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The Monthly Magazine of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Marietta, Georgia

A Spooktacular Evening

Join us for Trunk or Treat pg. 4

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Dates subject to change. Visit lrmarietta.org/events for updates.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:30 am

Traditional Worship | Sanctuary

9:40 - 10:45 am

Fellowship Hour | Gathering Room

9:45 - 10:45 am

Adult Faith Formation I | Conference Room

Topic: Lost Christianities by Bart Erhman

Adult Faith Formation II - Gilroy Group | Library

Elementary Sunday School | Lower Level

Middle School | Lower Level

High School Faith Lens | Pavilion

11:00 am

Contemporary Worship | Sanctuary



SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER 11

Sunset Social (5:00 - 7:00 pm)

OCTOBER 28

Book Club

OCTOBER 20

Credo: We All Believe in One True God

Fall Concert (4:00 - 5:00 pm)

OCTOBER 26

Promise Garden Work (10:00 am - noon)

Trunk or Treat (3:00 - 5:00 pm)

OCTOBER 27

Confirmation Sunday (11:00 am)

LOOKING AHEAD

NOVEMBER 23

Bunco Night

DECEMBER 8

Taste of Christmas

JANUARY 31

Men's Retreat (see page 3)

Relationships to Sustain You

Discover Purpose and Community at the 2025 Men's Retreat

Men of LCR, mark your calendars for the Seventh Annual Men's Retreat, happening Friday, January 31 - Sunday, February 2, 2025, at the beautiful Lutheranch in Tallapoosa, Georgia. This year's theme, 40 Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things, invites you to consider how Jesus can use you—right where you are. He doesn't seek our ability but our availability, faithfulness, and willingness to say yes to Him.

Last year, over 40 men from six different churches, including those from Marietta, Decatur, Clarkston, and even Spring Hill, Tennessee, gathered at Lutheranch for a meaningful weekend of faith stories, discussions, and time for reflection. Conversations were rich and deeply inspirational, attendees developed a closer relationship with Jesus and one another and renewed their commitment to caring for others and volunteering for the common good.

In 2025, we'll continue this tradition of community building, reflection, and great fun, with plenty of time for fellowship and relaxation (including happy hours with adult beverages). How might Jesus use you in your current situation? Let's explore that together.



Details:

- Dates: Friday, January 31 - Sunday, February 2, 2025
- Cost: \$175 per participant (double occupancy) or \$250 (single occupancy), includes 5 meals.
- Location: Lutheranch, Tallapoosa, Georgia
- Contact one of these folks for more info or to register:
 - John Whetstone - 678-480-1723 - jwhetstone1@bellsouth.net
 - David Meszaros - 404-580-2678 - David.p.meszaros@gmail.com
 - Mark Olson - 404-372-6306 - Maolson456@gmail.com

Invite a friend and join us for an unforgettable weekend!

Get Ready for a Spooktacular Afternoon at Trunk or Treat!



Later this month, our parking lot will come alive with excitement as trunks transform into creatively spooky displays. Kids in costumes will dash from car to car, collecting candy and playing games, all while enjoying festive, kid-friendly tunes.

Mark your calendars for **October 26, from 3-5 pm**, for a celebration that's full of treats and fun.

This event is more than just candy—it's a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors, families, and friends. We're also looking for help to make it extra special, whether by decorating a trunk or providing candy.

If you'd like to contribute, reach out to Sharon Leon at sharon@lcrmarietta.org.

Opportunities to Make a Difference



Stitching Hope & Comfort

Creating handmade items to bring warmth, support, and care to those in need, both locally and beyond.

Knitting is an ancient craft dating back to Biblical times. Proverbs 31:19 explains the spinning staff and spindle were used to make thread that was twisted into yarn.

Knitters for Peace originated in January, 2000. Over the years, the group has made various knitted and crocheted items for a variety of organizations. Our current outreach focuses are hats and scarves for MUST; baby hats and blankets for Northside Hospital's NICU; baby hats and octopi for Kennestone Hospital's NICU; as well as potholders, dish cloths and scrubbies for Special Needs Cobb homes and octopi for the residents of those homes.

