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OUR VISION STATEMENT

To become a vibrant, benevolent congregation that serves God's creation both locally and globally.

A congregation that offers meaningful and inspirational ministries and worship for all ages that honor and praise God while maintaining the feel of an intimate family in Christ.

Also, a congregation that provides opportunities for all to be involved in ministries and programs that foster the development of gifts in all people needed to sustain and expand God's mission.

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The Road That Leads To Life

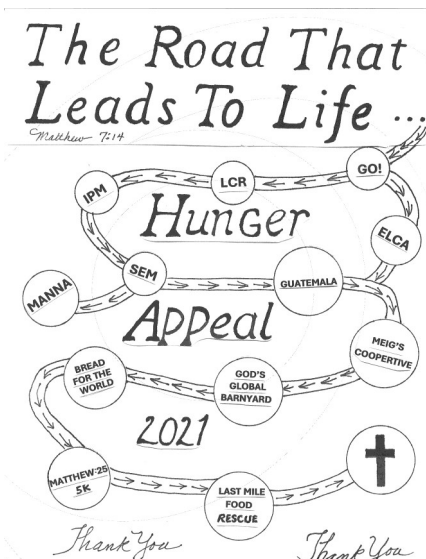
"For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it." – Matthew 7:14

After months of prayer and preparation, our Hunger Task Force is excited to introduce our theme for the 2021 hunger emphasis, *The Road That Leads To Life*. Our theme text, found within the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel, reminds us that the life of faith is challenging amid many distractions, false prophets, and idols that want to turn us in ways that may seem attractive (for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction). Jesus calls us to the narrow way, the road that is hard, the way that leads to life.

The application of this text to temporal life is rather clear; life requires food and adequate nutrition, but we are well aware that in our world, there are many who are food insecure. For many people, the road is hard! It is the culture of our congregation to recognize that life is hard and to make the way easier that leads to life without hunger.

This year, while recognizing that we have so many great activities going on in the fall related to our Jubilee year, we have decided to make the hunger appeal longer, but low key. Rather than having our emphasis in the month of November, we will hold it in October and November, but many of the components of the appeal can be done by our families on their own.

Look for our road sign (thank you Chuck Farmer for assisting in fabricating the sign!) in the Narthex beginning on October 4. It will have much of the information that you will need during the appeal such as educational and volunteer opportunities. We will update it each week, and given the restrictions from Covid-19, we will try to communicate the information digitally as well. We'll place footprints on the floor to track giving to the appeal in \$1,000 increments. While we are not setting a financial goal for the appeal this year because our congregation has been so benevolent to so many appeals in the past 18 months, we do hope to lay many footprints from the front door entry to the doors of the sanctuary. Hunger envelopes have been placed in all church mailboxes and you are invited to give electronically through the LCR website or, if you would like. We do have a button for world hunger on our electronic giving page.



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The Road That Leads To Life (continued)

Here are the components of our hunger emphasis for 2021:

*Mondays, beginning October 4 and running through November 15, we will send our email hunger devotions written by members of our Hunger Task Force and some of our partners in hunger ministry. Please read the devotions and hold the thoughts in your prayer.

*In our adult Sunday School classes, we will have hunger speakers on October 3, 10, and 17.

*On October 24 we will hold a Bread for the World offering of letters (hard copy and digitally) and our annual bread sale. Make a loaf, buy a loaf, and/or purchase a loaf from our sale to support our efforts.

*We will have an activity passport for all youth. They will have the opportunity to have nine boxes stamped to participate in our hunger appeal and earn a prize. The passport will be placed in mailboxes or can be sent digitally from the church office. Amy Altenau will be our "Stamp Queen." Have your children see her as they complete the activities. Some of the activities will be volunteer activities for adults, families and children.

*On the weekend of October 16/17, we will distribute food boxes for collection of items that will be donated to our hunger partner ministries. This has been a fun activity for families in past years. This year, we are integrating a digital component so that members and friends of LCR who join us on our livestream and through the digital church can contribute by using Amazon or Kroger ClickList. Submit your tickets to participate in the drawing for a fun prize!

