

LCR Weekly

March 12, 2023



**8:30 am
Traditional Service**

**11:00 am
Praise Service**

**9:30–10:45 am
Fellowship Hour**

**9:45-10:45 am
Sunday School
for all ages**

**The Altar Flowers this
Sunday are given
to the Glory of God by**

**Suzanne & Charles
Demosthenes**

In celebration of our
daughter, Lori's and
grandson, Henri's
birthdays



LCR [YouTube Channel](#)

Dear Siblings in Christ,

It is with a heavy heart that I have to announce to you my resignation from LCR effective this Sunday, March 12. In recent weeks it has been communicated to you that my daughter, Anna, has been experiencing some health issues. She has been diagnosed with generalized epilepsy. She is a strong young woman who has been through so much at 15 years old. She is facing this challenge with bravery, but has expressed to me that she is fearful and would very much like me by her side and more present in her everyday life as she gets used to this new reality. Her neurologist has shared with me that it is important for Anna not to be alone as we work on getting her seizure activity under control with two medications.



I have entered into a great deal of prayerful discernment of what I should do, and God has made it very clear to me that I am called to be a mom right now. I had a seminary professor once that reminded me that my family should always come first as God called me to be a parent before God called me to be a pastor. Anna has bravely supported me as I finished 4 seminary classes and my internship to graduate in December after her dad passed away. Now she needs me, and I need to be there for her.

You all have meant more to me than I can express in words as you have walked with me and supported me through the hardest year of my life. I have said time and again that God knew exactly where I needed to be for that season of my life. Your prayers, love, and grace have helped shape me as a future pastor and shown me the depth of Christ's love found in a congregation of faith. You have been the hands and feet of Christ for me throughout this journey. I would humbly ask that you keep Anna and myself in your prayers as we go forward. My heart will be grieving leaving this loving place where I had found such support and connection.

I will be keeping you all in my prayers and giving thanks to God for the time I have spent with you. I will forever remember this incredible faith community. Thank you for all you have been for me and my family. You have forever touched my heart and deepened my faith.

Many blessings,
Minister Jamie

Regular Groups



Wednesdays during Lent
March 8, 15, 22, and 29
Services at noon and 7:00 pm
"The Lord's Prayer"

Please join us for soup dinner at 6 pm prior to the 7 pm service.

Volunteers needed to assist with Lent & Easter services.

If interested, please contact Annette Alexa at
aalexa18@yahoo.com.



Lenten Collection **February 26—April 2**

MUST Ministries needs essential items that we all use every day. During Lent, we will be collecting the following personal items:

- ♦ **Underwear (new):** Men, women, and kids - all sizes needed.
- ♦ **Toiletry items (full size and family size):** Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, bar soap, antiperspirant

Please bring donations to the Gathering Room and place them in the gray bins sorted by item. Thank you for your support!



Help us Fill Easter Eggs

LCR is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning this year. We'd like your help filling plastic eggs with treats for the egg hunt. Please take a bag of plastic eggs from the basket in the Narthex and fill them with wrapped candy (please no nuts or peanut butter). Then return the filled eggs to the bucket in the Narthex or Gathering Room no later than Sunday, April 2.

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 10:00 am on Easter Sunday morning. All children ages 2 yrs–6th grade are invited!



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee's work is well under way! We are meeting weekly and working through the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that the Synod will use to identify potential candidates. Please pray for us as we complete this important task. More to come...

-Emily Glass Stinson

LCR Sign-Ups



Worship Assistants
[Sign-up Link](#)



[Altar Flower Sign-Up](#)

[Coffee Hour](#)
[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)



[Send a Prayer Request here](#)

Regular Groups

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

Question 1

Remembering your entire experience at LCR, when were you most alive, most motivated, and excited about your involvement? When did your faith deepen? When did your relationship with others grow stronger? What made it this way?

Most Frequently Mentioned

- Engaging and connecting with others outside of Sunday Worship
- Participating in and supporting an active youth and children's ministry
- Sharing our gifts through the rich and varied Outreach Ministries
- Worship experiences that incorporate music and impactful sermons

Question 2

What do you value most about this congregation? What activities or ingredients or ways of life are most important? What are the best features of this church?

