

August 27, 2023

Summer Weekly



Pastoral Leadership Transition Update



Greetings in Christ!

In late June, the synod office provided the Call Committee five potential candidates to fill the open Lead Pastor role at LCR. Each candidate was interviewed. We narrowed the group down to two candidates and completed second interviews with each.

Like the rest of the congregation, we are eager to find a new pastor, but it has to be the right candidate for LCR. That having been said, we are not moving forward with either candidate.

The Synod office will provide another slate of candidates in the coming weeks, and we will once again go through the interview process. We will continue to provide updates on our progress and ask for continued prayers.

Stephen Goodnough
Call Committee Chair

Our New Online Giving Page is Here!

We are excited to announce our new and improved online giving page! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has updated their online giving platform to make it easier than ever to make one-time gifts or set up recurring donations to our church.

The new page is live [here](#). Nothing about our online giving has changed except the look of the page. You can adjust existing donations, set up a new gift, and update personal information from this new page.

How Do You Sign Up with Vanco Online?

Want to start making donations online? It's easy! Visit our [Giving page](#) and click on Give Online. Then create a Vanco Online account. From there, you can read more about our mission and give to our ministries.

Check out this [How-To Guide](#) for step-by-step instructions for current and new online givers.

CALENDAR

AUGUST 25

Wally Brown Memorial
1:00 pm - Sanctuary

AUGUST 27

Good Fellowship Dinners
Sign-Up Deadline ([details](#))

AUGUST 30

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

SEPTEMBER 9

Habitat Build, Marietta

SEPTEMBER 10

Children's Sunday School
Resumes ([register](#))

Backpack Blessing

God's Work, Our Hands
Outreach Event

SEPTEMBER 15

First Deck 20 Gathering
6:00-8:00 pm ([register](#))
LCR Deck

SEPTEMBER 16

Guatemala Gathering
5:30-8:00 pm ([register](#))
Gathering Room

SEPTEMBER 18

Women's Book Club
7:00 pm
In-Person or via Zoom

SEPTEMBER 21

Life Line Screenings
([register](#))

SEPTEMBER 22

Taste of Habitat
7:00-9:00 pm
The Metropolitan Club,
Alpharetta

OCTOBER 29

Reformation Sunday

Reformation Day Concert
4:00-5:00 pm - Sanctuary

Community Dinner
5:00 pm - Gathering Room



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SERVE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT LCR & IN OUR COMMUNITY

Why I Serve...

A new series of reflections on why people serve with LCR.

This Week: Kirk Gadebusch

As a member of over 23 years, I feel a need to serve to give back to others by sharing my time and talents. Whether it's serving lunch or holding a Sunday service at a homeless shelter, going on mission trips to help others in storm-ridden areas in the Southeast, or projects to help people in Guatemala, or being Santa Claus for the Special Needs people in Cobb County, I feel blessed to be able to assist those in need. I also serve to be a part of a church who has done so much for me and my family.

If you are looking for an opportunity that brings you joy, allows you to meet your fellow church attendees, and just overall fills your cup; join Kirk by serving in one of [many opportunities at LCR](#).

**What will
be your
"Why"?**



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Stop by the Gathering Room between services on September 10 to help pack care bags for the unhoused and learn more about the various serving opportunities to make a difference at LCR and in our community.

Taste of Habitat

Support Habitat for Humanity by joining us at the 19th Annual Taste of Habitat fundraiser where more than 60 chef volunteers (this could be you) from North Atlanta Lutheran congregations each prepare 150 "tastes" - appetizer, salad, entrée, or dessert.

Tickets are \$40. The event takes place at The Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. For more information, contact John Osberg at 678.678.3232 or [email](#).



MUST Summer Lunch

On August 16, our super LCR crew served 79 guests our finest casserole with all the sides. Lance and Dana prepped and cooked while David, Margaret, Jackie, and Stephen served. Thank you to you all!

