

June 2, 2024

The Weekly



Growing Garden with Plenty to Share

By Margaret Perry

Our LCR Promise Gardeners have been harvesting armloads of produce for The Community Assistance Center Food Pantry in Sandy Springs. Over the last six weeks our team has donated 216 lbs. of kale, lettuce, Swiss chard, mustard greens, radishes, peas, spinach, herbs and more!

Prayers of thankfulness for our great weather, soil and volunteers!



Pat Grove with an armload of bulb onions



Threads of Hope, Knit with Love

Sandy O'Donnell took 47 baby blanket and hat sets to Northside Hospital last week for the Special Care Nursery (NICU).

Many hours of knitting and crocheting by the Knitters for Peace and much love were put into each item made.

CALENDAR

JUNE 2

Traditional Worship

8:30 am | Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour

9:30 - 10:45 am | Gathering Room

Adult Faith Formation:

Jesus and His Jewish Influences

9:45 - 10:45 am | Conference Room

Contemporary Worship

11:00 am | Sanctuary

JUNE 3-6

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 19

Group Spiritual Direction Begins

10:30 am & 6:00 pm | Pastor's Office

JUNE 30

One Blended Worship Service

10:00 am

JULY 27

Bible Trivia Night



Join Us in Praying
for our Vacation
Bible School kids
and leaders this
week!

11 kids and teen & adult volunteers will be embarking on a adventure during our 2024 Vacation Bible School, Campfire Light: a summer camp adventure with God.

We would welcome your prayers for God's love and light to be shared with these kids through the experience, teachers, and time together.

Thank you to Sharon and our amazing volunteer team for making this happen!



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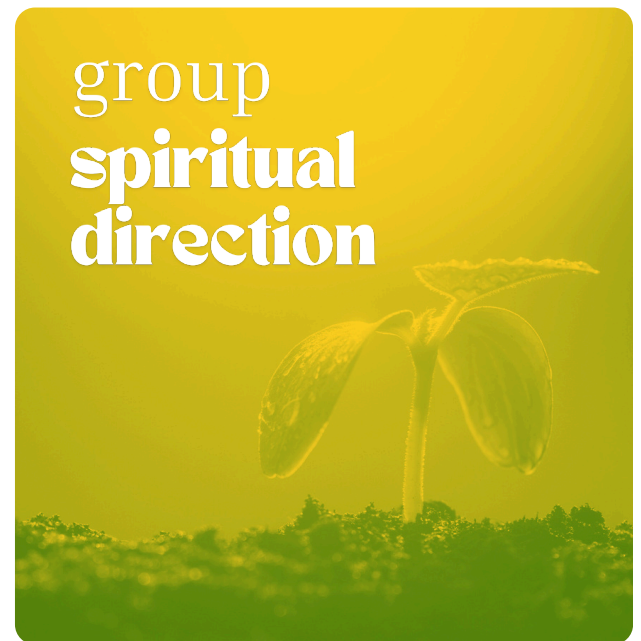
STARTING JUNE 19

Grow Spiritually This Summer

You are invited to explore spirituality with Pastor Rich and a few other Lutheran Church of the Resurrection members this summer. Spiritual direction is not a bible study, a fellowship group, or adult class. It is an intentional period of spiritual focus that will include a pattern of silence-sharing-silence-response-silence.

[Sign-up for one of two-time slots available for this experimental time of spiritual discernment.](#) Participants are asked to prayerfully consider intentionally committing to be present at all sessions for the most fruitful experience. *Each time slot is limited to six participants.*

Wednesdays (starting June 19)
10:30 am - Noon or 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Pastor's Office



Some people prefer their faith to be neatly organized and comfortable. Others prefer their faith to be messy and challenging. There is a space for both in vibrant faith communities. As Lutherans, much of our faith is paradoxical: saint/sinner, law/gospel, theology of the cross/theology of glory.

Join Pastor Rich and others from LCR to dive into the messy part of faith, where we will live and thrive in the question and paradox rather than in concrete answers. All participants should expect to be uncomfortable, messy, and open in a setting where all are welcomed and honored for their perspectives.

A date for the class will be announced soon.

Email [Pastor Rich](#) if you are interested.

Help Lead Our Coffee Hour Team

The Fellowship Team will be taking a much-needed break this summer from providing Coffee Hour between services beginning June 2 and restarting September 8. This is similar to the break some of our ministries, such as Sunday School, take over the Summer to rest and recharge. There will be a special Father's Day Coffee Hour.

We have also made the decision to split the Fellowship Team Lead between two positions:

- Events (Cristi Minard will continue leading) and
- Coffee Hour (a position we are recruiting to fill)

If you want to get involved, have ideas to enhance the Coffee Hour experience, and want to be part of ministry leadership please reach out to [Andy Minard](#).

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday School Summer Break

Sunday School for kids is taking a break for the summer. Thank you to all who made this past year possible!

During the summer we will continue to explore how God is present and at work in our everyday lives through the "God Box" moment in worship.



The Staff is Praying for You!

While our staff prays for this church and our community on a regular basis, we are instituting a more structured way to lift up all the families of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in prayer during our staff meetings starting this summer.

Each week the staff will light a candle to remember the presence of God's Spirit as we gather and lift up a few families by name. Pastor Rich will be contacting these families to check in and see if there are particular joys or concerns to pray for. You will also receive a card in the mail as a reminder that we are praying for you!

Thank You Volunteers!

A couple weeks ago at our Volunteer Appreciation Open House it was fun to celebrate the amazing work so many of you do to help carry out God's work at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Thanks to the staff for hosting and providing the tasty food and delicious treats!



Church Office Refresh

A refresh of the church office is planned for the week of July 15. We will be replacing carpet and painting. We are looking for volunteers to help move small items such as pictures, books and boxes out of the way, as well as patching, priming and painting of some walls. Contact David Price or Charles Demosthenes if you are willing to help.

Thank You LCR!!

By Catherine Strate, Former Church Council President

With the change to the month of June, I have officially turned over the Presidential baton and keys to the office to Andy Minard as the current President of the LCR Church Council. Having completed my last official duty as President I would like to thank the LCR community for all its support, assistance, and kindness during the past two years. We experienced several changes and challenges during that time, but we are also seeing the development of new endeavors and spiritual enthusiasm.

LCR is a unique and wonderful faith community that has many special talents and gifts none of which would exist without its members and friends. Thank you to all of you for this opportunity and I look forward to being actively engaged in other capacities in the future.



Peace and blessings,
Catherine