*On November 20/21 weekend, we will have our annual hunger liturgy and worship service to culminate and celebrate our appeal.

Over the years, we have established a culture of concern about confronting world hunger. We anticipate that you will enjoy this year's hunger emphasis and participate in as many ways as you are able. Let's all walk the road that leads to life, let's walk the road to ending hunger!

In Christ,

The Hunger Task Force

Linda Jones, chair, Joe Abbott, Amy Altenau, Steve Jones, Kirsten McKillop, Jim Michaelis, Katie Nixa, Julie Pahutski, Adam Vance, and Pastor Zorn

Win! Win! Win!: **A Report on our 50th Anniversary** **Meal Packing Event**

On September 11, 47 LCR volunteers joined with Northern Kentucky Hunger Relief to pack 23,380 meals. Given the limitations of Covid-19 concerns, this was a huge success and a triple win. LCR won by having an opportunity to live our faith and feed Christ in our neighbor. (Matthew 25:35) Manna from Heaven and our local hunger partner, Master Provisions, won as we provided them with meals for hungry people. Our entire congregation won, as this event was funded by \$3,000 from our 2019 world hunger appeal. We were unable to utilize the funds for an event in 2020 because of the pandemic, so we were glad to expend them for this good cause in 2021. Thank you to all who participated in this event in any way.



MISSION ACCOMPLISH!

The mission of the Church, as we understand it, is to equip the saints to proclaim the gospel in word and deed. Consider the first “commissioning” for mission, when Jesus, having called the apostles, sent them out with the following instructions, “As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.” (Matthew 10:7-8)

In 21st century Christianity, we may get a bit squeamish about raising the dead, cleansing lepers, and casting out demons. Other denominations may claim those things, but they are surely not in Lutheran parlance. Nevertheless, in a non-literal sense, we are serious about the importance of mission; to further the kingdom by reaching our neighbors with the story of Jesus, prayerfully, verbally, and by our actions.

In our new age of Jubilee (translated debt free!), we have been able to dream, to dream big, and imagine how we can become more impactful in mission. Our Church Council has presented a suggested mission plan. They have heard feedback from the congregation at forums and they are prepared to carry out the mission.

Our stewardship theme this year is MISSION ACCOMPLISH! Note that it is not being said in the more familiar past tense, Mission Accomplished, but rather in the present tense with the added emphasis of an exclamation point. We have a mission and we want to accomplish it! Our congregation has said that it is excited about the mission plan. The question is whether we will fund it. We will encourage your generosity and facilitate the effort to help determine whether we can fund the mission plan. Keep in mind that while we would all like to fund the entire plan and that will be our intent, if we can't, any part of the plan that we do fund will be a success and the result of Jubilee – paying off our mortgage.

In terms of budgeting for 2022, we are in a whole new world where we have never been before in the life of LCR since we have had a building. We are mortgage free. We cannot assume that our members will continue to contribute at historic levels since the mortgage is now paid off. We cannot assume that our members will be growth givers because they are excited about giving to mission and not 20% of their offerings going to debt payment. We hope this will be true, but we cannot responsibly assume it. This year, it is imperative that estimates of giving for 2022 be returned so that our finance staff can make responsible decisions in creating a budget for next year. When you receive the estimate of giving form in the mail, please be prayerful, take some time to consider your estimate of giving, and return it to the church by October 15 (an electronic return option will be available).

Our mission plan is balanced, broad, and based on congregational input - \$30,000 to fund a restricted account to pay for major building needs as they arise in the years ahead (e.g., HVAC units, roof, parking lot, and major appliances), \$34,000 to pay for deferred maintenance on our building (repairs that have been needed over the past years but unfunded), \$19,400 to fund Jubilee II projects that have not been addressed yet (principally bricking the Memorial Garden and creating a labyrinth) \$34,500 for additional outreach ministries, \$10,000 for pastoral scholarships, \$17,375 and \$48,500 to fund the digital strategy in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

Our mission plan amounts to \$193,825. We believe that it can be realistically achieved but it will be a heavy lift. We need \$190,000 in offerings over the last quarter of this year, and we need offerings in 2022 that resemble historical giving trends (i.e., offerings will not be reduced because the mortgage is paid off).

