

February 11, 2024

# The Weekly



You are invited for the Installation Service  
and Celebration of our new pastor

## Rev. Richard Leseganich

03:00 PM

Sunday **25** February  
2024

Reception to follow in the Gathering Room



## Christian Response...Upon Further Review

*Rich Rydarowski, Christian Response Spokesperson*

A replay? Yes! Let me touch upon again, the key points I wanted to share with you during my Christian Response (CR) kickoff presentation. Our theme, "Come Fly With Us" and our logo, of geese all going in a common direction was very appropriate on many levels of our LCR congregation's history.

The article I distributed "Lessons from Geese", drew several relative and positive parallels between the flock and LCR's congregational traits. The flock honks encouragement to the lead goose to maintain speed and effort so as to deliver the flock to their destination. Similarly, our LCR flock "honks" or encourages one another and our leadership team (s) to reach our destination, namely, seeing a Christian need and taking action to address that need! Our LCR congregation has been exceptional in addressing needs both within and well beyond our flock.

My fellow LCR flock, you have and I know you will continue to move forward in the right direction by your taking of Christian actions, with your talents (personal involvement & financial support). If we continue to do this, as we have in the past, we will attain, as in the Matthew 21, the Parable of the talents, the satisfaction of realizing the significance of the words, "well done good and faithful servant, enter the joy of your master."

I affirmed in my presentation that LCR is surely one of the best Christian congregations around; for many reasons. For us to continue being one of the best this requires us to take action (with our Christian Response), honk positive encouragement by one and all, with a cheerful heart in a positive direction. In other words, "Come Fly With Us." As always, thank you and "Peace be with you."

**Please remember to turn in your paper Time and Talent Survey and Commitment Card or fill out the [Online Forms](#) by March 3.**

## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 11

#### Traditional Worship

8:30 am | Sanctuary

#### Fellowship Hour

9:30—10:45 am  
Gathering Room

#### Faith Formation Classes

9:45—10:45 am

*Jesus and His Jewish Influences*  
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

#### Women's Tea

3:00 pm | Gathering Room

#### Youth Curling

3:00 pm | Peachtree Curling

### FEBRUARY 14

#### Ash Wednesday Services

Noon and 7:00 pm

### FEBRUARY 15

**Lifeline Screening** ([register](#))

### FEBRUARY 21

#### Lenten Dinner and Speaker Series

6:00 pm | Gathering Room

#### Worship

7:00 pm | Sanctuary

### FEBRUARY 24

#### Electronic Recycling Event

9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
LCR Parking Lot

### FEBRUARY 25

#### Pastor Rich Installation and Reception

3:00 pm | Sanctuary



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# LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK



## Ash Wednesday Services

Join us for Ash Wednesday services on February 14 at Noon and 7:00 pm.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. It is a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal, as we prepare to follow Jesus on the journey to the cross and beyond. The services will include prayers, hymns, and time for meditation and reflection.

There will also be Lenten Devotionals for you to take home in the narthex.

## Lenten Dinner and Speaker Series plus Worship

Enjoy a home cooked meal, rich conversation, and a chance to hear from some of our mission partners about the life-changing work they are involved with that we support as a congregation. Then stay for a special Lenten Worship service. Dinner will be served starting at 6:00 pm, speakers will begin at 6:30 pm. Worship is at 7:00 pm.

- Feb. 21 - John Moeller, Inspiritus
- Feb. 28 - Larry Leonard, Our Hands Outreach
- Mar. 6 - Laura Keefe, YELLS
- Mar. 13 - Mike Frey + Zoom speaker, ILAG Guatemala
- Mar. 20 - Christine Morrison, Habitat for Humanity

## Meet Our First Lenten Speaker: Rev. John Moeller

Inspiritus is one of LCR's mission partners and is focused on guiding individuals and families who have experienced disruption on a path from surviving to thriving. This work takes the form of refugee resettlement, social services, disaster response, and more.

