

LCR Weekly

September 4, 2022



Traditional Worship
8:30 am

Praise Worship
11:00 am

**Fellowship Hour in
between services**

**The Altar Flowers this
Sunday are given to
the Glory of God by**

Jill & Kirk Gadebusch
In celebration of our
wedding anniversary



LCR [YouTube Channel](#)

Who is Invited to LCR's Table?

Last Sunday, Pastor Ruth spoke to us about Luke 14, asking us to reflect on whom do we invite to our dinner table. Would our guests include those with whom we are familiar, such as family members, neighbors, and co-workers? Would our guests be those who share our similar values, economic status, educational achievements, or political views? Or would our guests include those whom Jesus commanded that we serve and acknowledge: "the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind."

Martin Luther fully embraced this command as he designed and implemented his Common Chest program in 1520. Luther maintained that, as Christians, we are free from angst and worry about our salvation because we have been saved and justified through God's mercy and grace. And because we do not have to worry about whether our actions are good enough to earn salvation, we become God's human emissaries to fulfill his mission to serve others, specifically the poor, out of love. All persons are our neighbors to be served through justice and equity and treated with dignity. Luther's program brought about unparalleled social reform at that time. It addressed medical care and hospitals for the poor and elderly, soup kitchens for the needy, low interest rates for start-up businesses, subsidized tuition for schooling based on family economic situation, management of common grain storage to be distributed to all during a bad harvest year, and many more issues. The program was adopted in 27 German towns and spread to Denmark and Norway.

The commission to serve the disenfranchised and the most vulnerable is reflected in LCR's Vision Statement in our Long Range Plan: "To be a vibrant faith community of disciples embracing . . . committed serving," thus leading to the fulfillment of LCR's Mission Statement: "To deepen people's relationship with Jesus Christ and each other." At LCR there are many opportunities to be engaged in serving the poor, disenfranchised and most vulnerable through LCR's ministries with MUST, YELLS, Special Needs Cobb, Habitat for Humanity, the Promise Garden, Knitters for Peace, LCR Blanketeers, Inspiritus (Hunger Walk), and our partnership with Santissima Trinidad Lutheran Church and the MILAGRO Women's Center in Guatemala, to name a few. But daily we are reminded as we go to the mall or the grocery store, or drive up an exit ramp that the poor, the homeless, and disenfranchised extend well beyond the ministries at LCR.

As we approach our annual celebration of *God's Work. Our Hands. / Rally Day*, and as encouraged by Pastor Ruth in our time of transition and re-imagining, perhaps LCR is being offered a time to reflect on how we, as individual followers of Christ and the LCR church community, can and do respond to Jesus's command to serve the less fortunate.

-Catherine Strate

Children

Hi Guys!

We have come to the end of lessons in the “Weekly” because I hope to see you back in Sunday School. Please join me on Sunday, September 11 downstairs in the Family Life Center. You will be able to meet the teachers and because it’s **God’s Work.Our Hands**. Sunday, we will be working together on a project. Parents are welcome as well.

If you have not registered your child/children for Sunday school, please take a moment and use the link to the right to do so.

September 18 will be our first official day of Sunday school, so there will be a blessing given at both services for the Sunday School students and teachers. You don’t want to miss that.

It’s been a while since we’ve been together, and many of the children may not have received a Sparks Bible. If your child has not, please email me at Sharon@LCRmarietta.org. First Bible presentation Sunday will be held Sunday, September 25.

An exciting time and a lot going on!

-Ms. Sharon



Register your child for Sunday School [here!](#) First day back is Rally Day, September 11.

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Wednesday Evening Study via Zoom with Pastor Dave at 7 pm

Pastor Dave will be leading a study entitled “The Sermon on the Mount—How an Ancient Sermon is a Model for Living in the Modern World.”

The study will focus on Matthew 5:1-7:29 and will be held via Zoom on Wednesday evenings for 6 weeks from 7:00—8:30 pm beginning on September 21.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please let Pastor Dave know by emailing him at PastorDave@LCRmarietta.org.

Women’s Bible Study via Zoom Thursdays from 8:30—9:30 am Led by Cheryl Ware

Ladies! We will be restarting the Thursday morning Bible study on September 15. Our theme for the fall will be Personal Growth. Topics will rotate weekly to give everyone the flexibility to attend as they are able. Come exercise your faith with other women in the body of Christ. We will meet via Zoom using this [Zoom link](#). Questions? Contact CherylWare@icloud.com.

