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From the Pastor's Desk....



“Abide in me...” ~ Jesus, to his disciples.

This can be challenging. HOW do we abide in God’s presence?
Jesus says, getting rid of the dead stuff!

I took about 30 minutes at lunch yesterday to rake my front lawn areas before it started to rain. It’s a yearly ritual that I dread. When I spend time on my lawn, I want the finished product to be nice looking, lush and full, like you could lie down on it and take a nap on the green, soft grass. But spring raking is nothing like that. It seems like I’m actually making it worse. Chunks of thatch and moss and dog stuff and leaves are uprooted, showing off more brown dirt and red clay as an end result than lush green grass.

But as I rake, I just keep telling myself that this will be worth it. Pulling out the dead stuff makes more room for new life to flourish. More room for new seed. More room for water and sunshine to penetrate and do their thing.

Jesus instructions aren’t much different to his followers. It you want to be better at abiding in Jesus, being centered in faith, being immersed in God’s already present love, get rid of the dead stuff. And here’s the best part, God offers to help do it!! God will help us rake.

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Jesus wants us to regrow...daily, seasonally..by removing the “dog stuff” in our lives and letting the waters of baptism sink in more deeply to nourish... the light of love and grace warm our new seeds to grow. What needs to be removed from your front lawn today? What’s holding back new life that God is offering? What “dog stuff” have you found yourself ignoring or hanging on to that God is offering to help you remove?

You may only need 30 minutes to address it. Or it might take longer. And when you’re done, it may look a little rough at first. But God’s promise is to help you through the raking process.

Because by doing it, it’s how we abide in Jesus. Lord, I’m grabbing the rake. Please help me remove the dead stuff. Amen

Blessings,
Pastor Andy



Our next LWR sewing, cutting and ironing meeting will be the 3rd Wed., May 15th from 1-5 in the Fellowship Hall. We have all materials, we just need you.



Thanks so much to Nancy Garland and the Caruso family for being our cooks for family Promise. My co-coordinator Cheryl Neller had to manage things without me that day and I am so grateful things went smoothly and the families got their meal. Also I want to thank everyone who helped fill our list for their pantry needs or donated cash for our shopping trip. This ,ministry continues to grow and serve local families in need. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated. Thanks all!
Toni Zavadil and Cherly Neller



Women of the ELCA



The Magi Cluster 4 meeting was held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lilburn. Our WELCA group had 6 ladies attend. Sue Cordial was elected Cluster 4 Member At Large. Congratulations to Sue!



WELCA Lunch

WELCA Women of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will meet on Monday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided by Cheryl Fuller and Phyllis Solgere and the devotion by Jennifer Sawyer. All women of the church are welcome. Please come and join us.

The 36th Annual convention of the Southeastern Synod of the WomenELCA will be September 20 -22, 2024 in Huntsville, Alabama. The theme for this convention is Created To Shine Like Stars. Early registration deadline May 15, 2024 Final Registration deadline August 31, 2024 All women are welcome to attend. Website for registration forms www.seswelca.com Contact Zona Buchen for any questions



WELCA will begin to collect items for the Lutheran World Relief. For the month of May new bath towels will be needed to be packed in personal care kits. Shop for light to medium weight towels in dark colors.

The size guide lines are:

20" x 40" to 52" x 27".

There will be a box in the narthex labeled for the towels. They will be collected for the entire month of May.

NEWBORNS
IN NEED



*Thank you so much for
allowing our group to meet
every month at your church.
Your generosity is felt every
day. God Bless!*

Silvertones Gospel

Celebration, "HEAVEN"

May 4th & 5th at 6pm

Buford First Baptist Church, 4550

Hamilton Mill Road, Buford, GA.

Our own Joel Parmer and Edna
Jackson will be singing with them.

Bible +



Jodie will be teaching the most important
Bible lessons chosen from The Lutheran
Handbook. We hope you will grab your
coffee and join us Sunday's in between
services,

Thank You!

SOUTH HALL



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

In April CLC donated over 225 lbs of spaghetti sauce to
South Hall Community Food Pantry. Thank you so much
for your support.

For May we are looking for 15 oz cans of fruit.. If you bring
it to the church we will get it to the pantry.





youth NEWS

5/1 Youth Group 6 PM

5/8 Youth Group 6 PM

5/15 End of School Party



AFFIRM Lutheran Camp is open to all middle and high schoolers. See Sarah for more information.

Vacation Bible School June 3rd- 7th

REGISTER NOW



VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED



VOLUNTEERS

VBS Volunteer Training
Saturday May 11th 9:00 AM



Thank you to all those who came out on
April 27th and helped tidy up the church!
You are appreciated!



Volunteer Opportunities

CLC provides lunch the 2nd Wednesday of each month the Good News at Noon. If you are interested in volunteering please see Cheryl Fuller.



CONGREGATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The Congregation Council has decided to develop a Disaster Response Plan using the ELCA Congregational Disaster Preparedness Guidebook, which can be found at the ELCA web site searching for disaster response guidebook. The purpose of this is to provide a plan for answering the "what if ... and what do we do now" questions in the event of any type of disaster, be it a fire, storm damage or other situation that impacts our ability to operate and or serve the wider community. The guidebook provides a step-by-step process for us to create a plan unique to our situation.

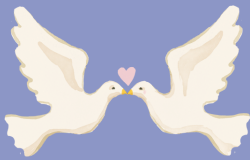
This is no small task and too much for the council to do by itself. That said, we are in need of volunteers to serve as a collaborative team in the development of the plan so that the congregation is ready to respond to a threat of and actual impact of a disaster.

If you are willing to serve on this team, please contact Eugene Ferg, 724-422-8008 or at eaferg@hotmail.com.

Also, copies of the guidebook are available at the church office for your review before making your decision. Thank you.

Happy Anniversary

5/15 Mike & Beth Marien
 5/18 Dane & Jan Clark
 5/22 Derek & Dawn Johnson
 5/24 Arnie & Sue McCleese



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/3 Noah Johnson
 5/20 Beth Marien
 5/22 Emma Seibert
 5/23 Sarah Hackney
 5/26 Signy Uyl
 5/27 Sondra Lightfoot
 5/27 Dawn Johnson
 5/29 Tina Crews
 5/29 Zona Buchen



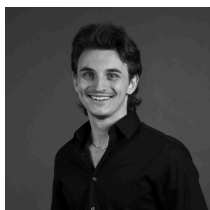
Congratulations Class of 2024



Corey Bryson- Graduating from Lanier Christian Academy. Corey will attend Piedmont University majoring in business.



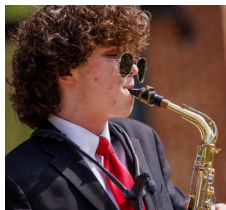
Madalyn Caruso is graduating from Flowery Branch High School. Madalyn will be attending UNG in the fall majoring in Pre-Veterinary Science.



Bobby Falcey is graduating from Savannah College of Art and Design with a Bachelor in Fine Arts with a concentration in Documentary Photography. Bobby plans to work for a local news outlet while also growing his own freelance company on the side.



Emma Seibert is graduating from Lenore Rhyne University with her bachelors in psychology. Emma plans to take a gap year before going to graduate school for Theatre Education.



Richard Simpson is graduating from Millcreek High School. Richard plans to attend Gwinnett Technical College in the fall, getting a degree in HVAC and business.



A reception to celebrate our graduates will be held in the fellowship hall Sunday May 26th after the 11:00 service.

Thank you for serving...



8:30 AM Worship Service

Readers

5/5- Edna Jackson
5/12- Jenna Abney
5/19- Cathy Schueler
5/26- Toni Zavadil

Alter Guild

5/5- Beth Marien
5/12- Sue Joninas
5/19- Cathy & Mitch Schueler
5/26- Lisa Sage

Assisting Ministers

5/5 SueMcCleese
5/12 Alan Clark
5/19 Sue McCleese
5/26 Alan Clark

Ushers

5/5- Dale Osterloh & Gerry Travis
5/12 Ana Mouthaan & Cheryl Neller
5/19 Paul Evans & Toni Zavadil
5/26 Richard Scott & Dale Osterloh

11:00 AM Worship Service

Readers

5/5- Michelle Bair
5/12- Phyllis Solgere
5/19- Joel Parmer
5/26- Zona Buchen

Alter Guild

5/5- Elke Baumgartner
5/12- Denise Simpson
5/19- Diane Morhard
5/26- Sharon Stevens

Bread

5/5- Diane Bohn
5/12- Diane Bohn
5/19- Gerry Travis
5/26- Gerry Travis

Assisting Ministers

5/5- Cindy Grastat
5/12- Dr. Hank Lewis
5/19-Karin Bowman
5/26- Jenny Goodwin

Ushers

5/5- Phyllis Solgere & Carol Farrel
5/12- Ron Goetzke & Chris Beck
5/19- Janet Seibert & Michelle Bair
5/26 Joel Parmer & Dr. Hank Lewis

THANK
you



2024 May

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			1 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study	2 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6:30 pm Prayer & Pericope	3 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	4
5 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible + 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo	6 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	7 9 am Morning Miracles	8 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 6 pm Youth Group	9 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6:30 pm Prayer & Pericope	10 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	11 9:00 am VBS Volunteer Training
12 Happy Mother's Day 8:30 Worship 9:45 Bible + 11:00 Worship w/ Kids Worship 1:00 pm Iglesia Luterana de Cristo	13 WELCA 11:30 AM 6pm Church Council Meeting 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	14 9 am Morning Miracles	15 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Zoom Bible Study 1pm LWR Quilters 6 pm End of School Party	16 Sarah out of office 9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am SHFP 6:30 pm Prayer & Pericope	17 Sarah out of office 8 pm 4th Dimension AA	18 9am -3 pm Newborns in Need
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