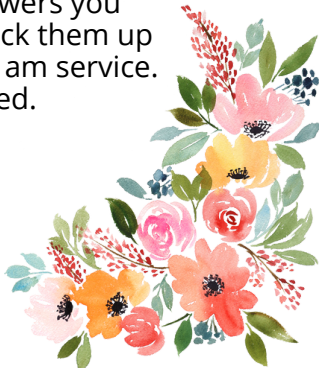


Rev. John Moeller has been the CEO of Inspiritus since 2017. Before joining Inspiritus, he served as the CEO of Action Ministries in Atlanta. Rev. Moeller is ordained as a minister in the United Methodist Church.

## 2024 Altar Flower Donations

A [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!](#)



## Women's Book Club

Discuss a book and enjoy time together in community. Attend regularly or just for the books that interest you. Questions? Contact [Cristi Minard](#).

### Next Gathering:

March 4, 2024 at 7:00 pm  
*Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

See the list of remaining reads for our 2024 season [here](#).





## Promise Garden Receives \$1500 Grant



The Promise Gardeners met last Saturday to kick off their 2024 season, planting 450 onions bulbs and celebrating a \$1500 grant from the Food Well Alliance for garden improvements!

Food Well Alliance is a collaborative network of local leaders working together to build thriving community gardens and urban farms across metro Atlanta providing resources and support to local growers to connect and build healthier communities.

Anyone interested in participating in the garden, whether as a regular gardener or an occasional helper is invited to attend our meeting. If you cannot attend, but would like to get involved, please contact [Margaret Perry](#).

The new season holds great promise!

## Hunger Walk 2024

Dear LCR family and friends,

LCR will be participating in this year's 40th annual Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk. Please make plans to join me and many others from LCR on Sunday, March 10th for this year's walk. The Hunger Walk is a fun family event, and donations benefit three great ministries - The Atlanta Community Food Bank, Inspiritus, and the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (LCR) food and shelter programs.

We will be again be walking at the LCR parking lot, but a group from LCR will also be going to downtown Atlanta and participating in the metro-wide walk that starts at the Mercedes Benz stadium. The walk at LCR will start with a light lunch at 12:30 pm, and the walk event will start from the church parking lot at 1:00 pm. The route is about 1 mile, and people will walk it once or twice. Music, food and drinks will be available. The walk at Mercedes Benz stadium starts at 2:00 pm.

Our LCR Marietta team goal this year is 35 walkers and to raise \$7,500. Last year we had 27 walkers on a wet day, and raised \$7,585. I hope you will join me and others from LCR for the walk either at LCR or downtown, or sponsor me as I walk and raise money for these great ministries!

Michael Frey

[Join team LCR or donate.](#)



## Supporting Farmers in Rural Guatemala



In November 2023 Tropical storm Pilar hit Guatemala and devastated the crops being grown by many members of our mission partner and sister church, Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala (ILAG). Typically farmers in Guatemala are able to plant two crops of corn in a year.

In 2023 the first had been destroyed by drought, the second by Tropical storm Pilar. This left the people without the harvest they depended upon for their own dinner table and for the seeds needed to plant next year's crop.

In response, ILAG gathered \$30,000 worth of corn and food staples and began to distribute them to communities in the rural area. This food was purchased in part thanks to your generous financial support.

[See pictures of your support in action.](#)

[Share a donation.](#)

# 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.

## Save the Date: Vacation Bible School June 3 - 6

Join us for our Vacation Bible School adventure for 2024, Campfire Light: a summer camp adventure with God.

June 3 - 6  
9:00am - noon

Ages 3  
through  
rising  
5th graders

[Register now!](#)



# 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.

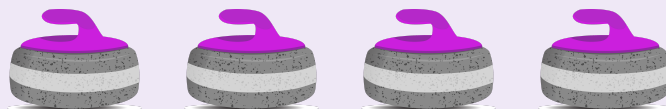
## Sign-Up for Youth Curling!

**February 11 - 3:00 - 5:00 pm**  
4880 Lower Roswell Road, Unit 910

Here's your chance to try the fastest growing winter sport in America - Curling! Enjoy a Learn-To-Curl event at Peachtree Curling Club. The event is open to youth 6th-12th grade and their parents. Please bring a friend along to join the fun. We will start with a lesson on how to curl, and then a couple of ends of competition between teams (maybe a parents vs youth challenge).

[Sign-up and details can be found online.](#)  
Deadline to sign-up: Saturday, Feb 10th!

Questions? Email [Mike Frey](#) or call [404-372-2161](#)



**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.



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