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## FROM THE PASTOR'S

# DESK



## Pastor Andy will return on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

## Ash Wednesday Worship Mar 2nd



**12 noon – Spoken Service of Ashes**

**7:00 PM – Service of Ashes**

### WHY DO WE OBSERVE ASH WEDNESDAY? A REFLECTION

On Ash Wednesday we begin the church season of Lent as we hear the words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” These are the words spoken as an ashen cross is smudged on one’s forehead. Like the words spoken at a funeral committal, ashes are a reminder of our mortality and finitude. They remind us we cannot escape death, no matter how hard we may try to keep it at arm’s length or deny its reality in our lives.

Ashes remind us how at one time they were rubbed on one’s skin to eliminate hard to remove dirt. Lent is also a time of cleansing and renewal. We pray along with the psalmist to “create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me”, and are reminded of God’s cleansing Spirit of renewal in our lives.

Finally, because the smudged cross is made with ashes mixed with oil, we are reminded of the mark with oil placed on our brow at baptism. We remember the promise we were given, “Child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.” In the waters of baptism we have been joined to both the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And while the ashes remind us of our eventual death, the smudged cross reminds us death does not have the last word.

As people “of the smudge” we are people who trust in the resurrection to new life it offers through faith in the risen Christ. In Lent we journey both toward the cross and the empty tomb. And this gives us hope.

Blessings as we journey together in Faith, Hope and Love,

*Pastor Andy*

## We Have a New Treasurer



I am pleased to announce that we have a new Treasurer. Jeanne Lewis is currently in training and will begin in March. She has a good background in treasury work, having done that for her husband, Dr. Hank Lewis. Jeanne will replace me, and work with Jan Clark, Cathy Freeman, and Dawn Johnson. Please welcome Jeanne to our team.

As mentioned in our February meeting, we again exceeded our Ministry Plan, by over \$37,000. Rather than just banking this extra money, our Finance Team will make a recommendation to Church Council on where to apply this money. Recently, we paid for our Cross, new Sign, and a new flag in front of our church. Our next two projects include the new kids playground and new landscaping in front of the church.



### For those of us 70 ½ or over, a change

You can make a **“Qualified Charitable Distribution”** to help the church and save money on your taxes.

A qualified charitable distribution is normally a taxable distribution from an IRA owned by an individual who is age 70½ or over that **is paid directly** from your IRA to a qualified charity, like our church. Sometimes this is done to satisfy all or part of a required minimum distribution (RMD) which has been returned to the tax code. Please note, to qualify, the contribution must be paid directly to the church.



### Estate Gifts – Safe and Simple

Please consider including your church in your estate plan. It can be very simple as “I leave \$Amount to Christ Lutheran Church”. You can designate a particular use for your gift otherwise it will go into a Memorial Fund under your name. When needed, we will contact your family to get approval of its use.

Even if you do not have a will or trust, many people are now using the newer “payable-on-death” (POD) plan to avoid probate. You sign up for this free plan with your bank or brokerage firm and upon your death the proceeds are distributed directly to your named beneficiaries without cost or delay.

For both IRA and Estate gifts, stock transfers go to our Schwab account. Checks (the most common way to donate) go to:

Christ Lutheran Church  
PO Box 1298  
Oakwood, GA 30566  
(Federal ID is 58-1754954)

Faithfully yours, John Travis, Treasurer

## Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!

One good act leads to another. And the impact grows. Thanks to Thrivent, that's what we've experienced through the Thrivent Choice® program.

Many of you directed **Choice Dollars®** to our church or made a donation using [Thrivent's giving platform](#). And by doing so, you have helped to make a difference. The outreach funding we receive from both you and Thrivent helps us to continue our important mission. Thank you for your support.

## WELCA NEWS

All ladies of the church are invited to join us on **Monday, March 14th at 11:30 a.m.** for fun and fellowship. Lunch will be provided by Nancy Garland, Diane Morhard, and Carol Farrell. Cathy Schueler will lead our Bible Study. Please join us!

*Phyllis Solgere*

*"No person has the power to have everything they want, but it is in their power not to want what they don't have, and to cheerfully put to good use what they do have."*

*Seneca, ca. 4 BC – 65 AD, Roman statesman and philosopher*

## Mid-week Lenten Supper and Services

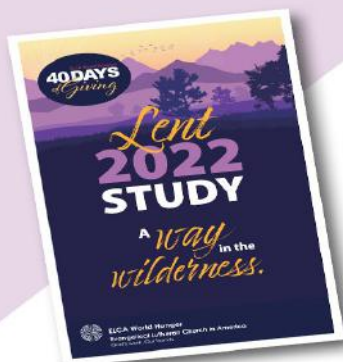


We will begin our Lenten supper and services starting **Wednesday, March 9th at 6 pm**. We will have a light supper and then have Lenten service at 7 pm each Wednesday during Lent. We are asking for volunteers or church groups to sign up to provide the weekly supper. We have already had several groups sign up, but still need a few more. Individuals are also welcome to sign up. The sheet is located on the board in the back of the narthex.



## Bible + God in Our Lives Today

*All are Welcome...Join the Conversation! Sundays @ 9:45*



We invite you to **study, pray, reflect and give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world **beginning on Sunday, March 6th.**

[Lenten Resources - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America \(elca.org\)](http://elca.org)

As the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for the time when we “will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes” (Revelation 7:16-17). This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God’s story does not end on that hill.

