

THE PHOENIX

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Dear Members and Friends of LCR,

“Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy” is the 3rd commandment that God gave to Moses on Mt. Sinai. In his Large Catechism, Luther says the word Sabbath means “to rest, that is, to cease from labor; hence our common expression for “stopping work” literally means “observing a holy day or holiday.”

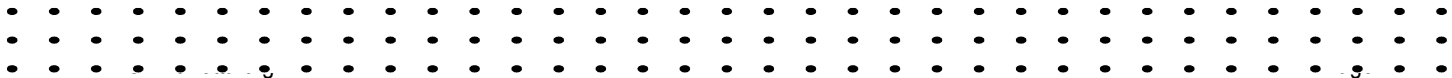
At LCR we are going to focus on Sabbath rest as a faith practice from June 12 – July 3. We are going to invite LCR members to take God’s gift of Sabbath seriously. So let’s talk a bit about what Sabbath really is.

First of all, Sabbath is a day of the week. Even God took a Sabbath. Six days God worked to create the world. On the seventh day, God rested. Working and resting is built in to the fabric of creation. If it’s good enough for God, shouldn’t it be good enough for us?

We work hard – to get ahead, to pay the bills, to become successful at our jobs and our schools. And it is good to work hard. The sense of accomplishment brings confidence and purpose to our lives. And it is also good to rest from that hard work. To find the time to care for ourselves, to relax and become refreshed into order to once again reengage in the work so vital to our lives. What day is your Sabbath? How do you celebrate it? How often do you thank God for it? We answer those questions in different ways. How I spend my Sabbath will be different than how you spend yours. I relax and become refreshed by exercising, by going for a drive in the car, by taking a nap, by taking Callie for a walk. They get me out of the monotony of life and change the rhythm of the week. I look forward to my Sabbath. My week is more productive and blessed when it includes a Sabbath day.

I hope the same is true for you. I hope that each of you realize how much of a gift Sabbath is. And how, when you use it and celebrate it the way it was designed to be used and celebrated, your week is more productive and blessed as a result. Do yourself a favor. Keep the Sabbath Day. And if you don’t have one, make one. Find a day when you can take care of you. And thank God for it. It is one of the greatest gifts God ever gave.

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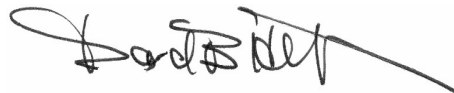
Secondly, not all Sabbath's come in days! Sometimes it's half a day. Sometimes it's an hour. Sometimes it's just a moment in time. I have experienced Sabbath rest drinking a Coke, offering a prayer, going for a short walk alone, taking a 10 minute cat nap. The beauty of Sabbath rest is that it can come in chunks, like a week's vacation, or in bits and pieces as mentioned above. It's a "both...and" not an "either...or".

What are the ways that Sabbath rest comes to you in bits and pieces? In the midst of the hectic rat race of life, how have you been able to find even a moment in time to recharge your batteries? Remember, it is a gift of God. It is a part of God's created order. In the gospel of Mark, ministry had started to take its toll. The disciples were experiencing rejection and doubt. John the Baptist had just been killed by King Herod. In the middle of it all, Jesus told the disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while." (Mark 6: 31) They needed it. They couldn't do ministry without it.

And neither can we! Whether it's a day of the week or a moment in time, Sabbath rest is as important as anything in our schedules. So cherish it. Celebrate it. Make time for it.

My hope and prayer is that we will cherish not only the GIFT of the Sabbath but also the GIVER of the Sabbath. To do that is to become twice blessed!!

In Christian love,



David B. Helfrich, Pastor

Watch your mailbox for an important letter from the church council, together with your most recent updated giving statement. Thank you.

A CELEBRATION OF THE ORDINATION of

Reverend David Benjamin Helfrich

Saturday evening, June 18th, 6:30pm
in The Gathering Room.

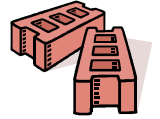
Dinner tickets will be on sale Sundays,
May 15th through June 11th, between
services, for \$5/per person.

Each family is asked to contribute a special
dish to accompany the beef tenderloin and
chicken.

Drinks are available for a nominal charge.

Contact Mark or Sandy Brosch

at: 770/544-7741



BRICKS FOR KICKS?

The Robinwood house located at the back of our property will be getting a new roof later this summer. In preparation, the old chimney has been demolished. As a result, we have a lot of used bricks available free for anyone who would like to pick them up.

