

# the VINE

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[jmassar6208@comcast.net](mailto:jmassar6208@comcast.net)**FROM THE PASTOR'S***Continued on page 2**“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

You won't find this on any Hallmark greeting card!.

Valentine's Day usually sets guys up for complete failure. (Especially guys who are pastors on one of the very seldom years that Valentines Day falls on Ash Wednesday!) This is one of those “one-up” days where you seem to have to do more to tell your fav's that you love them. Restaurants are usually more crowded with service going down and prices going up. Flowers seem to magically triple in price while lasting one third as long. Candy and chocolate are everywhere and as soon as you purchase/give you are reminded that your loved one is trying to drop a few pounds.

So what a great gift February 14<sup>th</sup> will be this year!! You can get away from all the token and traditional stuff and go right to the greatest, most under utilized love-phrase of them all:

*“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

Lean over your loved one the morning of the 14th and whisper those sweet words to her! Purchase that bag of sugary candy hearts with that “gem” printed on each on.

Nothing says real, true, lasting, eternal, Valentines Day love like ashes!!!!

In all seriousness, this IS actually the perfect intersection of secular and sacred days of love. No, it might not seem to be a great gift to get someone a schmear of ashes in the shape of a cross on their forehead. But it is.

Those ashes. That cross. They are invitations and promises mixed together of God's eternal love and hope. They are the lasting and eternal promises of God's connection to a soul, a person, a self, a child of God that will be ashes again one day. They are an invitation to refocus on God's love not for a date night, or over a dinner, but for a Lenten season of return and repentance and refocus.

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They are words of love.

Let them be a reminder to you of more. God's one-up over our disconnection and distraction.

*"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."*

Lord, write that love on our foreheads, soul, and being this Lenten season. Thank you. Amen

## Property



FREE Firewood! Please feel free to take the firewood that is piled up near the end of the driveway.

## Lenten Schedule



### Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Spoken service with the Imposition of Ashes @ 12 noon

Full worship service with the Imposition of Ashes @ 7:00 pm



Mid-week Lenten Suppers and Services will be held each Wednesday night following Ash Wednesday beginning with supper at 6 PM and the Holden Service of Evening Prayer at 7 PM throughout the season of Lent. As part of the Holden Service, Holy Reader Theater will present: *"They Were There" - a "modern" radio-interview-style account from the witnesses of the Passion.*

## WELCA

Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will meet on Monday, February 12 at 11:30 a.m. A lunch will be provided by Sue Cordial and Diane Mulkey. A devotion will be given by Judy Cook. All ladies of the church are invited. Please come and join us.

*Zona Buchen (229)591-0037*



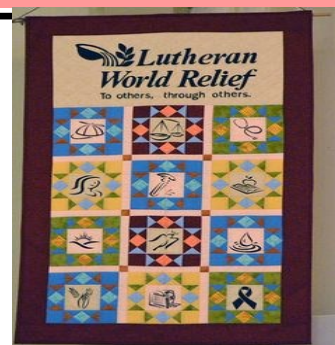
## Singing Opportunities



**Calling ALL Singers:** Silvertones Gospel Celebration 2024 is looking for singers. Please check the bulletin board for the schedule and performance dates. For more information please contact Edna Jackson.

## LWR Quilters

Lutheran World Relief quilters, sewers and cut ups will meet on the third **Wed., Feb. 21 from 1 to 4 pm** in the fellowship hall. Enjoy Valentines Day the 14th and then join us the next week.



## Bible+ God in Our Lives Today

**All are Welcome! Get Your Coffee and Join the Conversation!**

**Sundays @ 9:45**



Find us on  
**Facebook**

## Lost & Found



During the month of February we will display all lost and found items outside the Kids Club area. Please take a look and see if anything is yours. At the end of February all items will be donated.

## Thursday Night Prayer & Pericope



Join us each Thursday night at 6:30 pm for prayer and pericope. Bring your Bibles! All are welcome.

## Congregational Meeting



**When:** Sunday February 11

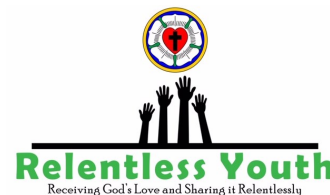
**Time:** 10:00 am

**Where:** Fellowship Hall





## Youth News February 2024



Saturday February 10th, 2023  
Email or text Sarah for details



Sunday February 11th, 2023

After the 11am service join us for soup and sandwiches. This year is a potluck soup and sandwich. Youth will be collecting monetary donations for Sunshine Seniors.



Youth group will be on break from Feb. 14th - April 10th  
Please come and enjoy Lenten services with your families.

## Thank you

I would like to thank your wonderful church for the lovely service and reception that you had at my brother's funeral. I so appreciate the fact that you did not turn away Brant and Mackie from your church. You welcomed them both and loved them. All churches should learn from your example. Instead of turning away people, they should open their arms wide and welcome them with a big embrace. May God continue to bless each of you.

