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The Weekly

Lutheran
Church of the
RESURRECTION



Easter Breakfast Success!

**GOOD FOOD, GREAT FELLOWSHIP,
SUPPORT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.**

Mark Brosch

Over 170 people enjoyed Easter Breakfast at LCR this year. The Gathering Room was full with members, friends and visitors. All seemed to enjoy the food, but more importantly the fellowship with others celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

Easter Breakfast could not happen without the help of the almost 50 volunteers that offer their time in so many ways. Too many to name individually, but THANK YOU to all who helped.

This year the recipient of the Free Will Offerings made for Easter Breakfast was Our Hands Community Outreach (OCHO).

OCHO is a registered charity whose mission is to provide a hot meal, every Sunday, to the homeless community along the Cobb Parkway corridor. Another THANK YOU to all who made an offering for their Easter breakfasts.

A total of \$1,714 was collected. A check for that entire amount was given to the OCHO folks by the Kingdom Builders small group from LCR. To say they were astounded by your generosity is an understatement. See the picture and many smiles below.



Pentecost Sunday

*But you will receive
power when the Holy
Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my
witnesses... Acts 1:8*



CALENDAR

MAY 16
**Volunteer Appreciation
Open House**
4:00 - 7:00 pm | Office Library

MAY 18
Worship Servant Training
See page 2 for times and details

MAY 19
Pentecost Sunday

Traditional Worship
8:30 am | Sanctuary

Fellowship Hour
9:30 - 10:45 am | Gathering Room

Faith Formation Classes
9:45—10:45 am

Jesus and His Jewish Influences
Conference Room

Children's Sunday School
Lower Level

Confirmation
Youth Pavilion

Contemporary Worship
11:00 am | Sanctuary

MAY 23
Lifeline Health Screenings
9 am - 2 pm | Gathering Room

MAY 26
New Member Reception

JUNE 3-6
Vacation Bible School

JUNE 5
Group Spiritual Direction
10:30 am & 6pm | Pastor's Office



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Annual Meeting Recap

LeAnn Haack, Church Council Member

At LCR's May 5 Annual Meeting we took time to remember and celebrate what transpired at LCR this past year:

- Pastor Ruth and Pastor Bonnie were exemplary Interim and Bridge Pastors who helped and guided LCR through its transitional phases from November 1, 2022 to January 17, 2024. We so appreciate their guidance, professionalism and kindness.
- Pastor Rich Leseganich accepted LCR's call and joined us on January 18, 2024.
- The Worship experience was enhanced, both in-person and on-line through the new AV equipment, incorporation of Lutheran liturgy and musical contributions, and the reinstitution of the Greeter ministry. These efforts are contributing to increased attendance.
- Conducted a Time and Talent Survey to initiate the development of a systematic approach to increase the number of volunteers within the LCR community.
- Efforts started to re-invigorate the Children, Youth, and Family Program through discussions with Pastor Michael Jannett, Assistant to the Bishop, special gatherings for children and reinstituting a Child-Friendly Room.
- In collaboration with Common Good Creative, communication efforts were improved through the re-design of the website, increased use of social media, and creative methods to share LCR's message and presence in the community. The Council also authorized the purchase of an electronic messaging sign which will be in place at the end of May.

The proposed 2024-2025 budget was reviewed and approved. While LCR is in a strong financial position, the hiring of a new pastor and staffing needs puts an emphasis on the need for flexibility and discernment by the congregation throughout the budget year.

Council areas of focus for 2024-2025 are:

- Review of the current Long Range Plan and its relevancy after two years.
- In concert with Pastor Rich, review and prioritize LCR's needs to determine staffing considerations and assess current committee structures.
- Continued efforts to improve communication to assure consistent and effective internal communications and increase focus on external out reach in the community.
- A review of potential property enhancement efforts that will make the LCR campus look more inviting.
- Continued efforts to increase membership participation in LCR programs and ministries.

Congratulations to the following who were elected at Annual Meeting:

Council Members

Andy Minard, President
Lance Reising, Treasurer
Annette Alexa, Member At Large
Susie Glass, Member At Large,
Sarah Kirwan, Member At Large,
Jack Haehn, Youth Representative

Nominating Committee

Pat Grove, Ron Kostamo, Matteus Lizdas,
Elizabeth Shreiner

2024 Synod Assembly Representatives

Marge Mynhier and Mike Mynhier

Kent and Ruth Lang Fund

Kurt Shreiner



Worship Servant Training May 18

Annette Alexa

A training for Worship Servants has been scheduled for Saturday, May 18th in the Sanctuary for folks who are new and currently serving at either worship service. We have heard Pastor Rich speak on bringing our best to worship and this day of training will give us the opportunity to ensure we are pleasing God with our praise and thanksgiving.

We will have three 1-hour sessions:

9:00 – 10:00 am Lector training
10:00 – 11:00 am Assistant Minister training
11:00 – Noon Communion Assistant training

You are welcome to attend all, or one based on your interest. [Please register](#) so that we will have a head count of those attending.

Grow Your Faith with Group Spiritual Direction



Have you heard of spiritual direction? Spiritual direction is often a one-on-one relationship with a spiritual director that involves intentionally listening to God's voice and presence amid daily life. However, spiritual direction can also be done in a group setting. You are invited to explore spirituality with Pastor Rich and a few other Lutheran Church of the Resurrection members. 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 in June

10:30 am - Noon or 6:00 - 7:30 pm | Pastor's Office

Sample Schedule

- 15 min - Gather and Remain in Silence
- 15 min - Sharing By One Person
- 5 min - Holy Silence
- 15 min - Group Responses
- 5 min - Silence
- 5 min - Liturgy of Prayer
- 30 min - Reflection on Time

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Lutheran Church in Guatemala

Uncomfortable Questions

Weeknight Adult Study



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.

Starting date for class TBD. Email [Pastor Rich](#) if you are interested.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION OPEN HOUSE

MAY 16 | 4:00-7:00PM | OFFICE LIBRARY



The staff is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Open House on May 16 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. Drop by as you're able for food and conversation in the Office Library.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday School

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

Last Day of Sunday School is May 19

Vacation Bible School June 3 - 6

Join us for our Vacation Bible School adventure for 2024, Campfire Light: a summer camp adventure with God.

June 3 - 6
9:00am - noon

Ages 3
through
rising
5th graders

[Register now!](#)



LifeLine Health Screenings

May 23 | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm | Gathering Room

LifeLine Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. LCR is hosting a screening event on May 23. You can take advantage of the benefits of these screenings by signing up for an appointment time that works for your schedule. Pre-registration is required.

Sign up now:

- Call toll-free 1-844-591-7160
- Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607
- Visit <https://lisa.social/HC>

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 actively 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](#).

Church Office Refresh

A refresh of the church office is planned for the week of July 15. We will be replacing carpet and do some painting throughout the offices, conference rooms, work room and hallways. Some unused book shelves may be removed to provide more usable space for meetings and classes. The office disruption is expected to last at least a week. 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.

Please contact [David Price](#) or [Charles Demosthenes](#) if you are willing to help and they will coordinate dates and details with you.

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.