First come, first served – you can drive directly down to the house from the Resurrection parking lot.

EASTER FUNDRAISER RESULTS

This year approximately 260 people were served breakfast on Easter morning at LCR. A total of \$1832 was generously donated as free will offerings. In addition, there will be \$400 of matching funds received from Thrivent. This \$2232 will be put to good use helping to settle the Davis Family into their apartment.

Easter Breakfast has been a long standing tradition at LCR. No one really knows when it started. The best guess is sometime in the 1980's. The success of the Easter Breakfast has been due to people. First, the people who join in the food, fun and fellowship and make a generous free will offering. And, just as importantly, the "men" people who volunteer their time and talents to prepare, cook, serve, wait tables, and clean up. Almost 90 volunteer hours are needed to make the breakfast happen. The list of helpers is too long to give individual recognition, but it can be said that this year's volunteers were exceptional! Things went so well that the kitchen was cleaned and locked up by 12:45 PM. A record that hopefully will be broken next year.

*A big thanks to
everyone that helped out!*



LCR BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our June selection is

***"The Creation of Eve"* by Lynn Cullen**

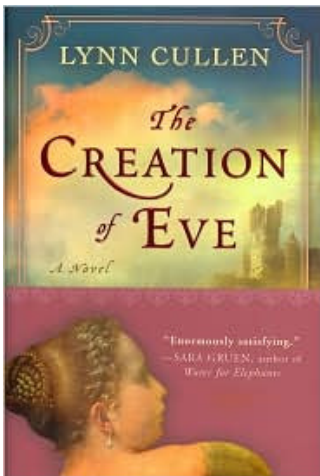
"This is the largely unknown story of female Renaissance painter Sofonisba Anguissola (c. 1532–1625) is beautifully imagined here in novelist Cullen's sparkling adult debut. In a page-turning tale that brings to life the undercurrent of political, romantic, and interfamily rivalries in the court of Spanish King Felipe II, the author shines a light on Sofonisba, who is brought under the tutelage of Michelangelo".

We will meet on Monday, June 13th,

7:00 pm in the Youth Pavilion

For further information, contact Frieda Parks.

Everyone is welcome whether you have read the book or not!

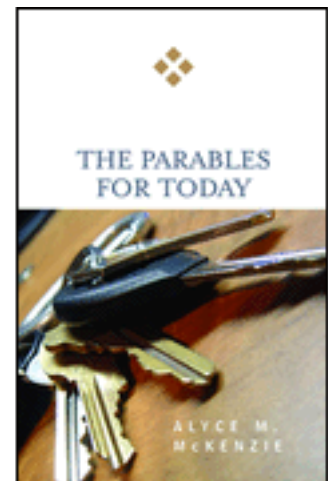


TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study resumes September 13th, from 10:00 to 11:30 am, with a sharing of the books that people read over the summer.

Some of the titles being read are:

- ***Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy***
by Eric Metaxas and Timothy J. Keller
- ***Jesus and Yahweh : The Names Divine***
by Harold Bloom
- ***Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal***
by Christopher Moore
- ***A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam***
by Karen Armstrong



So, read a book about some aspect of faith this summer, then come on

September 13th and share in the discussion. Maybe you'll find a book you'd like to read.

THEN, we will begin a study of *The Parables for Today* by Alyce M. McKenzie

M.U.S.T. PANTRY



M.U.S.T. MINISTRIES NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

Canned chicken, tuna, ham, beef, fruit, dry milk, jelly, and any non-perishable food.

Please consider organizing a food drive in your neighborhood, at your school, workplace, civic organization, or church today!

Please contact MUST's Director of the Donation Center, Annette Lee at alee@mustministries.org or call 678-581-8090.

M.U.S.T. THANKS!

Thank you to Mary & Parker Newhart for preparing the casseroles for M.U.S.T in May and to Dan Gilroy, Jean De-Courto and Mark Brosch for serving lunch at the shelter.

We are thrilled that the LCR youth will both cook and serve lunch in July!

Please take a moment and look at the MUST calendar in The Gathering Room and pick a date to participate. The food is provided by LCR, and only requires opening cans and mixing the ingredients. The calendar has openings to cook and serve in August.

Preparing & serving food at the MUST Shelter in Marietta once a month is an LCR commitment to the community.

Sign up and you'll be glad you did!

