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Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities

Sundays	9:00 AM	Fellowship before Worship Bible Study	In person
Mondays	10:00 AM	Bible Study	In person & FB Live
	5:00 PM	A Pint & Fellowship	Zoom
	7:00 PM	Pastor and a Pint	On hiatus
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Weekly Bible Lessons At G & G's Cafe	In person & FB Live
	3:00 PM	Ladies Bible Study	In person
Fridays	10:00 AM	Book Study	In person & FB Live

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO BECOME A PART OF ONE OF THESE GROUPS TODAY



Scripture Readings

<i>Feb. 4</i>	<i>Fifth S. a. the Epiphany</i>	<i>Is. 40:21-31</i>	<i>Psalms 147:1-11</i>	<i>1 Cor. 9:16-27</i>	<i>Mark 1:29-39</i>
<i>Feb. 11</i>	<i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	<i>2 Kings 2:1-12 or Ex. 34:29-35</i>	<i>Psalms 50:1-6</i>	<i>2 Cor. 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6</i>	<i>Mark 9:2-9</i>
<i>Feb. 14</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Joel 2:12-19</i>	<i>Psalms 51:1-13 (14-19)</i>	<i>2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10</i>	<i>Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21</i>
<i>Feb. 18</i>	<i>First S. in Lent</i>	<i>Gen. 22:1-18</i>	<i>Psalms 25:1-10</i>	<i>James 1:12-18</i>	<i>Mark 1:9-15</i>
<i>Feb. 25</i>	<i>Second S. in Lent</i>	<i>Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16</i>	<i>Psalms 22:23-31</i>	<i>Rom. 5:1-11</i>	<i>Mark 8:27-38</i>



Women Helping Hands

Our first meeting went well. There were seven of us there. We discussed the projects we completed last year. Barbara Palk had several visits with Sunshine Care Home, helping with crafts for one. The money from the Handbell Workshop Lunch was given to the Ecumenical Food Bank. Lap Blankets were delivered to Sunshine Care Home. Crib quilts were delivered to Women's Enrichment Center.

The tentative 2024 schedule for our projects is:

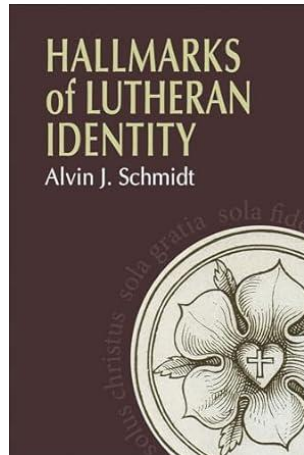
March 2024 – an event for Hope House

May 2024 – an event for Sunshine Care Home

July 2024 – a social event for us

September 2024 – an event for an undecided Community Service

November/early December 2024 – An Advent preparation High Tea for all the ladies with admission being something for the Women's Enrichment Center.



Our next Sunday AM Study will examine the book, "Hallmarks of Lutheran Identity" by Alvin J. Schmidt. The class will be led by Les Fuerch and will meet in the downstairs room at 8:45 AM. This will be a marvelous opportunity to refresh and renew understanding and insights into a number of the doctrines that frames our "Lutheran lens" of the Scripture. Sign up in the Narthex... Get your book from Les Fuerch... Read Chapter 1 to be ready for the start on Sunday, February 25.



Making a Joyful Noise

2024 – A year of changes...a year of possibilities...a year to grow closer to Jesus...a year of honoring old friends and continuing to make new ones...a year for new challenges, new opportunities to serve others... So much has changed in the last few months, yet a lot remains the same.

Our handbell and voice choirs are full of amazing people. What a blessing (most of the time) to work with. We are always looking for new folks to join us. It is a small commitment. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from the 2nd week in January (or later depending on when Easter falls) until the week after Pentecost or maybe Trinity Sunday and then from mid-August until the end of the year. We typically sing/play once a month and sometimes twice if there are high Holy days upcoming. I try to schedule to accommodate everyone's travels/vacations. Our two busiest times of the year are Holy Week and Easter in the Spring and then the Community Christmas Cantata in December. Please prayerfully ponder joining to share your musical gift!

