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FROM THE PASTOR'S



*Take my life that I may be, consecrated
Lord for thee. Take my moments and my
days...*

I recently read a book by The Rev. Imani Olear, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Upstate New York Synod, intitled "True

Identity". In it, the Rev. Olear starts off by reflecting on the challenge of forgiveness...for self and others. As she reflects on her own journey and path and forgiveness praxis, she concludes that both the ability to dwell in forgiveness and the understanding of our true identity as a child of God created to love are wrapped and wound together. Tightly. Or at least should be. Or could be.

She reminded me of that great classic church song, "Take My Life that I May Be" where when we sing it, we are invoking our God and our self and our actions of life to wind together unmistakably connected and in conjunction so that we beat as one heart.

So how could we not be forgiveness and love all the time? Because we aren't perfect.

Insert the opportunity of Lent.

As Jesus is showing and teaching and doing and being and living and breathing out all that is good and loving and forgiving and advocating, he finally tells the boys that he's on his way to give the ultimate from the ultimate...his life. And Pete jumps in and says, "Say it ain't so!!"

Then Lent happens. Jesus responds to his follower: *"But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."*

He's not yelling at him. He's inviting him. Jesus knows Peter's not perfect but wants him to find his true identity.

Get behind me. Get in line with holy, not worldly. Get back here outside of your world-self and watch for ways to live into your sacred-self. Your True Identity.

It's an amazing transformational opportunity to re-turn. Consecrated by Lord.

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So as we move through this church season of Lent, we're invited to get behind. To watch. To re-world. And through that, take on an every moment, forgiveness finding, love becoming new life that has been there, right in you, since your beginning.

May the blessing of the Lenten journey be for you a time like no other to find that one that you already are through the Lord who made you that Way.

Lord, please help us get behind so that all our moments and days are yours. Amen

Peace,

Pastor Andy

Property

Thank you to those who helped tidy up the property between the church and the apartments. Your hard work is much appreciated. Thank you!



Lenten Schedule

Mid-week Lenten Suppers and Services will be held each Wednesday night 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.

Meals will be provided by:

3/6 - Bible +

3/13 - WELCA

3/20 - Youth Group



Bible+ God in Our Lives Today

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, John Travis will be directing us as we plan to make bookmarks for the church. John asks that you bring your favorite bookmark and ideas for the bookmarks and questions and answers. This will be a fun activity!

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, Jennifer Sawyer will be leading the class in a lesson about the allegory *HIND'S FEET ON HIGH PLACES*. Let's see which character you relate to most!

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, we will not have a lesson because we will be celebrating the new organ and honoring Diane Mulkey, our wonderful organist, with refreshments after both services. Be sure to be there to hear the new organ and get your piece of cake!

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, Toni Zavadil will be talking to us about women's place in the ministry of the church. This is Palm Sunday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 is Easter and also Unity Sunday. We will not have a class on this day.



WELCA

WELCA Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will meet on Monday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m.. All ladies of the church are welcome. Lunch will be provided by Carol Fuller and Diane Morhard. The devotion will be presented by Diane Mulkey.. Please come and join us. Zona



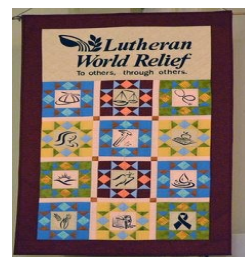
Community Outreach



Family Promise time is rolling around again. I need a volunteer or two to help cook on Friday March 1st, Also it would be very helpful to have donations to fill their empowerment pantry list. Any items you would like to provide can be either brought to Family Promise or here to church by Feb 28th (weds). Thanks so much for your help! Toni Zavadil and Cheryl Neller

LWR Quilters

Lutheran World Relief Quilters guild will meet March 20th from 1-4 pm. You don't have to know how to sew to help! For more information please see Marilyn Johnson or the front office.



Meet Our Mystery Singer!

We have been treated lately to beautiful solos by Susan Cardin-Hoffdahl in our services. Let's learn more about our new friend. Susan and her husband Douglas Hoffdahl moved to Sterling on the Lake, Flowery Branch, GA, in August, 2023, and began attending CLC's early services. They moved here from Mesa, AZ but have lived around the country and world as career Air Force veterans. Our singer Susan is Lt. Colonel Susan (ret.) who served twenty five years in the Air Force in the areas of medical administration, envoy for Judge Advocate, and cost analysis and management. She has also been a teacher of aerospace science and CA and WY public school business teacher and Jr. ROTC commander. She holds a bachelor degree from University of New Hampshire and master degree from Lesley University and the Air Command and Staff College.

Doug and Susan have three adult children plus in-laws and 2 granddaughters residing out west. They have a Pembroke Corgi named Bougie Bear Chase, their much-loved fur baby. Both Doug and Susan are avid tennis players. Susan is a committed volunteer who served on the board of directors of Leisure World Resort, Mesa, AZ on both administrative and social areas. She is becoming a leader at Sterling on the Lake also.

Susan has a French heritage and began singing in the Ecole de Saint Rosaire choir at age 6. She has studied piano and voice and embraces all types of music. She has sung in choruses and church choirs since grade school and has co-directed an adult choir. She sings Gregorian chant, gospel hymns, spirituals, and Christian contemporary music. She has already sung Bach's "Bist du bei Mir" and Gaither's "There's Something About That Name" at Christ Lutheran. Her special music will enhance our Holy Week services. Thank you, Susan, for your willingness to share your talent.

