

January 14, 2024

# The Weekly



## MLK's Relationship to Lutheranism

*Catherine Strate, Church Council President*

It was a dark February night at about 8:00 pm and class was scheduled to go from 6:00 - 9:00 pm. It was one of my most favorite classes, Voices of Non-Violence, and it had been a long day. We were discussing Martin Luther King, Jr.; all of a sudden, the professor said, "You all do know that Martin Luther King, Jr. was not his given name. He was baptized, "Michael Luther King, Jr., and his father's given name was Michael Luther King, Sr." What did you say? Really !?! So how did that happen?



In 1934, when Michael, Jr. was five years old, "Daddy King" attended the Baptist Fifth World Congress in Berlin, Germany where he was made aware of the history of Martin Luther and his "protest" against oppressive authority such as the Vatican and the then European societal structure. He also saw that racism and social injustice was a global problem and not just limited to the United States. Subsequently "Daddy King" rechristened himself and his son as "Martin Luther." However, Martin Luther King, Jr. did not officially change his name on his birth certificate until 1957.

While we are aware of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life-long fight against social injustice and poverty which cost him his life, we may not be as aware of Martin Luther's fight for social reform. In 1519-1520, Luther authored a program that regulated public assistance to the poor, "The Order of the Communal Purse." Over the next forty years, the program evolved to include social organizations such as: hospitals for the poor and elderly; free medical care for the needy; a 'soup kitchen' to feed the needy; interest-free credit of up to 500 gulden to artisans who expanded their business employment; support of a four-year school program for all children, including girls (1525); the holding of interest rates to 4-5% to curb the practice of usury at the expense of the poor.

Luther taught that we, as Christians, have been saved and justified through God's mercy and grace and are responsible to fulfill God's mission to serve others, specifically the poor. The poor are our neighbors to be served through justice and equity and treated with dignity. Serving our neighbor "is an act of faith that is full of love in obedience and for the glory of God out of Christian love."

So having said all of this, please be involved in the weekend of service of January 13-15 to celebrate the humility and love of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and embrace his teachings which were similar in value to our Lutheran heritage. And we are inviting you to attend the 2024 The Bishop's Commemorative Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service "Beloved Community", Sunday, January 14th at 4:00 pm at Trinity Lutheran, 1826 Killian Hill Road SW, Lilburn, GA 30047.

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY 14

**Traditional Worship**  
8:30 am | Sanctuary

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

**Faith Formation Classes**  
9:45—10:30 am

*New Testament Study*  
Conference Room

*New Beginnings in the Bible*  
Lower Level Room 8

*Children's Sunday School*  
Lower Level

*Confirmation*  
Youth Pavilion

**Contemporary Worship**  
11:00 am | Sanctuary

**MLK, Jr. Worship Service**  
4:00 pm ([details](#))  
Trinity Lutheran, Lilburn

### JANUARY 20

Family Friendly Dinner  
& A Movie  
Gathering Room

### FEBRUARY 11

Women's Tea

### FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

### FEBRUARY 15

Lifeline Screening

### FEBRUARY 24

Electronic Recycling Event  
LCR Parking Lot

### FEBRUARY 25

Pastor Rich Installation  
3:00 pm



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## 2023 Giving Statements

Your 2023 Giving Statements were emailed out this week. If you don't receive your giving statement via email, please pick up your copy in the Narthex. Questions? Contact LCR's Financial Secretary, Cathy Ritchie at [financialsec@lcrmarietta.org](mailto:financialsec@lcrmarietta.org)

## 2024 Altar Flower Donations

A [new sign-up page is live](#) for Altar Flower donations for 2024. 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!](#)



## Greeters Ministry Resumes!

LCR is reinstating the Greeters Ministry which has been an integral part of LCR being known as a welcoming church. If you are interested in greeting members and visitors, asking visitors to sign the guest book, giving out a welcome bag and answering questions please consider becoming a part of this important ministry. The actual time commitment on Sunday morning is about 20 minutes prior to the service.

Miriam and John Whetstone will facilitate initial training and scheduling of greeters. To join those who have already volunteered, please contact John at [jwhetstone1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jwhetstone1@bellsouth.net) or Miriam at [jpar67@bellsouth.net](mailto:jpar67@bellsouth.net).



## Shepherd's Staff Ministry Shares Care Packages at the Holidays

Our Shepherd's Staff ministry offers care and support to our homebound members. They shared some Christmas cheer in December. If you'd like to get involved with this ministry, contact Karen Bear.





