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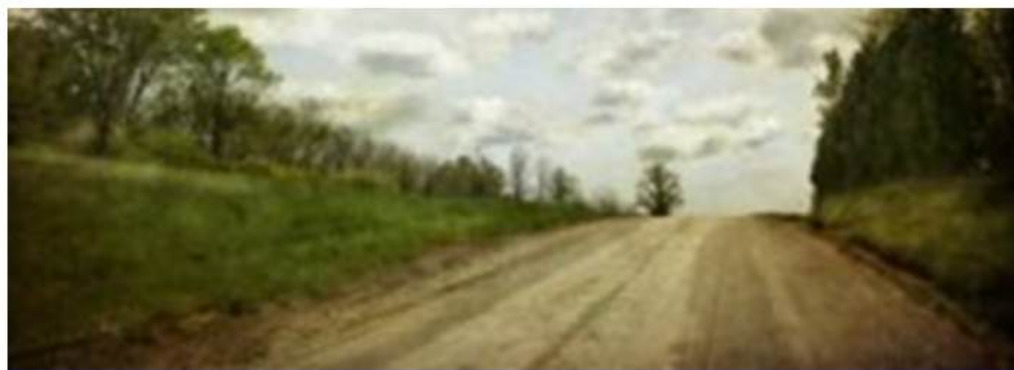
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"Life is a journey, not a destination"

I wish I had a dime for every time I needed to remember that. I'd have a lot of dimes. So often, I rush through to the end and forget to "sight see" along the way. And I can honestly say, each time I have slowed down and looked around, I've been blessed. The destination is almost always a great one, but there is so much along the way.

It's no different in Lent as we journey together thru Palm Sunday and Holy week to Easter Sunday. You can't mess this up! So good to hear again the pronouncement at the tomb. So good to see that it's empty. So amazing to unpack what this means for us now in our dailyness.

But it's just as important to "sight see" along the way.

"Gather around and let me give you a new commandment."

"Take this, eat it, drink it. It's all of me."

"Sit here while I pray....for you....and for the world."

"Let the betrayer come forward and seal it with a kiss. I can handle this."

"You say that I am"

"....." (silence while being mocked)

"Forgive them Father. They have no clue."

"Today you will be with me in paradise."

"(The sound of one last breath)"

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If we rush too fast toward the destination of Easter, we can miss the sights of what it took to get there, what was given in achieving it, what was shared along the way.

May your time before Easter slow down, whether in community worship or in reflective time on your own. May you see the sights...the meal, the garden, the walk, the mocking, the cross, the forgiveness...along the way. And when Easter comes again, may that destination carry even more grace, peace and hope because of the road taken to get there.

Lord, slow us down and help us see. Amen

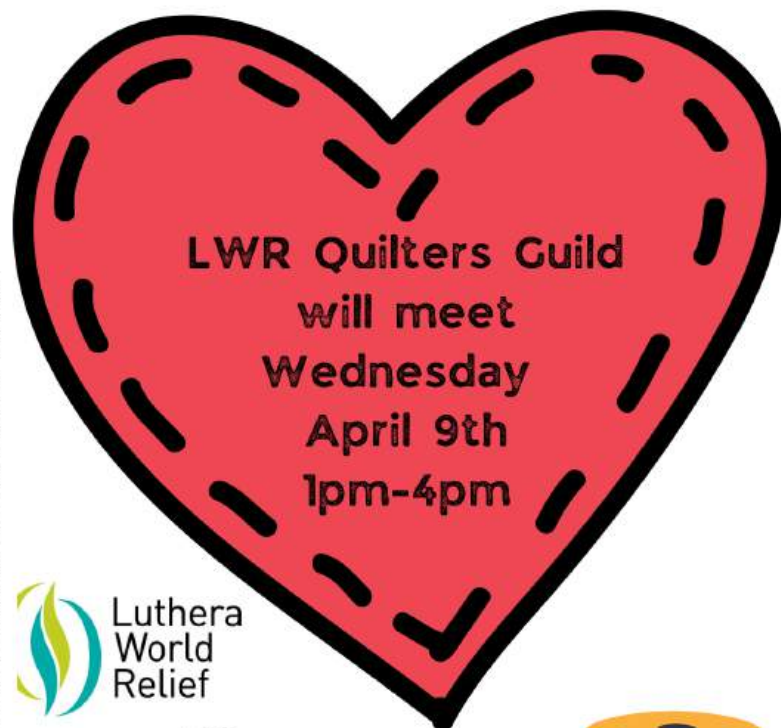
Pastor Andy



Bible+

On April 6 the class will continue its discussion of the parable of The Prodigal Son, focusing on the Elder Brother. For the other Sundays when the class will meet, we will be reading and discussing the Parable of the Vineyard Owner, the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, and others.