Diane Mulkey – CLC Organist

Men's Breakfast / Bible Study

The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** meets each Wednesday morning from 7:30 – 9:00 am. Bible Study starts at 8:00 am. We supply the coffee...the eats are up to you. All are welcome to attend!



Lost & Found



A lost and found box will be kept in the fellowship hall. If you have misplaced something please check there. It will be emptied and taken to a shelter each month.

Thursday Night Prayer & Pericope



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

Volunteer Opportunity



Help Wanted!

There is a Thrivent sponsored event for 'The Next Stop' annual Lasagna Dinner Friday March 8th FROM 6:00pm till 9:00PM. This is a program for special needs adults. The members or participants made all of the lasagna's and desserts. The group is located at Suwanee Sports Academy 3640 Burnette Rd. Suwanee, Ga. We will need your help serving and pouring drinks from 6:00pm until you need to leave. Your dinner is on the house for all your trouble. The dinner wraps up by about 7:30 and then the members put on a little show to entertain everyone. Contact Karin Bowman if you can help or have questions, 256-509-0669.



Youth News March 2024



**Thank you for all the donations!!!! We raised \$600 for
Sunshine Seniors!!!!**



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

Easter Breakfast



Join us for breakfast

Sunday March 31st from 9:45-10:45

All donations will go to sending our students to AFFIRM Lutheran Camp. The cost per student is \$450 . This year we have a goal of raising \$2,000.00



Easter Egg Hunt Sunday March 31st after the 11:00 am service. Parents must be present with there child.

Easter Lilies



Help decorate the Sanctuary on Easter by ordering Easter Lilies! The cost is \$11 for each one ordered. Simply fill out the form in the narthex. Place completed form and a check for the total designating "Easter Lilies" in the offering plate.

Deadline is Sunday, March 10th.

If you have any questions please call the church office at 770-535-9938. If you won't be at church, you may also email Sarah at officeadmin@clcga.net with your order. Let me know how many flowers needed, In Honor of or Memory of? Then you can mail payment to the church.

Thank you!

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to thank everyone that helped with the receptions we held in September. I appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. I could not do any of this without all of you!

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Garland

Thank you so much for all your kind expressions of sympathy on the passing of Sandy. My children and I are so grateful for all the visits, phone calls, food, flowers, cards, memorials, etc. The beautiful celebration of his life service and the wonderful reception following was so special. He loved Christ Lutheran Church and our church family. Our hearts are so full of your love as we continue to mourn his passing. God bless you all.

Cheryl Fuller & Family

Volunteers NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Altar Care, baking communion bread, and reading for Sunday services. If you can help out please contact the office or Elke Baumgartner.





3/7

Kelly & Diana Stroup

3/1 Herb Grastat

3/1 Austin Seibert

3/4 Tyler Seibert

3/6 Barbara Tiszaí

3/8 Sharon Stevens

3/10 Cindy Grastat

3/12 Janet Seibert

3/13 Nicole Umberger

3/13 Toni Zavadil

3/14 Gail Heneghan

3/15 Pastor Andrew Seibert

3/16 Kyle Lewis

3/21 Kelly Stroup

3/20 Anthony Prunsky




3/22 William Stroup

3/24 James Meyers

3/24 Janet Faulcy

3/27 Sarah Caruso

3/31 Jill Young

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31 Easter Sunday 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:30 Worship 9:45 Easter Breakfast 11:00 Worship 1pm Iglesia Luterana						

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

Serving at Worship for February

8:30 am Worship Service

READERS

3/3 - Toni Zavadil
3/10 - Edna Jackson
3/17 - Sue Joninas
3/24 - Palm Sunday Passion Reading
3/31- Cathy Schueler

ALTAR GUILD

3/3— Sue Joninas
3/10—Cathy & Mitch Schueler
3/17—Gerry & John Travis
3/24—Lisa Sage
3/31- Beth Marien

ASSISTING MINISTERS

3/3 - Sue McCleese
3/10—Alan Clark
3/17—Sue McCleese
3/24—Alan Clark
3/31- Sue McCleese

USHERS

3/3 - Lisa Sage & Toni Zavadil
3/10 - Richard Scott & Dale Osterloh
3/17 - Gerry Travis & Ana Mouthaan
3/24- Cheryl Neller & Paul Evans
3/31- Lisa Sage & Toni Zavadil

11:00 am Worship Service

READERS

3/3 - Joel Parmer
3/10- Carol Woosley
3/17- David Tate
3/24 - Palm Sunday Passion Reading
3/31- Ron Goetzke

ALTAR GUILD

3/3—Diane Morhard
3/10—Marilyn Johnson
3/17—Zona Bunchen
3/24— Elke Baumgartner
3/31- Sharon Stevens

BREAD

3/3- Gerry Travis
3/10- Gerry Travis
3/17- Gerry Travis
3/24- Diane Bohn
3/31- Diane Bohn

ASSISTING MINISTERS

3/3 - Cindy Grastat
3/10- Dr. Hank Lewis
3/17- Don Woosley
3/24- Karin Bowman
3/31- Jenny Goodwin

USHERS

3/3- Phyllis Solgere & Dr. Hank Lewis
3/10- Joel Parmer & Carol Farrell
3/17- Janet Seibert & Michelle Bair
3/24 - Ron Goetzke & Chris Beck
3/31- Joel Parmer & Dr. Hank Lewis