PLEASE SIGN UP

- ◆ For an open date on the **Altar Flower Calendar** chart located outside The Gathering Room.
- ◆ **To cook or serve the M.U.S.T. lunches** on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The sign-up poster is now located on The Gathering Room bulletin board.
- ◆ **To setup/cleanup** for Sunday morning coffee.



Volunteer Opportunities

Save the Date
August 20, 2011
8:00pm

Bagpiping Recital

Right here in the LCR
Gathering Room

*Featuring some of the top
players in the South!*

More information coming
soon, or contact
Tom Crawford at
tom@occasionalmusic.com

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED....AGAIN



Local Mission

On Tuesday, April 19th, a small group of volunteers from LCR finished up the work started by a larger group from LCR on Monday, April 11th. Eighteen dedicated, hard-working individuals spent a total of 7 days and 368 hours completely renovating the kitchen and dining area of the Teems family in Austell, GA. The results were wonderful and our time and efforts were a real blessing to this deserving family, who has suffered tragedy, loss and disabilities. We were honored and blessed to be able love and serve them in this way.

Thanks to the following volunteers: Jim Adams, Ed Aebischer, Mark Brosch, Betty Didicher (our “food saint”), John Didicher, Ron Jolly, Chuck Kinney, Barb Kirk, Carol Littge, Mark Moeller, Mike Mynhier, Jerry Pantelakis, Don Schaet, Karl Sidor, Ted Spitler, Phil Upchurch, John Whetstone, Bob Wills.



The Story of God, The Story of Us

When we asked people what they would remember most about *The Story of God*, here's what we heard:

- † “The friendships that resulted from the experience.”
- † “Sharing of faith and getting a deeper and clearer understanding of why we are a Christian”
- † “Being with others who really believe”
- † “It made me feel like an active member of the story – a family of God through all the ages”
- † “I wish I had started this sooner”

Wow. That pretty much says it all. By the numbers, 175 people participated in the six-week congregational wide Lenten study, which is over 50% of the worshipping congregation! 84% of these joined us at the BBQ kickoff. Old groups added new members and new groups started from scratch. Ages ranged from 6th grade through adult.

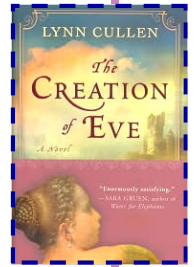
But there is so much more to the story - 96% of those participating developed a deeper relationship with Jesus and 98% developed a deeper relationship with each other; 99% said that they'd personally participate in a small group again and would recommend small groups to others!

The text, The Story of God, The Story of Us, by Sean Gladding, was given as a gift by a member of the congregation to enable this congregational wide study to occur. The text was well received due primarily to the story format, the Old Testament emphasis, and how it connected us personally to the Story of God. The videos added a totally different dimension, generating much conversation!

All in all, it was a great experience! Didn't get a chance to join us? It is never too late to read the book and discuss it. Check with the office if you need a copy. But what is even more exciting_ is that we are going to do another small group short-term congregational wide study in the fall. And we're inviting you to join and see what small groups at LCR are all about!



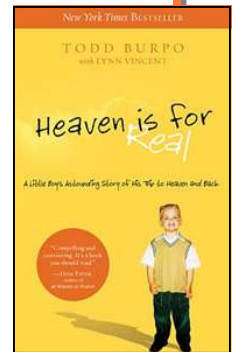
LCR BOOK CLUB'S JUNE BOOK
"The Creation of Eve"
**Meeting on June 13th at 7pm in
 the Youth Pavilion**



NEW IN OUR LIBRARY

"Heaven is for Real"
 - a true story

A little boy's description of visiting heaven while he was undergoing an appendectomy. Only 4 years old at the time, he vividly described meeting his grandfather, who had died before he was born.

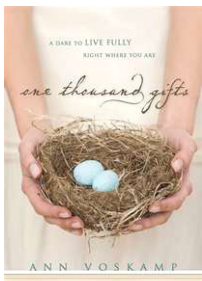


**MEN'S WEDNESDAY
 BREAKFAST & STUDY GROUP**
 meets every Wednesday
 at 7:30 am in The Gathering Room
 The current topic is "Stories of Jesus"
Newcomers are always welcome!

KNITTERS FOR PEACE
 meets the 1st and 3rd
 Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
 in the library

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**The Monday Morning
 Ladies' Bible Study**
 will end on June 6th
 (not meeting on Memorial Day).



The group will resume on
Monday, Sept. 19th,
 at 10:30.