### Discussion Leaders

3/06 Week 1 “Journey in the Wilderness”

Cathy Schueler

3/13 Week 2 “Wandering in the Wilderness”

Gerry & John Travis

3/20 Week 3 “Vulnerable in the Wilderness”

Cheryl Neller

3/27 Week 4 “Transformed in the Wilderness”

Ken Hayden

4/3 Week 5 “A Way ion the Wilderness

Toni Zavadil



If you would like Bible + to send a CLC Note to someone, please let us know (Sharon Stevens or Bill Wonnacott). A Sample of CLC note card is on display in the Narthex.



**Our Cow Fund (on Milk Can in Narthex)** Thank you for your Contributions, helping People in Need! Called to do God’s work in the world, the Cow Fund contributes to Lutheran Disaster Relief, Family Promise and Lutheran World Relief. Hunger Relief to those in need.

Looking forward to sharing fellowship with you.....

Sharon Stevens & Bill Wonnacott

## Youth News March 2022



### Youth Group Changes for Lent

Relentless Teens are encouraged to attend Wednesday Services

**CLC Kids will have special craft time during Lenten services on the following Wednesdays: March 16th, March 30th and April 13th**

**\*\*Please remember we have to be flexible with Covid outbreaks and may cancel at the last minute. Please join our "text group" to have up to the minute information.\*\***

Join our Remind by texting  
@clckids to 81010  
Or  
@clcteens to 81010



3/1 Herb Grastat  
3/1 Austin Seibert  
3/1 Skylar Truelove  
3/4 Tyler Seibert  
3/6 Barbara Tiszai  
3/7 Ginny Huseby  
3/8 Sharon Stevens  
3/10 Cindy Grastat  
3/11 Melinda Parmer  
3/12 Janet Seibert  
3/13 Toni Zavadil



3/15 Pastor Andy Seibert  
3/16 Kyle Lewis  
3/21 Kelly Stroup  
3/22 William Stroup  
3/24 Janet Falcey  
3/24 Jim Meyers  
3/27 Sarah Caruso  
3/31 Jill Young



*March*  
Anniversaries

*3/7 Diana & Kelly Stroup*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Church Landscaping is underway!</b></p> 		<p>1</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10 am Bible Study Via Zoom 12 noon Ash Wed spoken service 7 pm Ash Wed service 7:30 Adult choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hispanic Group Reunion 12 pm-4</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45 am Bible+ 11 am Worship w/Kid's worship</p> <p>Online service available via YouTube</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10 am Bible Study Via Zoom 14 pm Quilt Group</p> <p>6 pm Lenten supper <i>7 pm Lent service</i> 7:30 Adult choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 <i>Daylight Savings returns</i></p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45 Bible + 11 am Worship w/Kid's worship</p> <p>Online service available via YouTube</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 am WELCA 6 pm Church Council 8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10 am Bible Study Via Zoom 14 pm CLC Quilters 6 pm Lenten supper <i>7 pm Lent service</i> 7:30 Adult choir</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>9 am morning Miracles AA 10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am –3:30 pm Newborns in Need</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:30am Worship 9:45 am Bible+ 11 am Worship w/Kid's worship</p> <p>Online service available via YouTube</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4-6 pm CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry 8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA</p> <p><i>Dawn out of office</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10 am Bible Study Via Zoom 6 pm Lenten supper <i>7 pm Lent service</i> 7:30 Adult choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 am Morning Miracles AA 10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8 pm Fourth Dimension AA</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10 am–12 noon CLC staffs South Hall Food Pantry</p>
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# Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

Serving at Worship for March

## 8:30 am Worship Service

### READERS

3/6 Edna Jackson  
3/13 Jenna Abney  
3/17 Cathy Schueler  
3/20 Bill Wonnacott

### ALTAR GUILD

3/6 Edna & Eugene Ferg  
3/13 Cathy & Mitch Schueler  
3/20 Beth Marien  
3/27 Lisa Sage

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

3/6 Alan Clark (Ana Mouthaan, train)  
3/13 Alan Clark  
3/20 Ana Mouthaan  
3/27 Alan Clark

### USHERS

3/6 Toni Zavadil & Lisa Sage  
3/13 Dale Osterloh & Greg Kaczorowski  
3/20 Richard Scott & Paul Evans  
3/27 Gerry Travis & Cheryl Neller

## 11:00 am Worship Service

### READERS

3/6 Michelle Bair  
3/13 Ron Goetzke  
3/20 Carol Woosley  
3/27 Karen Legg

### ALTAR GUILD

3/6 Sharon Stevens  
3/13 Diane Morhard  
3/20 Kim Overcash  
3/27 Zona Buchen

### BREAD

3/6 Freda Bair  
3/13 Gerry Travis  
3/20 Diane Bohn  
3/27 Karin Bowman

### ASSISTING MINISTERS

3/6 Karin Bowman  
3/13 Jenny Goodwin  
3/20 Cindy Grastat  
3/27 Dr. Hank Lewis

### USHERS

3/6 Alan & Kimberly Overcash  
3/13 Phyllis Solgere & Janet Seibert  
3/20 Ted Best & Ron Goetzke  
2/27 Don Finfrock & Dr. Hank Lewis

**11 am Kid's Worship- Sarah Caruso**