Our Mission Statement:

"Our desire is to knit the world into a better place, through handmade gifts of love and peace"

The Prayer Shawl ministry also started in 2000 for our congregational family who are hospitalized, homebound with an illness, or other situations and need some comfort. In the summer of 2019, Pocket Prayer Crosses, a mini version of a prayer shawl, started to have a portable source of comfort someone could keep in their pocket. These have been added to Blessing Bags for MUST, sent to Guatemala for our ministry there, as well as given out by Shepherd's Staff when they make visits. We often have people ask for one to give or send to a family member or friend in need.

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The Knitters for Peace ministry group meets twice a month in the evening (1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm in the LCR library). All knitters and crocheters are welcome. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we can help you learn.

We are a casual small group where we come together to enjoy fellowship and crafting. If you are not able to make the meetings but want to knit or crochet at home, no problem. We can provide you yarn and instructions.

For more information or to get involved contact:

Lyn Ruswinkle at laruswinkle@comcast.net or
Sandy O'Donnell at sodonnell317@aol.com

Puddy's Pages Book Club

Unravel the Mystery this October



You're invited to our October meeting of Puddy's Pages Book Club!

On October 28th at 7 pm, we'll discuss *The Mystery of Mrs. Christie* by Marie Benedict, a captivating novel about the unexplained disappearance of Agatha Christie.

Bring your thoughts, opinions, and perhaps a snack to share as we dive into the mystery!

For details contact Cristi Minard

Upcoming Books:

- *December 9*: The Measure by Nikki Erlick
- *January 20*: Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
- *March 3*: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
- *April 14*: The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles
- *May 19*: The Women by Kristin Hannah
- *Summer Read 2025*:

All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker

October Serving Opportunities



MUST Lunches

LCR is on the rotation to prepare and serve meals monthly at the Elizabeth Inn. We collect dry food all year long to keep the food pantry at MUST well stocked. We also work with Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church to provide a Sunday lunch several times a year.

Sign-up to serve on the website.

Meals on Wheels

Every Monday morning, LCR volunteers delivers Meals on Wheels to low-income and/or limited mobility seniors in the Sandy Springs area. We currently have a small route that takes about an hour to complete. Our volunteers usually sign up to deliver between 3 -10 times a year.

This outreach ministry may not seem significant, but we are an important part of a much larger volunteer program that provides over 50,000 daily nutritious meals a year to those elderly folks who can't cook for themselves.

Contact: Ron Jolly.

Serving Opportunities Continued



Promise Garden

LCR's community garden impacts so many parts of our community! From the preschoolers who learn about growth and food and all the volunteers who plant, weed, and care for our garden. The produce is donated to the Sandy Springs Community Assistance Center's Food Pantry.

Contact: Margaret Perry



Community Assistance Center

Make a direct, immediate impact in our community by helping our neighbors in need by volunteering in a variety of roles. [Learn more.](#)

YELLS

Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving, Inc. (YELLS) empowers youth to rise as active, healthy, and productive servant-leaders within their communities. LCR supports the work of this organization on Franklin Gateway.

Contact: George O'Donnell, Richard Leon



LCR Blanketeers

Since 2000, the LCR Blanketeers have created fleece, crocheted, and knit blankets for children, supporting [Project Linus](#) and local groups like MUST Ministries. New members and donations of fleece or yarn are welcome.

Contact: Marge Mynhier



Knitters for Peace

Knitters for Peace, active since 2000, craft baby hats, blankets, scarves, and comfort items for NICU babies and those in need. They meet twice a month, and donations of soft, washable yarn are appreciated.

Contact: Lyn Ruswinkle

News & Updates



Building, Serving, and Connecting Highlights from God's Work, Our Hands Weekend

We want to thank all of the congregation for supporting this year's God's Work, Our Hands activities. We had 37 people give their time and talent on Saturday morning at YELLS, MUST, and the Promise Garden. At YELLS they installed new lighting and chair rails, repaired drywall, painted walls, and organized supplies. At MUST they put together nearly 200 food packages and in the Promise Garden they built two large raised beds, erected deer protection posts/line/scare tape & pinwheels, and spread mulch. There was also work assembling and planting a vertical herb garden and blueberry bushes that continued into Sunday.