Our fall stewardship emphasis will be shaped as follows:

- October 2/3 Weekend Worship - Temple talk from Stewardship Committee
- Week of October 4 - Estimate of giving cards sent to all families
- October 9/10 Weekend Worship - Sermon and liturgy - Temple Talk from one of our leaders in support of the mission plan
- October 15 Conclusion of the emphasis - Estimate of giving cards returned digitally or by mail and blessed in worship the following weekend

In Christ,

The Stewardship Committee - Dan Tandy, Rick McKenzie, and Pastor Zorn

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC)

The RIC Team invites you to join us the weekend of **October 16-17** in celebration of LCR becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. LCR received our certificate from Reconciling Works (Lutherans for full participation) on July 12, 2020. October 11 is set aside as Coming Out Day – LCR will also “come out” and say we’re here and we welcome you.

October is Bullying Prevention Month and Coming Out Day (October 11)

Earlier in September, I was considering what to write for October’s Ramblings that would be pertinent to Bullying and Coming Out. I didn’t have a clue what I wanted to write so I decided to think about it while I was on vacation in Wisconsin. Sometimes, unbeknownst to us, we are directed by others to the right place at the right time to help us pull our thoughts and words together.

Steve and I spent a few days in Hudson, Wisconsin. While there, a friend suggested that we visit Stillwater, Minnesota – he thought it was the kind of town we would enjoy. Stillwater is about 20 minutes from Hudson upstream on the Minnesota side of the St. Croix River. (Coincidence or part of my being moved in the direction I was supposed to go?)

We decided to visit Stillwater the next morning. Their downtown is lovely - quaint and artsy. It was a sunny day with just a little breeze. We were walking along and I spotted a coffee shop and told Steve I needed (yes, needed) an Earl Grey hot tea. We had our dog with us so Steve remained outside with her.

The first thing I noticed on the glass door before I walked in was a sign (at eye level) in rainbow colors informing me that “everyone is welcome, doesn’t matter who you are, you are welcome here.” Oh good, I thought, this is wonderful. I strolled inside and found a few folks eating pastries and drinking their morning coffee/tea. The atmosphere was warm and friendly – non-threatening. Two middle-aged men that I assumed to be the owners of the shop, were behind the counters. I ordered my tea and paid for it while chatting with the man at the register and then I moved down the counter to where the second man was preparing my tea. I took notice of his shirt – he wore a Pride t-shirt. On my way out of the shop, I noticed that the man at the register was wearing a WKRP in Cincinnati t-shirt. (Wow! was I in the right place or what?)

I enjoyed my Earl Grey tea, we strolled around downtown and I noticed the same welcoming sign on other shops along the way. We passed by all types of people – tall, short, nose piercings, short hair, long hair, hair of ALL colors, those that live there and those that were visitors – God’s rainbow, His children. The feeling on that downtown street was one of acceptance and welcome.

A few days later I was thinking about that coffee shop and the town of Stillwater and it hit me that my thoughts and words could now come together. I don’t remember the name of the coffee shop, but I do remember how I felt when I was there – calm, accepted, happy. I only spent 5 or so minutes in that shop, but the feeling is still with me. I wondered, was that Jesus at the register wearing the WKRP in Cincinnati t-shirt who chatted with me? Was Jesus wearing the Pride t-shirt and handing me my tea? I think that if Jesus and His disciples were traveling through Stillwater, they would be in that coffee shop serving, talking, and having a great time.

During this month of October, let us think about and pray for those who are bullied just because they are LGBTQIA+, think about and pray for those who are finding the courage to come out and say who they truly are. It takes so much courage to be who you are – especially if you are “different.”

At LCR, let us be like the coffee shop in Stillwater – no matter who comes through our doors, they are welcome to gather with us. In the words of Maya Angelou, “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”.

