

November 26, 2023

The Weekly



Giving Thanks For All God Has Done

There is so much to be thankful for in yet another year of ministry at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

We've continued in our service to the community with hundreds of MUST Wednesday Lunches, a school supply drive, building and cooking for Habitat for Humanity, raising money for Brumby Elementary, continuing to tell the story of the people of Guatemala, and on and on.

But serving is only one part of our story. The people of LCR continue to be a catalyst for bringing folks together -- providing connection and community. From deck renovations to provide more gathering space to dinner parties and book clubs and bonfires and events like our Reformation Concert and Oktoberfest Dinner, we do gathering well. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in those efforts!

We're thankful for the seeds of new life that we are glimpsing in our children and youth ministry programs. This year we've celebrated 5 baptisms, 7 First Communions, 5 Confirmations. We also welcomed guests at our Vacation Bible School and held a Youth Bonfire. We are excited to see where God leads these ministries in the new year.

Of course that only scratches the surface on all the amazing services, special events, and ongoing programs we engage with as a church community but we wanted to at least start the conversation as we thank God for all God has done through you - the people of LCR - this year.

Pastoral Transition Update

Please plan to join us for two important meetings: On December 2 at 9:00 am in the Gathering Room we will host a meet and greet with our new pastoral candidate. On December 3 we will hold a congregational meeting in the Sanctuary at 9:45 am to vote on calling the new pastor.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 23

Gobble Jog ([register](#))

NOVEMBER 24

Church Office Closed

DECEMBER 2

Pastoral Candidate
Meet and Greet
9:00—11:00 am
Gathering Room

DECEMBER 3

No Sunday School

Congregational Meeting
9:45—10:45 am
Sanctuary

DECEMBER 6, 13, 20

Advent Mid-Week
Worship - Noon
Dinner - 6:00 pm
Worship - 7:00 pm

DECEMBER 10

Toy Shop Drive Ends

Taste of Christmas Dinner

DECEMBER 11

Women's Book Club
6:30pm
In-person or online

DECEMBER 24

Combined Morning Worship
10:00 am

Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 pm and 8:00 pm

DECEMBER 31

Combined Morning Worship
10:00 am



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MUST Ministries Toy Shop

Every year, MUST Ministries makes Christmas happen for more than 6,000 children in our area through their Toy Shop program. We will be collecting donations of toys and other gift items through December 10.

Look for the Christmas tree in the Gathering Room to select gifts for a boy or girl and age range.

Please deliver new, unwrapped gifts to LCR by Sunday, December 10.

Contact [Heather Boyer](#) or [Dana Jelinek](#) if you have any questions.



You can still register for



On Thanksgiving morning (November 23), 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.

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

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

MUST Lunch Recap

What a beautiful day it was to serve about 75 guests a well balanced lunch with plenty for seconds. I'm very thankful for our crew who took time out of their day to cook or serve this meal. A big shout out to Lance and Juliet for prepping and cooking and to Mark, Mike, Stephen, David, and Michael for serving.

Want to volunteer for a lunch? [Sign-up here](#) or contact [Dana Jelinek](#) to learn more.



Giving Tuesday Is Coming

Giving Tuesday (November 28 - the Tuesday after Thanksgiving) has been set aside as a day focused on giving. Join with other Georgians and donate to one of our mission partners on Giving Tuesday through the GA Gives website links below.

- [Inspiritus](#)
- [Special Needs Cobb](#)
- [MUST Ministries](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity](#)
- [Campus Ministry at Georgia Tech](#)
- [YELLS](#)
- [Community Assistance Center](#)
- [Atlanta Community Food Bank](#)

You can also donate to support Guatemala, Meals on Wheels, Knitters for Peace, LCR Blanketeers, LCR Shepherd Staff, Brumby Elementary Food Pantry by [designating a gift on our website](#).

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.

No Sunday School: Dec. 3, 24, 31

YOUTH NEWS

Confirmation

Sundays - 9:30 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.

No Confirmation: Nov. 26. Dec. 3, 24, 31

Men's Retreat

February 2-4, 2024, the men of LCR will gather at beautiful Lutheranch in Tallapoosa, GA.

We'll be taking a deeper dive into the New Testament book of Philippians and its impact on our personal faith walk. Lots of time for community building, reflection, and great fun.

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



Women's Retreat

March 15-17 a group from LCR will be attending the Wild Women's retreat at Lutheridge in Arden, NC. Cost is \$250 per person. The 2024 Theme is *"This is My Body - Every body has a story to tell!"* Find healing, self-compassion, and holiness in our bodies.

Register by December 17. Payment is due at time of registration. Financial aid is available. Contact [LeAnn Haack](#) for more information.

[Register online.](#)



Thank You from Pastor Ruth

Thank you very much for the lovely reception last Sunday, including the gifts, cards, and good wishes. I appreciate all that you have done for me and with me during my time at LCR. I am hopeful that you are ready to receive the gifts of your new pastor.

I'm looking forward to retirement so that I have time to spend with family (especially Teddy) and the rest of my family. I'm also anticipating the simple pleasure of worshiping in my home congregation as we wait for the coming of our Savior.

My thanks to you for all that you do for others via the ministries at LCR. God will be with you as you move into the future. May your work together with your new pastor and each other help realize your hopes and dreams, deepen your faith, and be a witness to the all-encompassing love of God.



Pr. Ruth with Alle Craig who presented her painting of LCR as a farewell gift.



Community Concert

December 3, 3:00 pm
Roswell United Methodist Church

Enjoy a concert by the 140-voice Michael O'Neal Singers that includes 3 voices from LCR: George Logan (Baritone), Rachel Thornton (Soprano), and Bob Bear (Tenor).

Tickets and information at mosingers.com or 770-594-7974.



Mid-Week Meal and Worship

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20

Make some time for reflection and community this Advent season. Join us at 12:00 noon for our Joyous Light prayer service, with sung psalms and a meditation on the verses of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; or skip the dinner prep and join us at 6:00 pm for dinner in the Gathering Room, followed by the prayer service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24

4:00 pm: Contemporary/blended Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, featuring your favorite Christmas carols led by the Praise Team and accompanied by piano, guitars, drums, and strings.

8:00 pm: Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, featuring music from the Renaissance and Baroque eras along with familiar Christmas carols lead by the LCR Choir and accompanied by organ, strings, and handbells.

Invite your friends and family to join you!

Advent Dinner Taste of Christmas

December 10, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Gathering Room

Join us as we celebrate Advent with food, fellowship, and a fun craft! Bring your family's favorite food or best Christmas dish to share! Drinks and paper products will be provided. This event is a favorite among the members and friends of LCR, so please join us!

[RSVP with your food selection](#) so we can plan accordingly.

Women's Book Club

December 11, 6:30 pm

Join us for food and fellowship starting at 6:30 and a discussion of "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt.

Poinsettias

You can sponsor a poinsettia again this year to adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. They are 6" pots and cost \$10 each. You may write a check indicating your designation ("in honor of" or "in memory of," using the Designated Giving envelopes found in the pews) or go online to make the payment and designation or use this QR code.

