The EASTER Weekly

Christ is Risen!

Pastor Rich Leseganich

March 31, 2024

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

A recent children's sermon, in which we considered the 'wide space' found in the back of a truck, is a good metaphor for the church as we enter the Easter season. We celebrate the rising from the confines of a tomb into the world, bringing a message of hope and salvation, where no one is excluded.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection must be a 'wide space' where everyone with whom we encounter can be met with the power of the good news of Christ. Have you noticed the recent efforts to create vast spaces so everyone has a place in our midst? Check out our website's new pastoral care form to get everyone needing prayer or pastoral care the ministry they need. Join our new member orientation to learn about Lutheran theology and what that looks like at LCR. Please pull up a chair and meet some new friends at our Easter Breakfast. Bring your kids to experience the fun of a highly interactive children's message on Sunday morning. Register for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Search for some of the 1,200 eggs available in our Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt! Encourage visitors to sign in using the new QR code in the pews and throughout our building. We will make a financial contribution to bless others in our community and world and extend welcome to our visitors.

Read more in the Weekly! Look at the opportunities to create a vast space serving others at LCR, in our community, and worldwide. Indeed, we are on a mission to deepen people's relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. Join us on a journey that lasts a lifetime and beyond!





Norship



Get connected at LCR: New Member Orientation

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

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.

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Requests





Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

CALENDAR

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 Orientation 12:30 - 2 pm \ Gathering Room

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JUNE 3-6 Vacation Bible School Details on page 3

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Hunger Walk 2024: 40 Years of Making A Difference

Mike Frey

LCR had 18 people come together for lunch and a walk on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in support of eliminating hunger in Georgia. Thanks to my co-chair Stephen Goodnough, to Jennifer Haehn for providing lunch, and to Mark Moeller and his friend Chip for providing music to get us ready to walk.

LCR had set a stretch fundraising goal of \$7,500. *Through the generous support of many LCR Members and others, our team collected over \$11,000, or almost 50% greater than our goal. I believe that is the all-time record donation from LCR.* Our top fundraiser was Rachel Thornton who collected \$4,550. Through this tremendous outpouring of financial support, we retained our position as the top fundraising Lutheran Church in Georgia by the day of the walk.

The donations from the walk benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank (40%), Inspiritus (36%), and LCR Food and Shelter programs (24%). Thanks again to all who helped plan and implement the walk, all who participated in the walk to physically show their support, and all who donated or sponsored others for the walk. The caring and support for this need from the LCR family is truly amazing!



Meals at MUST Hope House

Dana Jelinek

What a beautiful day it was at Must Hope House where our LCR crew served about 100 guests a warm meal with our famous casserole, green beans, fruit cocktail, roll, and Oreos for dessert! Jackie, Dell, and I cooked and prepared while Lance, Matteus, Stephen, Margaret, Cindi, and I served. Many thanks to you all!

Want to join the crew and serve on an upcoming Wednesday? <u>Learn more and sign-up to help</u>.

MUST Food Pantry Collection

Look for the red wagon in the hallway across from the Gathering Room doors every Sunday to drop off needed non-perishable food items (cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, 1 or 2 pound bags of rice, ramen noodles, and peanut butter) for MUST Ministries.







Habitat: Building Hope

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

<u>Register here.</u> (password: LUTHERAN) Questions? John Osberg (678) 687-3232



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Sunday School

Sunday School for kids ages 2 years old through 6th Grade takes place most 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.



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.



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. <u>Sign-up online today.</u>



Maundy Thursday, March 28

Worship 7:00 pm 📹

Good Friday, March 29

Worship Noon 7:00 pm **f**

Saturday, March 30

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

👕 = worship service will be live-streamed

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 that provides spiritual enrichment along with hot meals and clothing for people in need.*

Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am

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

Tag Us In Your Easter Photos By The Living Cross

Thanks to our amazing Altar Guild and many of you for decorating the living cross outside the sanctuary as a visible reminder of new life that is always springing up around us.

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Take a photo with your family and tag @lcrmarietta to share some Easter hope with your friends!



Spartans and Yellow Jackets, Panthers, Eagles, Scotties and Blue Devils Oh My! This year during NCAA March Madness, Grace House is participating in Campus Ministry Madness, a fundraising challenge between Lutheran Campus Ministry sites across the country. Help Grace House reign supreme or give to your alma mater to support the transformational work happening at our Campuses nationwide!

Give today at <u>campusministrymadness.org</u>