[Sign-up to serve with MUST Lunches here.](#)



New Habitat Build Coming

Our Next Habitat Build begins Saturday, September 9. The homeowner is an inspiring woman who has been working for the city of Marietta and will be blessed greatly by this home. The first project will be one of the most dramatic - the exterior framing where we build and raise the exterior house walls. Want to get involved? Contact: [John Osberg](#) or call (678) 687-3232

Could You Teach Sunday School?

If you love Jesus and kids, we would love for you to consider teaching Sunday school this year for kids age 2 through 5th grade.

Interested? Have questions? Contact [Sharon Leon](#) so we can help you complete the safety training and be ready for our kick-off on September 10.



Confirmation Interest

Do you have a child in 6th through 8th grade? Would you like them to be grounded in some of the basics of the Lutheran faith and the way of Jesus?

We are exploring the possibility of offering Confirmation Classes for 2023-2024. If interested, please email [LeAnn Haack](#) or call (678) 521-6536 or



Reformation Day Concert at LCR

October 29, 4:00 pm
Community Meal to follow

Support Guatemala with a Gathering at LCR Sept. 16

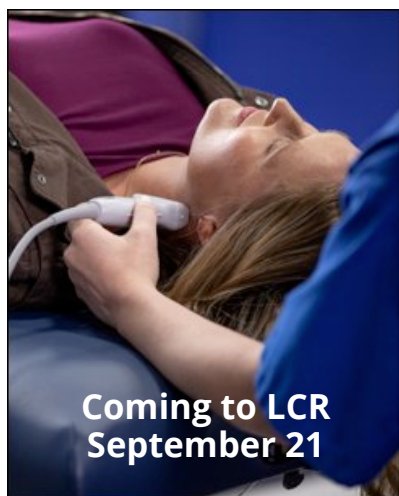
You can support the MILAGRO Women's Education center and our ongoing partnership with the Lutheran Church in Guatemala by attending the Guatemala Gathering Fundraiser September 16 at LCR. Tickets are \$50.

[Register here.](#)

Temporary Office Hours Through September 15

Sigrid, our office manager and bookkeeper, will be out of the office from August 24 – September 15. During this time period, the office will be open Monday – Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm and will be closed on Fridays. We thank all the volunteers who are graciously covering the office during those days.

If you are requesting a reimbursement or need an invoice paid, please have the documentation turned in to the office by Tuesday, September 5, during this time period. Thanks for your patience and consideration.



Coming to LCR
September 21

4 Vital Screenings for \$149

- Carotid Artery Ultrasound
- Peripheral Arterial Disease
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

To register for your appointment and receive the special discount, please call

866-964-1386

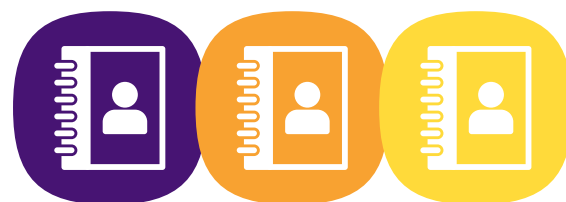


Photo Directory

We are creating a new Photo Directory for LCR. Submit a picture for your household [via email](#).

Make New Connections This Fall

Community is a fundamental need for all of us. Make some new connections this fall through one of two community-building events. Read more below and let us know if we can help you get more connected!



Dinners Deadline!

This Sunday is the last day to sign-up for our Good Fellowship Dinners. Spend a relaxing evening dining with a small group of other members of LCR and get to know one another better! [Learn more about the format](#). The dinners will take place September - December.

[Sign-up here](#). For questions, contact [Nancy Papp](#).



Deck 20 Gatherings

Come enjoy a relaxing evening on the LCR deck with other members and friends of LCR. You are welcome to invite friends. Please bring an appetizer and beer, wine, or another beverage of your choice.

[Sign-up online for Sept 15, Sept 23, Oct 7](#)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Register Now!

Scan this QR code with your phone
to register kids 2 years old
through 5th grade



Backpack Blessing September 10

Come with your school backpack and receive a special blessing at either worship service on Sunday, September 10th.