

September 10, 2023

The Weekly



Council Engaged in Strategic Initiatives

By: Catherine Strate, Council President

On June 18th, the 2023-2024 Church Council met for the first time since its election at the Annual Meeting. At the first meeting the 12 members discussed what the goals and mission of LCR are, which areas should LCR focus on to achieve LCR's mission, the need to develop a plan that includes next steps that would benefit LCR in meeting these objectives that would be shared with the new Pastor as a resource to help the Pastor gain insight as to who LCR is.

The five primary areas that were mentioned at the meeting were:

- Growth of LCR;
- Re-invigorate and grow the Children, Youth, and Family program;
- Increase LCR's presence in East Cobb and Marietta, etc.;
- Continue efforts to refine the Worship and Music program with specific emphasis on the 11:00 service; and,
- Engagement of LCR members to help meet initiatives.

Interestingly, these five areas were mentioned frequently in response to the third question of the Appreciative Inquiry re-imagining interviews: "What would your three wishes for the future of LCR be?"

Council Strategic Planning Sessions: On Saturday, August 12th, facilitated by Pastor Linda Manson, Assistant to the Bishop and Director for Evangelical Mission, the Council met to discuss the foci and narrow them down to realistic/manageable efforts. Pastor Linda provided information as to the current challenges that other congregations are facing. She also led the Council in team exercises which identified LCR's history since it was founded 47 years ago, world-wide events and church movements that may have been influential in the development of LCR, analysis of where we would like to be, and assessment of what programs and activities LCR offers to serve people within LCR's walls as well as outside of LCR's walls. A follow-up session was held that focused on a survey of revitalization of LCR. Conversations continue to formalize next steps and a timeline of efforts.

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 10

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

Backpack Blessing

God's Work, Our Hands Outreach Event

SEPTEMBER 13

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

SEPTEMBER 15

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

SEPTEMBER 16

Habitat Build, Marietta

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



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



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Don't Miss This!

Enjoy food and fellowship while learning about opportunities to engage with LCR ministries and packing care bags for the unhoused. This Sunday, September 10, 9:30 to 11:00 am.



[Worship Online](#)



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SERVE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT LCR & IN OUR COMMUNITY

2023 HungerWalk Results

By: Mike Frey

Overall Inspiritus raised \$74,282, which was the top Benefiting Partner for the Atlanta Community Food Bank's Hunger Walk. Lutheran churches are a strong supporter of hunger relief efforts.

At LCR we raised \$7,285, which was 4th place overall in fundraising among all Lutheran Churches throughout the metro-Atlanta area. Thank you for your generosity!

I have requested \$1,500 in funding from Inspiritus that will be coming back to LCR to help support our Food Pantry / Hunger Ministries for this current fiscal year.



THREE FUN FALL FUNDRAISERS

Guatemala Gathering Sep. 16

Support women's education and our ongoing partnership with the Lutheran Church in Guatemala: attend the Guatemala Gathering Fundraiser September 16 at LCR with food, silent auction, and fellowship. Tickets are \$50. [Register here.](#)

Taste of Habitat Sep. 22

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, contact John Osberg at 678.678.3232 or [email](#).

A Night In Paris Oct. 21

Enjoy a night of food, fun, and philanthropy at Mercedes Benz USA Headquarters, as our mission partner, Community Assistance Center, hosts the 20th annual Vintage Affair annual benefit!

This Paris-inspired party pairs authentic food, drinks, and entertainment with opportunities to bid on amazing live & silent auction items, or even win an exciting luxury trip in our raffle! All proceeds benefit CAC, whose mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger in the Dunwoody and Sandy Springs area. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Praying For Those Impacted By Hurricane Idalia

Join us as we continue to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Idalia in Florida and Georgia and those who are joining the clean-up efforts. If you'd like to contribute to the clean-up efforts, you can donate directly to [Inspiritus](#) or [Lutheran Disaster Relief](#).

Thanks for your help!



Council Update

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Coffee with Council: An observation that was repeatedly stated throughout these discussions was the importance of the involvement of entire congregation in the development and implementation of steps to fulfill "the three wishes for the future of LCR." In an effort to hear your thoughts and suggestions and to communicate information, Council will sponsor the Fellowship hour between the two services on the third Sunday of each month. Members of Council will be there to meet with you, hear your ideas, and discuss latest efforts. Appropriately we are calling those Sundays "Coffee with Council."

Future Articles: Please look forward to future communications regarding steps that are being taken and a series to introduce you to the 2023-2024 Council members.



REFORMATION DAY
Concert
OCT | 29th | 4PM

Enjoy Bach's Cantata
A Mighty Fortress and choral
pieces by Hogan,
Mendelssohn, and others.

LCR Choir, guest musicians,
handbell choir, and more.

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RESURRECTION

LCRMARIETTA.ORG

Photo Directory

We are creating a new Photo Directory for LCR. Submit a picture for your household [via email](#).
Deadline September 30.

Office Hours

Through September 15, the office will be open Monday – Thursday from 10 am – 2 pm and closed on Fridays. Thanks to the volunteers who are covering during this time!

Online Giving

We are excited to announce our new and improved online giving 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.

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

Pew Cushions

By: Deanna Topping

The pew cushions were delivered and installed in late August. They are comfortable and beautiful. Please thank our Council President, Catherine Strate, for her efforts. Council voted on the best of 3 proposals and helped choose the fabric, but Catherine did the rest.

Make New Connections With Our Deck 20 Gatherings

Come enjoy a relaxing evening on the LCR deck with other members and friends of LCR at our Deck 20 Gatherings. 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 AND FAMILIES



Backpack Blessing

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

Remember, we also begin Children's Sunday school this week!



Bible Presentation

If your child is 2yrs old to 5th grade and has not received an age appropriate Bible please contact Sharon@lcrmarietta.org with the child's name and age and your child will be presented with a Bible on Sunday, October 8th.

"A Bible is a storybook for all."



First Communion

We are offering First Communion instructions in October, with First Communion Sunday taking place on Reformation Sunday, October 29. If your family would like to take part in this "Faith Milestone" please contact Sharon@lcrmarietta.org by September 17th.



Welcome, Ivey Rose Justice!

Alyssa and Sean Justice welcomed the newest member of LCR, Ivey Rose, on Monday, August 28. Ivey Rose weighed 8 lbs and 10 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Her sister Lorelei and brother Rowan were glad to meet her. Please hold the family in your prayers.



YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation Begins

Would you like your 7th or 8th grader to be grounded in some of the basics of the Lutheran faith and the way of Jesus? We will be offering Confirmation Classes starting September 17 at 9:45 am in the Pavilion.

H.S. Small Group Leaders

We are looking for adults to lead a Sunday morning small group for high school students.

To volunteer or get your child connected, email [LeAnn Haack](mailto:LeAnn.Haack@lcrmarietta.org) or call (678) 521-6536



Upcoming Youth Events



February 23-25

All Georgia Youth Gathering
Camp Glisson, Dahlonega, GA



June 9-14

Affirm
University of West Alabama



July 16-20

2024 ELCA Youth Gathering
New Orleans