. Susan Wolfe will facilitate the discussion.



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. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out!

Meals on Wheels

Saturday, September 17	Biemel
Saturday, October 15	Cardimen

Two Rollators Available Two rollators have been donated to Fellowship from Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and have been placed in the coat rack area. If you are in need of a rollator, please let Pastor Robin or Tracy know and take one. Please return to the church when you no longer need the rollator.

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!

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!

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/>

Prayer Concerns If you have a pastoral care request (upcoming surgery, hospitalization, need for counseling, etc.), please call Pastor Robin at (937) 725-4930. 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.

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.



Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

July 3	22/4/22 views	August 7	25/201 views
July 10	28/6/22 views	August 14	24/5/28 views
July 17	21/3/17 views	August 21	24/4/14 views
July 24	19/8/24 views	August 28	26/3/12 views
July 31	25/4/16 views		

2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly summary of actions

The 2022 ELCA Churchwide Assembly met Aug. 8-12 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Gathering under the theme "Embody the Word," the assembly worshiped together in services of eucharist and lament, experienced a liturgy rooted in Indigenous traditions, and heard a public apology in a nonlegislative session to Iglesia Luterana Santa María Peregrina for harm experienced from actions taken by the Sierra Pacific Synod and this church.

The following key actions were taken by the assembly:

- Elected Imran Siddiqui of the Southeastern Synod as vice president of the ELCA.
- Directed the ELCA Church Council to establish a Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church to reconsider the statements of purpose for each expression of this church, the principles of organizational structure and our shared commitment to dismantle racism, with findings to be reported to the 2025 Churchwide Assembly in preparation for a possible reconstituting convention. Directed an external audit of the governing documents of the ELCA to consider diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility, with findings resulting in recommended changes to the governing documents.
- Authorized revisions to the social statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust*; approved exploration of reconsideration of the four stated positions of "bound conscience."
- Encouraged members, congregations and synods of this church to educate themselves about Indigenous peoples, calling on the churchwide organization to work with synods and Indigenous partners to identify sources of funding for ministries for Indigenous peoples, and encouraging restorative justice that could include the return of land to the appropriate Native nations.
- Referred a proposed study of pay gaps for rostered ministers to the Church Council.
- Mandated a review process of the roster manual and policies related to specialized ministries, on leave from call status, and protocols for removal from the rosters; encouraged bishops and synod councils to use sparingly the process of removal from the roster for nondisciplinary reasons.
- Approved the budget proposal for the triennium, including a spending authorization of \$68,814,000 for 2023 for the current fund, along with a spending authorization of \$22,869,000 for ELCA World Hunger.
- Affirmed limits on the use of nondisclosure agreements by the churchwide organization; urged synods, congregations and other ministries to apply the same limits.
- Reaffirmed the commitment of this church to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, directing the churchwide organization to set a goal of a 50% reduction of net greenhouse gas pollution by 2030, with a long-range goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.
- Called for a review of the nomination and elections processes used by synods and the churchwide organization.
- Responded to memorials on diversity; nuclear weapons; voting rights and Washington, D.C. statehood; strategies for fortifying urban ministries; a Black migrant strategy; the right to boycott; gun violence; LGBTQIA+ welcome; substance abuse; Roe v. Wade; remembrance of Armenian, Assyrian and Greek genocide; parental and medical family leave; a process for pre-identification of nominees for the Office of the Presiding Bishop; revisions to the mission development process; consideration of communion practices related to remote worship; affirmation of the task force created by the Church Council to review the discipline process; and a social message on child abuse and protection.
- Approved or ratified amendments to the Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the ELCA, most of which were related to general clarifications and updates; inclusive language; synod-authorized ministry; designation of advisory members by the Church Council; boards of the separately incorporated ministries; and election procedures for officers and the Churchwide Assembly.
- Elected members of the Church Council, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline, Nominating Committee and boards of the separately incorporated ministries.

NEWS you can use!

Thursday
September 22, 2022
2-7 PM

Access to Justice & Improving Public Safety



Franklin County Board of Elections
1700 Morse Road
Columbus OH, 43229

Come learn about improving safety, saving lives, and understanding the law better. **This FREE event will feature presentations that will include but not be limited to:**

- New Ohio Gun Carry Law updates
- Family Services, including job training, food, and housing assistance
- Franklin Co. Sheriff's Office, including job opportunities and tour a police car
- New Ohio BMV Law updates: License reinstatement, renewal & online services

FREE
Parking!

FREE
Food Box
Giveaway!

& much more!



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives





The Fellowship Lutheran Church Project (FLC): [Blessing Bags](#)

Blessing Bags are individual bags of personal (sample/travel size) hygiene items, snacks, essential clothing, and meal gift certificates, e.g., McDonald's. The concept is for use by churches/missions who serve persons knocking on the door in need of immediate support. FLC has traditionally handed out hygiene kits, though our inventory is limited, and we do not have a supply of snacks, or clothing items. The blessing bags would be in addition to the gas and grocery gift cards that Pastor provides to those in need of food for households, and gas to travel to/from work and the grocery.

