

October 8, 2023

# The Weekly



## Taste of Habitat a Success!

A good time was had by all at the annual "Taste of Habitat" fundraiser that helps to build Habitat for Humanity homes in Metro Atlanta. More than 50 fabulous chefs from the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat member churches shared the foods they loved to make. It was a fun night with outstanding food & drink, great fellowship, live music, a Silent Auction and a trivia contest!

The event raised \$44,000 for the Lutheran Coalition's Habitat houses, a record sum for the event. Thanks to all chef volunteers and attendees that supported this ministry, especially Sandy and Mark Brosch, Dell Anderson, Marvin and Barbara Huggins, Rachel Thorton, and Pastor Ruth Hamilton.



## Ways To 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...](#)

## Congregational Meeting October 22

A formal congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22nd 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.

## CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 8

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 11

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

### OCTOBER 14

Promise Garden Work Day  
9:00am-Noon  
LCR Garden

Bunko Night  
6:30-8:30 pm ([register](#))  
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 via Zoom



[Worship  
Online](#)



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## Promise Garden Work Day

Join our Promise Garden Team on 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. Additional 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.***



On October 21st, enjoy a night of food, fun, and philanthropy at Mercedes Benz USA Headquarters, as our mission partner, Community Assistance Center, hosts a benefit to end homelessness! [Learn more and register here.](#)

## Why I Serve...

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

### This Week: Mike Mynhier

I have been a member of LCR since 1991 and I love this congregation. Our church community has provided the foundation of my faith journey for the last 30 plus years.



My faith has grown here as result of the sermons, studies, examples of Christian living, love, and serving that have been wonderful blessings to me. I have been fortunate to serve LCR in many ways over the years – Council, various outreach projects, Sunday School, property, master planning, Men's Group, and ushering are some examples.

Serving in the many ways I am able is an important, natural, and fulfilling response from me to the gift of God's Grace and to the love and support of this faithful community.

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

## What will be your "Why"?



## Bunko Night October 14 at LCR

Join the Kingdom Builders for an adult night of Bunko, Saturday, October 14th! If you haven't played before, no worries, we will teach you! Bring an appetizer to share; we will provide the dessert and non-alcoholic drinks. BYOB - feel free to bring beer or wine! The fun begins at 6:30 pm with food and fellowship. Bunko starts at 7:00 pm!

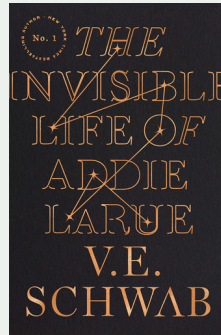
Cost: \$5.00 per player. Payment is required in advance. Sandy and Mark Brosch will be selling tickets this Sunday thru October 8.

[Sign-up Online.](#)



## 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



## A Refugee Story from Inspiritus

August marked two years since the Taliban gained control of Afghanistan and millions were forced to flee. Our mission partner, Inspiritus, has been working to welcome Afghans to the U.S. and help them not only survive, but thrive. One inspiring story is of Suraiya Sultani who has a dream to be the first Afghan woman to fly for Delta Airlines. She was first inspired by an article her mother shared about the first Afghan woman to serve for their country's air force. Five days after the Taliban seized control, she left her home and began the long journey to the U.S..

Suraiya and her family members were welcomed at Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport on Jan. 15, 2022, stating, "When we first came, we were like newborn babies - we knew nothing. Inspiritus helped find our home in Clarkston, taught us how to set up a bank account, and continues to help us navigate life here."

In a new country with new opportunities and a newfound sense of courage, Suraiya has been revisiting her dream of becoming a pilot. A few months ago, Inspiritus arranged for her to tour the Delta TechOps facility at the airport where she was able to see how planes are assembled, tested, cleaned, and repaired.



It was here she was informed that if she became a commercial pilot for Delta, she'd be the first Afghan and hijabi woman to fly a plane for the company. As she retells this anecdote, Saraiya beams and adds, "Now I know I have to do this."

***Thanks to your generous support of Inspiritus and our other mission partners incredible, life-changing work is able to continue to bring peace, hope, and love to so many!***

# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

## Bible Presentation

We are all God's children and never too young to hear his word. Age appropriate Bibles will be available, Sunday October 8th.

Please contact  
[Sharon@lcrmarietta.org](mailto:Sharon@lcrmarietta.org)



## Pictures This Sunday



Haven't had a chance to submit a photo for our new pictorial directory? Stay a bit after the 8:30 am service or come early to the 11:00 am service and have your picture taken on the deck! We are finalizing our pictorial directory to have it on hand to share with our new pastor.

Have a recent picture of your family/household? [Email it to us.](#)

# 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

## INVITE SOMEONE YOU KNOW TO JOIN YOU:

## REFORMATION DAY *Concert*



OCT | 29<sup>th</sup> | 4PM

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

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



## Dinner After 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.](#)