The handbells and choir are adding to our Ash Wednesday Worship and then the bells will ring on Feb. 18 the choir will follow on Feb. 25.

Thank you to all the Music Ministry members for the wonderful Christmas gift and your continued dedication to spreading His Word through music! Love you all!!

"Let everything that has breath Praise the Lord!"

Monthly Mission Focus:



A hunger relief program for Union County children

Mission in Action for February

Goodies from the Heart is a nonprofit, hunger-relief organization that serves the children of Union County, Georgia. We provide food for weekend nourishment to school-aged children who largely depend on school breakfasts and lunches as their primary source of food throughout the week. The program launched in 2013 and has grown through the dedication and compassion of local individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations.

All Saints will be filling the bags on Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 PM. We need a team of people to help with this task. Please sign up on the bulletin board. More details will be provided.

We will be collecting donations of food items that will go into these bags. Check out the display in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a financial donation, please write a check to All Saints and write "Goodies from the Heart" in the memo.

All donations need to be made by Sunday, Feb. 25th.

Pictures from "Share the Warmth"





Fellowship News

Happy February to you all! January was a busy month. Our first, hopefully annual, chili cookoff was a great success. There were 12 pots of chili competing for Best Overall and Spiciest. The winners were: tied for Best Overall – Luann and Ben Bryans and Christi Hart. Most Spicy – Lisa Blackwelder. Everyone had a blast! The winners received a prize and the Bryans' recipe will be used for this year's All Saints' entry in the Chef Showdown competition.

January's F4 was a delicious meal of pot roast. There were full plates and plenty of conversation. We encourage you to come! What can be better than a warm tasty plate of food, fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ...and you don't have to plan it, cook it, serve it, or clean up afterwards.

We are approaching the season of Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday is on February 14. We will be continuing the Lenten Soup and Bread meals on Wednesdays at 5pm before service. You will find sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please note – there will not be an F4 dinner during Lent. The next dinner will be on Friday, April 26.

Pictures from the Chili Cook-Off





Pictures from January's Fourth Friday Feast and Fellowship



"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers." Acts 2:42



Mission in Action Lent Challenge

Milk Money Collection

The Ecumenical Food Pantry of Blairsville
will distribute Easter food baskets
for 160 households in need.

Our goal is to supply 160 gallons of milk!
Bring your "milk money" to Lenten Suppers
or on Sunday and help reach the goal.



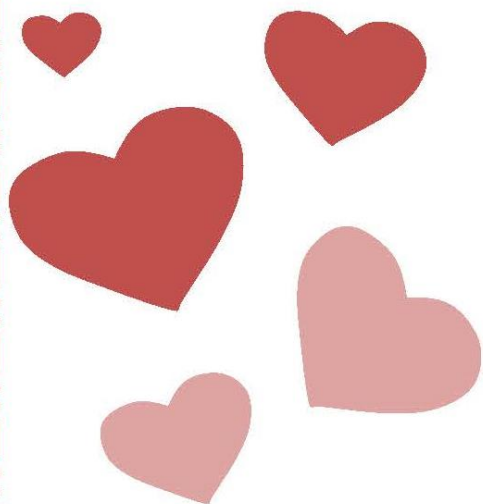
Look for the Collection Milk Jars.



Volunteers to purchase and deliver milk will be needed March 7, 14, 21 and 28.
Contact Sally Wesche or Gail DeLuca for more details.



Ecumenical
Food Pantry
of Blairsville



Ministries Opportunities Fair

Sunday, February 11

Congregational Potluck Dinner

Would you like to be more involved in the ministry of All Saints Lutheran Church? Do you ask yourself, "Where can the Lord use my gifts for the good of His kingdom?"

On Sunday, February 11th we will present a Ministries Opportunities Fair to inform the congregation of all the areas of ministries available. It will also be a time of fellowship as we come together for a good old-fashioned church potluck.

We hope you will join us.
Sign up on the bulletin board!



