

March 24, 2024

# The Weekly



## March Council Updates

Catherine Strate, Church Council President



Greetings LCR community and friends,

I hope all of you are having a positive spiritual journey this Lenten season and have had a chance to attend the Wednesday worship services and the Lenten Dinner and Speaker Series. Under the spiritual leadership of Pastor Rich, the services have been wonderful opportunities to engage in thoughtful prayer and preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. We also want to thank George O'Donnell and the Outreach Team for organizing the Speaker Series.

Below are some updates on initiatives and upcoming events:

- The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 12:30 in the Sanctuary. Information for the Annual Report is currently being gathered from LCR Leadership. The Town Hall meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 in the Gathering Room.
- One of the most important components of the Annual Meeting is the presentation of the 2024-2025 budget. In order for the Finance Team to develop a viable budget, it is essential to have a strong understanding of the congregation's financial commitment. If you have not submitted your commitment as of yet, please send the card or drop it off in the Church Office addressed to the Financial Secretary or submit your commitment [via our website](#). A commitment in any amount is important in supporting LCR's ministries.
- Cobb County has approved the permit for LCR to reface the existing sign with a new Electronic Messaging Center. LCR has entered into a contract with United Sign Company, and we are happy to share that two anonymous donors have contributed approximately two-thirds of the cost of the sign. We sincerely appreciate David Meszaros's efforts with this project.
- The Facilities Management team installed two surveillance cameras to increase security on the LCR campus. There have been reports of unplanned gatherings on the property and we want to assure the safety of the LCR property and our congregation. Thanks to Charles Demosthenes and David Price for installing the cameras.

This is a very exciting time at LCR as we continue our established ministries and begin new efforts to enhance and strengthen LCR's ministries in our community and globally.

I wish all of you and your families a very blessed Easter.



## CALENDAR

**MARCH 24**  
**Palm Sunday Combined**  
**Worship Service**  
10:00 am | Sanctuary

**Fellowship Hour**  
11:00—11:45 am  
Gathering Room

**MARCH 28**  
**Maundy Thursday Worship**  
7:00 pm | Sanctuary

**MARCH 29**  
**Good Friday Worship**  
Noon & 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

**MARCH 30**  
**Flowering of the Living Cross**  
10:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Outside Sanctuary

**MARCH 31**  
**Easter Sunday**  
Breakfast 7:45 - 11:00 am  
Egg Hunt 10:00 am  
Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am

**APRIL 1**  
**Office Closed**

**APRIL 3-4**  
**Staff Retreat**  
Offsite / Office Closed

**APRIL 13**  
**Bingo Night**  
6:30 - 9:00 pm  
Gathering Room

**APRIL 12, 27 & MAY 4**  
**Sunset Socials**  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
LCR Deck

**APRIL 28**  
**New Member Class**  
12:30-2:00 pm  
Gathering Room



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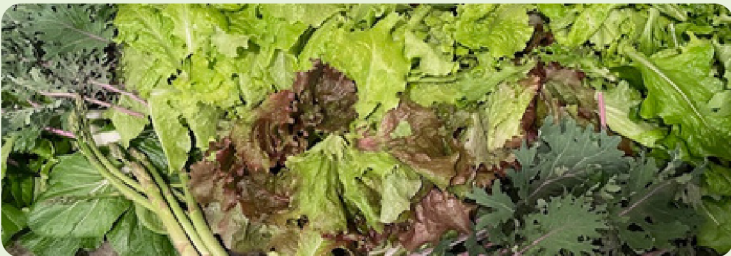


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## Promise Garden Work Day

Thanks to a great crew of gardeners who helped prepare the Promise Garden for early spring planting and harvested some Lettuce, asparagus, bok choy, kale, and Swiss Chard ready to be bagged for this week's donation to MUST Ministries. All are welcome to garden with us. Contact [Margaret Perry](#)



## Spring Community Events

### Bingo Night

April 13 | 6:30 - 9:00 pm | Gathering Room

Come for a night of fun, fellowship, and Bingo. Enjoy appetizers at 6:30 pm, Bingo will start at 7:00 pm. Bring an appetizer to share and your own beer, wine, or other beverage. Cost is \$5/person. Tickets on sale Sundays, starting this week.

