

LCR Weekly

August 23, 2020

This
SUNDAY

PARKING LOT WORSHIP

8:00 am & 11:00 am

ONLINE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:30 am [Resurrection
Hour led by Pr. Dave](#)

11:00 am [Worship on
YouTube](#)

WEDNESDAY

8:00 am [Men's Break-
fast](#)

12:00 pm [Prayer with
Pastor Dave](#)

7:00 pm [Prayer with
Pastor Dave](#)

THURSDAY

8:00 am [Women's Bi-
ble Study](#)

FRIDAY

4:00 pm [Youth Group](#)

SUNDAY

8:30 pm [Parents of
Sunday Schoolers](#)

Council Update

Hello LCR members & friends,

This month your council held its annual retreat, and it was wonderful for the new council to meet in person for the first time. We met outside, at church, on the deck and maintained our social distance from each other. We reviewed our Long-Range Plan and talked about how LCR's mission is to deepen people's relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. We decided that our focus area, or word, for the upcoming year was "connections." Stay tuned for more details as to how this will come to life.

Another topic your council has been discussing is social justice. To say nothing about social justice and racism is to say something. Our first step as a council is to educate ourselves more on racism. We have read *No Bigotry Allowed: Losing the Spirit of Fear* by Pastor Ronald Bonner. We had our initial discussion of the book during our retreat and have been in touch with the author for ways to continue that discussion and take action.

LCR ended the month of July \$11,000 unfavorable to budget, which brings us to \$11,600 unfavorable to budget the two months ending July. Giving is down versus budget, but expenses are below budget as well. Overall, LCR continues to be in a sound financial position, with a strong bank account and reserves. I give thanks to God for this blessing, and for your continued commitment to LCR.

Parking lot worship starts this Sunday, August 23 at 8 am and 11 am. I am thankful to our staff and the many volunteers that have been extremely creative in finding a solution for another option for worship, and one that includes Holy Communion! Your council members will be participating as ushers for the August 23 service, and we look forward to seeing you (from the safety of your cars). Remember that if you are still not comfortable with parking lot worship, you still have the option of virtual worship, which we will be continuing to offer.

Thank you for your dedication to LCR.
Your fellow servant in Christ,
Dan Lizdas



Regular Groups



Children

Virtual Sunday School Registration is Open!!!

Virtual Sunday School will start September 13 and the registration link is open now! Sunday School will take place via Zoom virtually at 9:30 am. Register your child [here](#). Questions? Contact Sharon Leon at Sharon@lcrmarietta.org.

Parents of Sunday Schoolers Bi-Weekly Happy Hour

We are looking forward to catching up with everyone! Come & go, this is very casual as we share life updates and prayer requests. The Zoom meetings will take place on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

Next Happy Hour: August 23 at 8:30pm, [Zoom Link](#)
Questions? Contact [Eric Tonn](#)

Children Events

Virtual
Sunday School
Registration Link
[Link](#)

Virtual
Family Sunday School
[Link](#)

Parents of Sunday
Schoolers Bi-Weekly
Virtual Happy Hour on
1st & 3rd Sunday at
8:30pm
Next: August 23
[Zoom Link](#)

Virtual Resurrection Hour Study of the Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5-7

Pastor Dave's Resurrection Hour class on Parables is coming to an end this coming Sunday, August 23 with the study of The Lost Sheep, Coin, and Son (Luke 15:1-32).

Pastor Dave is starting a new study of the Sermon on the Mount beginning August 30, again via Zoom.

Aug 30 - Matthew 5: 1-12 The Beatitudes

Sept 6 - Matthew 5: 13-20 The Church and the Law

Tuesday Evening Bible Study from 7:00-8:30 pm God and the Pandemic

Beginning on Tuesday evening, September 8 and running for 5 straight Tuesday evenings, Pastor Dave will be leading a virtual discussion on N.T. Wright's provocative book *God and the Pandemic*. It is a look at the pandemic from a theological and biblical perspective. If you are interested in participating in this class, email Pastor Dave at PastorDave@lcrmarietta.org.

LCR Events

Resurrection Hour
Classes at 9:30am:

Covid-19 in Our
Spiritual Lives
Led by Dan Gilroy

Parables
Led by Pr. Dave
Last session on Aug 23
Luke 15:1-32

Sermon on the Mount
Study led by Pr. Dave
Starting September 8

Outreach



MUST Food for Families Program
Next donation day: **Sat., August 22**
from 2-4 pm outside the Gathering Rm

Our next collection date is this Saturday, the 4th Saturday of the month. Thanks to your continued support to maintain our important relationship with our MUST brothers and sisters in need.

