

LCR Weekly

December 27, 2020

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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 Resurrection
Hour led by Dan Gilroy
Resumes on 1/10/21

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

9:00 am [Youth or
Confirmation](#)
Resume on 1/10/21

8:30 pm [Parents of
Sunday Schoolers](#)
1st & 3rd Sunday

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

Resumes 1/7/21

Pandemic Christmas Pageant

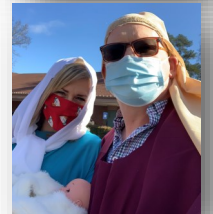
Christmas Pageants are all about making faith memories. I think we made a faith memory this year in the midst of the pandemic. Who knew the Mayor of Bethlehem would make an appearance along with the Prophet Amos and Noah's rainbow?



Many thanks to our families who made their costumes and worked together to tell the story of Jesus to the congregation. My prayer is that this will be a faith memory for all of us. -Pastor Stephen



In case you missed the Christmas Pageant at the 11:00 am Parking Lot service (featuring actors from five of our families), it is now on our YouTube channel and you can watch it [here](#).



Candles and Chimes Procession



Throughout Advent we have brought the Advent candles into our sacred space with our "Advent Candles and Chimes" procession. Thanks to many of our youth and families who have participated in this Advent ritual that has helped to center us in Christ's arrival.



Thank you to Helen Phelps for curating the chimes to work beautifully for each service, to Suzanne Demosthenes and the Altar Guild for the great work on the Advent Candle Lanterns, and to Mike Mynhier for getting the hooks in just the right place. Thanks also to Rev. Rachel Wrenn for the inspiration to use the Old Testament texts as part of the Gathering for worship.



Regular Groups



Children

Merry Christmas!
This year since we're doing everything from home, you and your children get to read "Jesus is Born" (Luke 2:1-20) together from your Sparks Bible. There are also

worksheets, activity pages and a family sheet, please look for them in the SS bag. This is so exciting because in previous years we skipped over this story since SS is on pause for two weeks. Please enjoy the story and [this video](#) and have a happy, healthy and safe Christmas.
-Sharon Leon

Children Events

Happy Hour Parents
of Sunday Schoolers

Next Mtg: Nov. 1
1st & 3rd Sunday

6-8:30pm [Zoom Link](#)



Youth

Super thankful for Richard Leon and Kimberly Tonn who visited our Parking Lot Sunday School class to share with us about two of the Advent hymns in the new All Creation Sings hymnal! Thanks to Ellie for rocking her guitar on some of the Christmas songs that we all know by heart.
-Pastor Stephen



Youth Events

SUNDAYS
9-10:30am

2nd & 4th

[MS & HS Family](#)
[Sunday School](#)

1st & 3rd

[Confirmation Class](#)

Classes resume on
1/10/2021

December 27
1:00-2:30 pm
Day of Christmas

January 9
2:00-4:00pm
MUST Food Drive



Resurrection Hour with Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave continues the study of Christmas hymns on December 27 (Go Tell it on the Mountain) and January 3 (What Child is This).

Starting January 10, Pastor Dave invites you to join him at 9:30 am for a 6 week thematic study of the Gospel of Mark:

January 10: Introduction to the Gospel, Mark 1: 21-28 - The battle between good and evil

January 17: Mark 4: 1-34 - Jesus teaches in parables

January 24: Mark 6: 30-44, 8: 1-10 - The call to inclusivity

January 31: Mark 8: 27-35 - The call to discipleship

Resurrection Hour

Sundays at 9:30

[Resurrection Hour led](#)
[by Pastor Dave](#)

Bible Study led by
Dan Gilroy
Resumes on 1/10/21

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Christmas Stockings to Group Homes



This year, 88 Stockings (bags) were delivered to 23 Special Needs Group Homes in Cobb County. Each house also received 2 house bags plus 1 bag containing a wrapped gift for each house resident. All in all, 180 bags were filled by the Mary & Martha Bible Study ladies who also baked a total of 177 loaves of bread for the homes' staff members.

A very big thank you to all who donated gift cards totaling over \$1,400 to purchase items such as hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries, hand sanitizer, and more.

We also thank all our Santas and elves who made the deliveries to the group homes: Lyn Ruswinkle, Susan & John Osberg, Jill & Kirk Gadebusch, Juliet & Lance Reising, Ron Jolly and (not pictured), Dianne Wills, Susan Demosthenes, and Lynne O'Brien.



Treats to Shut-Ins



Shepherd Staff cared for LCR's shut-ins, members who have been ill, are in some type of facility or those who are particularly isolated due to Covid by delivering care packages filled with cookies, a small loaf of sweet bread, pocket prayer crosses together with a poinsettia. Many hands helped such as the Mary & Martha Bible study who offered the sweet breads.

If you want to find out more about how Shepherd Staff cares for LCR members or would like to get involve, contact [Karen Bear](#).

Outreach

MUST
[donation link](#)

CAC
[donation link](#)

YELLS
[donation link](#)

MUST Meal
Volunteer Sign-Up:
[Sign-up Genius Link](#)

Meals on Wheels
Volunteer Sign-Up:
[Sign-up Genius Link](#)

MUST Food Drive
January 9, 2-4pm

Give to the
LCR Mission Fund
[Link](#)

LCR Mission Fund

The Mission Fund exists to make significant contributions to respond to suffering and need in the world. The Mission Fund is managed by a team lead by Mark Olson and collaborates with LCR's Church Council on the approval of distributions. Last Sunday, the Church Council approved a "MUST Christmas Gift" distribution of \$2,000 to support the next phase of development of MUST Ministries' new homeless shelter providing beds, nightstands, footlockers and cots. To make a gift to the corpus of LCR's Mission Fund or contribute additional funds to the "MUST Christmas Gift", designate your donation "MUST Christmas Gift" or "Mission Fund." You may use this link to make an online donation.

Announcements

On December 24, we welcomed into God's Family



Vanessa Joelle Ashley

Daughter of Paige Jordan & John Ashley,
Granddaughter of Kandis Lang and
Great-Granddaughter of Ruth Lang

Worship

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

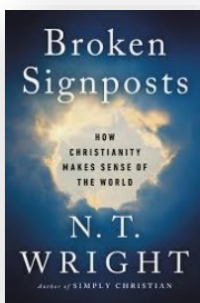
Events

LCR Women's Bible Study

Thursdays at 8:30am
To receive Zoom link email
Allison@lcrmarietta.org
Resumes on 1/7/2021

Women's Book Club
January 29 at 11:30 am
Beekeeper of Aleppo by
Christy Lefteri

New Adult Faith Formation Tuesday Study Beginning January 19 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



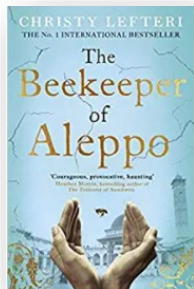
Pastor Dave invites you to join him for an 8 week study of NT Wright's book *Broken Signposts*.

Wright focuses on 7 broken signposts in today's culture: justice, spirituality, love, beauty, freedom, truth, and power - and uses the Gospel of John to discuss how Christianity provides a vision for making them whole and in doing so, healing ourselves and our world.

If you would like to attend, please send an email Pastor Dave at PastorDave@lcrmarietta.org to receive the Zoom link and purchase the book prior to January 19 such as on [Amazon](#).

**Church Office
Closed 12/25-1/1**

LCR Women's Book Club



Love to have you join the LCR Book Club! For now meeting virtually through Zoom at 11:30am on a Friday. A group of women, and we would be delighted to include you. Please contact [Meribeth Cooper](#) for more info.

Next Meeting:

January 29—*Beekeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri