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From the Pastor's Desk...



The image above looks so nice right? "You're invited." There's butterflies and spinny things and fun looking graphics. Looks super nice. Like a five year old's birthday party?

But what are you being invited into? What about "You're invited....into an automatic car wash where the windows of the car are stuck open." "You're invited....into an entire class where the teacher scrapes her nails over the chalk board for 47 straight minutes." "You're invited....into a non-stop showing of televangelists mixed with infomercials mixed with inaccurate weather forecasts." Those are the worst.

Or are they?

"You're invited" usually means that someone wants you at something that they deem as good. Fun. Easy. Relaxing. Playful. Peaceful.

Count me in! Where do I sign up? Put me in Coach!

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And yet Jesus walks down the road, is identified as the Messiah of the world by John...the very Lord/Teacher/Savior/Lamb that everyone's waiting on, and he INVITES a couple guys to come, follow him and join the journey....and they just jump in.

Wait what?

When we get "invited" to something, it's supposed to be awesome. Like Chuck E. Cheese without the screaming kids, infectious diseases and gang fights. Like Buffalo Bills games without heart wrenching losses. Like taxes with only refunds and no payments. Like parties without having to bring a dish to pass.

Invited is supposed to equal "good/easy/fun/joy/peace," right?

Except when it doesn't. Except when it's from Jesus. Except when it's into a new type of life and relationship and following and decision-making-matrix and light-being and sacrifice-taking and epiphany-ing (made up word) and faith.

We are invited by Jesus into all that. We are invited, like the first couple guys, to be the next couple people to say "Yes"...to love More; to follow For Sure; to trust Unequivocally; and to see where This goes.

I wish everyday of living into our faith life was like a five year old's birthday party that we were all invited to with party games and cake and clowns no one was afraid of. But it's not.

Faith. Following. Jesus. Invites us into REAL life. Real parties. Real traumas. Real transitions. Real ministries. Real crazy. Real life.

Our life.

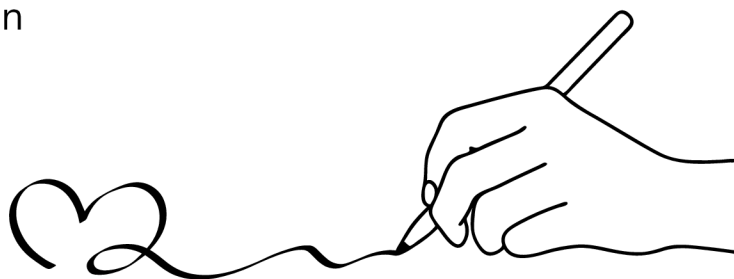
But you/I were invited by the one that is already walking ahead of us. Already on scene. Already calling our names. Already showing us the way. Already giving his life for ours. That's the Inviter. That's the invitation.

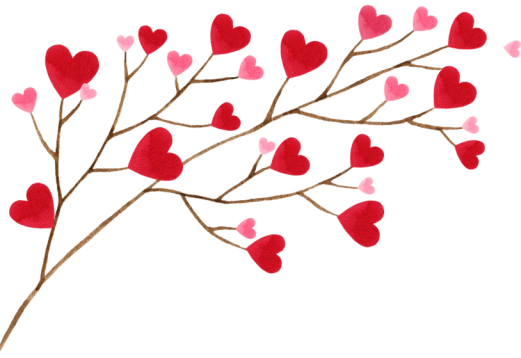
May we all respond: "yes."

Lord, thanks for your invitation! Amen

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Andy





WELCA Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will meet on Monday, February 10 at 11:30. Lunch will be provided by Carol Farrell, Nancy Garland, and Diane Morhard. The devotion will be done by Diane Mulkey. There will be a business meeting. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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The WELCA ladies wore blue in honor of National Human Trafficking Month.



ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING



Sunday February 9, 2025 @ 9:45 A.M.

Agenda: Bulletin of Reports to the Congregation
Election of 2025 Nominating Committee

Per our constitution, "C13.02 A Nominating Committee of six voting members of this congregation, two of whom, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive reelection."