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

*Join us for an evening with*



**Bright Stars  
of  
Bethlehem**



*special guest*

**REV. DR. MITRI RAHEB**  
FOUNDER OF DAR AL-KALIMA UNIVERSITY, BETHLEHEM, PALESTINE  
CO-FOUNDER OF BRIGHT STARS OF BETHLEHEM

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024 | 5-7 PM**



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
731 PEACHTREE ST. NE ATLANTA, GA

*LeAnn Haack is coordinating a carpool from LCR.*

You're invited to join us for the 2024

**The Bishop's Commemorative  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service**

*"Beloved Community"*

**Sunday, January 14th at 4 PM**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church - Lilburn, GA**

1826 Killian Hill Road SW Lilburn, GA 30047



**SOUTHEASTERN SYNOD**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA



## Mutual Ministry Team Initiated

*Catherine Strate, Church Council President*

As part of the guidelines for the welcoming of a new pastor, the ELCA highly recommends that a Mutual Ministry Team be in place to serve as a resource and a support system to the new pastor assisting in his/her overall acclimation to the church. This will include but not be limited to listening to the new pastor's questions and concerns, advisement about situations/interests within the congregation, offering guidance with respect to the church leaders and support staff's engagement, and offering fellowship to the new pastor. They shall meet with the new pastor on a regular basis (usually once a month) in a prayerful environment to discuss LCR, its mission, and its vision.

In response to these guidelines, a Mutual Ministry Team has been developed to assist Pastor Rich Leseganich in his acclimation to LCR upon his arrival on January 25th. Jill Gadebusch, Mike Mynhier, Dan Steidle, Emily Glass Stinson, and Rachel Thornton have graciously accepted to serve as members of this team to assist in Pastor Rich's transition into the life of the LCR community.

In an effort for orderliness, and as to not overwhelm Pastor Rich, initially, please submit any questions or areas of interest to a Mutual Ministry Team member so the topics can be collated and shared with Pastor Rich. This is an effort to avoid duplication of topics and to be able to provide a comprehensive picture for Pastor.



# CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

## Sunday School

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

## Child Friendly Room Available During Worship

Kids are always welcome in worship. If you prefer, feel free to make use of our Child Friendly Room off the sanctuary.

## Family Friendly Dinner & A Movie

Join us on January 20 from 4-6 pm in the Gathering Room for the movie *Monster's Inc.* Hotdogs, popcorn, candy & drinks will be served during the entire movie. Don't miss it and bring friends. See you at the movies!

## Adult Sunday School Classes

### New Beginnings in the Bible Meeting Now

Join this class to explore a variety of stories of new beginnings in the Bible as we enter this new year. The class is taught by Dan Gilroy and meets in Room 8 on the lower level of the Family Life Center.

### "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" Starting January 28

The Sunday School class that meets in the Conference Room will start a new class on January 28. The subject will be a Great Courses 24 week lecture series entitled "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" by Jodi Magness. Dr. Magness holds a senior endowed chair in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Contact George O'Donnell for more information or just join us on January 28.

## Women's Tea February 11

Join other women from LCR for tea on Feb. 11 from 3-5 pm in the Gathering Room. \$10/person. [Sign-up.](#)

# 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.

## All-Georgia

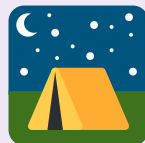
**February 23-25, 2024**

6th-12th Graders | Camp Glisson, Dahlonega, GA

Come and gather with over 100 other youth from across the state (and the synod) to enjoy this time apart as we learn about the SPIRIT OF PEACE we have all been given by God!!!

Cost: \$175 per person.

[Register online](#) by February 9.



**FREE**

**ELECTRONICS  
RECYCLING DAY**

**PLUS SECURE 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.



ENSURE SECURE  
DATA DESTRUCTION



PROTECT THE  
ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORT BRUMBY  
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FOR DETAILS AND ACCEPTED ITEMS VISIT [LCRMARIETTA.ORG](http://LCRMARIETTA.ORG)





## Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up



### All 4 Screenings for \$149

#### Carotid Artery Disease:

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

#### Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD):

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>1</sup>

#### Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA):

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.

#### Atrial Fibrillation :

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>

We will be in your neighborhood soon

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection**

Get your special Community Circle pricing!

Three ways to register and receive the special discount:

Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191

Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HC](https://llsa.social/hc)

Text: the word **circle** to 216-279-1607

Scan here



**Getting Screened is Simple!**  
**Painless, non-invasive, keep your clothes on.**



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>

No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>

Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.