Items needed: Dry beans and grains, tortillas, canned meats, vegetables and fruit, pasta and pasta sauces, household paper goods, detergents and personal hygiene items.

YELLS-Food Distribution Program Update



Over the past two months one of LCR's supported ministries, YELLS, in cooperation with Food Security for America and the Franklin Road Community Association, has been distributing groceries every other

week to families in need on the Franklin Gateway.

YELLS-Youth Empowerment through Learning, Leading, and Serving, provides youth in the Franklin Gateway community of Marietta with marketable skills, support and opportunities, inspiring them to invest in themselves, their education and their communities.

With continuing financial contributions, the number of families served with food has grown to over 25 which is 10 more families (40% increase) than the first distribution. Also, the amount of groceries has grown to an average of over 120 pounds per family as opposed to the original 50 pounds. That is a total of over 3,000 pounds of food assistance every two weeks.

Families served include those who have been directly affected by illness or loss or reduction of employment due to the pandemic.

You may make a financial donation [here](#) to help provide food for these needy families.

Outreach

MUST
[donation link](#)

CAC
[donation link](#)

YELLS
[donation link](#)

MUST Collection Dates:

2nd & 4th Saturday
of the month:
August 22
September 12
September 26



GWOH
Save the Date
September 13



Virtual Gala
Save the Date
September 12 at 7pm
LIVE on ELCA SE
Synod's Facebook page
and website
Details to come!

How Well Do You Know the LCR Staff?

The final edition of the fun facts series features **Sigrid Thies-Smith** and **Pastor Stephen Friedrich**. They each provide critical links required to maintain LCR's operations in fulfillment of LCR's vision and mission. Their efforts extend to our members, youth, outreach community partners, business operations partners, and beyond. They also share a "fun fact" as noted below.



Sigrid Thies-Smith, Office Manager and Bookkeeper

It is well known that Sigrid left her family in Olzheim (close to Cologne and Trier) Germany and immigrated to the United States 34 years ago. Her port of entry was Ft. Walton Beach, Florida (Eglin Air Force Base) before she came to Atlanta in 2006. She has been a member of LCR's staff since September 2012, first as LCR's part-time bookkeeper and then, in January 2013 as LCR's full-time office manager/bookkeeper. She is the master of multi-tasking as the first voice of contact and/or face in the office that visitors, vendors, facility requestors, or congregants address with their questions and/or concerns. In addition to being an accomplished knitter, she is engaged in learning and sharing her knowledge about the relationship between essential oils and health. But did you know that Sigrid:

1. Thought it would be great to be a flight attendant and travel the world?
2. Her favorite movies of all times are *Steel Magnolias* and *The Blind Side* – both situated in the South which is the only region of the US in which Sigrid has lived;
3. She has always wanted to go to Greece to experience the Greek hospitality, the ancient ruins, the beautiful Mediterranean Sea, and Greek food.
4. Her favorite go to food during this time of isolationism is ICE CREAM! Especially Chocolate Raspberry Truffle from Brusters.
5. Her favorite Bible passage of comfort is Psalm 23. Her family also chose it to be read at her mom's funeral.
6. Currently her favorite color is orange and all the various shades of it.



Pastor Stephen Friedrich, LCR Pastor

We all know of Pastor's Stephen's infectious enthusiasm and optimism that can persuade anyone that they really DO want to participate in an activity, whether it be as a participant in Sunday Worship, a member of the Youth or Confirmation Team, an Outreach Activity participant such as attending the Guatemala Gala or Walking for Hunger, or the Drive-by for Graduates event. We all also know that Pastor Stephen will be at the events to take pictures of all involved for posting somewhere.

Even though Pastor Stephen is currently on leave, we did not want to leave him out *How Well Do You Know the LCR Staff* column. So LCR's Church Council was asked to fill in the blanks at their retreat on August 8. Some answers were unanimous and automatic; others were less decisive. Below are the answers that LCR's Church Council thought Pastor Stephen would give:

1. An immediate and unanimous response was that Pastor Stephen would have wanted to be a professional soccer player when he grew up.
2. It was decided that his favorite book is Martin Luther's Large Catechism; his favorite movie would be "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" and his favorite TV show would be Paw Patrol.
3. In response to where Pastor Stephen would like to travel, responses varied from relationships to the past, present, and future. The past would be to return to Vienna, Austria; the present would be Guatemala; and the future would be Wittenberg.
4. There were many offerings for his favorite food – a cheeseburger, Chick Fil A Sauce, Pizza, Mac N Cheese, etc. The consensus was anything put in front of him.
5. Unanimously, his favorite Bible verse would be those that address the Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3:21-22.
6. His favorite color: hands down – it has to be Tennessee (Rocky Top) Orange.