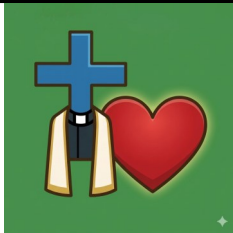


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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven... He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." Ecclesiastes 3:1, 11

Dear friends in Christ,

As I sit down to write this, autumn has officially arrived. Fall is, without a doubt, my absolute favorite time of the year. I love driving through the countryside or along the river to take in the changing leaves. There is something deeply grounding about watching creation transform. The splendor of God's world is unmatched—God is truly the ultimate artist. Looking at the brilliant canopy of reds, oranges, and golds, it is hard not to feel the deep presence of the Creator around us.

Writer Cathy Irvin once captured this feeling so well:

"When people say there is no God, I know they do not see with eyes like mine. They must see a plain, white canvas or a black drop cloth and not the blue skies that fade into light pink in the evening. Nor do they see the flowers that no paint on any artist's palette could attempt to match or the trees that were each given a certain color leaf to change into when autumn arrives... It is just that they do not know the Master of the seasons, the One who has created such magnificent displays of perfect art."

The rhythm of autumn offers us a powerful metaphor for our own lives of faith. Trees must let go of their leaves so that they can rest, endure the winter, and prepare for the blessing of new growth in the spring. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther speaks of a similar holy cycle—how through our baptism, the "old person" in us is daily drowned and put to death, so that a new person may daily arise and live before God. God is constantly at work in us through the Holy Spirit, making space for renewal, growth, and new life.

Reflecting on seasons also brings to mind the transitions in my own journey—each season has offered a chance to listen closely to the Spirit's promptings and discern God's calling. Serving as your pastor is a profound privilege. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue walking alongside you, sharing in your stories, and accompanying you through the various seasons of your lives.

As the weather cools and the leaves turn, my prayer for our community is that we rest in the promise of God's constant providence. May the Holy Spirit guide us through every shift and season, filling our hearts with grace, wonder, and trust in the One who makes all things beautiful in their time.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for **October, November, and December** include:



- Baby Items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap & deodorant
- Turkeys/Hams
- Laundry Detergent
- Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves

Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!



Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out The next Women's Dinner is on Tuesday, October 27th, at 6:00 p.m., at Bravo! Italian Kitchen, 3000 Hayden Rd., Columbus, OH 43235, (614) 791-1245. The next Guys' Night Out TBD. All are welcome!

Sunday School Sunday School classes for youth and adults are at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.



Worship Servers Needed If you are willing to serve as assisting minister, reader, greeter, or counter for our 10:00 a.m. service, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We are especially in need of counters and assisting ministers. We are also looking for fellowship hosts to serve light refreshments after Sunday

worship once a month. Thanks!

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





Holy Communion We celebrate Communion weekly. All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to join us in the celebration of Holy Communion. Grape juice is available in the center of the trays. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Pastoral Care Request If you have a pastoral care request (hospitalization, upcoming surgery, 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 know so it can be scheduled.



Fellowship has an Instagram Page thanks to Pete and Lilly Cardimen! Click on this link: https://www.instagram.com/fellowship_lutheran_church/#



Thrivent Choice Dollars 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!



All Saints' Sunday - November 1 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 1st, please contact Pastor Robin or add your loved one to the list on the table in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATES!

- **October 25** - 46th FLC Anniversary & Reformation Sunday - Don't forget to wear red!
- **November 1** - All Saints' Sunday with Roll Call of the Saints; turn clocks back one hour
- **November 8** - Recognition of FLC Veterans
- **November 15** - Consecration Sunday; Annual Congregation Meeting

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

August 2	28/12 views	September 6	26/15 views
August 9	43/27 views	September 13	25/15 views
August 16	33/17 views	September 20	34/10 views
August 23	27/17 views	September 27	23/11 views
August 30	17/11 views		

“Be just and fair to all. Do what is right and good, for I am coming soon to rescue you and to display my righteousness among you.” Isaiah 56 verse 1

Fellowship’s Outdoor Worship, held on August 9th, was enjoyed by 43 members and friends. We were able to worship God in His wondrous creation, along with having an instrumental band. We then enjoyed the fellowship of other members under the pavilion during a tasty lunch, provided with much help from the Frey Family. Many members brought desserts to share. Thanks to all who helped in making this outdoor worship time so memorable.

