

December 3, 2023

# The Weekly



## Crafted with Love: A profile of the LCR Blanketeers and Knitters for Peace

On November 19 we blessed over 200 hand made blankets and knitted items from two amazing ministries at LCR: the LCR Blanketeers and the Knitters for Peace.

The Blanketeers have been hard at work since 2000 making countless fleece, crocheted and knit blankets. The 112 blankets that were blessed November 19 were sized for children with kid friendly designs and will be shared with the MUST Ministries Toy Shop. Many in the congregation beyond the Blanketeers have played a role in making the fleece blankets - on God's Work Our Hands Sunday and throughout the year in various Bible Study groups.



The Knitters for Peace have also been busy since 2000, meeting twice a month to knit together and also working on their own. They make baby hats and blankets for Northside Hospital's NICU, as well as hats and scarves for MUST Ministries to distribute to clients in colder weather, and crocheted octopi to occupy premature babies and keep them from pulling cords and tubes while they are in the NICU at Kennestone Hospital. Just since our last blessing over the summer, the knitters have crafted 26 baby blanket and hat sets for the Northside NICU, 13 hats and 16 scarves for MUST, and 27 octopi and 10 baby hats for Kennestone Hospital.

New members are always welcome to join these groups or you can donate money or physical supplies (washable yarn that is soft and not fuzzy, and washed fleece - 2 yards, rinsed twice, no fabric softener).

Contact [Marge Mynhier](#) (LCR Blanketeers) or [Sandy O'Donnell](#) or Lyn Ruswinkle (Knitters for Peace).

*I am involved because I enjoy knitting and crocheting for those in need. I have been knitting and crocheting since I was a child and enjoy making items for those who need some comfort and care in their lives.*

- Sandy O'Donnell (Knitters for Peace)

## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER 2

Pastoral Candidate  
Meet and Greet  
9:00—11:00 am  
Gathering Room

### DECEMBER 3

Congregational Meeting  
9:45—10:45 am  
Sanctuary

### DECEMBER 6

Advent Mid-Week  
Worship - Noon  
Dinner - 6:00 pm

*Meet Bridge Pastor Bonnie  
Lanyi during dinner*

Worship - 7:00 pm

### DECEMBER 10

*Toy Shop Drive Ends*

Taste of Christmas Dinner  
5:00 pm  
Gathering Room

### DECEMBER 11

Women's Book Club  
6:30pm  
In-person or online

### DECEMBER 13 & 20

Advent Mid-Week  
Worship - Noon  
Dinner - 6:00 pm  
Worship - 7:00 pm

### DECEMBER 23

Build Blessing Bags  
9:00 - 11:00 am  
Gathering Room

### DECEMBER 24

Combined Morning Worship  
10:00 am

Christmas Eve Worship  
4:00 pm and 8:00 pm

### DECEMBER 31

Combined Morning Worship  
10:00 am



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# Meet our new Bridge Pastor, Rev. Bonnie Lanyi

I'm so looking forward to serving with you as you transition to your new pastor. This is a brief introduction to let you know a little bit about me. I am a baptized child of God, who is so grateful to God for many blessings. One blessing that I am especially grateful for is that I grew up in a family and in churches that taught the love and grace of God are for all. Each and every person has value and should be treated with respect and dignity.



Another special blessing is that I have been married to my best friend, David for 37 years. He graduated from Walton High School, and I graduated from Wheeler. We have three young adult children. Our first grandbaby is due to be born this spring. We love to hike, travel, read, cook and bake.

After graduating from Georgia State University with a Bachelor of Science degree, I worked as an RN in hospitals and in the church. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) was completed under the supervision of The Reverend Dr. Martha Rutland. After graduating from Luther Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, I was ordained as an ELCA pastor and called to serve a small congregation as a solo pastor. Several years later, I served a large congregation as an associate pastor.

Most recently, I served as the Interim Pastor at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Douglasville for a year and a half as they prepared to call Pastor Jamie Witt. I completed the Interim Ministry Training from the Interim Ministry Network. It is an honor to accompany a congregation in times of transition.

That is a little snapshot of my story. I look forward to getting to know you and your story...starting with some time on **December 6 at 6:00 pm** during our Advent Dinner in the Gathering Room.

Pastor Bonnie Esther Lanyi



**Please remember to wear your name tag to help Pastor Bonnie get to know your name.**

## SERVE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### MUST Ministries Toy Shop: Deliver Gifts by December 10

Every year, MUST Ministries makes Christmas happen for more than 6,000 children in our area through their Toy Shop program. We will be collecting donations of toys and other gift items through December 10. Look for the Christmas tree in the Gathering Room to select gifts for a boy or girl and age range.

***Please deliver new, unwrapped gifts to LCR by Sunday, December 10.***

Contact [Heather Boyer](#) or [Dana Jelinek](#) if you have any questions.