Bible+ will be providing Soup and Sandwiches for the Lenten Supper on April 2.



**LWR Quilters Guild
will meet
Wednesday
April 9th
1pm-4pm**



Luthera
World
Relief

Women of the
ELCA



Council's Corner



The following are recent actions taken by the Council.

Moved the regularly scheduled Council meeting from the second Monday of the month, to the second Tuesday to insure attendance of the council members.

Replace two sections of sidewalk in the parking lot median to reduce a tripping hazard and replace a deteriorating section.

Entered a Covenant of Support and 12-month Contract with the Synod for the Hispanic Term Call for Pastor Julie Crosby. Our monetary level of support is \$6,000. Additional support is from Inglesia Luterana de Cristo, Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville (Pastor Julie also serves that Hispanic congregation), Southeastern Synod and ELCA Mission Development Program.

Conduct a review of the congregation's Bylaws, Policy and Procedures Manual and Continuing Resolutions, as recommended by the Audit Committee.

Approved paying the Ministry Plan Mortgage Reduction Budget (line item 5.205.142) in one lump sum versus as a monthly additional payment on the mortgage. This will save on the amount of interest we will pay on the loan.

Replacement of the sanctuary spot lights due to the risk of fire with LED spot lights and compatible dimmer switches.

Approved the Youth Ministry plan to hold Vacation Bible School from June 2 through 6, 2025; and the request to refurbish the playground mulch and add a shaded structure for parents to attend to the children.

Approved the request to provide staff remote access to the church's internet system, in order to send emergency cancellation notices or the like, in the event of poor weather or other situations that would prevent them from going to or getting to the church.

Approved the Finance Committee's recommendation for the distribution of the 2024 surplus funds.

Designated the 2025 Lenten Offerings for the Sleep In Heavenly Peace organization.

Instructed Joel Palmer, Property Manager, to investigate either replacing the class room doors with units that have windows or other methods for installing windows into these doors. This is recommended by the Safe Spaces training program used by our synod to guide youth ministry activities in order to deter abusive situations/opportunities.

If there are any questions regarding the above, please contact Council President Eugene Ferg.

Finance Meeting (Surplus Funds from year 2024)



The Finance committee has met and review the surplus funds for year 2024. The table below contains the distribution that we feel is the best. Because we had a increase in requests this year we decided to Give funds to Outreach Ministries Fund. The other groups within the church can work with Outreach to obtain funds for their ministries as needed.

| Charity | Dollar Amount | Comments |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| ELCA World Hunger | \$3,000 | |
| ELCA Disaster Relief Fund | \$3,000 | |
| ELCA Southeastern Synod Mission Support | \$8,000 | |
| South Hall Food Pantry | \$1,750 | |
| Gateway Domestic Violence Center | \$1,750 | |
| Sunshine Seniors | \$1,750 | |
| Good News Medical Clinic | \$1,750 | |
| Humane Society of Northeast Georgia | \$1,750 | |
| Family Promise | \$1,750 | |
| My Sister's Place | \$1,750 | |
| Outreach | \$1,954 | Outreach Ministries Fund |
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| Term Call Pastor | \$3,000 | Emerging Ministries |
| | | |
| Global Charities | \$14,000 | ELCA Ministry |
| Local Charities | \$14,204 | |
| Congregation | \$11,204 | Property Reserve Fund |
| Reserve Fund | \$4,938 | Reserve Fund |
| Total Surplus | \$47,346 | |

Mid Week Lent Services Holden Service of Evening Prayer

Join us each Wednesday from March 12th through April 9th for dinner & Holden Service of Evening Prayer (Holy Reader Theatre). Dinner begins at 6:00 pm and service will follow at 7:00 pm.

HE IS RISEN



Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Sunrise Service

8:30 AM Service

9:45 AM Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

11:00 AM Service

12:15 PM Egg Hunt



CLC partners with Good News at Noon in Gainesville providing spaghetti lunch once a month. If you are interested in helping please see Cheryl Fuller.



*Item of the
month:*

SOUTH HALL



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Canned Fruit



The food pantry is extremely busy. During the month of February we served 281 families. We distributed 10,592 lbs. of food. For an average of 37lbs. per family. 1,197 individuals in those families. We received donations of 1,541 lbs. of food. 97 of the families were new to the pantry. With only a week left in March we are 231 families.

It is an exciting time for the folks who volunteer. Not only are we moving to a new location, but we are looking at using a new data base.

In April we are collecting canned fruit.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Cathy Freeman



South hall
Community
Food Pantry



WELCA Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will meet on Monday, April 14 at 11:30. There will be lunch provided by Nancy Garland, Sue Cordial, and Zona Buchen. A devotion will be given by Judy Bultman.

