

LCR Weekly

October 25, 2020

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SUNDAY

PARKING LOT WORSHIP

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



**Remember
to wear red**

ONLINE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

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

9:00 am [Youth &
Confirmation](#)

WEDNESDAY

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

12:00 pm [Prayer with
Pastor Dave not on
10/28](#)

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

THURSDAY

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



Parking lot view from the pastor's platform during "Lawn chair" Worship

Council Update

Hello LCR members & friends,

Praise and thanksgiving to God! September marks the completion of the first four months of LCR's fiscal year, and we have lots to be thankful for. Financially, LCR continues to be in a strong position, and we give God praise for that! Income is \$4,800 above budget, and expenses are \$16,800 below budget. Most of the reduced expenses are due to not having in-person worship and activities. This means our net income is \$21,600 favorable versus budget. I am very thankful to all of you for your continued faithful giving and support of LCR.

The staff has continued to provide creative options to safely worship throughout the pandemic. We have been averaging around 100 hits per week in virtual worship, and about 110 people have been attending parking lot worship each week. Based on that, we are having over 200 people attend worship each week, which is comparable to pre-pandemic when we were averaging 220 per week at worship. This is great news, and I know that the staff and leadership are committed to continuing to find ways for all of us to stay connected and live out our mission to deepen people's relationships with Jesus Christ and each other.

Another exciting update I wanted to share is that the council just approved the use of the pavilion for groups of 10-12 people. We are purchasing a "fogger" which, along with other cleaning supplies and safety protocols (e.g., social distancing and masks), will give groups another option to meet on our campus.

Lastly, this week Pastor Dave and I prepared a video update for the congregation. If you have not watched it yet, I would encourage you to do so ([video link](#)). Thank you for your dedication to LCR.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Dan Lizdas, Council President



Children

This week's Bible story is "The Greatest Commandment" in Matthew 22:34-46. To find pages in the Spark Bibles, please refer to the SS Fall Calendar in your family packet and find the activity and family pages that correspond to the Bible story. As a family, please watch this [short video](#), and then engage your child with the following questions:

1. Why is this the most important verse?
2. What is your soul?
3. What does it mean to love God with all your heart?
4. What are some of the rules you follow?
5. If you could make one rule for the world what would it be?

-Sharon Leon

Children Events

Happy Hour Parents of Sunday Schoolers

Next Mtg: Nov. 1
1st & 3rd Sunday
6-8:30pm [Zoom Link](#)

Halloween Drive-In
October 30



Youth



LCR's Affirmation of Baptism Program (Confirmation) is currently meeting in the parking lot and having a lot of fun playing games, reading the Bible, praying together, and learning about

the Ten Commandments. Here's an action shot of all of our parents and youth in the middle of a Catechism Relay Race. Three cheers to the youth and the parents for plugging in so joyfully.

Confirmation continues the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Youth + Parent Sunday School is the 2nd and 4th Sunday's of the month.

-Pastor Stephen

Youth Events

SUNDAYS
9-10:30am

2nd & 4th
[MS & HS Family Sunday School](#)

1st & 3rd
[Confirmation Class](#)

Halloween Drive-In
October 30

Virtual Photo Scavenger Hunt November 1



Please join us for the first ever LCR Covid and family friendly virtual photo scavenger hunt! You will sign your team up through [Sign-Up Genius](#) and prior to the event you will be sent a Zoom link. Your team will hop on the Zoom call at 2:30pm on November 1 and receive all the instructions for the scavenger hunt. You will then be sent a list via email of all the items your team will need to take photos of. You may find these items at home, in your neighborhood, or you may need to get in your car and drive around. But you will need to be speedy-you will have between 3-5pm to get all your photos to us. At 6pm you'll hop back on the Zoom call and the winners will be announced. There will be prizes for the 3 teams with the highest number of correct photos. Questions? Contact Sandy Brosch at msbrosch@yahoo.com.

