

November 12, 2023

# The Weekly

## Meet LCR's Next Pastoral Candidate

*Pastor Ruth Hamilton*

The Call Committee and Congregation Council announce with great joy that they have selected a primary candidate to be the next pastor of LCR. Since the candidate is currently serving a congregation, name and biographical details need to remain confidential at this point.

The congregation will have an opportunity to meet and greet the candidate at a breakfast on Saturday, December 2, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. Additional information about the candidate will be available at this time.

A Congregation Meeting will be held the next day, December 3, at 9:45 a.m. to vote on whether to call this candidate as the next pastor of LCR and, if the first vote is positive, to vote on the compensation and benefit package.

We offer deep thanks to the Call Committee (Trish Davis, Suzanne Demosthenes, Emily Glass, Steven Goodnough, George O'Donnell, and Mark Olson) for its careful work in crafting the Ministry Site Profile, interviewing potential candidates, and recommending a primary candidate. We are grateful to the Congregation Council for its oversight of and engagement with the call process. We thank all of you who participated in the Appreciative Inquiry interviews that provided key information to the Council and Call Committee for its work.

Please pray for this congregation and its primary candidate. We thank God for the wisdom, guidance, and inspiration already received, and we ask that God continue this loving care.

## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 12

CAC Food Drive Ends

Fellowship Hour  
9:30—10:45 am  
Gathering Room

Faith Formation Classes  
9:45—10:30 am

Youth Bonfire  
5:00—7:00 pm  
Youth Pavilion Firepit

### NOVEMBER 19

Toy Shop Drive Begins,

Pastor Ruth Farewell  
9:30—10:45 am  
Gathering Room

### NOVEMBER 23

Gobble Jog ([register](#))

### NOVEMBER 24

Church Office Closed

### DECEMBER 2

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

### DECEMBER 6

Congregational Meeting  
9:30—10:45 am  
Gathering Room

### DECEMBER 6

First Mid-Week Advent  
Meal and Worship

### DECEMBER 10

Taste of Christmas Dinner

### DECEMBER 11

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



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## CAC Food Drive Ending

Sunday is the last day to bring donations for the Community Assistance Center (CAC) Food Drive to the Gathering Room.

This year we are collecting less perishable fresh produce as well as canned and boxed food.

### Less Perishable Fresh Items:

sweet potatoes, red potatoes, white potatoes, beets, winter (acorn) squash, butternut squash, bulb onions, and apples

### Boxed and Canned Foods:

canned fruit, canned meats, canned vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, dried beans, macaroni & cheese, canned chili, canned beef stew, dry pasta, rice, peanut butter, and tomato sauce

In just the first week of our drive we brought 297 lbs. of canned/boxed food and 97 lbs. of less perishable fresh food to the CAC Food Pantry!



## Gobble Jog 2023

On Thanksgiving morning (November 23), more than 10,000 runners will come to the Marietta Square to participate in the 21st Annual Gobble Jog, benefiting MUST Ministries. The Gobble Jog offers options for all skill levels. Timed 10K and 5K runs, as well as an untimed 5K, 1K and Tot Trot are all available. There is also the Phantom/Virtual Runner option and you will still receive a t-shirt.

To join others from LCR who are running, select "LCR Marietta" from the team drop down list [here](#).

Contact [Mike Frey](#) for additional information.



## MUST Ministries Toy Shop

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 from November 19 – 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.





# 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.



# 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.



## Fall Bonfire

**Sunday, Nov. 12 - 5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
6th - 12th Grade  
Church firepit outside Youth Pavilion

Join us and bring a friend and invite your family to enjoy fellowship, food, games, and fun! Bring an item for the CAC Food Drive (page 2). [Sign-up here.](#)

## Farewell to Pastor Ruth

Join us on Sunday, November 19 during Fellowship hour from 9:30-10:45 am in the Gathering Room to celebrate Pastor Ruth's time at LCR. Enjoy breakfast foods and mingling with friends. Sunday School classes will be canceled, so all can attend.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Pastor Ruth, please send a check or make an online donation under ["Misc. Program Payment"](#) writing "Pr. Ruth's gift" in the memo.

## Grace House: Embracing a Labyrinth Journey

*Pastor Andrew Rickel, Grace House Campus Ministry at Georgia Tech*

At Grace House, our commitment to transforming the campus and the world goes beyond simply offering a welcoming environment for students. We nurture the spiritual journey of our students. We invite them into worship on Mondays and Tuesdays and during small groups on Thursdays.

In our evening worship sessions, we experience the power of singing and prayers. We engage in thought-provoking sermons and discussions that spark reflection. And we share communion together.

One thing that makes our worship unique is our invitation to students to explore worship in ways that may be new to them. We encourage them to integrate worship into their daily lives, extending its impact beyond the walls of Grace House.

A recent Tuesday at Grace House saw us inviting students into prayer using various stations, including a labyrinth. The labyrinth remains drawn on the concrete just below Daly Deck, next to our food pantry. Students have been using this labyrinth to ponder Jesus' enduring invitation in their lives. It's a meditative journey that allows for contemplation, self-discovery and a deepening connection with Jesus.

This is just one of the many ways that God works through Lutheran Campus Ministry at Georgia Tech to transform our students, the campus itself, and, ultimately, the world.

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.

Learn more and support Grace House [here.](#)



## Mid-Week Meal and Worship

*Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20*

Make some time for reflection and community this Advent season. Skip the dinner prep and join us at 6:00 pm in the Gathering Room. Then enjoy a shorter, reflective service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

## Women's Christmas Book Club

Join us next month as we discuss "Remarkably Bright Creatures" 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 Book selection:  
"Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt

## Christmas Eve Worship

*December 24*

**4:00 pm:** "Journey to Bethlehem" tells the story of Christmas in live tableaux with favorite Christmas carols. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion. *Kid-friendly service.*

**8:00 pm:** Festive Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, featuring favorite Christmas carols.

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.



## 10:00 am Worship

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