

Circle of Friends

A Program for People With disAbilities and their Families



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

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Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (Resurrection) sponsors a program designed to provide fun events and fellowship for people with developmental disabilities. At the same time the program provides a “break” for parents and other caregivers. The program also is designed to develop friendships between church members and our guests. Participants and their families are welcome to join us for worship and other church activities, but the program is not tied to worship attendance.

Who – Our Visiting Friends

“Circle of Friends” is designed with young adults in mind, but there are no age restrictions. The program is made available first to individuals living with their families, but a number of our participants live in group homes or supervised living programs. Program coordinators work with interested families and potential participants to ensure that the program is suitable for them. We ask that a family member or caregiver attend with the individual for his/her first time.

Who – Our LCR Member Friends

The Resurrection team includes approximately 20 members with varying interests and experiences in the field of disabilities. Several team members are certified in CPR and first aid, and at least one will be present at all sessions. A core “Circle of Friends” team is present for each session with other church members, including the church’s youth, supporting the sessions. Our core team members have received training from professionals in the field of disabilities.

When/ Reservations

Important: Reservations (*call or e-mail the church a week before session*) are required for all sessions.

Schedule: 4:00 to 7:00 PM on the Second Sunday of each odd month with the exception of May when we meet on the first Sunday to avoid Mother’s Day. There will be special events scheduled throughout the year on the even months.

2011 Dates:

- January 9, 2011
- March 13, 2011
- May 1, 2011
- July 10, 2011
- September 11, 2011
- November 13, 2011

Activities

Each program is based on a theme and involves fellowship and recreational activities that are fun for guests and church members alike. Activities are planned to meet a broad range of interests and ability levels including crafts, gardening, music, dancing and sharing experiences in our opening “circle.” There is a light meal served at each session.

Application and Medical Release

Interested families must complete an [Application and Medical Release Form](#). Download the form or contact the church office (770.953.3193 or info@lcrmarietta.org). The number of participants is limited by the number of Resurrection volunteers and the need for participant supervision. Our first priority is always the health and safety of our guests. This is a voluntary program provided by Resurrection, and the church reserves the right to accept potential participants based on the needs of the individuals and the ability of Resurrection to meet those needs.

Donations

There is no fee for the program, but a donation of \$5 for each session is requested to help defray our costs.

Location

Most sessions are held at the church, which is located on Paper Mill Road, two blocks off Johnson Ferry Road in East Cobb County. Some sessions may involve traveling short distances, with the advanced notice to, and written permission from parents/caregivers. [Click here for a map](#) to the church.

Transportation

Transportation to and from the program is **not** be provided. However, the church may be able to help families coordinate car pools.

For More Information

Contact the church office at (770) 953-3193 or Barbara or Jim Kirk (770) 421-9194 jek1@mindspring.com (include “Circle of Friends” in email subject line).