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Doesn't look like much: two pieces of wood.

And yet, it's the most extravagant, generous and overwhelming gift ever given.

I approach a lot of stuff in my life with fairly critical eyes and I disappoint myself at how short sighted and empty I am sometimes. "What's the catch?" "Glass half empty." "Too good to be true."

Too many times, I'm caught in a Scrooge-like mentality and judge too many moments with eyes of skepticism and a minimalistic attitude. Jesus' disciples did the same thing. Maybe you do too?

There's an amazing and convicting story in John's gospel about Mary pouring a ton of expensive perfume over Jesus feet and one of his disciples criticizing her for wasting it. Probably something I might do. The criticism part. But the background is, Jesus has resurrected her brother from the dead and he was eating with them now and she wanted to celebrate it. So she literally pours it all out. Pours it ALL out. (John 12:1-8)



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There's nothing minimalistic about it. There was no holding back. There was only praise. Only devotion. Only thanksgiving. Only worship. Only recognition of what God has, is and probably will do again.

Do you pour it all out? Do you sit at the table with the resurrection power of God and hold back? Has God done it already and it hasn't changed how you respond?

I know I've fallen short in my response. But as I type, I'm going to change that. I'm going to pour it all out. I'm going to criticize less those who do it too. And try harder to be more like Mary. Can you join me?

Lord, help us recognize it and pour it all out. Amen  
Soli Deo Gloria,  
*Pastor Andy Seibert*

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WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) will meet on Monday, May 12 at 11:30. Please join us for lunch, devotion, and fellowship. The hostesses for lunch are Cheryl Fuller, Karline Best and Sarah Douglas. We will be helping with Family Promise by supplying frozen family size lasagna, chicken nuggets and bags of salad. Bring these items to our meeting.

Lutheran World Relief will begin with collection of bath towels in the month of May. We are asking for donations to this project. The bath towels must be new and light to medium weight in dark colors.

Size requirements 20"x40" to 52"x27"

The towels will be packed in the personal care kits.

There will be a basket in the narthex labeled for towels.

There are lots of great ways to love our neighbors in need through Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for helping us.

Welca will be collecting items and packing kits for this mission





LWR quilters will meet on Wed., May 21 from 1-4 in the fellowship hall.

We will work on backpacks, quilt tops, cutting and talking. Come join us! For more information, please contact Marilyn Johnson [marsie46@aol.com](mailto:marsie46@aol.com)



## Bible+

During the month of May, Judy Bultman will be leading the class discussion for several Sundays about the origins of our favorite hymns and Zona Buchen will be leading a class discussion about the parable of The Good Samaritan and how it relates to our lives. We invite everyone to join us.

**Save  
THE  
Date**

**June 14th  
(rain day June 21st)**

**Sleep In Heavenly Peace  
Build day**



**SHP**  
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**





# Let's Celebrate

**CELEBRATION TIME! COME ON!**

**SOUTH HALL**



**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

**20 YEARS OF MINISTRY AND A NEW LOCATION!**

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 5:00 p.m. we will dedicate the new building. A donation of pasta and pasta sauce would be appreciated.

Item of the  
month:

**Pasta  
Sauce**



SOUTH HALL



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Donations can be dropped  
off in the Narthex



*Congratulations to  
William & Amanda  
Stroup*







# Congregation Connection

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17th, 5-8pm as we host Pizza and Painting with Scottye.

Sign up sheet is in the Narthex. We had such fun unleashing our inner "Bob Ross" in the fall. Come join us!



The Congregation Connection along with CLC Outreach are working together on a new project for our fellowship hall. We are asking members to consider donating a cross to beautify our wall (one per family). This may be one you already have or you wish to buy from your favorite store. 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 will have a box in the Narthex to start collecting them in May.



We are still compiling information and the list of needs. Please reach out to us if you know of someone that may need to be added to the list.

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](mailto:dgrimshaw@bellsouth.net)



# youth NEWS



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



## Thank you !

Thank you to all those  
who supported our  
AFFIRM Fundraiser.