The book we will begin
 studying is
One Thousand Gifts by
 Ann Voskamp.

GENEALOGY 101

The next regularly scheduled
 meeting is Sunday, June 5th, from
 4:00 – 6:00 pm in the conference
 room.

Everyone is welcome
 to come and share information
 or just to learn a little.

**“So let me get this straight . . .
You believe that Jesus is the son of God?”**

Some months ago, a college friend and I went to a popular local establishment where folks like to socialize. My friend, who had just moved back to the Twin Cities after living many years in New York City, was eager to meet people. We wound up talking to some guys who looked to be around our age. The career question surfaced quickly: “So what do you do?” My friend, who does not attend church regularly, answered for herself and then for me. “She’s a Lutheran pastor!”

“A what?” came the response.

After the initial shock wore off, one of the guys, who was working on a Ph.D. in history, sat down next to me and said, “So let me get this straight. You believe that Jesus is the son of God?” I stammered, wondering if the Jesus in whom I put my faith was the same Jesus this guy had in mind.

“Well,” I said, “yes, but I’m not sure we mean the same thing when we say ‘believe’ and ‘Jesus’ and ‘Son of God.’” He was an atheist, he said, and he couldn’t believe he was face to face with someone who claimed to “believe.”

He asked again, “So, you’re saying you believe Jesus is the savior of the world?” “Well,” I said, “yes, but I really want to unpack all those terms.” I felt bad for my friend, worried that my inescapable public identity as a religious person would ruin our chances for having any fun. But by the end of the night, we’d all engaged in a long, lively, and authentic dialogue about religion, Christianity, and ultimate questions. We even exchanged phone numbers.

I confess that it was not easy to answer “yes” to the guy at the bar, but the strange and wonderful power of God was at work in – and in spite of – my initial awkwardness. The courage and ability to live and share our faith is a gift, “... for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love.” (2 Timothy 1:7). And the message about the cross is the power of God and unexpected good news – news too good to keep to ourselves.

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ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

The church at work during disasters

+ **Ivory Coast:** [Refugees still reluctant to return](#)

+ **Japan:** [Video of Church World Service response](#)

Find these stories and more at <http://blogs.elca.org/disasterresponse/>.

South Sudan: The people we meet along the way

Follow a journey to southern Sudan and learn how Lutherans are actively working to encourage peace and development there. See <http://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/category/human-dignity>, where you can also sign up for the Voices for Change Advocacy Blog.

Papua New Guinea: Answering God's call

In 1921, two young sisters from a small town in Iowa became the first Lutheran missionaries to the country now called Papua New Guinea. Read the story of Ida and Luthilde Voss at www.womenoftheelca.org/PNGmissionaries.

Holy Land: The Easter Laughter of Lazarus

On a Judean hill overlooking the Jordan River valley, near the biblical village of Bethany, Pastor Fred Strickert preached an Easter sunrise sermon which featured the laughter of Lazarus, the first person to experience the journey from death to life. Read more at <http://blogs.elca.org/handinhand>. Fred and Gloria Strickert are ELCA missionaries serving at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem.

Malaysia and Singapore: Communication worker sought

Help the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore establish an effective communications program, including website development and newsletter design, and provide basic communications training to congregational leaders. See www.elca.org/globalserve and click Global Service Opportunities to search the database at the bottom.

Mexico: Immersion program

The Lutheran Center in Mexico City is an ecumenical and inter-Lutheran retreat center which houses the Seeds for Transformation Immersion Program. This program offers a transformative experience that incorporates spiritual, social and cultural dimensions through an immersion process in Mexico. See www.elca.org/mexico and click on Lutheran Center.



Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.

GO AHEAD AND CLEAN YOUR HOUSE ...

WE'LL TAKE YOUR JUNK!

Because ReNew is all about caring for creation, many of the supplies can be found around your home! Please take a look at this list and let us know what supplies you can provide.

