The Weekly



It's Official: Pastor Rich Installed as LCR's New Pastor!



Rev. Jonathan Hemphill, Assistant to the Bishop for the Southeastern Synod, leads one part of the installation ceremony.



Members of the church council read scripture to Pastor Rich and the congregation gathered.



It was a full house for the celebration!



Local Lutheran clergy join Pastor Rich for the installation service.



At the reception Pastor Rich was presented with a stole made by the "Sew What" group.



Pastor Rich's guests.



REMINDER: It's Consecration Sunday for Christian Response.

Please bring forms or <u>submit online</u>.

CALENDAR

MARCH 3 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

MARCH 4 Women's Book Club 7:00 pm

MARCH 6 Lenten Worship Noon & 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Lenten Dinner and Speaker Series6:00 pm | Gathering Room

MARCH 10 Hunger Walk LCR & Downtown Atlanta

MARCH 16 Promise Garden Workday 10:00 am













LENTEN DINNER & WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS

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.

- Mar. 6 Richie Jarrett, MUST Ministries
- Mar. 13 Pastor Karen Castillo, President & Diego Gill, Delegation Coordinator, Lutheran Church in Guatemala (via Zoom)
- Mar. 20 Laura Keefe, YELLS



Our Next Lenten Speaker: Richie Jarrett

Richie Jarrett is the Faith Relations Coordinator for MUST Ministries, one of LCR's key mission partners. Richie gets to share updates on all the life-changing things MUST does in Cobb and Cherokee counties. For over 50 years MUST Ministries has been providing physical, mental, and emotional assistance to metro residents in need.

One of the ways we partner with MUST is through preparing a lunch for the Hope House residents once a month. Here's a picture of our fabulous crew from LCR that served 95 guests a nice warm lunch. A huge thank you to Lance, Jackie, and Mark for prepping and cooking the meal and a shout out to Stephen, Mark O, Matteus, Karen, and Lance for serving.



Build Hope With Habitat

On March 16, LCR volunteers will begin building another Habitat for Humanity house with the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat. The house will be built in Marietta for a deserving family that has completed an extensive qualifications process.



Workdays will be Saturdays from 7:45 am - 4:00 pm

March 16, 23; April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18; June 1

Register here. (password: LUTHERAN)

Questions? Contact John Osberg (678) 687-3232

Hunger Walk Coming March 10

Jennifer Cronk

Longtime LCR member Mike Frey describes the annual Hunger Walk like this: "You go down there, and the energy and the people of all different faiths and you walk with someone of a different faith than Lutheran. It is unique and all the faiths come together." The shared faith and the growing need to feed the hungry keep Mike returning to a passion project he has devoted more than 30 years to serving.

It started when he and Gloria moved to Atlanta in 1989. New to the city, with a new job and a new baby, he said they "didn't have a lot of money, but they could pay the bills." He wanted to get involved in something that he could do with his kids, and he read about the food bank "If you don't have food, your life becomes consumed with that next meal. Nothing else in life matters. No time for others. No time for your faith. We take basic necessities of life for granted."



This is an organization that would like to go out of business but won't. Last summer, the Atlanta Community Food Bank opened a new center in Cobb County, expecting to serve 700 families a week. In Georgia, 1 in 9 people are food insecure, but it hits children the hardest. 1 in 8 children go hungry. The need grows, but Mike says the commitment of those serving at the food bank is unwavering. As for the Hunger Walk, he says, "it's a fun family outing with a purpose. You want to connect them to something bigger than them. Get your kids involved."

"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." (Isaiah 58:10)

Feel the faith on Sunday, March 10th in downtown Atlanta or in the parking lot at LCR for this year's Hunger Walk.

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. Join team LCR or donate.

Promise Garden Work Day

Saturday, March 16, 9:30 am - Noon

Our Gardeners will be preparing the Promise Garden for early spring planting. Projects include mulching, trimming, building and filling a new raised bed, and other maintenance.

All are welcome to lend a hand. Contact <u>Margaret Perry</u>



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 <u>Cristi Minard</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.

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.

Help us Fill Easter Eggs

LCR is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. We'd like your help filling plastic eggs with treats for the egg hunt. Please take a bag of plastic eggs from the basket in the Narthex and fill them with wrapped candy (please no nuts or peanut butter). Then return the filled eggs to the bucket in the Narthex or Gathering Room no later than Sunday, March 24

Easter Egg Hunt

All Children 2 years to 6th grade please join us for our annual Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 am on the side lawn weather permitting.

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.

Save the Dates: Holy Week & Easter 2024

Palm Sunday, March 24

Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Worship 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29

Worship Noon 7:00 pm 📹

Easter Sunday, March 31

Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast

7:45-11:00 am

The Men of LCR invite you and your family to enjoy a full service breakfast; all your favorites will be served to you right at your table from 7:45 - 11:00 am in the Gathering Room! Make plans to enjoy this time of food and fellowship before or after the worship service you attend. Free-will offering will benefit Our Hands Community Outreach.

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am

= worship service will be live-streamed