### Help Build Blessing Bags!

We are organizing a Youth Service Project where kids will build blessing bags for MUST Ministries.

Please deliver items to the collection bin in the LCR Gathering Room by 12/8. Monetary donations will also be gladly accepted and can be made out to "Blessing Bag Ministry".

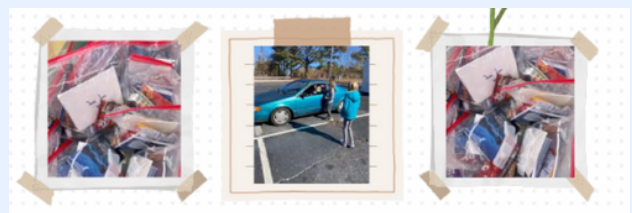
#### Donate the following items:

1. Non-perishable food items (i.e. trail mix, granola bars, peanuts, apple sauce)
2. Hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, hand sanitizer, comb)
3. Bottled Water
4. Socks
5. Band Aids
6. Lip Balm

#### Help us build the bags:

Join us from 9:00-11:00 am on December 23 in the Gathering Room to help assemble the bags!

For questions, reach out to [Stephen Goodnough](#) or call (770) 757-0942



# Pastoral Candidate Meet and Greet and Congregational Meeting This Weekend

Please join us on December 2 between 9:00 and 11:00 am in the Gathering Room at LCR for a meet and greet with our new pastoral candidate. Light refreshments will be served.

On December 3 we will hold a congregational meeting from 9:45 to 10:45 am to vote on calling the new pastor along with approving a compensation package. This meeting will take place in the Sanctuary. Sunday School and Confirmation classes will not meet so everyone can attend this important meeting.



Watch [this](#) important message from your Council President, Catherine Strate, discussing pastoral transitions and more.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### Sunday School

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

*No Sunday School: Dec. 3, 24, 31*

## YOUTH NEWS

### Confirmation

**Sundays - 9:30 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.

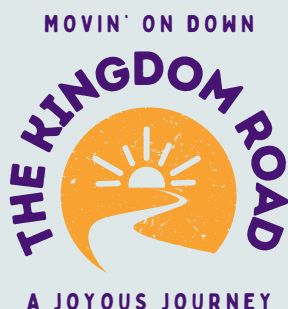
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## Men's Retreat

February 2-4, 2024, the men of LCR will gather at beautiful Lutheranch in Tallapoosa, GA.

We'll be taking a deeper dive into the New Testament book of Philippians and its impact on our personal faith walk. Lots of time for community building, reflection, and great fun.

Contact [Mark Olson](#) or [John Whetstone](#).



## Women's Retreat

March 15-17 a group from LCR will be attending the Wild Women's retreat at Lutheridge in Arden, NC. Cost is \$250 per person. The 2024 Theme is "This is My Body - Every body has a story to tell!" Find healing, self-compassion, and holiness in our bodies.

Register by December 17. Payment is due at time of registration. Financial aid is available. Contact [LeAnn Haack](#) for more information.

[Register online.](#)







## Mid-Week Meal and Worship

*Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20*

Make some time for reflection and community this Advent season. Join us at 12:00 noon for our Joyous Light prayer service, with sung psalms and a meditation on the verses of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel; or skip the dinner prep and join us at 6:00 pm for dinner in the Gathering Room, followed by the prayer service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

## Women's Christmas Book Club

Join us next month as we discuss "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt and celebrate Christmas! If you would like, bring an appetizer, snack or desert to share. *Note: We will start at 6:30 with food and fellowship. See all the book selections for this year on the [website](#).*

## Christmas Eve Worship

*December 24*

**4:00 pm:** Contemporary/blended Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, featuring your favorite Christmas carols led by the Praise Team and accompanied by piano, guitars, drums, and strings.

**8:00 pm:** Traditional Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, featuring music from the Renaissance and Baroque eras along with familiar Christmas carols lead by the LCR Choir and accompanied by organ, strings, and handbells.



*Invite your friends and family to join you!*

## Advent Dinner Taste of Christmas

*December 10, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Gathering Room*

Join us as we celebrate Advent with food, fellowship, and a fun craft! Bring your family's favorite food or best Christmas dish to share! Drinks and paper products will be provided. This event is a favorite among the members and friends of LCR, so please join us!

[RSVP with your food selection](#) so we can plan accordingly.

## Poinsettias

You can sponsor a poinsettia again this year to adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. They are 6" pots and cost \$10 each. You may write a check indicating your designation ("in honor of" or "in memory of," using the Designated Giving envelopes found in the pews) or go online to make the payment and designation or use this QR code.



***Deadline  
to sponsor  
is Dec. 17***

## 10:00 am Worship

On December 24 and 31 we will gather together for one morning worship service at 10:00 am