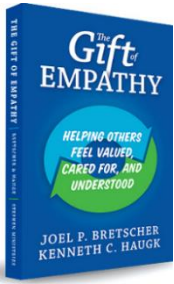
Thank you from Union County Family Connection

We have been overwhelmed by the generous outpouring of support for the Christmas Assistance project. This year we reached more children than ever, a total of 805, an increase of 10 percent over last year.

This would not have been possible without the help of 75 groups, agencies, businesses, families, and churches (including All Saints Lutheran Church) meeting the need. Each family served was touched and appreciative of the support shown to them.



New Book Study



The “Gift of Empathy” helps one to better understand, connect to, and empathize with family, friends, or others you may relate to. This book from Stephen Ministries seeks to equip readers to relate in empathetic ways that make a difference in peoples’ lives. In this study, we will take a fresh look at this important relational skill, examining what empathy is and is not.

We will share practical guidance and show how to respond in all kinds of situations and settings. This study will assist you to enjoy more meaningful connections in all areas and relationships in your life.

STARTS THIS FRIDAY!

The Class will meet 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall as follows:

February 2	Introduction & Chapters 1-4
February 9	Chapters 5-7 & Interlude
February 16	Chapters 8-10
February 23	Chapters 11-13
March 1	Chapters 14-17 & Epilogue

From Pastor Dave...

Luann and I would like to thank the congregation for your ongoing love throughout the year and generosity at Christmas as you have so graciously gifted us. We thank God for the partnership that He has allowed us to share and the gifts that we are continually challenged to utilize for the sake of the congregation, the community, and His Kingdom. We deeply appreciate your kindness and support and the joy that you bring to our work and ministry.

*Sharing the Gospel and Our Lives,
Pastor Dave*

The 2024 Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 with Worship at 6:00 PM. We will celebrate with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion to begin our journey to the Cross. The focus of the messages over the 6 weeks will be the 6 "Solus," the "Alones" of our Lutheran-Christian faith.

February 14	"Solus Christus"...Christ Alone
February 21	"Sola Gratia"...Grace Alone
February 28	"Sola Scriptura"...Scripture Alone
March 6	"Sola Fide"...Faith Alone
March 13	"Solus Spiritus"...Spirit Alone
March 20	"Soli Deo Gloria"...To God Alone Be the Glory

The Midweek Services (except for Ash Wednesday) will have a Soup & Bread Meal at 5:00 PM with Worship following at 6:00 PM. This will prepare us for the Worship of Holy Week on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and culminating on Easter Sunday (March 31).

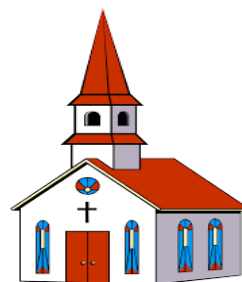
WORSHIP SERVANTS FOR FEB

Date	Greeter	Ushers	Lector	Worship Assistant	Altar Guild
Feb 4	Connie	Debby & Ralph B	Pamela	Gene	Lisa Blackwelder And Christine Collinson
Feb 11	Betty	Duane & Don	Sally	Pamela	
Feb 14	Jill	Ralph B	Betty	Lisa	
Feb 18	Jill	Debby & Ralph B	Gene	Patrice	
Feb 21	Jill	Duane			
Feb 25	Connie	Don & Duane	Lisa	Sally	
Feb 28	Betty	Jon			



Household of the week:

David & Carol Lange – Feb 4
Josh Matthiesen – Feb 11
Lucy Weigert – Feb 18
Paul Leek – Feb 25



Circuit Church of the week:

Trinity, Athens – Feb 4
Trinity, Toccoa – Feb 11
Christ the King, Commerce – Feb 18
Christus Victor, Athens – Feb 15



Birthdays

Les Fuerch – Feb 6
Dennis Replinger – Feb 9
Janice Webb – Feb 19
Charles Waltz – Feb 21
Linda Sosensky – Feb 25



Anniversaries

Rick & Lori Gross – Feb 4
Don & Jill Williams – Feb 9