Resurrection Hour

SUNDAYS at 9:30
[Resurrection Hour led by Pastor Dave](#)

Families in the Bible led by Dan Gilroy
Email Dan at Dangilroy7@comcast.net

Regular Groups / Events



VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL

Many of you remember that on Pentecost we played a Virtual Hymn [“O Day Full of Grace”](#) done by the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians (ALCM) with musicians from all over the country. Now, ALCM is doing an arrangement of a Christmas Carol, “Angels we have heard on high” in a virtual format that will be available in December.

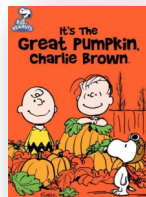
YOU ARE INVITED to be a part of it! The deadline to do this is November 8. All the instructions are [here](#). I encourage you, if you have the time and inclination, to be a part of this project. Everyone is welcome to participate, you can just sing the melody (be sure to click that box on the website). Don't be too critical of your recording; just like our LCR recordings, once you have all the voices together, your voice will blend right in.

Be a part of this memorable event! -Helen Phelps



Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's *Messiah* Virtual Study during Resurrection Hour Sundays, November 1—22 at 9:30am

Handel's oratorio, *Messiah*, is one of the best-loved musical compositions of all time; and one that we hear often at Christmas time. Please join our Director of Music, Helen Phelps, and Pastor Dave as we gather to deepen our appreciation of both the words and the setting of this wonderful work. You don't have to be an expert in either music or the Bible to be inspired by the Handel's artistry and gain a richer understanding of the biblical texts. **Join us!**



LCR Children & Youth Drive-In Movie Night

Friday, October 30 at 6pm in the LCR parking lot

Join us for a Drive-in Movie Night featuring:

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown (starts 6:45pm)

Hocus Pocus (starts 7:30pm)



Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips, juice box & treat bags for everyone! Don't forget to wear a mask and bring a chair if you want to sit outside (socially distanced) or feel free to stay in your car. Please use [this link to](#)

[RSVP](#), so we have enough for everyone! **All welcome!**

Worship

Parking Lot Worship
Volunteer
[Sign-up Link](#)

Events

LCR Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 8:30am
To receive Zoom link email
Allison@lcrmarietta.org

Halloween Drive-In
October 30

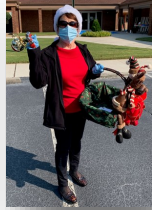
Virtual Photo
Scavenger Hunter
November 1
2:30-6pm

LCR Women's
Book Club
Next Virtual Meeting
November 6
To participate, contact
[Meribeth Cooper](#)

Outreach / Announcements



Be sure to wish Pastor Dave a Happy Birthday this Sunday!



Christmas Stocking Project Gift Cards

This Sunday is the last collection day of Target and Walmart gift cards and to make monetary donations. The elves from the Mary & Martha Bible Study will be on hand one more time to receive your donations.

Many thanks for your support to make the Stockings happen for the Special Needs of Cobb County Group Home adults.



LCR MUST Food for Families Drive

We thank you for your continued faithful support for so many in need. Volunteers will once again be on hand outside the Gathering Room to accept donations of non-perishable foods (canned and dried goods, staples, household supplies, and toiletries) this coming Saturday (4th Saturday of the month): **October 24 from 2-4pm**



SE Synod Virtual Advent Craft Day Sunday, November 15 from 3-5pm

We are calling all crafters to join this hands-on craft day. This is an excellent activity for families. This Advent will look and feel different than ever before. Let's create beauty as a way to help us joyfully anticipate the joy of Christmas.

You need to [register here](#) and you will receive a list of supplies to gather before the event. Step-by-step instructions will be given as you make each project. Look forward to creating an Advent Calendar Prayer, Nativity Story Stones, learn a meditative Zentangle shape and more.



Candles for Luminarias Needed

We need new or gently used candles that fit into a brown paper lunch bag and burn for 5-6 hours. No tealights or taper candles please.

Drop your donations off any time into the bin located outside the Gathering Room doors.

