

June 16, 2024

The Weekly



Fellowship, Singing, and Furry Friends!

All are welcome at the Sunset Social, June 23rd from 6:00 - 8:00 pm! We will gather rain or shine.

The evening will begin with a visit from Fiona the owl from Hawktalk, a raptor rehabilitation center. Check it out at Hawktalk.org. For a small donation you can take your picture holding Fiona.

As a special treat, Julian will lead us in a hymn sing-along.

BYOB and an appetizer to share.

[RSVP Today](#)

NEW DATE: JUNE 23



HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY!

CALENDAR

JUNE 16

Traditional Worship

8:30 am | Sanctuary

Father's Day Coffee 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 19

Group Spiritual Direction Begins

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

JUNE 23

Sunset Social with Owl Visit and Hymn Sing!

6:00 - 8:00 pm | LCR Deck

JUNE 30

One Blended Worship Service

10:00 am | Sanctuary

JULY 27

Bible Trivia Night

6:00 pm | Gathering Room

East Cobb Glow Up - New Road Sign Shines!

LCR has installed a new messaging center (sign) to better communicate with the bustling East Cobb community! This ministry has been an ongoing labor of love and allows us to communicate continually with all who pass by our church building.

Special thanks go to David Meszaros who led a faithful team of willing volunteers to make this outreach a reality! We believe our messaging center will help proclaim all that God is doing through Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.



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STARTING NEXT WEEK

Grow Spiritually This Summer

You are invited to explore spirituality with Pastor Rich and a few others 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 committing to be present at all sessions for the most fruitful experience. *Limited spots available.*

Wednesdays (starting June 19)

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

group
spiritual
direction



Only 4 spots left!



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.

Classes will be starting in July.

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

Stephen

We're praying for you!

This week Pastor Rich and the leadership team (Julian, Sharon, and Sigrid) are remembering you in their prayers. A special candle is being lit for you during times of prayer.

Know that you are surrounded by God's grace and love now and always!



You're going to have mail!

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!



LAUNCHING NEXT MONTH:

Stories of Resurrection a New Monthly Magazine

To more fully celebrate and share the wonderful things God is doing through Lutheran Church of the Resurrection we are launching a monthly magazine to share stories of impact and transformation, highlight our wonderful ministries and leaders, promote upcoming events, and share devotional and faith resources.

Each month will include things like...

- a note from Pastor Rich or one of our leaders,
- photos and stories from past events
- an exploration of a particular ministry or outreach partner,
- at least one story by or about a member of LCR
- some kind of spiritual formation and faith building resource
- an at-a-glance calendar and reminders about upcoming events

The launch of the magazine is part of a broader refocusing of our communication efforts led by our communications team, Common Good Creative. The Weekly will transition to a simplified email sent out each Thursday with all the content contained in the email itself.

We will repurpose the content from the monthly magazine as blog posts on our website and content for social media amplifying the reach of these stories and allowing all of us to share these uplifting stories of Resurrection with the wider community.

We are looking for folks to join our Story Corps Team to write stories and take photos of Resurrection ministries and events. Interested?

[Contact LeAnn Haack.](#)

Deadlines

Monthly Magazine

Two weeks before the first Sunday of the month

- *July issue: June 23*
- *August issue: July 21*
- *September issue: August 18*

Weekly Email

Monday at noon

Share Story Ideas and Announcements

Want to share a story or announcement? Please use our [Communication Request form](#).

LCR at the 2024 Synod Assembly

Mike Mynhier

The theme the recent Southeastern Synod Assembly held in Columbus, GA was "Striving for Peace and Justice in All the World." Pastor Rich and Marge and Mike Mynhier were voting delegates; Annette Alexa and Sigrid Thies-Smith led some of the Saturday afternoon Discipleship Activities; and Allison Lizdas, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Advocacy had a very active overall role.

Besides elections to fill various committees and teams, there were many interesting presentations describing the Synod's diverse initiatives, informative workshops, and discipleship activities by attendees to support our local and international communities.

Marge and I described the Keynote Dinner address by Bryan Stevenson, Esq., founder, and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative, as "a very inspiring experience." Some of his work providing justice to under-represented people is portrayed in his book and a movie, Just Mercy.



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.

Scenes from our 2024 Vacation Bible School

It was a joy to host a number of children and teen and adult volunteers for our 2024 Vacation Bible School, Campfire Light: a summer camp adventure with God. Here are a few pictures from last week's fun!



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.



Church Council Installed

Our latest Church Council was installed a few Sundays ago. The Church Council is the governing body of our church, ensuring that everything we are doing is consistent with our vision. The Council is specifically tasked with running the business of the church, which includes finance development (budgeting, investments, endowment, audit), facility planning, policy and leadership development, and long range strategic planning. The council includes:

Andy Minard, President
Deanna Topping, Vice President
Lance Reising, Treasurer
LeAnn Haack, Secretary
David Price, Member At Large
David Meszaros, Member At Large
Annette Alexa, Member At Large
Susie Glass, Member At Large
Sarah Kirwan, Member At Large
Jack Haehn, Youth Representative
Rev. Rich Leseganich, Pastor