On Sunday, August 16th during worship, we rejoiced with the families of Andrew Smith and Kathryn Tucker as we had a Celebration of Baptism for Bridget Smith who was baptized earlier this year.

On September 6th, Pastor Robin held a Healing Service immediately following worship. The following Sunday, Fellowship members assembled Thrivent-provided water filtration and solar lighting kits to then be sent to people in need.

Sunday School for youth and adults began Sunday, 9/20 at 9 am. Pastor Robin is teaching a class of Confirmation; Dianna Roll and Kathleen Wolkan are teaching a preschool class.

During the Worship Team August meeting, we created our 2027 budget.

At our October 13th worship team meeting, we will make plans for Reformation Sunday, the 46th anniversary of FLC’s chartering, and Pastor Robin’s 13 year anniversary of service at FLC.

Dates to remember:

10/25 - Reformation Sunday, Pastor Robin’s 13 year anniversary, and the 46th Anniversary of Fellowship

11/1 - All Saints Sunday, Daylight Savings Time ends

11/8 - Veteran Recognition Sunday

11/15 - Congregational meeting, Consecration Sunday

Respectfully submitted by Karen Harris, Worship Team Leader

Worship Servers Schedule for October 2026

	October 4	October 11
Asst. Minister	Beth Hammeren	Chad Laucher
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Chad Laucher
Counter	Jim Jaeger	
Greeter		Jasmine Neal-Spears
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd

	October 18	October 25
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Counter		
Greeter		
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd



Worship Servers Needed!

If you can fill any of our openings for assisting ministers, readers, counters, communion assistants, greeters or fellowship hosts or help out in future months, please call or email Pastor Robin or Tracy Farel. Thanks!

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Carolyn Crispin	Frank LeMay
Major N Crispin	Leena LeMay
Byron Engen	Pete Meighen
Claire Haase	Bridget Smith
Cheryl Hamilton	Sonya Thelin
Karen Henry	John Votino
Lillian Kachic	Ray Ward
Ed Lathy	

October Birthdays

Megan Cardimen	10/07
Sarah McCormick	10/18
Kathy Farel	10/23
Don Johnson	10/25
Pam Crispin	10/28
Charlotte Tonn	10/30
Pam Lude	10/31

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Kim Hammeren, Beth Hammeren's husband
Garrett Henry, Mike Rankin's step grandson
Rachel Lathy, Ed Lathy's daughter
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher's father
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Jon Self, John Votino's friend
John Seol, CJMC Member
Rovan Spears, Jasmine Neal-Spears' husband
Danny Valley, Beth Hammeren's son-in-law



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:

Twyla Fleming, Farel family friend
Cliff Hammeren, Beth Hammeren's father-in-law

October Anniversaries

Paul & Vanessa France	10/05
Pat & Cindy Frey	10/06
Andy Smith & Kathryn Tucker	10/10
Dan & Megan Howard	10/19
Zachary & Angela Kidd	10/24
Zak & Kathleen Wolkan	10/25



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	28	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
4 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	5	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
11 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	12	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
18 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	19	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council (zoom)	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
25 <i>Reformation</i> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	26	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Bill Farel
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist/Pianist	Suzanne McNutt
Sub. Pianist/Organist	Amy Wargowsky, David Fleisher, Ruth Albert
Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Ruth Albert
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Angela Kidd
	Pastor Robin

At-large Council Members

Andy Smith
Cathy Votino
Donna Williamson

Team Coordinators

Congregational Life	Vacant
Education & Youth	Dianna Roll
Outreach	Pete Cardimen
Property	John Votino
Stewardship	Vacant (Council)
Worship	Karen Harris

Thank you for your leadership!!!

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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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