

LCR Weekly

September 13, 2020

This
SUNDAY

PARKING LOT WORSHIP

8:00 am & 11:00 am
Incl. Holy Communion

ONLINE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

9:30 am Covid-19 in
our Spiritual Lives by
Dan Gilroy

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

WEDNESDAY

8:00 am [Men's
Breakfast](#)

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

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

THURSDAY

8:30 am [Women's
Bible Study](#)

FRIDAY

4:00 pm [Youth Group](#)

How Should We Live in a Pandemic? Martin Luther's Response in 1527



In 1527, Wittenberg, Germany experienced a resurgence of the highly contagious and lethal Black Plague. Luther, as a pastor and professor, was asked by community members how they should live. Should they “flee” their normal living or should they stay in Wittenberg and take their chances that they would not be infected? In response Luther wrote a letter entitled “Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague” addressing how Christians should live under such circumstances:

1. Do not be rash or outlandish in one's lifestyle by doing nothing to prevent contacting or spreading the disease;
2. “Use medicine; take treatments which can help you;
3. Fumigate your house, yard, and street;
4. Avoid places and persons where [your] presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perhaps infect and transmit it to others, and so cause their death as a result of [your] negligence;” and,
5. As Christians, if one's neighbor is not well and is in need, we should go freely to assist him. “[You are] doing God's will and offering true service and obedience to him. . . if it were Christ or his mother who fell sick, everybody would be so caring and would gladly become a servant or helper. . . your neighbor is equal to the greatest commandment to love God and that what you do . . .for your neighbor means doing it . . . for God . . . Go to [your neighbor] and serve him, and you will surely find Christ in him.”

It is interesting how history repeats itself, and Martin Luther's five points are still applicable today.

-Catherine Strate

Music

“In Thee Is Gladness”

This hymn is a wonderful reflection of the sustaining power of God in the face of the travails of life. The author Johann Lindemann (related to Martin Luther), tells us that Jesus, the “sunshine of my heart,” is the source of our hope. The first stanza ends with a phrase reminiscent of Romans 8:38-39: regardless of our struggles, “naught can us sever” from God’s glory.

The second stanza seems to draw from Romans 8:31. It begins, “If God be ours, we fear no powers, not earth or sin or death.” Even the dance-like character of the music (from an Italian Madrigal) seems to defy the struggles of life because of the hope that Jesus offers all. The hymn concludes with “shout[s] for gladness, triumph o’er sadness . . . [and] voices raising glad hymns forever. Alleluia!”

Listen to this hymn [here](#) to prepare for worship Sunday!

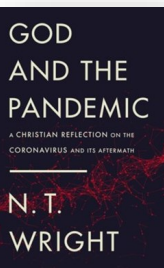
-Helen Phelps



Children

Due to the low SS registrations, we will not have a weekly Sunday School Zoom. We are working on family packets to be used at home. Be on the lookout for them.

In addition, we are planning save monthly gathering events here at LCR. We will keep our social distance and meet safely. Stay tuned for more information.



God and the Pandemic

This past week a group of LCR members started reading NT Wright’s book *God and the Pandemic*. For the next few weeks I’d like to share some of the highlights of our discussion. I would encourage all of you to read this book. It’s not really about the pandemic; it’s about Christian faith and how followers of Jesus respond when disasters occur.

Our discussion of chapter 1 focused on two questions – “Why?” and “What?” We get hung up on the “Why?” question – “Why do bad things happen?” It’s the wrong question. Even if we knew the answer to “Why?” how does that help us? The real question we ought to be asking is “What?” What can we do? In the midst of difficult times, either in our world or in our own lives, what can we do to make the world a better place? What can we do to bring goodness and compassion into a hurting world?

In the midst of this pandemic, or the next time you experience pain and heartache in your life, do yourself and the world a favor. Ask the right question. “What can I do to bring healing? What can I do to help build God’s kingdom in this broken world?”

-Pastor Dave

If interested in participating in this class on Tuesday evenings, email PastorDave@lcrmarietta.org.

Outreach



Virtual Guatemala Gala 2020
Saturday, September 12 at 7pm
ELCA-SES.org/gala

The Gala benefit supports the MILAGRO Women's Education Center, dedicated to empowering Guatemalan women through education, one of ILAG's (Iglesia Luterana Agustina de Guatemala) key programs. Here is a [video](#) about MILAGRO women, and what it means to become educated.

The Southeast Synod has hosted a Guatemala Gala the past two years to raise funds for the school. This year the gala is virtual. Click on this [link](#) to join the gala on Saturday.

What better way to enjoy the virtual gala than with an authentic Guatemalan Meal at home! Click on this [link](#) to watch a video to prepare a meal and to print out the recipes. Also, share the gala on social media, here is the [Facebook link](#).



God's Work, Our Hands - September 13

This Sunday, September 13, is an "opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor." Due to COVID-19, LCR is not having our usual annual day of outreach activities. Instead, we are providing a compilation of the many ministries that our congregation engages in all year long. It has been sent to each LCR family. We encourage you to review this document and appreciate all that our congregation does to serve our community both local and worldwide. We are also mindful of the many more acts of compassion and outreach that members of our congregation, as individuals and small groups, do all year long. We use this special day to celebrate all that is done and to prayerfully invite all of us to become even more involved in community service activities.

-George O'Donnell

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MUST
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MUST Collection & Old Paint Drive Dates:
September 12
September 26
from 2-4pm



Virtual Gala
September 12 at 7pm
LIVE on ELCA SE
Synod's [Facebook](#) page
and [website](#)

Committed Serving—Continued

LCR MUST Food for Families Drive



Thank you again for your continued support for so many in need. We will continue to accept

donations of non-perishable foods, household supplies, and toiletries this coming Saturday (2nd Saturday of the month).

Next donation: September 12 from 2-4pm in front of Gathering Room

(same time as Old Paint Donation Drive—see below)



Lutheran
Coalition
for Habitat

**Habitat for Humanity Needs
Your Old Paint
Saturdays, September 12 & 26,
2-4pm, LCR Parking Lot**

Under the team leadership of John Osberg, the LCR Habitat for Humanity outreach ministry will be collecting your old paint which is cluttering your basement and garage. Paint may be dropped off, along with cash donations of (hopefully) about \$5.00 per gallon, **at the same time you drop off food for the LCR MUST Ministries Food during the month of September** outside the LCR Gathering Room.

When: Saturday, either September 12 or 26
from 2-4pm in LCR Parking Lot

- All Latex paint cans or buckets must be at least 25% full of WET paint.
- Paint cans cannot be rusty.
- Dried paint is not accepted.
- Paint thinners, stains, and spackle are not accepted.

For more information and if you are unable to drop off your paint at LCR, please email [John Osberg](mailto:John.Osberg@elca.org) to arrange for a paint pick up at your home.

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