

The Vine



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In our Gospel reading on Pentecost Sunday, Jesus says, my peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you.

Are you sensing that peace today? Wake up with it? Greet

someone else with it? Share it with someone already who might need it?

Our daily routine in American culture rarely revolves around peace. Quite the opposite...mainly it's about managing chaos and searching for moments of peace. Peace is not easy to find, let alone hang onto. But when it is found, it can be a powerful thing.

On the first Sunday in June, June 1, we're going to hear the story of the apostle Paul and Silas, who while sharing the peace with people in one village, were thrown into prison. Chaos! But instead of letting the chaos rule the moment, they sat in their cell and sang "songs of praise to God." Those tunes and lyrics of peace, with an indwelling of the Holy Spirit, changed that jail, released the prisoners and opened the hearts of the jailers.

"My peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you." – Jesus

It's a gift that has already been given. It's a gift that is sustained by a present Holy Spirit. It's a gift will be there, even when our hearts seem to be bogged down in the chaos.

My prayer for you today is that this peace, which surpasses all human understanding, will dwell in, with and through you. My prayer is that your baseline today will start and end with those songs of praise to God that will overwhelm the harsh tones of chaos. My prayer for you today it that this gift of Jesus' peace will be a corrective force when it feels like some other force is pushing you into your own personal jail. My prayer for you is that you will know that Jesus doesn't give the way the world gives, so as Jesus invited, do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

Peace.

Lord, may your peace roll over our lives today. Amen Still in One Peace,

Pastor Andy Seibert

WELCA Women of the Evangelical Church in America will meet on Monday, June 9 at 11:30. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with the group. There will be a business meeting and devotion. All ladies of the church are invited. Please come and join us in fellowship.





Welca will be working on assembling LWR kits. For the month of June we are asking for donations of bath size soap for the personal care kits. The soap must be in the original wrapping equaling 8 to 9 oz. No mini or hotel size bars. There will be a basket in the narthex to drop off the soap.





Council's Corner



Approved the plan from the Congregation Connections Commission to decorate the Fellowship Hall with crosses and other possible items.

Approved scheduling the Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build for June 14, 2025.

Approved replacing the two Camelia trees, in the landscaped area of the church that have exceeded their life expectancy.

Treasurer Lewis reported on changes to our insurance coverage: increases in the premium and deductible, decrease in term length (from three years to one year) and valuation of replacement costs for damage claims.

Instructed the Property Committee to look into changes to the Kitchen Doors, so that when open they do not block access to cabinetry and ice machine; and other door issues in the Fellowship Hall area.

Approved the plan to change the direction of the doors to the kitchen, so that they swing out of the kitchen and not block access to cabinetry when propped open.



Bible +

For the first Sunday of June, Judy Bultman will continue leading the class as members discuss the origin and history of their favorite hymn or gospel song. On Father's Day, we will revisit the well-known fathers and patriarchs of the Bible. On other Sundays we will be discussing various aspects of Martin Luther's life, in addition to the 95 Theses and the Diet of Worms, and the Luther Seal or Rose. June 29 is Unity Sunday, so the class will not be meeting. Whether you're a long-time Lutheran or only recently began attending Christ Lutheran, we invite you to join us each Sunday.



We have been blessed with gifted leaders and dedicated workers over the twenty years. Mary Alice Swope and Pastor Andy Seibert are the survivors of the original discussion group. In the new location we will have bathrooms for the staff and all our food will be under one roof.

You are invited to join us as we celebrate these two events on Thursday June 5, 2025 from 2-6 pm at our new location at 3285 Poplar Springs Rd. Gainesville, GA. We will have an open house with light Refreshments, and at 500 p.m. we will dedicate the new building. A donation of pasta and pasta sauce would be appreciated.

Item of the month:

Pasta

Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex



Thank you!

THANK YOU

Dear Congregation,

I wanted to send a special thank you for all the prayers, cards and meals you all have provided these last couple weeks. I am still recovering and appreciate all your kindness and love.

Sincerely, Diane Morhard







Congregation Connection



Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 29th, which is our next Unity Sunday. We will not be doing our normal potluck after the service, instead we are planning a picnic. Burgers and hotdogs will be served. So, pull out all of those summertime recipes to go along. More information to follow.

