

October 22, 2023

The Weekly



Tending The Promise Garden

Margaret Perry

The Promise Gardeners and Supporters put their hands in the dirt on Saturday to improve and beautify our space. We made and filled two new raised beds; planted flowers; refreshed our front pathway; and planted garlic.

Our garden is a year-round project. Some of our garden crops growing now are peppers, Swiss chard, lettuce, radishes, beets, carrots, bok choy, peas, kale, and broccoli. We even shared some garden flowers with the Community Assistance Center (CAC) food pantry clients this week!

Looking ahead, we will be hosting a food drive in November to benefit the CAC. If you'd like to serve in the garden or with the food drive, please contact [Margaret Perry](#).



Announcement From Pastor Ruth

Dear members of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,

It is with very mixed feelings that I announce that I have asked for and received permission from Bishop Strickland to retire from the roster of active ELCA ministers as of December 1. I look forward to retirement but will miss being among you. My last Sunday at LCR will be November 26. Bishop Kevin Strickland has appointed a bridge pastor, the Rev. Bonnie Lanyi, to serve you during December and January, by which time we all hope that a new pastor will be in place.

I will keep you in my prayers, as I hope you will keep me in yours.

God bless you all,
Pastor Ruth

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 22

Worship
8:30 am and 11:00 am
Sanctuary

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Jonathan Hemphill, Assistant
to Bishop Strickland for
Congregational Life

Congregational Meeting
9:30—10:45 am
Gathering Room

Faith Formation Classes
9:45—10:30 am

Children's Sunday School
Lower Level

Confirmation
Youth Pavilion

OCTOBER 25

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

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 via Zoom

NOVEMBER 4

Ken Hyde Memorial Service
11:00 am

NOVEMBER 12

Youth Bonfire
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Youth Pavilion Firepit

NOVEMBER 23

Gobble Jog ([register](#))



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Thank You for Helping College Students in Need!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our food collection for Grace House, the campus ministry for Georgia Tech and other local colleges. Your support for this ministry and for the students they serve is a gift!



Gobble Jog 2023

On Thanksgiving morning, more than 10,000 runners will come to the Marietta Square to participate in the 21st Annual Gobble Jog, benefiting MUST Ministries. The Gobble Jog offers options for all skill levels. Timed 10K and 5K runs, as well as an untimed 5K, 1K and Tot Trot are all available. There is also the Phantom/Virtual Runner option and you will still receive a t-shirt.

To join others from LCR who are running, select "LCR Marietta" from the team drop down list [here](#).

Contact [Mike Frey](#) for additional information.



Why I Serve...

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

This Week: Tom Glass

My wife Susie and I were married here in June 1990. I've done everything from teach kids' Sunday School to sing in the choir to assisting minister to church council. And now the Tech Team. The different jobs each have their own reward.



Leading worship as an assisting minister immerses you in worship. Teaching kids about Jesus is as much a learning as a teaching experience. Choir is also a leadership experience, and the way the hymns and anthems are tied to the message makes it deeply moving and meaningful. Council is very different; it's about the "business of the church." It's rewarding and eye-opening. The Tech Team is a vital part of worship; if you do it well, you're invisible. If not, everyone knows, kinda like assisting minister, but in the back instead of right up front. It's rewarding in that you're involved in every aspect of worship, slides, sound, streaming, video... Every part of the worship experience goes through the Tech station. Its reward is being invisible 😊

My faith has grown through the service itself; seeing the faces of our congregation as they worship is very pleasing and spiritually satisfying.

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

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 for the Call Committee

Endowment Update: Funding Future Church Leaders

Allison Lizdas served as the Director of Lay Ministries at LCR for 5 years and has been a member of this congregation since 2006.



For about the last year Allison has been serving as the Director of Advocacy for the Southeastern Synod (our regional collection of churches). She has had the opportunity to speak to legislators at the state capitol, participated in Border Immersion trips in Texas, hosted a variety of advocacy programs, among other things. Allison would often hear from other staff and leaders that she should consider rostered ministry but didn't give that idea much thought.

In July, she had the opportunity to attend the Rostered Ministers Gathering in Phoenix Arizona and met Dr. Moses Penumaka, who is the Director of the TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) Program at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. TEEM is a certificate program where students study at home while working in a local congregation (or Synod) and attend week long intensives three times per year. After learning about all of the different types of ministry contexts in the ELCA, talking with Dr. Penumaka, and additional conversations with Bishop Strickland, Allison has discerned a call into ministry, specifically for Word and Service.

To support Allison's work and ministry, the Endowment Team and Council approved a \$10,000 grant to support Allison's educational costs through the TEEM program. Congratulations to Allison and thank you for your generosity that make these investments in our future church possible!



Save the Date: 2024 Men's Retreat

Save the date for the upcoming men's retreat: Friday, February 2-4, 2024. The event will take place at beautiful Lutheranch in Tallapoosa, Georgia. We'll be taking a deeper dive into the New Testament book of Philipians and its impact on our personal faith walk. Lots of time for community building, reflection, and great fun. More details to follow.

Questions? Contact [Mark Olson](#) or [John Whetstone](#).

Final Deck 20 Gathering of 2023

Thanks to all our hosts and attendees who gathered over 3 evenings to enjoy community, conversation, and food on the LCR Deck this fall. We look forward to hosting more of these community-building events in 2024.



Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club meets on a regular basis for conversation and community. The full listing of books for this year can be found on our website. Join for one or all! If you have questions, contact [Cristi Minard](#).

THIS MONTH:
October 30, 7:00 pm

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday School

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

First Communion Schedule

October 22nd - Conference Room 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm

October 29th - First Communion Sunday

Celebrating Bible Presentations

It was a joy to present an age-appropriate Bible to 3 young people last Sunday during worship! May the God revealed throughout the pages of that book inspire, challenge, and encourage your faith!



YOUTH NEWS

Upcoming Youth Events



Confirmation

Weekly on Sundays
9:45 am - 10:30 am
7th-9th Graders
The Pavilion

Learn what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and discover the difference following Jesus can make in your life.



Fall Bonfire

Sunday, November 12th

5:00 - 7:00 pm

6th - 12th Grade

Church firepit outside Youth Pavilion

Join us and bring a friend to enjoy fellowship, food, games, and fun! Signup Genius forthcoming!

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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Invite your friends, neighbors,
and coworkers to join you by
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Join us for a special
Oktoberfest Dinner
following the concert

Join us immediately following the
Reformation Day Concert on
October 29th for an "Oktoberfest"
dinner in the LCR Gathering Room.
We will be serving bratwurst,
sauerkraut, pretzels & more from
a local German bakery!

[Please RSVP here by October 25.](#)