Returnable supplies:

- ___ *watering can (2)*
- ___ *under-the-bed plastic storage bins (30)*
- ___ *garden pebbles (1 small bag)*
- ___ *gallon buckets (4)*
- ___ *volleyball*
- ___ *whistle*
- ___ *stopwatch*
- ___ *washcloths*
- ___ *hand towels*
- ___ *shovels*
- ___ *garden tools*
- ___ *garden gloves*
- ___ *weights*
- ___ *misting bottle*
- ___ *photos from Asia*
- ___ *photos from Central Asia*
- ___ *photos from China*
- ___ *photos from Southern Peru*
- ___ *photos from Mexico*
- ___ *photos from South America*
- ___ *world map or globe*
- ___ *child's easel*
- ___ *kid-friendly cookbooks*
- ___ *table lamp*

- ___ *rain poncho*
- ___ *books about trees*
- ___ *flashlight*
- ___ *reusable grocery bags*
- ___ *nature-themed stencils*

Non-returnable supplies:

- ___ *toilet paper rolls (1000!!!)*
- ___ *small paper cups (1 box)*
- ___ *aluminum foil*
- ___ *peach pits (10)*
- ___ *avocado pits (10)*
- ___ *pinecones (40)*
- ___ *newspaper*
- ___ *soil*
- ___ *masking tape (4 rolls)*
- ___ *yarn*
- ___ *Small chalkboard or white board*
- ___ *houseplants*
- ___ *gardening magazines & catalogs*
- ___ *play dough*
- ___ *cardboard egg cartons*
- ___ *pipe cleaners*
- ___ *acorns*
- ___ *buckeyes*
- ___ *poster paper*
- ___ *shoebboxes (4)*
- ___ *cereal boxes*
- ___ *houseplants*
- ___ *bunch of leaves*
- ___ *bunch of stems*
- ___ *bunch of roots*
- ___ *large plant pot with plant*
- ___ *stamping ink*
- ___ *tissue paper*
- ___ *weeds (non-toxic!)*
- ___ *clean trash (wrappers from canned goods, paper towels, plastic bottles, plastic yogurt containers, margarine containers, etc.)*
- ___ *disposable diapers*
- ___ *duct tape (1 roll)*
- ___ *scotch tape (4 rolls)*
- ___ *white glue (20 bottles)*

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- ___ **old greeting cards (180)**
- ___ **fabric scraps**
- ___ **cookie sheets (12)**
- ___ **dry clay**
- ___ **farmer straw hat**
- ___ **gardener's visor**
- ___ **grocer's apron**
- ___ **trucker's hat**
- ___ **drop cloth**
- ___ **thank you notes (60)**
- ___ **liquid detergent (1 bottle)**
- ___ **12" square fabric (200)**
- ___ **fabric paints or acrylics**
- ___ **1 gallon plastic containers (60)**
- ___ **1/2 gallon milk jugs (10)**
- ___ **paper towels (2 rolls)**
- ___ **2 liter soda bottles (20)**
- ___ **gravel**
- ___ **sand**
- ___ **cotton balls (600)**
- ___ **socks (200)**
- ___ **google eyes (400)**
- ___ **straws (200)**

Food:

- ___ **goldfish crackers**
- ___ **sunflower seeds**
- ___ **flax seeds**
- ___ **soy nuts**
- ___ **pumpkin seeds**
- ___ **raisins**
- ___ **dried fruit**
- ___ **granola**
- ___ **chocolate chips**
- ___ **gingerbread cookies**
- ___ **spreadable cream cheese**
- ___ **colored sprinkles**
- ___ **crackers**
- ___ **baking soda**
- ___ **lemon juice (1 bottle)**
- ___ **scrapbook pages (60)**

PLEASE NOTE: All supplies are needed by June 12, so that we have adequate time to purchase what is not donated.



For more info about any of these needs, please contact Sharon Leon, Children's Ministry Coordinator, at sharon@lcrmarietta.org or 770-953-3193, ext. 18.



RESURRECTION Recycles!

- ➔ **Aluminum cans**
- ➔ **Aluminum tabtops for The Ronald McDonald House**
- ➔ **Labels for Education & Campbell's Labels for Luth. Navajo Mission**
- ➔ **Eyeglasses for Lion's Club**
- ➔ **Clothing & household items to MUST**
- ➔ **Batteries to HomeDepot**
- ➔ **Bulletins/brochures/ & other paper to Waste Management**
- ➔ **Empty Prescription Bottles - WELCA**

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011 !!

☆ Sam Gadebusch
 ☆ Andre Leon
 ☆ Josh Marrett
 ☆ Amanda Mauldin
 ☆ Jennifer Moeller
 ☆ Beka Nelson

☆ Ford Nicholson
 ☆ Chris Osberg
 ☆ Jess Rigby
 ☆ Claire Schaet
 ☆ Michelle Topping

CONFIRMANDS:

Peyton Carroll
 Eric Kelm
 Brewer Kunnemann
 Jenna Markle
 Kristen O'Brien
 Jillian Radcliffe



Thank You Sunday School Teachers!!