This committee functions to recruit candidates for Congregation Council to be elected at the Fall Business Meeting. At the Annual Meeting we will be open to take nominations or volunteers to serve on The Nominating Committee. If you are nominating someone, please be sure to ask for their consent to be nominated.

Thank you, Eugene A. Ferg, Council President





**JOIN
NOW**

Want to get updates on church happenings and cancelations?

If so, simply text @clcinfo25 to the number 81010. This will opt you in to get notifications from the church office. It's that easy.

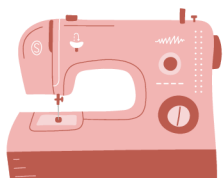
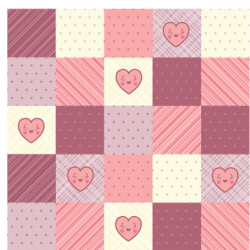


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Quilters Guild

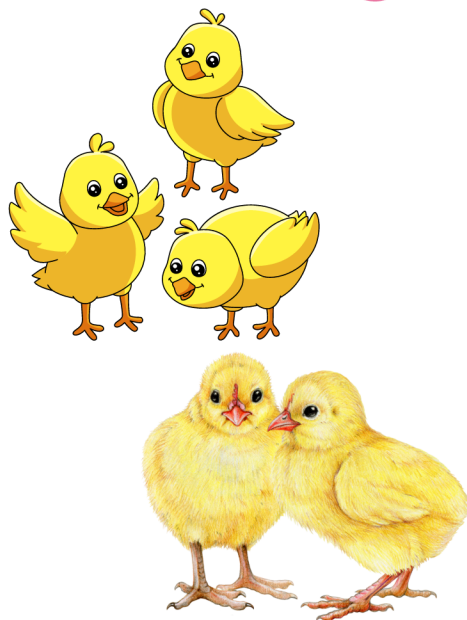
Will meet Wednesday
Feb. 19th 1-4 pm



Volunteer Opportunity

CLC volunteers prepare spaghetti for Good News at Noon, a homeless shelter in Gainesville. We volunteer the 2nd Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in helping please see Cheryl Fuller.





Pop-up Women's Choir

Ladies, here's an opportunity to sing in a treble choir for just two months. We will prepare SSA music to sing on Saturday, March 22 at the Cluster 4 WELCA "Chicks Day Out" service at our church in the afternoon. After we learn our music, we will also sing during our Christ Lutheran Sunday services in March. Sound like a fun activity you are fitted for? If you are a soprano, second soprano, or alto, please attend rehearsals on these Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.--- February 5, 12, 19, 26. We will coordinate March rehearsals around our Lenten services. Text or call 770-842-1582 or email to let me know you will be a "singing sister" for two months.

If you would like to participate but are not able to attend scheduled rehearsals, please let me know and we'll coordinate if possible.

Looking forward to making joyful sounds with you!—
Diane Mulkey (dianemulkey@bellsouth.net)



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Thrivent Choice Supports Christ Lutheran Church!

Good news!

In 2024 Thrivent members - through the Thrivent Choice Dollars member benefit, directed \$1,018 to Christ Lutheran! Woo hoo!!! This was an increase of \$100 from the 2023 total!

We thank you for your continued generosity and support of the mission and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church!



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Thrivent Choice® can have a tremendous impact on organizations like ours. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership: Please consider directing Choice Dollars® to CLC. You can make a profound impact!

**Souper Bowl of Caring****When: Sunday Feb. 9th****Where: Fellowship Hall****Why: Collecting monetary donations for Sunshine Seniors****Potluck: Bring a soup or sandwich to share****Youth Group February Activities:**

2/5 Youth Group 6pm

2/9 Souper Bowl of Caring



2/12 Valentines Fun Night 6pm



2/19 Youth Group 6pm

2/22 Nerf & Nachos 5-7pm



2/26 Youth Group 6pm

Volunteers needed



The Next Stop Lasagna Dinner

We could use your help. The 13th annual The Next Stop Lasagna Dinner will be on March 14th from 6:00 – 9:00 P. M. We need help with cutting lasagna's, getting serving tables and condiment tables set up and serving drinks. Helpers arrive at 5:00. Dinner starts at 7:00. After your job is complete, please stay and join in and enjoy the lasagna, desserts and a show put on by the members of The Next Stop.

