

The Vine



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From the Pastor's Desk...



"And the Word became flesh and lived among us...." – John 1:14

Ever open your eyes under water? For many people, it's tough to do. If you wear contacts, have high prescription glasses or are sensitive to salt or chlorine, it's probably not high on your to-do list. It can sting, irritate or cause your contact lens to float away.

What about opening your eyes and looking through baptismal waters? Ever done that? My guess is you have: on those days you go to church and someone's child is being baptized or on Easter Sunday while singing "Christ Is Risen!" or Christmas Eve as you hold a candle and sing "Silent Night." At those times, it's easy to see the world and life through those watery times.

What about Thursday? Or Friday? A regular one. Without the songs and the candles and poinsettias or lilies. Can you look through the waters then or does life just feel like it stings?

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The Word became flesh for days such as these! God came into the world so that especially on the tougher days, we could still see the kingdom of God broken in and broken for us. We could still look through the waters, without the sting of death or pain or loss or dysfunction or loneliness winning out. And instead seeing through those waters the blessings pouring over us.

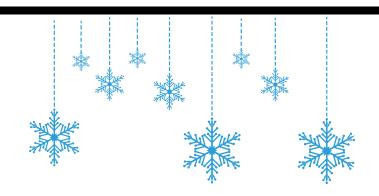
I've started writing in cards to people: "May God's blessings pour over you and may they be really easy to see." We know that God's blessings are there. They just get blocked out by other stuff, poor vision and lost contacts sometimes.

Today, for you, as you transition into the new year, may the blessings be really easy to see! May the waters of your own baptism be the lens that clarifies those blessings. May the sting and irritation of other sight lines wash away. And may your steps into the New Year be blessed by the Word...made flesh!

Lord, thanks for your vision! Amen

Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor Andy





WELCA Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will meet on Monday, January 13th at 11:30 in the parish hall. There will be a business meeting, devotion, and lunch. Please bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with the group. Also wear something Blue since January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month.





The 2025 Bishop's Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Weekend Celebration

The 2025 Bishop's MLK Commemorative Weekend Celebration will take place on Saturday, January 18th, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Atlanta. The theme is "Cultivating a Beloved Mindset: Unity & Reconciliation." The event will start with a Brunch & Learn for all ages at 11:00 a.m., followed by a Festive Worship Service at 2:00 p.m. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required. Just go to the website at www.elca-ses.org to register. If there is enough interest, I will arrange carpools. Please contact Phyllis Solgere at 909-762-9848 if there are any questions or if you would like to carpool.







NEW

Welcome to our 2025 Church Council

Eugene Ferg

Michelle Bair

Eric Bowman

Shawn Baumgartner

Jeanne Lewis

Cindy Grastat

Joel Parmer

Ken Sawyer

Dee Grimshaw



Thank you Jeff Winiesdorffer & Jodi Massar for serving on the 2024 council.



Youth Group Wednesday's

Join us Wednesday evenings for dinner, fellowship & FUN 6:00-7:30PM ALL AGES WELCOME!



Youth Group Christmas Party 2024





1/17 John & Gerry Travis 1/18 Mitch & Cathy Schueler 1/21 Allison & Ethan Underwood 1/23 Richard & Diane Morhard



1/3 Diane Bohn
1/8 James Welch
1/12 Jeanne Lewis
1/13 Ricky Simpson
1/15 Edna Jackson
1/17 Richard Morhard
1/17 Jeremy Lopez
1/18 Peggy Goodwin
1/22 Dodi Roesler
1/24 Linda Evans
1/27 Jeff Winiesdorffer
1/28 Susan Medrow
1/30 Mark Lewis



Serving this month:

8:30 AM Worship Service

Readers

1/5- Edna Jackson

1/12- Toni Zavadil

1/19- Cathy Schueler

1/26- Jenna Abney

Altar Guild

1/5- Sue Joninas

1/12- Cathy & Mitch Schuler

1/19- Gerry & John Travis

1/26- Beth Marien

Assisting Ministers

1/5- Eric Bowman

1/12- Alan Clark

1/19- Sue McCleese

1/26- Eric Bowman

Ushers

1/5- Gerry Travis & Ana Mouthaan

1/12- Cheryl Neller & Paul Evans

1/19- Toni Zavadil & Dale Osterloh

1/26- Gerry Travis & Ana Mouthaan

11:00 AM Worship Service

Readers

1/5- Zona Buchen

1/12- Ron Goetzke

1/19- Layla Edlefson

1/26- Jeff Winiesdorffer

Assisting Ministers

1/5- Cindy Grastat

1/12- Dr. Hank Lewis

1/19- Jenny Goodwin

1/26- Karin Bowman

Altar Guild

1/5- Zona Buchen

1/12- Elke Baumgartner

1/19- Diane Morhard

1/26- Sharon Stevens

Ushers

1/5- Joel Parmer & Ron Goetzke

1/12- Phyllis Solgere & Caroll Farrell

1/19- Janet Seibert & Michelle Bair

1/26- Dr. Hank Lewis & Chris Beck

Bread

1/5- Karin Bowman

1/12- Karin Bowman

1/19- Diane Bohn

1/26- Diane Bohn



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