

November 5, 2023

The Weekly



Local Food Pantry Supplies Running Low

Margaret Perry

Over the past few months, the Community Assistance Center (CAC) food pantry in Sandy Springs has not received donations of potatoes, apples, onions, and other produce that used to arrive consistently. Overall, the quality and quantity of store donations has dwindled. Touring the client market last week was eye-opening. Refrigerator shelves were barren, produce bins were sparse, and non-perishable items were lacking as well.

Our CAC Harvest Bag Food Drive is happening at just the right time! Help us end this shortage by bringing your donations to the Gathering Room by next Sunday, November 12.

This year we are collecting the following:

Less Perishable Fresh Items: sweet potatoes, red potatoes, white potatoes, beets, winter (acorn) squash, butternut squash, bulb onions, and apples

Boxed and Canned Foods: canned fruit, canned meats, canned vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, dried beans, macaroni & cheese, canned chili, canned beef stew, dry pasta, rice, peanut butter, and tomato sauce

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

On right: Bare shelves and sparse produce bins at the CAC Mini Market in Sandy Springs. Also a photo of the Harvest Bags being passed out last Sunday.



Transition Update

We have completed our second round of interviews and have narrowed our search to one candidate. We have arranged a visit and are grateful that God has led us on this journey.

- Emily Stinson for the Call Committee



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 4

Ken Hyde Memorial Service
11:00 am

NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday
CAC Food Drive Begins

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

NOVEMBER 8

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

NOVEMBER 12

CAC Food Drive Ends

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

NOVEMBER 19

Toy Shop Drive Begins,
Pastor Ruth Farewell

NOVEMBER 23

Gobble Jog ([register](#))

NOVEMBER 24

Church Office Closed

DECEMBER 6

Mid-Week Advent
Meal 6 pm / Worship 7 pm



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Gobble Jog 2023

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 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.

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 from November 19 – 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.

Helping with LCR's (Digital) Front Door

Tom Glass

The livestream of LCR services was originally run on a shoestring, but with generous donations and steadfast help from a handful of volunteers - Mark Boyer, David Price, Matteus Lizdas, Sam & Noah Thornton and our contractor, Jeff Wright - we have made progress toward using this technology as an evangelism tool.

Recently, we've had major challenges with unexpected equipment failures and even a lightning strike, but I'm gratified to say that should be behind us!

The next thing we need is more help.

This important job is integral to our worship. What you see on the screens and hear in the sanctuary is only half the story; there's a whole livestream production going on simultaneously. The livestream is a new front door for guests to experience LCR before attending in person and we want to help them have a positive experience.

Please consider volunteering for this important mission. You'll be intimately involved in the service and will be rewarded with anonymity... When we do everything right, no one even knows we're there. And that in itself is its own reward.

If you'd like to get involved with the tech team talk to [Tom Glass](#) or [Mark Boyer](#).



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 Celebration

On Reformation Sunday we had 5 young people receive their First Communion

- Kaitlyn & Madeline Kline
- Lydia Tonn
- Hattie & Charlie Goodnough

Not only did they receive communion for the first time but they also served communion to their families in the chalices that they made and the bread that they baked. This was truly a day to remember.



YOUTH NEWS



Confirmation

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, Nov. 12 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm
6th - 12th Grade
Church firepit outside Youth Pavilion

Join us and bring a friend and invite your family to enjoy fellowship, food, games, and fun! Bring an item for the CAC Food Drive (page 2). [Sign-up here.](#)

Farewell to Pastor Ruth

Join us on Sunday, November 19 during Fellowship hour from 9:30-10:45 am in the Gathering Room to celebrate Pastor Ruth's time at LCR. Enjoy breakfast foods and mingling with friends. Sunday School classes will be canceled, so all can attend.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Pastor Ruth, please send a check or make an online donation under "[Misc. Program Payment](#)" writing "Pr. Ruth's gift" in the memo.

Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club meets on a regular basis (see the full schedule [here](#)). Join us for a special Christmas Potluck and discussion of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt on December 11 starting at 6:30pm.

If you have questions, contact [Cristi Minard](#).

An Afternoon Filled with Music, Food, and Fellowship

Julian Calvin, Director of Music

Our Reformation Day Concert this past Sunday was a great success! A full church gathered to listen to beautiful music by our handbell ensemble, choir, and chamber orchestra. Special thanks to the many volunteers and guest musicians who worked hard to bring the music to life, and thanks also to Cristi and Andy Minard and the Fellowship Committee for the wonderful Oktoberfest dinner we enjoyed after the concert.

We plan to make a choral concert an annual event, and your support makes it possible. If you haven't had a chance to donate to the music ministry, you can still [give online](#).