On Sunday morning between services, we had many dozens more of the congregation in the Gathering Room. They visited six ministry tables representing LCR Blanketeers, Special Needs Cobb, Guatemala, Shepherd Staff, MUST Ministries and Knitters for Peace and joined in the work of these ministries. Comforting blankets were prepared, ornaments were made, prayers, bible verses and messages of comfort were written, hygiene kits for the homeless were assembled, information was shared and new volunteers recruited. In addition, two staff tables provided general information and crafts for children.

Special thanks to the Fellowship Team for providing refreshments to the work crews on Saturday and a special breakfast for all on Sunday.

Everyone had a great, productive and rewarding weekend celebrating the work done by these and the other LCR ministries throughout the year.

We surely felt God's work being done by our hands.

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Bob Wills was so inspired by the impact of the God's Work, Our Hands team at YELLS, of which he was a major part, that he went to the Wednesday Morning Men's Group and suggested that they sponsor additional updates to the YELLS facility. This was quickly agreed. So, just a couple of weeks after the initial effort on September 7, Bob led a team to replace 12 light fixtures in addition to the original 6 done on God's Work, Our Hands weekend. Thanks to Bob, Kirk Gadebush, Ron Kostamo, and Don Auenson for installing the additional light fixtures and the entire Wednesday Men's Group for funding the purchase.



Brighten Our Altar Flower Donation Sign-Up is Live

You can help us adorn the altar for worship by purchasing flowers in honor or memory of a special occasion. If you would like to take the flowers you purchased home, you may pick them up after the conclusion of the 11:00 am service. Otherwise they will be donated.

Pay for the flowers by check, noting "altar flowers and date" in the memo line, or [pay online](#) and note the date in the memo line. [Sign-up today!](#)

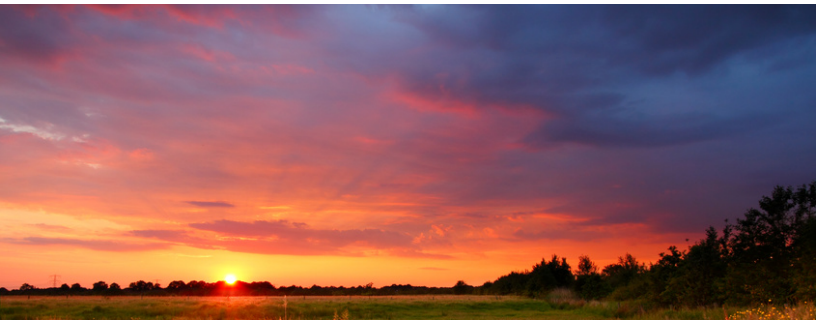
Share Your News, Updates & Photos

We would love to share the stories, photos, and updates from your ministry or team in our weekly emails, monthly magazine, or on social media.

Please use the [Communication Request form](#) on the resources page on our website to share these details with us!



SCAN HERE
to submit your news



Sunset Social

Come enjoy community and the cooler weather of this fall at our Sunset Socials happening October 11 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm!

Jill and Kirk Gadebusch are hosting this event. We will gather on the deck at LCR (or inside if there's rain). Bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share.

[Sign up on our calendar.](#)

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SCENES FROM THE PROMISE GARDEN!



CREDO

We All Believe in One True God



Fall Concert October 20, 4 PM

RSVP today for the LCR Music Ministry's fall concert, "Credo: We All Believe in One True God," featuring a collaboration with the choir from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Our combined choir of 35 singers, joined by an orchestra, will present a diverse program including Martin Luther's *Wir glauben all' an einen Gott*, Mozart's *Credo Mass*, and more.

Registration is filling up, so be sure to reserve your seat on our website.

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