Ladies please mark your calendars for the following dates. April 9 Welca will host the Lenten supper serving soup and sandwiches. Also on Monday April 28th we will be going out for lunch at 11:30 to celebrate the success of the area cluster 4 meeting. At our April meeting the restaurant will be decided. At the cluster meeting Sue Cordial was installed as member at large and Sarah Douglas as recorder. We are so proud of their dedication and service.

All women are welcome to join us.



Congratulations!



WELCA Cluster 4 Gathering





Relentless Youth

Receiving God's Love and Sharing it Relentlessly

Youth

NEWS



CLC KIDS
Together, Sharing God's LOVE

Easter Breakfast Fundraiser

**Sunday April 20th
9:45 am**

Free will offering benefiting Affirm
participants



Easter Egg Hunt

April 20th

12:15 pm



United in Christ



AFFIRM
Summer Youth Event

JUNE 15-20, 2025

Any students interested in
AFFIRM Lutheran Camp
please contact Ms. Sarah
at 678-865-7911

**Youth group will resume
Wednesday April 23rd**

Thank you to all the little leprecons that helped out with Family Promise this last month. We had volunteers for the meal, cash donations to the Family Promise fund here at church as well as many donations to their pantry list.

We are making a difference to Families with children in our local community. It takes a village, and I am so grateful for all the help. Our next meal will be April 11th. We will be looking for ideas and volunteers to take that on. Please see Toni Zavadil if you or your group or buddy would like to pick a date. Thanks so much!

Toni Zavadil
Family Promise Rep.



**JOIN
NOW**

Want to get updates on church happenings and cancelations?

If so, simply text @clinfo25 to the number 81010. This will opt you in to get notifications from the church office. It's that easy.

HELP!

**NEED HELP?
Ask Sarah
Caruso
She is happy
to help you!**





Congregation Connection

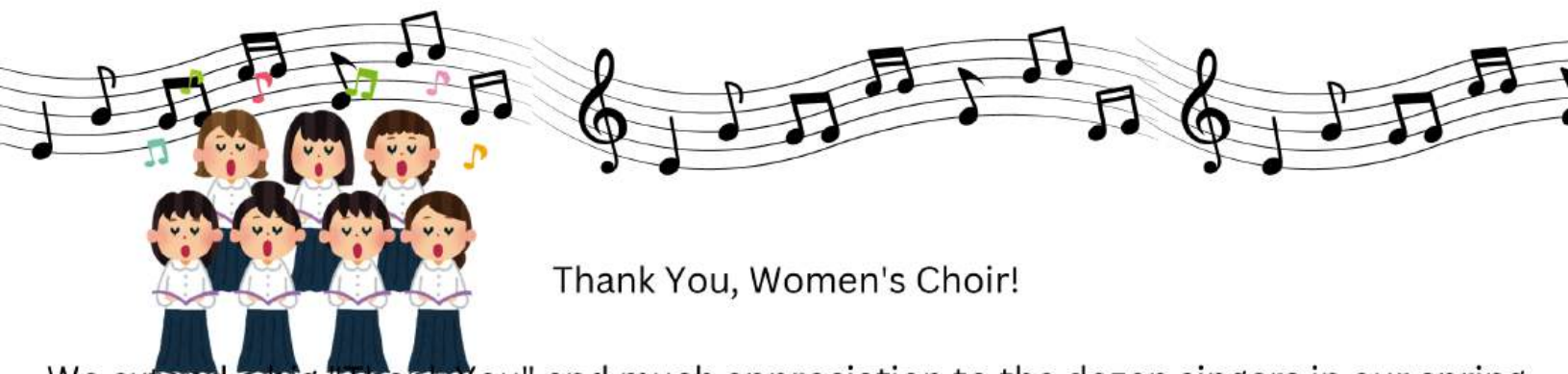
Your Congregation Connection is currently working behind the scenes during the Lenten Season. Plans are being made to start reaching out after Easter. Look for upcoming events and projects to start in May.

We are in the process of 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.

A big Thank You to the committee members for helping with the Lenten evening meals. Come join us for a meal. All are welcome.

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



Thank You, Women's Choir!

We extend a big "Thank You" and much appreciation to the dozen singers in our spring Women's Choir. The ladies rehearsed weekly during February and March. They prepared four anthems,-- "Sweet Sweet Spirit," "Seek Ye First," "Lord, Let Me Serve," and "Near the Cross," and sang them during March worship and Lenten services. The highlight performance for our choir was at the Cluster 4 worship service of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The participation of our Women's Choir has been a highlight of our Lenten season and we thank each talented, willing singer.

A BIG Thank you to Diane Mulkey for her hard work putting together the choir and her beautifully played music!

The Next Stops Thanks You!!!

