

October 15, 2023

The Weekly



Reformation Day Concert: A Musical Celebration of Faith and Heritage

Mark your calendars and invite your friends to our upcoming Reformation Day Concert on October 29 at 4:00 pm. This special event will showcase the timeless beauty of Bach's cantata, "Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott" (A Mighty Fortress is Our God), a piece that resonates deeply with the spirit of the Reformation. Johann Sebastian Bach, a towering figure in the Baroque period, composed this cantata as a testament to his faith and the enduring message of the Protestant Reformation. Its powerful melodies and profound lyrics have inspired generations.

But the musical journey doesn't end there. We will also be featuring spirituals by Moses Hogan, a modern composer and arranger known for his captivating choral settings of African American spirituals. Hogan's works are a testament to the resilience and hope of a people, and they bring a unique blend of traditional melodies with contemporary harmonies.

This concert will also highlight our handbell ensemble, Resurrection Bells. For centuries, bells have been used to call people to worship, and here they will be used to reimagine two well-known hymns. Be sure to listen for the variety of sounds that handbells and chimes can produce!

And what's a celebration without some food and fellowship? We invite everyone to join us for an Oktoberfest Dinner immediately following the concert. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle, share your thoughts on the performance, and enjoy some traditional German fare including bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels & more from a local German bakery! ([RSVP here](#)).

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.

Invite your
friends,
neighbors,
and
coworkers to
join you by
sharing our
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event:

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 14

Promise Garden Work Day
9:00 am-Noon

Bunko Night
6:30-8:30 pm ([register](#))
Gathering Room

OCTOBER 15

Fellowship Hour
9:30—10:45 am
Gathering Room

Faith Formation Classes
9:45—10:30 am

*Lutheranism 101 Study
Classroom 8*

*New Testament Study
Conference Room*

*Children's Sunday School
Lower Level*

*Confirmation
Youth Pavilion*

OCTOBER 18

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

OCTOBER 22

Congregational Meeting
9:30 am
Gathering Room

OCTOBER 29

*Reformation Sunday, First
Communion*

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

Oktoberfest Dinner
5:00 pm ([register](#))
Gathering Room

OCTOBER 30

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

NOVEMBER 4

Ken Hyde Memorial Service
11:00 am



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Get Involved With Habitat



Join A Habitat Build Day

We are working to build a home in Marietta this October and November. All skill levels are able to join the work. Questions? Email [John Osberg](#). [Register here.](#)

Volunteer at Habitat ReStore

Even if you're not so good with tools there are ways to make a difference with Habitat. Consider volunteering with the Habitat ReStore in Smyrna. [Details here.](#)



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 on October 21.

This Paris-inspired party pairs authentic food, drinks, and entertainment with opportunities to bid on amazing live & silent auction items. All proceeds benefit CAC, whose mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger in the area.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

Why I Serve...

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

This Week: Deanna Topping

Matthew 9:37 says, "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." I serve because there is always something that needs to be done.



I serve because more hands lightens the load. I enjoy serving with you and getting to know you, the other members of LCR. Won't you join me? You will be glad you did!

If you are looking for an opportunity to discover joy, meet your fellow church attendees, or just fill your cup; join Deanna by serving through one of [many opportunities at LCR](#).

What will be your "Why"?



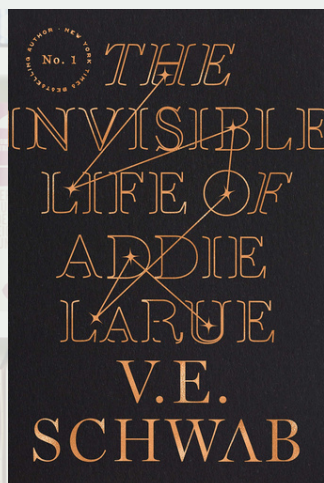
Congregational Meeting October 22

A formal congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22 at 9:30 am in the Gathering Room. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the changes to LCR's constitution to bring it into compliance with the latest Model Constitution for Congregations of the ELCA, approved by the 2022 Churchwide Assembly.

[View the proposed amendments](#) highlighted in yellow. Please address any questions to Pastor Ruth or Deanna Topping before the meeting.

Women's Book Club Meets October 30

The Women's Book Club (named Puddy's Pages in honor of their founder, Meribeth Cooper) meets on a regular basis for conversation and community. You are welcome to come for all gatherings or just for the books that interest you. The full listing of books for this year can be found on our website. If you have questions, contact [Cristi Minard](#).



THIS MONTH:

October 30, 7:00 pm

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue
by V.E. Schwab

FUTURE READING LIST:

December 11 at 6:30 pm
Christmas Potluck
Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

January 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Elephant Whisperer
by Lawrence Anthony

March 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus

April 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Lady Tan's Circle of Women
by Lisa See

May 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm
Book End Celebration
Crossing to Safety
by Wallace Stegner

Urgent Need: Help Children and Families

Across the globe, families have been suffering from violence, natural disasters, disease and extreme weather.



Watch Now

Through our mission partner, Lutheran World Relief, when disaster strikes, you help those who need it most. War, famine and natural disasters turn the lives of children and their families upside down. Please give generously to our World of Good Emergency Response Campaign so that whenever and wherever disasters strike, your love can reach our most vulnerable neighbors — no matter how far.

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Transition News

We have completed our first round of interviews for our next pastor and we are moving forward with our second round. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Emily Stinson on behalf of the Call Committee

Coffee with Council

Come join your Council Members for a cup of coffee, conversation, and exchange of ideas!

Third Sunday of every month from 9:30 to 10:45 am in the Gathering Room.

Next date: October 15th

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday School

Sunday school for children ages 2yrs. – 6th Grade takes place most Sundays at 9:45 am on the lower level of the Family Life Building.

First Communion Schedule

October 14th

Pottery Studio Noon – 2 pm

October 22nd

LCR Conference Room 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

October 29th

First Communion Sunday

YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Events



Weekly On Sundays

Confirmation for 7th-9th Graders
The Pavilion



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

Happening This Weekend At LCR



Garden Work Day

Join our Promise Garden Team this Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 am - Noon as we ready the Garden for fall. Our projects include building and filling new raised beds, mulching, planting, and more. All ages are invited!

For planning purposes, RSVP is preferred, but “walk-ins” are welcome. Bring your hats, gloves, and water. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

[Contact Margaret Perry](#)



Grace House Food Collection

Grace House is a campus ministry for Georgia Tech and other local colleges. You can support their work by bringing some of the items below for students experiencing financial hardships.

Items needed: rice, boxed noodles, cereal, fruit cups, sanitary products, dessert mixes, granola, water bottles, peanut butter, jelly, shelf-stable milk, pasta sauce, toothbrushes and toothpaste, crackers and chips, soup, dish soap, bread, nuts, trail mix, bottled juice, tuna, oatmeal, school supplies (pens, erasers, paper), laundry soap (scented/unscented), salad dressing.

Bring donations to the Gathering Room by Oct 15.