We raised  
\$ 937.00



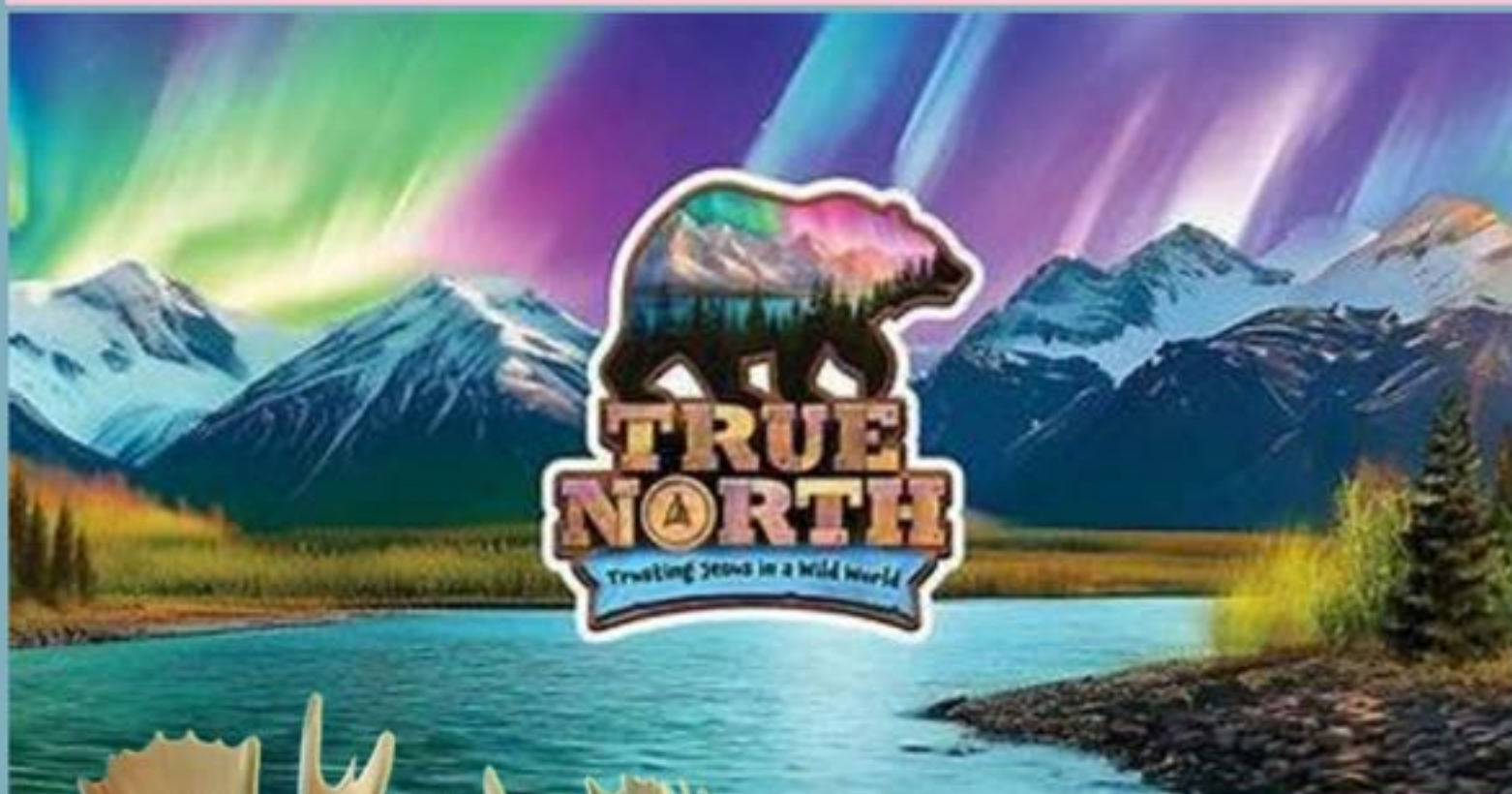
## END OF SCHOOL PARTY

Wednesday May 14th  
6:00 PM

Waterslide, food & FUN







Bruce

Vacation Bible School  
June 2-6th  
6-8:30 PM

Register online at:  
<https://vbspro.events/p/clc25>



Clawdia



Kody



*Happy Anniversary!*



5/8 Richard & Stephanie Scott

5/15 Mike & Beth Marien

5/22 Derek & Dawn Johnson

5/24 Arnie & Sue McCleese



*Happy Birthday*



5/3 Noah Johnson

5/6 Bill Wonnacott

5/20 Beth Marien

5/21 Mitch Schueler

5/22 Kat Hartman

5/22 Emma Seibert

5/23 Sarah Hackney

5/25 Terry Medrow

5/26 Signy Uyl

5/27 Dawn Johnson

5/28 Brody Pirkle

5/29 Tina Crews

5/29 Zona Buchen

5/31 Cecilia Tiller



## Serving this month:

### 8:30 AM Worship Service

#### Readers

5/4- Edna Jackson  
5/11- Toni Zavadil  
5/18- Jan Clark  
5/25- Cathy Schueler

#### Altar Guild

5/4- Sue Joninas  
5/11- Cathy Schueler  
5/18- Gerry & John Travis  
5/25- Beth Marien

#### Assisting Ministers

5/4- Alan Clark  
5/11- Sue McCleese  
5/18- Eric Bowman  
5/25- Alan Clark

#### Ushers

5/4- Gerry Travis & Paul Evans  
5/11- Cheryl Neller & Ana Mouthaan  
5/18- Dale Osterloh & Toni Zavadil  
5/25- Gerry Travis & Paul Evans



### 11:00 AM Worship Service

#### Readers

5/4- Michelle Bair  
5/11- Phyllis Solgere  
5/18- Joel Parmer  
5/25- Zona Buchen

#### Altar Guild

5/4- Elke Baumgartner  
5/11- Marilyn Johnson  
5/18- Sharon Stevens  
5/25- Diane Morhard



#### Assisting Ministers

5/4- Don Woosley  
5/11- Derek Johnson  
5/18- Dr. Hank Lewis  
5/25- Karin Bowman

#### Ushers

5/4- Carol Farrell & Ron Goetzke  
5/11- Michelle Bair & Chris Beck  
5/18- Phyllis Solgere & Janet Seibert  
5/25- Dr. Hank Lewis & Joel Parmer

#### Bread

5/4- Karin Bowman  
5/11- Karin Bowman  
5/18- Diane Bohn  
5/25- Diane Bohn





# May 2025

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics 6:30 pm Pastor Andy's B.S.	2 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	3 1:00 pm Spanish speaking confirmation class
4 <b>VBS Volunteer Meeting 12pm</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible+ 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo	5 <b>CINCO DE MAYO</b> 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	6 9 am Morning Miracles	7 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study	8 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics 6:30 pm Pastor Andy's B.S.	9 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	10 10 am SHCFP
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