Deanna Topping
 LeAnn Haack
 Sarah Kirwan
 Susie Glass
 Julie Wood
 Kristy Hartzell
 Tim Torchia
 Pat Robertson

Trish Davis
 David Rowe
 Nick LaBarge
 Tom Glass
 CJ Remboldt
 Allison Lizdas
 Ryan Huckaby

Subs:

Margaret Perry
 Monica Jansons
 Sarah Neighbors
 Janet Sullivan
 Tanja Luttrell
 Kathy Carroll
 Kalee Vargo

***A special thank you to Jill Gadebusch and Gloria Frey, who are
 "retiring" as Sunday school superintendents this year after many
 years of serving LCR's youth.***

*Thanks, Ladies, for your devotion to LCR's
 Sunday School ministry!*



Sing & Rejoice with the 8:30 Summer Choir!

- For all ages—sing as a family
- Easy, but fun, unison and 2-pt music
- Meet at 7:55 am in the Sanctuary to rehearse for that morning
- Any or all of these Sundays:
July 3, 17 & 31 - August 14, 28
- Special Men's Choir on August 7
- Special Women's Choir on August 21

Mark your calendars now and don't miss this opportunity

Alleluia Choir

Attention Parents of children, K through 5 grade:

Please consider having your child sing with the Alleluia Choir next Fall. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 6:15 to 6:45 pm in the Choir Room downstairs. (Come for dinner in the Gathering Room.) Through singing new music and hymns of the faith, playing musical games, sharing Bible stories and fellowship, the children will gain a deeper appreciation of worship and music of the church while growing in their faith. The children will sing in worship at various times throughout the program year. 5th graders are given a special leadership role.

Mark your calendars for our first gathering on Wednesday, August 31st — a Music Party! Please contact Helen Phelps at Helen@LCRmarietta.org or 770-953-3193 x15 for more information or to sign up.

Happy Birthday !!

June 1st

Mary Ambler
Dana Tashiro

June 3rd

Ruth Rothchild
Sandy Brosch

June 4th

Allison Lizdas
Elaina Davis

June 5th

Rob Davis

June 11th

Gay Nicholson
Ron Kelm
Scott Tupper

June 12th

Mark Brosch

June 13th

Matt Maxwell

June 15th

Rita Urquhart
Mary Newhart

June 19th

Debbie Maret

June 20th

Peggy King

June 22nd

Bethany Dreher
Eleanor Hyde
Lisa Whitley
Beka Nelson

June 23rd

Anna King
Victoria King

June 25th

Dennis McElhaney
Lynne O'Brien
Natalie Tully

June 26th

Ann Elliott
Kalee Vargo

June 28th

Marty Jansons

June 29th

Suzanne Demosthenes

June 30th

Juan Rodriguez

July 1st

Phyllis Brumm
Lynn Larson
Robin Ely
Leah Kelm

July 2nd

John Vargo

July 3rd

Nancy Papp
Bill Perry
Natalie King

July 7th

Jake Neighbors
Catalina Rodriguez

July 8th

Ken Hyde

July 9th

Charles Demosthenes
Matt Varley

July 10th

Ann Dettmering

July 11th

Betsy Mellott

July 12th

Lucas Werner

July 13th

Darlene Lawrence

July 14th

Bob Brumm

July 15th

Viki Adams

July 16th

Mark Ongaro
Mike Mynhier

July 17th

Martha Smith

July 18th

Jerry Pantelakis
Beverly Hogan
Emily Mettler
Sam Gadebusch

July 19th

Bob Wills
Maggie Gray

July 20th

Sawyer Stegen

July 21st

Susan Radcliffe
Parker Newhart

July 22nd

Laura Rowe

July 23rd

Pam Osterland

July 24th

Steve Maret

July 25th

Alan Boda

July 26th

Kirsten Fladland

July 28th

Alex Johnson

July 29th

Michael Larson

July 30th

Will Starkweather
Andre Leon

Aug. 1st

Henri Brin
Mike Frey
Sarah Upchurch
Katie Frey

Aug. 3rd

Cheryl Mettler

Aug. 4th

John Mellott

Aug. 5th

John Carroll, Jr.

