

December 17, 2023

The Weekly



Pastor Richard Leseganich Accepts LCR's Call

Catherine Strate, Council President

I am pleased to be able to announce that Pastor Richard Leseganich (Pastor Rich) has accepted our call to be the Pastor of LCR. After prayerful discernment and conversations with his Spiritual Director, Pastor Rich is confident that the Lord is leading him and is calling him to serve at LCR.



For those of you who attended last week's Meet and Greet, you met Pastor Rich who is very personable, who believes in the importance of relationships, and who has a passion for the Lutheran tradition of reaching out to those in the community. His biography ([read here](#)) shares Pastor Rich's background and emphasizes several areas toward which Pastor Rich has directed his ministry of 23 years and for which he intends to share his strengths with LCR.

Pastor Rich will be in transition for the next month and his first day "in the office" will be January 25. Please be ready and available to welcome Pastor Rich in about six weeks!

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 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 25 - JANUARY 1

Church Office Closed
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DECEMBER 31

Combined Morning Worship
10:00 am



Learn how you can [support](#) our mission partner, Inspiritus, as they serve those impacted by the recent tornadoes in TN.

**Candlelight
CHRISTMAS EVE**

December 24 | 4 & 8 pm

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Marietta

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Christmas Caroling at Phoenix at Johnson Ferry

Everyone is welcome to sing Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 17 at 12:30 at The Phoenix at Johnson Ferry (corner of Paper Mill and Johnson Ferry). Contact Mark Moeller with any questions (404.751.7453 or [email](#)).

Let's spread some holiday joy!

Altar Flower Donations

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 11am 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!](#)



SERVE: MAKE A DIFFERENCE

College Care Packages

If you have a child in college, we'd like to send them a personal care package from their LCR family. Please submit your child's name and address to [Trish Davis](#) by December 20 so they can receive one this January with the new semester.



Giving Envelopes

If you are using giving envelopes, new envelopes for 2024 are available in the Narthex.

If you would like to give online, you can sign-up [on our website](#).

FREE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 9 AM - 1 PM

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION PARKING LOT
4814 PAPER MILL RD SE, MARIETTA**

We are partnering with Data Delete Recycle to responsibly dispose of obsolete electronics while supporting Brumby Elementary School. RAM Shredding will also be present to securely shred and recycle paper.



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DATA DESTRUCTION**



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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.

Sunday School will take a break December 24 & 31

Youth Service Project: Build Blessing Bags for MUST Ministries

All children and youth are welcome bring their friends to join us for hot chocolate and doughnuts as we assemble blessing bags to give to MUST Ministries who will share them with unhoused people and those experiencing financial hardships.

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

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

Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for the bags!



Year End Giving

Thank you for your generous support of LCR! As we approach the end of the year, please continue to remember LCR in your giving. For tax purposes checks must be postmarked by 12/31 to apply toward 2023 charitable contributions.

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.

Confirmation will take a break December 24 & 31

Women's Retreat: Deadline to Register Dec. 17

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.

LCR member Pat Grove has attended this retreat in past years and shared that these retreat are "filled with females, fun, and faith that is all encompassing for your heart and soul."

Payment is due at time of registration. Financial aid is available. Contact [LeAnn Haack](#) for info.

[Register online.](#)

Men's Retreat at Lutheranch

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](#).





Final Advent Mid-Week

Wednesday, December 20

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 ([RSVP for dinner here](#)), followed by the prayer service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm.

Deadline to Sponsor a 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



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!

Church Office Closed / Pastoral Care

The church office will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1. For pastoral care emergencies, email Pastor Bonnie: pastorbonnie@lcrmarietta.org

10:00 am Worship

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