RECONCILING *in* CHRIST



Pastor Nicole's 2022 Sabbatical:

Ireland, Scotland, Celtic Christianity, Writing, and Learning

It is with both excitement and deep gratitude that I share plans for an upcoming Sabbatical in 2022. The Introduction to LCR's Sabbatical Policy states that,

"It is vital for rostered ministers of the church and for the congregation to realize the importance of the ministers' life-long continuing education through workshops, seminary courses, and personal study. Congregations of the ELCA have long been encouraged to provide time and financial assistance to enable ministers to maintain and improve their skills. The Southern Ohio Synod expressly recommends that from time to time, however, ministers need and require an extended period of time for study, personal growth, reflection and renewal without the demands of one's regular employment -- an extended study leave or sabbatical leave."

LCR's policy states that "a sabbatical may be taken after the seventh year of [full time -- at least 32 hours per week] service at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Further, "a sabbatical will normally be for three months (including the two continuing education weeks normally granted). Vacation should not be included as sabbatical time...During the year of the sabbatical the rostered minister shall not take any other time for continuing education." In accordance with our policy, I submitted a proposal for sabbatical time to LCR's council at our September meeting where it was approved.

As a result, I will spend August, September, and October of 2022 away from LCR for an extended time of renewal, enrichment, study, spiritual growth, travel, and writing. I will begin my time away in Ireland and Scotland, first with my family and then on my own as a pilgrimage visiting ancient and contemporary sites that are meaningful to Celtic Christianity. From August 8-18, I will visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, Glendalough Monastic Site, Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland Cathedrals at Armagh, the Corrymeela Community, ancient ruins, and the Book of Kells at Trinity College, among others as a pilgrim. I will finish my time on the island of Iona, Scotland, where an ancient monastery continues the traditions of Celtic Christianity. I will spend a few days there reading, studying, praying, worshipping, and contemplating before heading to Edinburgh to fly home.

Once home I will continue my studies of Celtic Christianity through three online courses as I process all I saw and experienced. Celtic Christianity has much to offer contemporary expression of faith and spirituality; especially contemplative practices, a deep connection to creation, the importance of humanity's bearing the image of God, the meaning of hospitality, the role of spiritual companionship, and others. As the church navigates new ways of being in this contemporary Reformation, Celtic Christianity has much to guide us and help as the church and spirituality take new form.

I will also be spending time writing. Writing has long been a love of mine. The patterns and rhythms of day to day life rarely afford me the opportunity to dedicate to it that I would like, so I'm thrilled with a sabbatical opportunity to explore new rhythms for writing. I have been working on a children's book about Mary Magdalene for some time now that I hope to submit for publication; I will also be pursuing other writing projects for submission in Christian and spiritual publications. Add in a little time to see extended family, and those three months will fly by!

I have read a variety of books about how best to plan and shape sabbatical time as a clergy person. I was most struck by Robert C. Sailer's *Planning Sabbaticals: A Guide for Congregations and their Pastors*. The writer has worked for the Lilly Endowment Fund with sabbatical and renewal planning for 20+ years. He emphasized the value of the congregation's participation from afar in the sabbatical, which is what I found most compelling. Over the next months, you will see regular Ramblings articles from me about Celtic Christianity; its rich history, its spirituality and theology, its gifts to contemporary faith. My hope is that you all will be as excited about my trip as I am and will come to see all that LCR can gain from this experience as well -- not only a renewed and energized pastor, but one with new tools and resources to invest in the spiritual growth of all ages, in the contemplative ministry, and evangelistically as Celtic Christianity has a unique flavor that speaks to contemporary seekers.

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Pastor Nicole's 2022 Sabbatical: (continued)

My sabbatical committee is comprised of David Mengel, Jay Guenther, Gail Koford, and Madi Fusco. Together we will find ways for LCR to engage with the growth I am experiencing while I am away, and offer more information as the sabbatical approaches.