Aug. 7th

Bill VanTreese
Kace Kirwan
Jules Lamberger

Aug. 9th

Jean DeCouto
Catherine Strate

Aug. 11th

Paul Dreher

Aug. 12th

Patton Robertson
Debra Butts

Aug. 13th

Allison Boda

Aug. 14th

Dan Lizdas
Anne Stegen
Michelle Topping
Olivia Sullivan

August 16th

Ken Osterland
Jillian Radcliffe
Owen Vargo

August 17th

Michelle King

Aug. 18th

Don Schae

Aug. 19th

Phil Upchurch

Aug. 20th

Jennifer Cronk

Aug. 21st

Rosalie Pope

Aug. 22nd

Adam Melnick

Aug. 23rd

Helen Phelps
Eric Smith
Ryan Parks

Aug. 24th

Hannah Kunne-
mann
Sharon Leon

Aug. 25th

Peyton Carroll

Aug. 29th

Mark Lawrence
Brian Boda

Aug. 30th

Kriss Nelson

**Copies of this
birthday list are
located outside
the church office.**

**If you do not see
your family mem-
bers listed,
please let me
know at:**

May 2011

Dear Promise Garden Friends,

As the garden matures, it reveals more signs of it's community characteristics. ***The more hands involved the better!***



I was unable to attend the most recent Circle of Friends garden activity, but was delighted to "meet" the amazing scarecrow they erected to keep watch over the garden, (and hopefully scare off predators!)

Thanks to Ted & Susan Coleman, who watered the garden during my absence. Hands are needed to continue the watering task until we have our automated system. Please let me know if there is a day that you are able to water the whole garden on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Hands are also needed to pick, rinse and bag ripe produce. Let me know, as the season progresses, if you would like to take on that task, and what week(s) would be convenient for you to to scheduled. Finally, if you would like to transport food to the Center For Family Resources, let me know if you would like to be added to the list.

Speaking of donations, I took 8 gallon bags of lettuce, each tucked with a couple of carrots and green onions to Cobb Family Resources. The lettuce was primarily picked from Vargo's plot, bolstered with lettuce from around the garden and green onions from my and Suzie's plots. Everything around the garden is looking fresh. I noticed green peppers maturing, and squash and cucumbers beginning to form. The peas and beans are climbing, and plants are gaining height. Some seeds here and there didn't germinate, but there is still time to replant if necessary. The empty spaces will be filled soon, as school is nearly out and the kids can get involved.

Soon, I will post an update on the water-line project. We may temporarily hold off on use of the rain barrel. I inquired about putting a gutter/downspout up along the rear edge of the pavilion, but the building may be re-roofed soon, which may damage the gutter, so we will postpone that project. I'm making progress securing information about a sign for our garden, which doesn't seem to have any roadblocks. We will soon be adding an additional birdhouse, thanks to Sharon Deal.

"All is great with our community!"

Blessings, Margaret Perry - margperry@bellsouth.net

"God made rainy days so gardeners can get the housework done."

(an unknown, but wise author)

Is Your Faith In the Closet?

By Tana M. Kjos

I live in downtown Chicago, so I do a lot of walking. One of my usual routes takes me through a busy shopping district. Even though my favorite stores are on the east side of the street, I usually cross to avoid that guy with the microphone. I have to decide if I want to hear why I and my street-mates are all going to go to hell today. Maybe it's because one of us is smoking, holding hands with the wrong person, or wearing clothes he doesn't approve of.

Picture this: You're busy running errands, carrying your latte, minding your own business, and the next thing you know, a guy with a microphone is talking to you: "That caffeine you're drinking is going to lead to no good!" he preaches. "As it says in the Bible: You can't drink caffeine if you want to go to heaven!"

A lot of people think all Christians are as obnoxious as that guy with the microphone, and so many of us are reluctant to share our faith. Frankly, I don't remember Jesus telling many people they were going to hell. Jesus came with the good news of God's unending, radical, life-changing love, and called us to be witnesses to it. The good news that you have to share is, at least in part, your own story. Maybe it's that you didn't feel alone when a parent passed away because people were praying for you. Or the way you felt helping to build a Habitat for Humanity house when you knew God had used you to make someone's life a little bit better. Your story about how God is at work in and through you is the good news you have to share.

Some of us might worry that we'll scare off our friends, neighbors, and coworkers if we start talking about Jesus or church or the faith that gives us life. But we have good news to share!

Sharing our faith through our words and our actions becomes easier and more natural when we get over the idea that Christians who share their faith are scary, like that guy with the microphone. It's easier when we remember that church isn't a place we go but who we are ... and we'll find ourselves sharing the good news everywhere we go!

