

July 2, 2023

Summer Weekly



A New Opportunity to Engage Young People in Lifelong Faith

Are you ready to dream about new ways to root young people in a lifelong faith? The ELCA Youth Ministry Network is inviting congregations to apply for an exciting new initiative called "Formation Co-Op."

Formation Co-Op Congregation Teams will enter an intentional learning process with a spirit of curiosity and experimentation, supported by guides and relevant training that is rooted in Lutheran theology and practices.

Over the course of two years, Congregation Teams will develop a ministry plan from which they will experiment, learn, and share with the wider community over the course of two years.

To learn more about the Formation Co-Op program [visit this page](#).

To help guide this effort for LCR, [contact Pastor Ruth](#).

First Communion Celebration



Congratulations to Joanna and Susanna Sabbe, daughters of Ravi & Dinah Sabbe, who received their First Communion on June 25.

Submit Your Picture!

We are in the process of creating a new Picture Directory for LCR. Submit a picture for yourself or your family [via email](#) to our Office Manager, Sigrid Thies-Smith.

CALENDAR

JULY 2

Traditional Service
8:30 am

Fellowship Hour
9:30—10:45 am

Adult Faith Formation
9:45—10:30 am

Pr. Ruth's Small Catechism
Chapter 5 - Holy Baptism
Classroom 8

New Testament Study w/
Marvin Huggins
Conference Room

Contemporary Service
11:00 am

JULY 3-4

Office Closed

JULY 5

Men's Group
Wednesdays - 7:30 am
In-Person or via [Zoom](#)

JULY 8

Jamie Witt Ordination
Community of Grace,
Grayson, GA - 2:00 pm

JULY 12

Mary Sidor Memorial
Holy Trinity Lutheran
Marietta, GA - 2:00 pm

JULY 10-13

VBS "Hero Hotline"
9:00 am - Noon



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UPDATES

Tuesday Night Teams

Deanna Topping

Tuesday Night Teams (TNT) was created to help us better coordinate our ministries and offer an opportunity for our leaders to stay connected.

On the second Tuesday of the month all our ministry teams come together for individual team meetings (6 to 7:15 pm), a Leader's Table time (7:15 to 8:30 pm), all followed by a 30 minute Council meeting.

We are working to build a robust calendar that enables collaboration between the teams. On July 18, Josh Linman from Common Good Creative will be joining us for a brainstorming session aimed at developing a communications and marketing strategy for LCR.

Recently we created 3 new teams: Children, Youth & Family (CYF), Communications, and Evangelism. If you'd like to join one of these teams or one of our already established teams (Fellowship, Music, Property, Finance) please [contact me!](#)

July Call Committee Update

Emily Stinson

The LCR Call Committee work continues as we officially enter the interviewing phase of the call process! Please continue to pray for us! Thank you and God Bless!

Help Prevent a Hunger Crisis

The United Nations World Food Programme recently warned that acute food insecurity has reached an unprecedented high, affecting a record 349 million people — up from 135 million in 2019. Through ELCA World Hunger you support families as they address root causes of hunger and poverty through such multifaceted solutions as education, agricultural training and microloans for women. [**Donate online.**](#)

OUTREACH

Serving our community is a core part of the DNA of LCR. If you'd like to make a difference by serving with one of our mission partners, [click here to see ongoing opportunities.](#)

Sunday School Offerings Help Those in Poverty

Dana Jelinek

It was an honor to present 2 more checks from our generous congregation to MUST Ministries. One is from the Sunday school offering collected over the last few years and the other is from a fund allocated for MUST.



Dr. Dwight (President), Dana, and Richie (church relations)

Ordination of Jamie Witt

Join us on Saturday, July 8 at 2:00 pm at Community of Grace Lutheran (1200 Athens Hwy, Grayson, GA)

All are welcome! A reception will follow the service. If you are planning to attend, we invite you to wear RED as a symbol of unity in the Holy Spirit. [RSVP Here.](#)



Jamie has been called as Pastor at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Douglasville, GA.