Most Valued Features

- Welcoming and friendly people with a deep responsibility to care for both members and the community
- Feeding of spiritual growth through sermon and song
- Relationships and feeling of community/family

Question 3

What would your three wishes for the future of LCR be? How would the congregation look when they are made real?

Wishes Most Frequently Mentioned

- Re-establish the youth program and hire a new youth leader
- Increase the number of congregants, with a special focus on young families, 20- and 30-somethings
- Continue and deepen commitment to outreach ministries
- Specific qualities in a new pastor (see the expanded version of this summary for details below)

If you would like to see more detailed responses, please click [here](#).



Hunger Walk

The Hunger Walk is this Sunday, March 12. If you have not had a chance, please sign up now to join us for the walk at LCR [here](#). The event will start with lunch at 12:15 pm, featuring live music and aerobics; the walk will start at 1:00 pm. The walk is about a 1 mile loop near the church, and you are welcome to walk it as many times as you would like. We have 24 people who are expected to walk, and would love it if you could join us.

Also, we have raised over \$5,400, which is very close to our target of \$6,000. Please donate today and help us reach the \$6,000 goal. We are currently one of the top fundraising Lutheran churches in Georgia, and help us stay near the top. You can go on-line through the end of March and donate to Team LCR Marietta and your donation will make a difference in food and shelter programs throughout Georgia, and it will count towards our donation total. Any questions, contact Mike Frey at mfrey@mindspring.com

Outreach

MUST

[donation link](#)

CAC

[donation link](#)

YELLS

[donation link](#)

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Sign-Up:

Contact [Ron Jolly](#)

Brumby E.S.

Volunteer

Opportunities:

Contact [Stephen Goodnough](#)

MUST Wednesday Lunch

Volunteer Sign-Up:

[Sign-up Genius Link](#)

MUST Celebration

Contact [Kirk Gadebusch](#)

MUST Food Collection

Bring non-perishable food items to the MUST bin year round

Hunger Walk/Run March 12

[LCR Team Page](#)

Habitat Build

[Contact John Osberg](#)

More info [link](#)

"First Nail" 3/18

Next dates: 3/25

Announcements



2023 Christian Response Campaign Consecration Sunday—March 26

Our Christian Response theme this year is “Gratitude.” During Lent we are reminded to devote ourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful (Col 4:2). LCR remains a bright light in our community, and your annual giving makes an important difference for our church and others.

Many of you picked up your commitment card last Sunday. All other commitment cards were mailed this week. LCR’s Consecration Sunday is March 26. Please bring your commitment card to one of the worship services that day, or you can mail your card to the church office.

The Christian Response team thanks you for your generous gifts to LCR. We look forward to seeing all of you on March 26 to continue helping to build God’s kingdom on earth.

-Kurt Shreiner



Front Sign Volunteers

We are looking for some more volunteers to help us switch out the front sign to lighten the load for the current volunteer.

If interested, please contact Pastor Ruth at

PastorRuth@lcrmarietta.org.



“What do we do about our youth ministry now?”

A conversation on Faith Formation for children, youth, and families.

March 19 in the Gathering Room

Join Pr. Michael Jannett, Assistant to the Bishop for Formation and Communication, on Sunday, March 19, during Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Room, for a conversation about innovative ways to model faith formation in today’s context. Let’s talk about hopes and dreams and practical ministry realities of planting seeds for a fruitful faith formation model that includes children, youth, and people of ALL ages. We will have children’s activities available in the Gathering Room to keep little hands busy.

Events

Men’s Group

Wednesdays at 7:30 am

In-Person or [Zoom link](#)

Thursday Women’s

Study at 8:30 am

via Zoom [Zoom link](#)

Pr. Ruth’s Small Catechism Book Study

Sundays 9:45-10:30 am

in Classroom 8

Apostles’ Creed

Wednesdays in Lent

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Worship Services at

Noon & 7:00 pm

Soup Dinner at 6:00 pm

Knitters for Peace

March 21 at 7 pm

LCR Library

Hunger Walk/Run

March 12 at 1:00 pm

Lunch at 12:15 pm

Sign up or donate

[here](#)

LCR Women’s Book Club—Zoom

April 10 at 7 pm

The Rose Code by

Kate Quinn

Synod e-News

[Link](#)