*Susan Yolmeh (Brant Van Sutphin's sister)*

## Community Events

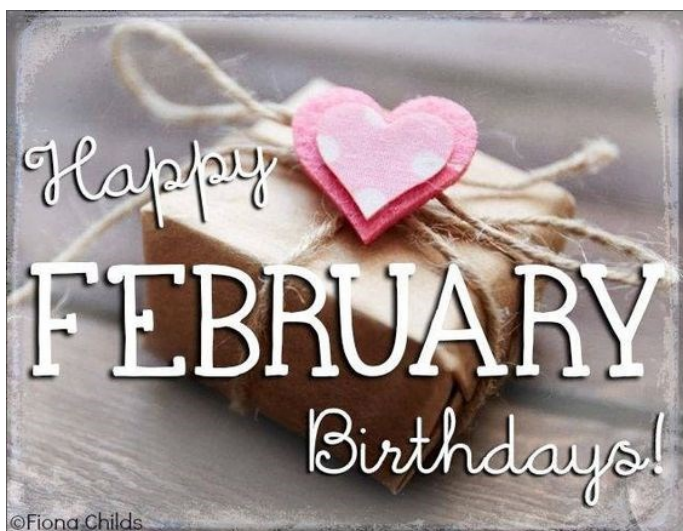
**VNG**  
Voices  
of North Georgia

Voices of North Georgia is presenting Beatles to Bacharach on Saturday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Gainesville Banquet Hall. The evening will be serving appetizers and desserts for your enjoyment while listening to the wonderful music of Burt Bacharach and the fun-loving music of the Beatles. We use this event to raise funds for our yearly scholarship awarded to a high school senior that will be attending college and majoring in a career path using their voice. We have been able to award between \$500-\$1000 in the past and with a successful gala, we can continue this tradition. If you know of a high school senior who may qualify for this scholarship, please contact Jill Young or our website: [VOICESOFNORTHGEORGIA.COM](http://VOICESOFNORTHGEORGIA.COM). Tickets maybe purchase from Toni Zavidil, Jill Young or our website. This is truly a relaxing evening of great music and a walk down memory lane.



## Volunteers NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Altar care, bread makers and readers. If you can help out please contact the office or Elke Baumgartner.



2/1 Ali Winiesdorffer

2/2 Judith Cook

2/3 Marilyn Johnson

2/3 Bill Stevens

2/7 Betty Harris

2/7 Brenda Yerger

2/8 Alan Overcash

2/12 Kathy Singer

2/16 Alan Clark

2/17 Mike Random

2/17 Gerry Travis

2/18 Rick Miklos

2/22 Jim Ellis

2/22 Lucy Terry

2/26 Norman Sage



*Cheryl & Sandy Fuller*  
2/17/1968

# Christ Lutheran Church

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 9 am Morning Miracles AA</p> <p>10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 pm Prayer &amp; Pericope Bible Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 8:30am Worship 9:45 am Bible+ 11 am Worship w/kid's worship 1 pm Iglesia Lutherana</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>10 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p> <p>10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 pm Prayer &amp; Pericope Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Winter Jam Gas South Arena</p>
<p>11 <b>Souper Bowl Sunday</b> 8:30am Worship <b>9:45 Congrega- tion Meeting</b> 11 am Worship w/ Kid's worship 12 noon Souper Bowl 1 pm Iglesia Lutherana</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30 am WELCA</p> <p>6 pm Church Council</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednes- day</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>10 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>12 noon Ash Wed Service</p> <p>7 pm Ash Wed Service</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p> <p>10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p> <p>6 :30 pm Prayer &amp; Pericope Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00am –3:30 pm Newborns in Need</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45 am Bible+ 11 am Worship w/Kids worship 1pm Iglesia Lutherana</p>	<p>19 <b>President's Day Church office closed</b></p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>10 am Bible Study</p> <p>Via Zoom</p> <p>1pm LWR Quilt- ers</p> <p>6pm Lenten Sup- per</p> <p>7pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p> <p>10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 pm Prayer &amp; Pericope Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45 am Bible+ 11 am Worship w/Kids worship 1pm Iglesia Lutherana Online service avail- able via YouTube</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>10 am Zoom Bible Study</p> <p>6pm Lenten Sup- per</p> <p>7pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p> <p>10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p> <p>6:30 pm Prayer &amp; Pericope Bible Study</p>		



# Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

*Serving at Worship for February*

## 8:30 am Worship Service

### READERS

2/4 - Sue Joninas  
2/11 - Mindy Ellis  
2/18 - Edna Jackson  
2/25 - Jenna Abney

### ALTAR GUILD

2/4— Gerry & John Travis  
2/11—Sue Joninas  
2/18—Beth Marien  
2/25—Cathy & Mitch Schueler

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

2/4 - Sue McCleese  
2/11 - Alan Clark  
2/18 - Sue McCleese  
2/25 - Alan Clark

### USHERS

2/4 - Lisa Sage & Toni Zavadil  
2/11 - Richard Scott & Dale Osterloh  
2/18 - Gerry Travis & Ana Mouthaan  
2/25 - Cheryl Neller & Paul Evans

## 11:00 am Worship Service

### READERS

2/4 - Jeff Winiesdorffer  
2/11 - Hank Lewis  
2/18 - Cindy Grastat  
2/25 - Ron Goetz

### ALTAR GUILD

2/4—Zona Buchen  
2/11—Denise Simpson  
2/18—Elke Baumgartner  
2/25— Sharon Stevens

### BREAD

2/4 Gerry Travis  
2/11 Karin Bowman  
2/18 Diane Bohn  
2/25 Jill Young

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

2/4 - Dr. Hank Lewis  
2/11 - Don Woosley  
2/18 - Karin Bowman  
2/25 - Jenny Goodwin

### USHERS

2/4 - Phyllis Solgere & Carol Ferrell  
2/11 - Joel Parmer & Dr. Hank Lewis  
2/18 - Janet Seibert & Michelle Bair  
2/25 - Ron Goetzke & Chris Beck