

LCR Weekly

December 25, 2022



Christmas Eve
4 pm & 8 pm

Christmas Day
One worship at
10:00 am
Lessons & Carols

No Fellowship Hour
or Sunday School

The Altar Flowers this
Sunday are given
to the Glory of God by
Susan & John Osberg
In memory of
Matt Koons

Deanna Topping
In celebration of Eric's
34th birthday



LCR [YouTube Channel](#)

Christmas Message from Pr. Ruth

O Lord our God, as we celebrate again the festival of Christmas, we ask you to make us humble and loving like Jesus, who did not come to be served but to serve, and who said it is better to give than to receive, so that, in his name, we may devote ourselves to the care and service of all those who are in need. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Stephen S. Smalley



God bless all of you, who are a gift to this congregation and to God's children in this community and around the world. Thank you for all you do in Jesus' name.

May Christ, who has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always.

-Pastor Ruth

Bell Choir

Thank you to the Resurrection Bells for playing "Christmas Night" under the direction of Julian Calvin at both services this past Sunday.



Click on the image or click [here](#) to listen to Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton read The Christmas Story.





Pastor Ruth, Minister Jamie, Julian, Sharon & Sigrid

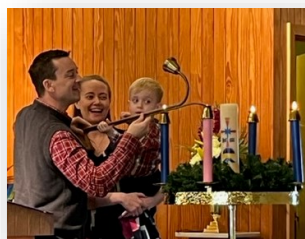
LCR Sign-Ups



Worship Assistants
[Sign-up Link](#)



[Altar Flower Sign-Up](#)



Worship

Thank you to all the families who helped light the Advent candles at the beginning of our worship services during Advent. Pictured here are Lisa, Joshua and Adam Berry.



[Coffee Hour](#)
[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

2023 Altar Flowers



Help us adorn the altar for worship by purchasing flowers and celebrating a special occasion or honoring a loved one with your flower order. The cost is \$47.50 for one arrangement and \$95 for both. (Prices increased due to increases in floral and delivery charges).

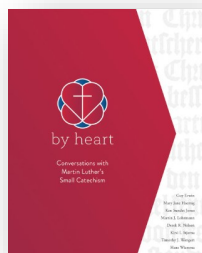
Please go to this [link](#) to **sign up** for a Sunday. Please add your dedication in the memo line and indicate if you want to keep or donate the arrangement. Donated bouquets will be delivered to LCR shut-ins. If you would like to take the flowers you purchased home, you may pick them up after the 11 am service.

You can **make your payment by check**, noting "Altar Flowers" in the memo line or **pay online** at LCRmarietta.org/give, then choose the "Altar Flowers" line and select the quantity.



[Send a Prayer](#)
[Request here](#)

Regular Groups



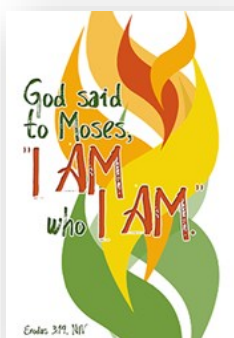
By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism Book Study led by Pastor Ruth **Starting January 8 in between services** **9:45-10:30 am in Classroom 8 downstairs**

Did you have to memorize part of Luther's Small Catechism when you were in confirmation? Or perhaps you never even have heard of the Small Catechism? Wherever you are on that spectrum, you are invited to participate in a series of conversations about Martin Luther's Small Catechism, using the book *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism* (please purchase book prior to study, available from [Amazon](#) or [Augsburg Fortress](#)).

The beautifully illustrated book is very down-to-earth, just like Luther. It draws upon the history of Luther's age as well as Luther's biography to help us understand the context in which Luther wrote. It also helps us talk about questions that we ask today, like "Is my unbaptized grandchild saved?" or "What do Lutherans believe?" or "Why do we say the Creed?"

This opportunity is for people who would like to be introduced to the catechism as well as for those who know it already. The hope is that these conversations, through the power of the Holy Spirit, deepen our understanding and faith.

2023 Men's Retreat **January 27-29 at Lutheranch**



God comes to people right where they are. But God never leaves them there. God is always calling us into the future, into God's future. So who and where are you now? Where might God be calling you to go? What might God encourage you to be and do?

Join us for the Men's Retreat as we explore where God has met us and where God is leading us. Come share your stories as we listen and talk together about the God we know from our own lives and through the Bible.

Cost: \$175 for double occupancy or \$250 for single occupancy, includes 5 meals. Proof of vaccination will be required.

Interested? Contact Mark Olson at maolson456@gmail.com, John Whetstone at jwhetstone1@bellsouth.net, or David Meszaros at david.p.meszaros@gmail.com.

Outreach

MUST
[donation link](#)

CAC
[donation link](#)

YELLS
[donation link](#)

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 Kirk Gadebusch

MUST Food Collection
Bring non-perishable food items to the MUST bin year round

Lutheran Disaster Relief
[Give here](#)

Announcements



Fellowship Coffee Hour

While Jenifer Haehn, BAB Catering, provides a larger spread of breakfast foods on the 2nd Sunday of each month, the Fellowship team requests help with setting up, monitoring supplies, and clean up of light refreshments on those other Sundays of the month. Maybe your LCR team or Bible study group can volunteer a Sunday. Your help is much appreciated! Sign-up [here](#).



2023 Giving Envelopes

The new Giving Envelope Booklets are in and can be picked up in the Narthex. The envelopes are **NOT** numbered, so pick up any set. If you would like to have a booklet mailed to you, please contact the Church Office at 770.953.3193 or send an email to Office@LCRmarietta.org.

Do you contribute with a check? You will help our recording process if you will always include your donor number on every check you write to LCR.

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Financial Secretary Cathy Ritchie at FinancialSec@LCRmarietta.org.



DATA DELETE RECYCLE

Electronics Recycling Day

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Save this date to recycle your old electronics! **Data Delete Recycle** provides secure data destruction and electronics recycling of computer and technology equipment. Click on this [link](#) to see a list of all electronics they will accept.



LCR Women's Book Club

**Next Zoom Meeting:
Monday, January 16, 2023, at 7:00 pm**

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

We would love to have you join the LCR Women's Book Club! We are meeting virtually via Zoom on Monday evenings.

Please contact [Meribeth Cooper](#) for more information and to get the Zoom link.

Events

Men's Group

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

Thursday Women's Study at 8:30 am
via Zoom [Zoom link](#)

Christmas Eve Services
4 pm & 8 pm

Christmas Day Service Lessons & Carols
Dec. 25 at **10 am only**

New Year's Day Service

Jan. 1 at **10 am only**

Church Office Closed
Dec. 26 and Jan. 2

LCR Women's Book Club—Zoom
January 16 at 7 pm

Knitters for Peace
January 17 at 7 pm
LCR Library

Men's Retreat
January 27-29

SAVE THE DATE

Electronics Recycling Day
February 11

Bingo
February 11 at 6:30 pm

Synod e-News
[Link](#)