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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT “\$SIMPLY GIVING” ??

Did you forget your checkbook?

Ooops ... is your offering envelope still at home?

Take away one more worry from Sunday morning and sign up for ‘Simply Giving’ Automatic payments! In less than 5 minutes, you can fill out the authorization form, and have your donation automatically debited from your checking account weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly.



Questions? Talk to our treasurer, Cathy Ritchie (770-565-5297), or Tom Crawford, our bookkeeper, at 770/953-3193 ext. 24.

Note: Please include your envelope number on your check, or even if you donate online and don't use the envelopes. This helps the counters when they are recording the offerings.

Thank you!

Financial Update From Our Treasurer

Here are income and expense numbers both actual and budgeted through the end of April.

	Actual	Budgeted	difference
Income	\$265,258	\$267,939	-\$2680
Expenses	\$242,781	\$265,710	-\$22,928

Our income has exceeded our expenses by \$22,476 through the end of April, but we are still running behind on the budget in both income and outgo. We are still on track to have to use our reserves in order to pay for all our operating expenses this year.





**From A Child's
Point of View**

Fifth Grade Assignment

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

**God is like ...
BAYER ASPIRIN
He works miracles.**

**God is like ...
A FORD
He's got a better idea.**

**God is like ...
COKE
He's the real thing.**

**God is like...
HALLMARK CARDS
He cares enough to send His
very best.**

**God is like...
TIDE
He gets the stains out others
leave behind.**

**God is like ...
GENERAL ELECTRIC
He brings good things to life.**

**God is like ...
WAL-MART
He has everything.**

**God is like ...
ALKA-SELTZER
Try Him - you'll like Him.**

**God is like ...
SCOTCH TAPE
You can't see Him,
but you know He's there.**

**God is like ...
DELTA
He's ready when you are.**

**God is like ...
ALLSTATE
You're in good hands with Him.**

**God is like ...
DIAL SOAP
Aren't you glad you have Him?
Don't you wish everybody did?**

**God is like ...
The U.S. POST OFFICE
Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor
ice will keep Him from
His appointed destination.**

**God is like ...
CHEVROLET
the heart beat of America.**

**God is like ...
BOUNTY
He is the quicker picker upper
- can handle the tough jobs
- And He won't fall apart on you!**

Helping Refugee Families Start Over... Again

On March 22, disaster struck on I-75. A group of 15 men who came to Atlanta as refugees were commuting from their homes in DeKalb County to work at a chicken processing plant in Perry, GA. They make this trip five days a week to rebuild the lives of their families torn apart by war and other atrocities. A tire blew out, their van hit the guardrail, flipped, and 15 lives were again torn apart. Two of the men were killed instantly; the rest hospitalized with injuries ranging from broken bones to spinal and traumatic brain injuries.

Fifteen families relied on these breadwinners, for many their sole source of income. The wives, children and parents they supported face a very uncertain future. Immediate assistance is needed for rent payments, medical expenses and counseling. Lutheran Services of Georgia is actively involved with our refugee community to help these families during this time of tragedy.

Raise Funds: If you or your congregation would like to raise funds or make a donation, you can send funds payable to:

Lutheran Services of Georgia,
1330 West Peachtree St, Ste 300
Atlanta, GA, 30309-2943

Thrivent Financial will be supplementing donations up to \$5,000.

For more information, contact:

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BRUMBY CLINIC - Thanks LCR!

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the supplies for Brumby Elementary School Clinic. In just a matter of a few days LCR came to the rescue once again with a basket, a box and three bags full of needed supplies. The nurse and staff at the school were delighted with our response and send their thanks to all of you.

You are a blessing!

- Patty Pantelakis

A CHALLENGE TO ALL LCR TEAMS & GROUPS

I know that if there was a hungry child in our parking lot, not one LCR member would walk by without trying to help!

You and your group can help feed hungry children this summer!

It's easy!

Just choose a Sunday this summer and prepare and assemble sack lunches for MUST to distribute to hungry children. (The MUST coordinator has assured us that any dates we choose would be open and more than welcome!)

The simple menus of a sandwich, juice box, salt snack & a sweet snack are easily assembled during a Sunday morning fellowship hour.

Coordinators are needed. Please email me at Suzie@LCRmarietta.org if you can help.

The council site address is <http://lrcouncil.wordpress.com>.