When LCR approves the budget for 2022, my sabbatical is a part of it. I will be using funds from Continuing Education, my Discretionary Funds, and additional funds for this sabbatical. I will also be applying to the Lilly Endowment National Clergy Renewal Program for funding. Should I receive support from Lilly, I will not use any funds from LCR. As far as logistics, I am thankful to be part of a clergy team. Pr. Zorn will pick up some of my responsibilities in my absence, as will congregational leaders, and a few colleagues by way of pulpit supply.

I am really excited and looking forward to this incredible opportunity! I am deeply grateful for the church council, for Pr. Zorn, and for all of you in making this possible.

<><Pr. Nicole

Adult Sunday School

-Pastor Zorn

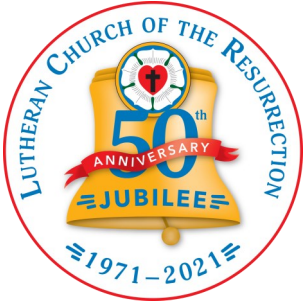
Adult Sunday School begins on October 3, at 11:00 a.m. in the library. Due to continued concerns with the pandemic and through the benefits of digital church (the world is our classroom and the world is our teacher), we will offer a hybrid option for Sunday School this year. Members who are present at the church for worship can find their way into the library and we will have technology set up to use Zoom for virtual participants. The configuration in the library will not be perfect and it is not what we anticipate in our digital strategy, but until we can get plans and funding in place, this will have to do. Surely, the benefits will outweigh the shortcomings.

We will kick off our year with three speakers on the subject of hunger as we get our congregational hunger appeal underway. On October 3, we will hear from Jerome Peaker, who is the Partnerships & Program Director for Last Mile Food Rescue. This is an exciting, new effort in Cincinnati to rescue food that was headed to the landfill. We will be invited to volunteer in this important effort. On October 10, our speaker will be Rev. Nelson H. Rabell González, an ELCA pastor who serves the immigrant community of the Greater Stockton Area in California, as the Mission Developer and Pastor for Misión Latina Luterana. He will join us via Zoom to share his experiences of hunger ministry on the front line with the workers who are responsible for the fruit and vegetables that we consume. On October 17, we will be joined, via Zoom, by a speaker from the Ohio State Food Cooperative, who will share information about hunger and food sources in our state.

Adult Sunday School through the remainder of October through mid-November will be interrupted by our 50th anniversary events and our annual congregational meeting. Thereafter, we will meet more consistently. If you have ideas for adult Sunday School topics, please share them with me.

We will have the same zoom link for the entire year: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88697351178?pwd=ODVyY0owTXk5V2ZFSlg4S3VDQS9VUT09>

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION GROWS WHEN YOU
BRING A FRIEND!**



Jubilee Year Update: Celebrating After a Pandemic!

And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. – Leviticus 25:10

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary from November 2020 through November 2021, we will provide an article in the Ramblings each month to highlight upcoming events and provide any required details to help the congregation join in the festivities. Again, we remind you that if you have adult children who grew up in the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection community, please keep them informed. Also be reminded that we have established a 50th anniversary landing page on our web site (<https://www.lcresurrection.org/50thAnniversary>) that has the calendar for the entire year.

Jubilee Events in September

We have started painting the 50th anniversary mural. There are many opportunities to participate. Ideally, our goal is that every member of the church will paint at least one brush stroke and take “ownership” in the project so that in the decades ahead, as it hangs on the wall in the Narthex, we can each be proud of our effort. The “big reveal” will happen in worship on Reformation Sunday, October 31.

On September 11, we held our meal packing event with Northern Kentucky Hunger Relief and packed 23,880 meals. (See the report on page 2 of Ramblings).

On a lovely autumn Sunday, September 19, we had an outdoor worship service and dedicated our 50th anniversary commemorative caliper tulip poplar tree on our front lawn. We also distributed Jubilee logo tote bags for each family attending. Special thanks to Altenau Financial for sponsoring this event.

On September 25, we held our LCR Member and Alumni Concert. Matt Mauro did a great job of organizing 11 gifted LCR musicians, our Resurrection Ringers, and the adult choir, for an enjoyable evening. From the youngest to the most senior members, we enjoyed a lovely performance of LCR’s talents. Matt even composed a piano solo that was quite moving as musician and instrument almost became one!