### Sunset Socials

April 12, 27 & May 4 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | LCR Deck

Come enjoy a relaxing evening on the LCR deck with other members and friends of LCR. You are welcome to invite friends. Please bring an appetizer and beer, wine, or another beverage of your choice. [Sign-up online today.](#)

## Your Palm Branches are Making A Difference!

As we celebrate Palm Sunday this weekend, we wanted you to know that we are using eco-palms through a program with Lutheran World Relief. These palms are sustainably harvested and provide a positive ripple effect in the local economy. Read more [here](#).



## Build Hope With Habitat

LCR has begun 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 23; April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18; June 1

[Register here.](#) (password: LUTHERAN)

Questions? Contact John Osberg (678) 687-3232



## Get connected at LCR with our New Member Class

Sunday, April 28 from 12:30-2:00pm

Interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith, the ELCA and LCR? Want to connect with other new people and meet some of our leaders and staff? Want to become a member of LCR? Join us for this 90 minute session. Lunch included!

[Register now.](#)



# 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.

## 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.

## Youth Retreat April 19-21

Join other Lutheran youth to learn and grow together during a special Youth Retreat April 19-21 at Lutheranch. This session is focused on the 10 Commandments. Join us whether you're enrolled in Confirmation at LCR or not.

Deadline to register is April 1. Cost is \$99. Ages are 6th-10th grade.

*Are you a young adult age 18-30? Volunteer for the event and stay for free!*

[Learn more and register.](#)

## Help Create the Easter Experience: Bring Flowers to Decorate our Living Cross or Buy an Easter Lily

Part of the Easter experience at LCR is a Living Cross filled with flowers, part of an ancient Easter tradition known as the flowering of the cross. Fresh spring flowers transform the cross – a reminder of Jesus' death – into a vibrant, colorful, and fragrant symbol of resurrection.

**You can contribute to the Living Cross** by purchasing flowers or bringing them from your gardens on Saturday March 30th from 10:30 am until 4:00 pm. The cross will be outside the sanctuary and everyone is invited to place their flowers on the cross. A member of Altar Guild will be on hand if assistance is needed.

Easter lilies will decorate the sanctuary as well. **If you'd like to sponsor a lily in honor, memory, or celebration, share your \$10 donation using the pew envelopes or [online](#).** Be sure to add your designation in the memo or comment section.



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

## Palm Sunday, March 24

### One Combined Worship Service

10:00 am 📺

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 24, at 10:00 for a combined service with a procession with palms into the church. The Palm Sunday liturgy includes a semi-dramatized reading of the Passion narrative from the Gospel of Mark, with familiar hymns and a music offering by LCR's handbell ensemble.

## Maundy Thursday, March 28

### Worship

7:00 pm 📺

Maundy Thursday celebrates the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper with his disciples during Passover. Join us at 7:00 for worship and Holy Communion, followed by the traditional Stripping of the Altar.

## Good Friday, March 29

### Worship

Noon  
7:00 pm 📺

On Good Friday, we commemorate the death of Christ on the cross. At noon we will hear the Passion narrative from the Gospel of John, with veneration of the cross. Join us at 7:00 PM for a special Tenebrae service, where we will hear the Passion narrative as the lights in the church go out.

## Saturday, March 30

Flowering of the Living Cross  
10:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Outside the Sanctuary

*Details on page 3*

📺 = worship service will be live-streamed

## Easter Sunday, March 31

### Worship

8:30 & 11:00 am 📺

Celebrate the joy of Easter morning and the hope of the Resurrection and bring your family and friends to celebrate with you!

### 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.

### ***Volunteer to help with the Easter Breakfast!***

*Sign up outside the Narthex before and after both services this Sunday. One of the most sought after and fun volunteer opportunities of the year! About 40 volunteers are needed.*

### Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am

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.

## Bring Filled Easter Eggs by Sunday!

LCR is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt and need your help filling 1200 plastic eggs with treats. If you picked up a bag to fill eggs, please return the filled eggs to the bucket in the Narthex or Gathering Room no later than this Sunday.