I would like to thank everyone who help out at The Next Stop's lasagna dinner. We had 16 hard working people from our church that night. They did everything from cutting lasagna's setting up condiment tables, serving lines, drinks tables, and then served. They served 300 of people that night. I was so amazed how well everything came together and then got cleaned up at the end of the night. Thank you so much. I could not belong to a more wonderful giving church. I could not have done this without you.

Thank-you,
Karin Bowman



FUNDRAISER ALERT!



GWINNETT STRIPERS

VS

**LEHIGH VALLEY
IRONPIGS**

WHEN: APR 19, 2025 6:05 PM EDT

WHERE: COOLRAY FIELD

2500 BUFORD DR, LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30043, US

**PURCHASE DEADLINE:
APR 19, 2025 4:59 PM EDT**



Pals!! Are you a baseball fan and animal lover?
Get your tickets to the 4/19 Stripers game (which just HAPPENS to be
Chopper bobblehead night & it's Autism Awareness night)!

Buy your tickets using the QR Code above, and a portion of your purchase
will be donated to us for our Pals!!! 🐾❤️🙏

We will be set up there with info on how to adopt, foster, and volunteer, or
just to say hi! No four-legged Pals will be with us at this one, but we'll have
our Book of Pals and can tell you alllllll about your favorites!

Come on out to the ballgame, root for the Stripers, and support your Pals!

*Happy Anniversary!***4/26- Paul & Linda Evans****4/27- David & Katie Tate****4/4- Kimberly Overcash****4/6- Britlyn & Brooklyn Caruso****4/6- George Moore****4/6- Cathy Freeman****4/11- Cheryl Fuller****4/11- Jen Sawyer****4/14- Greg Kaczorowski****4/15- Vicki Lewis****4/16- Nancy Garland****4/17- Anthony Caruso****4/18- Russell Goodwin****4/19- Paul Egan****4/21- Carol Kern****4/22- Mumtaz Edlefson****4/22- Mike Marien****4/24- Paul Evans****4/24- Wayne Wilson****4/26- Lynn Osterloh**

Serving this month:

8:30 AM Worship Service

Readers

4/6- Cathy Freeman
4/13- Sue Joninas
4/20- Eugene Ferg
4/27- Jenna Abney

Altar Guild

4/6- Sue Joninas
4/13- Cathy Schueler
4/20- Lisa Sage
4/27- Beth Marien

Assisting Ministers

4/6- Eric Bowman
4/13- Alan Clark
4/20- Sue McCleese
4/27- Eric Bowman

Ushers

4/6- Dale Osterloh & Ana Mouthaan
4/13- Cheryl Neller & Gerry Travis
4/20- Paul Evans & Toni Zavadil
4/27- Dale Osterloh & Ana Mouthaan

11:00 AM Worship Service

Readers

4/6- Jeff Winiesdorffer
4/13- Ron Goetzke
4/20- Rick Welch
4/27- Layla Edlefson

Altar Guild

4/6- Denise Simpson
4/13- Marilyn Johnson
4/20- Sharon Stevens
4/27- Zona Buchen

Bread

4/6- Gerry Travis
4/13- Gerry Travis
4/20- Jill Young
4/27- Jill Young

Assisting Ministers

4/6- Derek Johnson
4/13- Dr. Hank Lewis
4/20- Karin Bowman
4/27- Jenny Goodwin

Ushers

4/6- Carol Farrell & Michelle Bair
4/13- Janet Seibert & Ron Goetzke
4/20- Chris Beck & Joel Parmer
4/27- Phyllis Solgere & Dr. Hank Lewis





April

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | 1 9 am Morning Miracles | 2 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Lent Service | 3 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics | 4 8 pm 4th Dimension AA | 5 1:00 pm Spanish speaking confirmation class |
| 6 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible+ 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo | 7 8 pm 4th Dimension AA | 8 9 am Morning Miracles 6 pm Council Meeting | 9 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 1 PM Quilters Guild 6pm Lent Dinner 7pm Lent Service | 10 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics | 11 8 pm 4th Dimension AA | 12 9:00 am Newborns In Need 10 am SHCFP |
| 13 Palm Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible+ 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo | 14 WELCA Luncheon 11:30 AM 8 pm 4th Dimension AA | 15 9 am Morning Miracles | 16 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 12pm Good News at Noon | 17 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics 6:00 pm Seder Meal | 18 Good Friday 7:30 pm Good Friday Service 8 pm 4th Dimension AA | 19 |
| 20 Happy Easter 7 am Sunrise Service 8:30 Worship 9:45 Easter Breakfast 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 12:15 pm Egg Hunt 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo | 21 Vine Submissions Due 8 pm 4th Dimension AA | 22 9 am Morning Miracles | 23 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study | 24 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics | 25 8 pm 4th Dimension AA | 26 |
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He is Risen