Outreach

MUST
[donation link](#)

CAC
[donation link](#)

YELLS
[donation link](#)

Next
MUST Collection Drive
Dates:
October 24
from 2-4pm
LCR Parking Lot

Gift Card Collection for Christmas Stocking:
Last collection this
Sunday, October 25

Luther's Other Reformation - The Common Chest

A while back, Church Council Vice President Catherine Strate, wrote an excellent paper for her studies at Candler School of Theology on Martin Luther's town's Community Chest. Through her work I was reminded that this was more than a space on the Monopoly board but a way to join God's work of caring for the most vulnerable among us. Catherine has graciously reworked and condensed her paper for publication as a three-part series in LCR's Weekly. - Pr. Stephen Friedrich

Part 1 - Free to serve with God: Luther's Other Reformation - The Common Chest

It could be said that Luther's most important teaching is that we, as Christians, are free from angst and worry about our salvation because we have been saved and justified through God's mercy and grace. And because we do not have to worry about whether our actions are good enough to earn salvation, we become God's human emissaries to fulfill his mission to serve others, specifically the poor.

The poor are our neighbors to be served through justice and equity and treated with dignity. Serving our neighbor is not the result of the service, but that "it is an act of faith that is full of love in obedience and for the glory of God out of Christian love . . . so that their lives and health may be preserved from further deterioration, enfeeblement, and foreshortening through lack of shelter, clothing, nourishment, and care. No impoverished person in our assembly need ever publicly cry out, lament, or beg for such items of daily necessity." (citations available upon request) Luther maintained that poverty was a social ill. Theologically, it was a Christian social responsibility to address this evil.

Luther's conviction of the importance of serving one's neighbor, specifically the poor, is evident in his explanation of the Fifth Commandment in The Large Catechism: Thou shalt not kill. According to Luther, the 5th Commandment has a two-pronged message: the first is that one should not do harm to one's neighbor physically (murder, hitting, or any physical maligning), verbally (cursing, yelling, false accusations, or gossip), or internal spirit (revenge, hatred, or anger). The second message relates to the outcome when one fails to do good for one's neighbor and: fails to prevent, protect, and save him from suffering bodily harm or injury. If you send a person away naked when you could clothe him, you have let him freeze to death. If you see anyone suffer hunger and do not feed him, you have let him starve . . . for although you have not actually committed all these crimes . . . you have nevertheless permitted your neighbor to languish and perish in his misfortune . . . therefore it is God's real intention that we should allow to suffer harm, but show to everyone all kindness and love . . . especially toward our enemies."

At the beginning of the sixteenth century, a new, growing, economic class was the merchants and the artisans whose businesses were growing and who were interested in selling their products at a profit. Luther believed there was a new "lust for profits" that, through the continual increased prices of produces, eventually took advantage of the disenfranchised and the poor. Luther was concerned that the greed of money caused injustice to others because individuals were striving to attain money for their personal use. Money was a "tool" - the lust for money was a sin. This new economic structure fostered a shift in the use of money for human need to one of personal acquisition, which could lead to manipulating the market through inflationary pricing and cheating the customers through falsification of goods. A few would have the financial power over the many and, thus, destroy the social structure of a city.

Luther's response to the condition of poverty and the developing economic climate was to develop national, urban, social welfare legislation, that would not only assist those living in poverty, but would also offer opportunities to change one's living situation and move out of poverty. It was a program that was to be maintained by the town council and would be administered by elected representators of each class of people: nobility, city council, artisans/common town folks, and rural peasants.

In 1519-1520, in collaboration with the Wittenberg town council, Luther authored a program that regulated public assistance to the poor, "The Order of the Communal Purse."

These are beautiful ideas and theological realities. The question is will we admire them on the shelf, or will we our lives be shaped by them? Not to spoil next week, but Luther had no intention of admiring them on the shelf. The series continues next week with Part 2 - Organizing God's Mission. - Pr. Stephen



Original baptism font in the Town Church in Wittenberg, Germany at which Martin Luther baptized infants incl. his own children.