

LCR Weekly

July 19, 2020

ONLINE SCHEDULE

Reoccurring Events

SUNDAY

9:30 am [Resurrection Hour led by Pr. Dave](#)
11:00 am [Worship on YouTube](#)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 am [Men's Breakfast](#)
9:00 am [Children's Ministry](#)
12:00 pm [Prayer with Pastor Dave](#)
7:00 pm [Prayer with Pastor Dave](#)

THURSDAY

8:00 am [Women's Bible Study](#)

FRIDAY

4:00 pm [Youth Group](#)

LCR Volunteers Continue to Serve

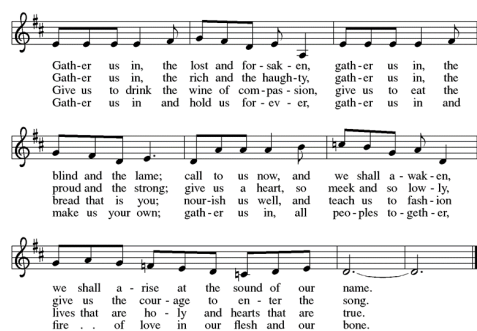
One of LCR's "signature" missions is its Outreach Ministry to serve those in need in the community at the local, regional, and international levels. COVID-19 has challenged LCR's traditional level of outreach service to the Marietta community organizations because of the need for social distancing. But LCR realized that the mandated "Sheltering in Place" created a new outreach demand - to serve their own within the LCR community at this time.



The Shepherd Staff, which has been an active ministry for many years, refocused its emphasis during this time. While the programs within Shepherd Staff that involved face-to-face contact have been temporarily put on hold, increased efforts have been made to reach out and maintain contact with those members who are isolated, lonely, ill or are homebound through telephone calls, emails, texts and/or cards. With the restrictions on visitations to those who are homebound or in assisted living or in nursing homes, these contacts have proved to be invaluable as a fulfillment of caring and outreach for the personal and spiritual well-being of our members. In addition to calls and cards, there are also volunteers willing to help with things such as meals and/or grocery shopping. The Prayer Chain continues to serve the LCR community as prayers are submitted to lift-up those in need. The knitted pocket prayer crosses continue to be mailed out as a means of encouragement, and prayer shawls continue to be made.

As it became apparent that LCR was going to have to change worship, classes and meetings venues,

Music



This Sunday, the Gospel is the Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat. When we sing “Gather Us In,” we’re referring not to the building, but the community working to build God’s kingdom. The song celebrates the strength and blessing in diversity, that through God’s help, grows in faith. May this

song be a blessing to you this week.

-Helen Phelps

Music Events

Children



If you missed our Wednesday check-in last Wednesday, we talked about dreams and the story of Jacob’s Dream from Genesis 28:16.

Children Events

Update
Now on Wednesdays
9am [Children Check-in](#)

Here is a link to this [Bible story video](#) and a link to a fun craft to make a [“Jacob’s Ladder Paper Chain.”](#) Enjoy the video and the craft!

- Sharon Leon

Family Sunday School
[Link](#)



Resurrection Hour—Parables

Resurrection Hour series led by Pr. Dave on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am via Zoom.

July 19 - Luke 16: 19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

July 26 - Luke 18: 1-8

The Importance of Prayer-Part 1

August 2 - Luke 18: 9-14

The Importance of Prayer-Part 2

LCR Events

Outreach

Giving a High 5 to Guatemala in Emergency Response to COVID 19



Just as COVID 19 has isolated and frozen the LCR community, our partnering congregation in Guatemala, ILAG, found itself in a crisis situation. As the number of cases increased, the Guatemalan government shut down the public transportation system, inhibiting families from outlying villages from bringing their products and produce to the markets in

Guatemala City – their sole source of income and availability for food and supplies.

ILAG Pastor Karen Castillo and Diego Gill organized an effort to purchase food and hygiene supplies which would be distributed to the 450 ILAG member families in outlying villages by reaching out to partnering congregations in the USA for assistance. In addition to purchasing and packaging the items, the members of the team had to arrange for the rental of trucks to transport the items.

While the actual round-trip to the villages is not extensive, two additional challenges extended the delivery effort into a 12-day journey. The team had to negotiate with local officials of each district to cross the borders to reach the villages because the borders had been closed to traffic to minimize the spread of the pandemic. The second challenge was the threat of the severe tropical storm Cristobal, which was looming over Central America and could make some of the roads impassable.

We learned that this mission was successfully completed by June 15, and we are pleased to say that LCR responded to ILAG's crisis by contributing \$5,439.00. This is truly amazing and we thank you for your generosity and caring for our Guatemalan brothers and sisters! Watch a [video](#) of the delivery journey here.



-Susanne Demosthenes

Outreach

MUST
[donation link](#)

CAC
[donation link](#)

YELLS
[donation link](#)

MUST Summer Grocery Program Donation Drop Off
Saturdays 2-4pm

[Click here](#) to see a list of regularly needed items.



Pastor Dave and Dan Lizdas developed a COVID Action Plan to address how LCR was going to meet the needs of its members. One of the Action Steps was the development of the LCR Call Chain. The Call Chain consists of 22 volunteers who regularly contact LCR members to ask how are they and their families doing with the threat of COVID and the additional unrest in our community; what special challenges have they encountered with buying groceries, working from home, and homeschooling; and if they had any prayer requests. Additionally, the LCR Call Chain has become a secondary source of information to assure that members are aware of the on-line services, bible study and small group sessions, the steps for re-entry to face-to-face worship, and the recent postponement of re-entry at this time. Many have expressed that the outreach reinforces that LCR cares for its family.

We want to acknowledge and thank the over 40 individual volunteers who serve the Shepherd Staff and the LCR Call Chain. They have been an integral part in sustaining the mission of LCR. It is through such efforts that the LCR community has been able to stay connected for the past 16 weeks and will continue to look forward to being together, face-to-face again soon. Their continued service is valued more than can be expressed.

-Catherine Strate and Karen Bear