If you can help or need more information, please contact Karin Bowman (256 509 0669)

or Eric Bowman (256 652 8264).

The dinner will be held at:

Suwanee Sports Academy

3640 Burnette Road

Suwanee GA 30024



Visit <https://thenextstop.org/> to learn about the organization!

SOUTH HALL



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Item of the month:

**16 oz Pasta
Noodles**



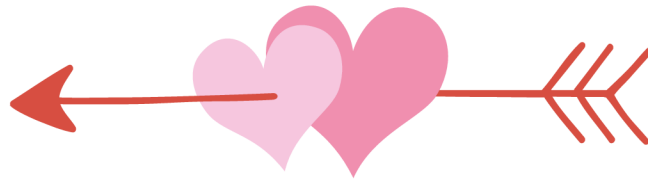
The pantry served 287 households in the month of December 2024. The monthly average for 2024 was 272 households. The number of volunteer hours for December totaled 525 spread across six different churches. The pantry received 3,400 pounds of donated food that month and approximately \$12,000 in monetary donations from individuals, businesses and congregation gifts.

Your support of the pantry is greatly appreciated and needed as the pantry continues to have a high level of demand compared to other years. Thank you.

Happy Anniversary!

2/16 Gerald & Judy

2/18 Joe & Karen Vinson



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2/1 Ali Winiesdorffer

2/1 Michelle Bair

2/2 Judith Cook

2/3 Marilyn Johnson

2/3 Bill Stevens

2/7 Brenda Yerger

2/8 Alan Overcash

2/12 Kathy Singer

2/16 Alan Clark

2/17 Gerry Travis

2/18 Rick Miklos

2/20 Elaine Miklos

2/22 Lucy Terry

2/22 Heather Moore

2/22 James Ellis

2/26 Norman Sage



Serving this month:

8:30 AM Worship Service

Readers

2/2- Edna Jackson
 2/9- Cathy Schueler
 2/16- Sue Joninas
 2/23- Cathy Freeman

Altar Guild

2/2- Lisa Sage
 2/9- Sue Joninas
 2/16- Cathy & Mitch Schueler
 2/23- Gerry & John Travis

Assisting Ministers

2/2- Sue McCleese
 2/9- Sue McCleese
 2/16- Eric Bowman
 2/23- Alan Clark

Ushers

2/2- Cheryl Neller & Paul Evans
 2/9- Toni Zavadil & Ana Mouthaan
 2/16- Dale Osterloh & Gerry Travis
 2/23- Ana Mouthaan & Cheryl Neller

11:00 AM Worship Service

Readers

2/2- Rick Welch
 2/9- Michelle Bair
 2/16- Phyllis Solgere
 2/23- Ron Goetzke

Altar Guild

2/2- Denise Simpson
 2/9- Diane Morhard
 2/16- Marilyn Johnson
 2/26- Sharon Stevens

Bread

2/2- Jill Young
 2/9- Jill Young
 2/16- Gerry Travis
 2/23- Gerry Travis

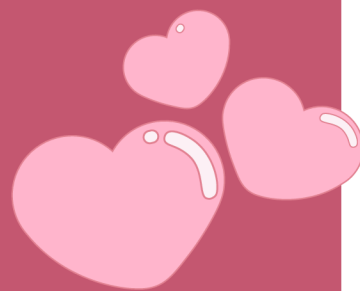
Assisting Ministers

2/2- Jenny Goodwin
 2/9- Karin Bowman
 2/16- Derek Johnson
 2/23- Jenny Goodwin

Ushers

2/2- Joel Parmer & Hank Lewis
 2/9- Phyllis Solgere & Janet Seibert
 2/16- Carol Farrell & Michelle Bair
 2/23- Ron Goetzke & Chris Beck

THANK
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 1:00 pm Spanish speaking confirmation class
2 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible+ 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo	3 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	4 9 am Morning Miracles	5 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7:30 Young Adult Bible Study	6 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics 6:30 Prayer & Pericope	7 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	8 10 am SHCFP
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