The box in the narthex is starting to fill with crosses, keep them coming. We are asking members to consider donating a cross to beautify our fellowship wall (one per family). This may be one you already have or you wish to buy from your favorite store, or one that you may want to make. We ask that it be between 8" tall and 18" tall and that it has a hook/hanger on the back. Please make sure that you attach your name on a piece of paper to it, we are trying to keep track of those that have so graciously given one. We have a box in the Narthex to collect them.





Please reach out if you know of someone that may need to be added to the list of home visits.

Thank you to those that have reached out and have signed up to offer their help with driving and visits. We can always use more helpers! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

Any questions - Dee Grimshaw 321-610-0220 or dgrimshaw@bellsouth.net

Dee Grimshaw









No Kids Worship throughout June & July We will resume August 3rd



Teen Summer
Small Group
starting June 11th
Time and place TBD
For more
information see Ms.
Sarah









VBS Ice Cream Social Celebration June 8th after the 11AM service

Sponsored by Thrivent Financial



6/5- James & Janet Meyers 6/6- Jill & Jan Young 6/10- Ken & Jen Sawyer 6/10- Terry & Susan Medrow 6/10- George & Diane Mulkey 6/11- Dale & Lynn Osterloh 6/11- Alan & Kimberly Overcash 6/14- Walter & Cathy Piekarczyk 6/15- James & Denise Kelley 6/16- Greg & Lynn Thomas 6/20- Ted & Karline Best 6/22- Hank & Jeanne Lewis 6/25- James & Melida Ellis 6/26- Russ & Jenny Goodwin 6/27- Kathie & Wayne Wilson 6/29- George & Mary Moore







6/1- Freda Bair
6/2- Arlan Mackes
6/4- Jenny Goodwin
6/4- Ron Goetzke
6/11- Nordys Guerrero
6/13- Laura Prunsky
6/14- Ethan Underwood
6/19- Katie Tate

6/21- Shawn Baumgartner 6/27- Darlene Random 6/28- Jake Goodwin



Serving this month:

8:30 AM Worship Service

Readers

6/1- Eugene Ferg

6/8- Cathy Schueler

6/15- Cathy Freeman

6/22- Edna Jackson

6/29- Ron Goetzke (Unity Sunday 10 am)

Altar Guild

6/1- Beth Marien

6/8- Sue Joninas

6/15- Cathy Schueler

6/22-Gerry & John Travis

6/29- Lisa Sage (Unity Sunday 10 am)

Assisting Ministers

6/1- Sue McCleese

6/8- Alan Clark

6/15- Eric Bowman

6/22- Sue McCleese

6/29- Alan Clark (Unity Sunday 10 am)

Ushers

6/1- Cheryl Neller & Paul Evans

6/8- Toni Zavadil & Dale Osterloh

6/15- Gerry Travis & Anna Mouthaan

6/22- Cheryl Neller & Paul Evans

6/29- Carol Farrell & Michelle Bair (Unity

Sunday 10 am)

11:00 AM Worship Service

Readers

6/1-David Tate

6/8- Karen Legg

6/15- Jenny Goodwin

6/22- Dr. Hank Lewis

6/29- (Unity Sunday 10 am) Ron Goetzke

Altar Guild

6/1-Elke Baumgartner

6/8-

6/15-Marilyn Johnson

6/22-Sharon Stevens

6/29-Zona Buchen (Unity Sunday 10am)

Bread

6/1- Gerry Travis

6/8- Gerry Travis

6/15- Gerry Travis

6/22- Jill Young

6/29- Jill Young (Unity Sunday 10 am)

Assisting Ministers

6/1- Cindy Grastat

6/8- Dr. Hank Lewis

6/15- Derek Johnson

6/22- Don Woosley

6/29- Alan Clark (Unity Sunday 10 am)

Ushers

6/1- Carol Farrell & Janet Seibert

6/8- Michelle Bair & Ron Goetzke

6/15- Chris Beck & Dr. Hank Lewis

6/22- Joel Parmer & Phyllis Solgere

6/29- Carol Farrell & Michelle Bair (Unity

Sunday 10 am)