The Outreach Team request donations of personal size hygiene items, non-perishable snack items, bottles of water, socks, mittens, hats, etc. from members. The donations will supplement a Thrivent Action Grant used to provide items for the blessing bags. The T-shirts included with the Thrivent Action Grants can be used in the clothing bags. If we have an abundance of bags, they can be shared with neighbor churches participating in the Sawmill Interfaith Group and Faith Mission. **7**

Suggestions of items for the Blessing Bags :

Personal hygiene kits (personal size products/travel/accumulated hotel items) –

Soap (bar)	Razor
Toothpaste	Deodorant
Toothbrush	Lip balm
Hand sanitizer	Face cloth/wipes
Mask	Tissues
Shampoo/Conditioner	Bandages/Band aids
Body lotion	Feminine hygiene products- tampons/pads
Shaving gel	Hair tie
Comb	Nail clippers

Personal Snack items:

Granola bars	Dried fruits
Peanut butter crackers	Bottle of water
Trail mix	

Clothing items:

Socks	Hats
Mittens/gloves	T-shirt

Please leave your donations in the designated containers in the Narthex at the church by Close of business on **Friday, September 9, 2022.**

In addition, please consider volunteering your time to fill bags on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday. September 11 is Rally Day too, so activities will be coordinated with the Education Team and Sunday School teachers and attendees.

The need in our community has heightened and the call to our church has increased. Many are on foot and need basic support services that are within walking distance. The Smoky Row Food Pantry is located near the church when greater support is needed.

THANK YOU for the generosity of your time, talent, and resources!!

Property use of Generosity Giving Funds

Many, Many thanks to all who have donated and continue to help with donations to keep "Our Church" in good shape with the unexpected costs for repairs.

As of 8/28/22 Sunday our capital fund balance is
\$8565.75

We have repaired one roof leak in classroom 1 for **\$1572 – Paid** from funds raised (but unfortunately another leak was found after repairs) and this repair is for **\$6400** all in - which we **paid** a down payment of **\$1920** and leaves a balance of **\$4480**.

Our remaining capital account funds will be
**\$4085.75 for the lighting repairs. Which is as of now
A cost of \$15,250.**

This leaves us with a balance of
\$11,164.25 to raise for total lighting repair.

Why are we recommending replacement of our lighting system? We have had several problems this year beginning in March. We had no lights for a couple of services, as did the Korean church that worships in our building. The panel along the wall in the back of the sanctuary is no longer working. For several weeks, we had to have a loud fan going during services to keep our system from overheating. Our current lighting system (Lithonia) is out of date and we are no longer able to get parts. We believe that it is the original system and was installed when the church was built and the sanctuary panel added around 1998 when the rear wall was added. We are currently turning on the lights off and on with 10 breakers and have no dimming capabilities, etc. Two electricians/companies have recommended that we replace our current system. To replace our 18 "can" lights with cost-saving LED lights, we have been advised that we need to change the "can" fixtures out.

Replacing our lighting system with LED lights will save us money on our electrical costs and the cost to frequently replace our lights with the costs of getting a lift, approximately \$250 - \$500/an occurrence. In the last 21 months, we have paid Elevated Electric \$3,563.93 with the majority of the cost being for sanctuary lighting.

After lengthy discussion of this repair at our council meeting we have several thoughts.

Continue our Generosity Giving request and hit our goal of \$11,164.25 to repair the lighting back to 100% which we will do and continue to update. One area we will save funds (\$) will be that after talking to Zach from Evolved Lighting – I will purchase all of the chandelier lighting using NASTY’s account as we receive a 25% discount. At the time I will ask for several volunteers to help change out the chandeliers to the more efficient LED lamps which may take a total of 2 hours in my perspective.

We will 100% change out the track lighting that focuses on the altar and the pulpit as of now only 3 lights are working and the track is bad on the right-hand side facing Sawmill road.

We will at this time hold on the can lighting in the ceiling of the sanctuary unless we can raise all **\$11,164.25.**

I feel we will be able to over the next few months with a re-focus on our “Generosity Giving”

So with this newsletter article being sent out to inform and update all members – please reconsider your “Generosity Giving”. You can leave a check in an envelope in our mail box as it is locked. You can drop some funds off at the church if you’re around. You can also make it easy and go to the Vanco Mobile app. look for Fellowship Lutheran Church, 7350 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43235.

T E A M – Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

Again, Many Thanks for your Giving and helping

John

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, Ruth Albert
Choir/Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Kathryn Tucker
Vice-President	George Biemel
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!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for September 2022

	September 4	September 11
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Todd Engen
Counter	Bill Lude	Jim Jaeger
Greeter	Bill Lude	Kathryn Tucker
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	September 18	September 25
Lay Reader		
Counter		
Greeter	Karen Harris	
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

Worship Servers Needed!

We have not yet returned to our full schedule of worship servers. 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!



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	29 7:00 pm - NA	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - SICC Prs 8:00 pm - CJMC	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
4 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	5 Labor Day (Office closed) 7:00 pm - NA	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
11 God's Work Our Hands Sunday 9:15 am - Rally Day 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	12 7:00 pm - NA	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
18 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	19 7:00 pm - NA	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
25 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	26 7:00 pm - NA	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Outreach Team (zoom)	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fritzi Bear | Lillian Kachic |
| Maxine Brunner | Frank & Leena LeMay |
| Major N Crispin | Sonja Meighen |
| Barb Fisher | Joshua Mott |
| Margery Gress | Martha Sampson |
| Claire Haase | John Votino |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Ray & Carol Ward |
| Zach Jaeger | |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
John Haffner, Amanda Laucher's father
Marc Hamilton, Cheryl Hamilton's son
Curtis, Katie & JJ Hoppe, Todd Engen's great nephew's family
Ron Kemerley, Cindy Frey's cousin
Suzanne Kemperman, Sonya Thelin's friend
Charlotte Schall, Pastor Robin's mother
John Tolbert, Karen Harris' daughter-in-law's father

DEATHS:

- Steve Bear**, Fritzi Bear's son & Dave Bear's brother

September Birthdays

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| 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 |
| Aleighta Crispin | 09/18 |
| 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

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| 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 |
| Peter & Sonja Meighen | 09/28 |



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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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