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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 3

Promise Garden Kickoff
9:00am | Youth Pavilion

FEBRUARY 4

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

FEBRUARY 11

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

FEBRUARY 24

Electronic Recycling Event
LCR Parking Lot

FEBRUARY 25

Pastor Rich Installation and Reception
3:00 pm | Sanctuary

2024 Christian Response Campaign

Come fly with us!



How exciting it is to be at LCR right now? With Pastor Rich onboard joining our engaged and active congregation, the future is full of hope and promise. With God's Spirit leading us and your support, we can do amazing things together. The key to our success is your continued faithful and generous support.

This week, letters will be mailed out with a printed Commitment Card and Time & Talent survey. Both forms should be returned to LCR either in person or by mail by Sunday March 3, when your gifts will be consecrated. ***This year, we are also providing an Online Commitment Form on the [LCR website](#).***



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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 in around the world and that we support as a congregation. Then stay for a special Lenten Worship service. Dinner will be served starting at 6:00 pm with the speakers joining before the service at 7:00 pm.

- Feb. 21 - John Moeller, In Spiritus
- 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

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. 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

The Sunday School class that meets in the Conference Room just began 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 Sunday.

Women's Book Club

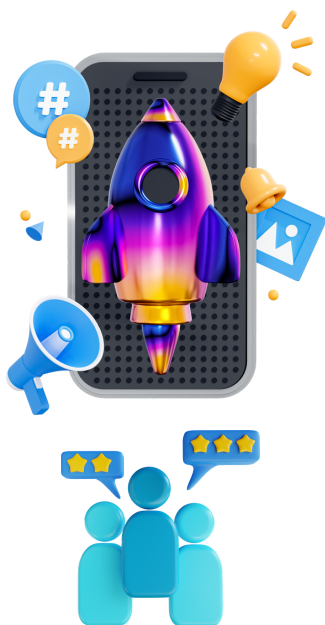
Discuss a book and enjoy time together in community. Attend regularly or just for the books that interest you. Questions? Contact [Cristi Minard](#).

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

Lifeline Screenings

80% of strokes are preventable, according to the American Heart Association and Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease. LCR is hosting a Lifeline Screening event on February 15. You can take advantage of the benefits of these screenings by signing up for an appointment time that works for your schedule.

Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll-free at 1-844-591-7160 or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or visit <https://llsa.social/HC>.



Will You Help Us Boost Our Online Presence?

Help us engage with more people online by liking, subscribing, and sharing our content!

[Subscribe to our Youtube channel](#) where we stream our worship services.

Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and engage with our content (leaving a review on Facebook is great, too!).

The more you do so, the more the social algorithms will share our content with your friends and neighbors.

A Different Kind of Outreach: Immigration Assistance

John Osberg

One of LCR's recent outreach ministries has been to assist a physician entering the United States from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). He is seeking political asylum. He was a practicing physician in the DRC. He uncovered and exposed the misuse of Covid 19 funds by corrupt public officials. As a result, he was kidnapped, tortured and had to leave his country for his own safety.

Political asylum is granted by the U.S. Department of Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). The process takes many years and begins with correctly filing the application, having it accepted by CIS, and carefully following each subsequent step of the process. Ninety days after CIS accepts the application, the applicant can request a work permit. The work permit will be issued after another 90 days. With the work permit, he can apply for his Social Security card, a driver's license, and begin contributing to his new homeland – the U.S. He will immediately seek work in the healthcare industry. He previously focused on infectious disease and pediatrics. He will pursue these specialties as he can in the U.S., as well as continue his education.

Individual members of LCR have assisted him to find and retain an expert immigration attorney. LCR and these individuals have funded the reduced fee required by the attorney. The asylum application was successfully produced, submitted, and accepted by CIS. The work permit will be filed this coming week.

He is beyond grateful for the help and support he has been given here at LCR. And he repeatedly promises to dedicate the rest of his life to helping others.



Hunger Walk 2024, March 10

The 40th Anniversary of the Atlanta Community Food Bank Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2024. LCR will again have a team participate and people can walk in the downtown Atlanta event or at LCR from the church parking Lot. [Join team LCR or donate here.](#)

Back to School in Guatemala

The Lutheran Church in Guatemala is one of our mission partners. They do some incredible work in the areas of women's empowerment and education. The primary school they support, Colegio Luterano Agustino de Guatemala (CLAG) returned to classes for the new year a few weeks back. You can watch a short video of the first day [here](#).



Promise Garden Kickoff

The Promise Gardeners have a 2024 Kickoff Meeting on Sat., Feb. 3 at 9am in the Pavilion adjacent to the garden. Following our meeting, we will have a group bulb onion plant. We have 450 onions ready to go into the ground!

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!

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



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.

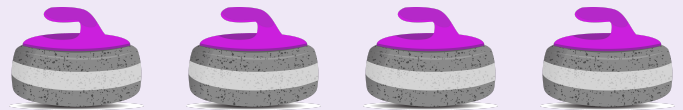
Save the date: Youth Curling!

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](#)



The pleasure of your company is requested at a

*Ladies
Afternoon
Tea*



Sunday, February 11 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon
LCR Gathering Room

Kindly respond by February 7
By [registering online](#) or emailing [Cristi](#)

Cost \$10.00 per person
Please pay in advance by cash or check, include
"Ladies Tea" with payment.
Place in offering plate or church office.

*Dress in your best tea outfit,
hats and gloves encouraged*