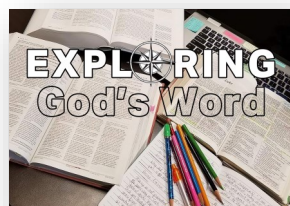
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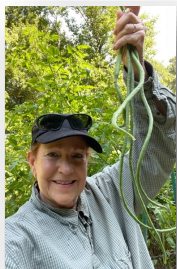


Worship Assistants
[Sign-up Link](#)

[Altar Flower Sign-Up](#)

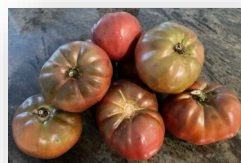
[Send a Prayer Request here](#)





Promise Garden

The Cherokee Purple tomatoes are maturing and are being donated to the CAC. And check out this variety of green beans that grows up to 36" long! We have made an average of 25 lbs. donations in August.



Come visit our table in the Gathering Room on Sunday, September 11 on *God's Work. Our Hands./Rally Day!*
-Margaret Perry

Outreach

MUST
[donation link](#)

CAC
[donation link](#)

YELLS
[donation link](#)



MUST Lunches

Thank you to everyone for your time and commitment to cook and serve at the MUST Hope House every 3rd Wednesday of the month!

On August 17, Karen and Dana cooked and prepared LCR's famous turkey casserole with sides of course, and then Mark, Stephen, and Mike served the meal!

To get involved, see the link in the right-hand column or email Dana Jelinek at danacbooth@hotmail.com.

**Meals on Wheels
Volunteer Sign-Up:**
Contact [Ron Jolly](#)

**MUST Wednesday
Lunch
Volunteer Sign-Up:**
[Sign-up Genius Link](#)

**Brumby E.S.
Volunteer
Opportunities:**
Contact [Stephen
Goodnough](#)

MUST Celebration
Contact [Dan Gilroy](#)



"Taste of Habitat" - 18th Annual Fundraising Event—September 16, 2022 from 7 – 9 PM Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta

Join Pastor Ruth and fellow members of the 12 Northwest Atlanta Lutheran churches come together for a fun "date night" (adults only) with outstanding food & drink (cash bar), great fellowship and live music. There will also be an extensive Silent Auction, sales of other unique fundraising items such as an amazing trip to Italy – the Tuscan region, and our ever-popular trivia contest!

If you have something of value laying around your house and would like to donate it to the "Taste," next year's Habitat homeowner would be eternally grateful we know.

Last year the "Taste" raised more than \$38,000 that helped fund a Habitat for Humanity home. We also donated thousands of volunteer hours this past spring when the Lutheran Coalition helped build a house for Kimberly Sylvester, a 39 year old single mother of three children. She was born in St. Lucia and raised in the U.S. Virgin Islands. She moved to Georgia seven years ago and has rented an apartment in Cobb County for that entire time. With the birth of her third child, she especially needed a larger home. Kimberly has worked for the Cobb County Board of Education as a special-needs paraprofessional for the past five years.

For more information contact John Osberg at josberg@bellsouth.net.



**Guatemala Gala
Sat., Sept. 10
5:30-8:30 pm
Tickets \$50/person
Fundraiser to
support MILAGRO
Registration [Link](#)**

[Link to Inspiritus
Disaster Relief.](#)

Announcements



As my 22 years at LCR as Director of Worship & Music has come to an end, please know how grateful I am to all of you for your support, community, and friendship as we worked together to serve God in this place and beyond. Many thanks for so many wonderful memories

from last Sunday:

- The marvelous musicians who participated in the service.
- All those who were able to attend the 8:30 service.
- The lovely reception with delicious food.
- All those wishing David and I well in our retirement.
- The creative Disney gifts and the generous monetary gifts.
- Speaking with many people about memories over the years, the children I've watched grow into fine young adults, shared experiences, and making music in praise of God together.



LCR has been a major part of our lives, and we will never forget you. We wish you God's continued blessings as you participate in worship and service with one another.

If you want to reach me, please email me at my home email at david_phelps@comcast.net.

Internship Competed!



My pastoral internship at LCR is finished! Thank you for the wonderful gathering with yummy desserts for me this past Sunday. LCR has blessed and supported me so much this past year through difficult times. You also nurtured my growth in ministry in huge ways. God truly knew exactly where I needed to be this year. Thank you LCR!

Altar Flowers—Increase in Cost



Unfortunately, due to rising costs of flowers and delivery charges, our florist had to increase the cost for our Altar Flowers to \$47.50 for one arrangements and \$95 for two arrangements.

We thank you for your understanding.

You can help us adorn the altar for worship by purchasing flowers and celebrating a special occasion or honoring a loved one. Please go to this [link](#) to sign up for a Sunday.

Events

Men's Group (with breakfast)

Wednesdays at 7:30 am
In-Person (with Zoom option [Zoom link](#))

Knitters for Peace

September 6 at 7 pm
LCR Library

MUST Celebration

September 4

Rally Day & GWOH

September 11

LCR Women's Book Club—Zoom

September 15 at 7 pm
[Zoom Link](#)

Blessing of Sunday School Teachers & Students

September 18

First Bible Presentation

September 25

Mark Your Calendar BUNKO

October 22

Synod e-News

[Link](#)