Mark Your Calendars - Upcoming Events in October

October 10 – John Fireovid and Pastor Nicole have been working hard with LCR’s teenagers to add their voice to the Jubilee Year. Our teens will lead a multi-generational event to bury a time capsule on our property after the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

October 23/24 – Former member, Barry Riehle, will make a visit to LCR and preach at all of our worship services. Fellowship with Barry will follow the 9:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday.

October 31 – On Reformation Sunday we’ll have the Big Reveal of the congregational mural!

Be reminded that rsvp’s for the 50th Anniversary Dinner are due by **October 7**. The dinner will be held on Saturday, November 13. Our 50th anniversary worship celebration will take place on Sunday, November 14 (one worship service only, on that weekend.)

The Long Range Planning Committee

Loraine Everett, John Fireovid, Kathy Meyer, and Pastor Zorn

Health Ministry

Are you weary about dealing with COVID-19 (SARS2)? I believe many of us are, including myself. So briefly, I would like to address our next health issue: **FLU-Influenza**.

Yes, it is true. The USA had few cases last year because we were isolating, wearing masks, distancing (6 feet), staying home when we were sick, washing our hands frequently, and disinfecting surfaces. So those recommendations are still in place to prevent colds (Rhinovirus), Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) ...and the **Flu**.

However, as we are resuming our daily lives, we are socializing and letting our guard down. So, our Public Health officials anticipate a severe flu season. In the Northern hemisphere, Flu season generally occurs from October to May.

In addition to the Influenza viruses, we still need to be aware of SARS2 virus. Symptoms are similar; you are contagious before you exhibit symptoms and remain contagious on average up to 7 days after exhibiting symptoms with Influenza and 10 + days with SARS2. Both viruses are predominantly spread through person to person contact, but can also be on surfaces that are touched. The major difference is that SARS2 is more contagious/virulent than Influenza. However, both have complications that may result in hospitalization and possibly death.

There are quick tests and blood tests to determine if you have the Flu or COVID. Contact your physician or local urgent care.

At this writing, I assume that many of you have received your immunization for COVID-19. Now it is time to obtain your **Influenza vaccination** for those 6 months and older. The recommendation that you obtain it by the end of October. Remember it takes 2 weeks to build up antibodies from the vaccination. This year the vaccination is quadrivalent, covering Influenza A(H1N1), Influenza B, and Influenza A (H3N2). It is 40-60% effective depending on your age, health and chronic conditions, and antigenic drift (the virus's natural change process). However, it has been **shown to reduce your flu illness and complications**, which can lead to hospitalization etc. As a side note, if available, those over 65 should ask to receive the high dose. The FluMist is for those who are 2-49 years old. Your provider, clinic, or local pharmacy will know your correct dose and administration route.

Finally, the COVID-19 Booster may be given at the same time as the Influenza immunization. All other vaccinations must be postponed at least two weeks.

In closing, I plead with you to be current with all your immunizations as you are precious to me, your loved ones, each other, and God.

Mary Ann Mette, RN, BSN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ASAP for ESL

We have an ABUNDANCE of young people in attendance during ESL. These are the children of our adult immigrant students. Most of them are fluent in English.

1. We are in need of homework helpers/youth enrichment assistants, IN-PERSON, at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 1950 Nagel Road, every Thursday through Dec. 2, 6:45 pm-8:30 pm. (Class starts at 7 p.m.) Kids bring their homework, and volunteers review or offer assistance. All subjects. Ages are 1st grade to middle school. (Aiming for 3 students per helper, both for ratio reasons and as a health & safety precaution.)

2. One REMOTE volunteer opportunity: Assist our online ESL class as a ZOOM moderator. If you like being on ZOOM, it's super easy and remote. Moderator starts the meetings, and, following a timetable, moves people into Zoom breakout rooms with their teachers, brings them back, highlights the storyteller for the evening, etc.) This is part of our "hybrid" ESL class, as our live class tunes in at a certain point for shared activities, and it's, of course, also on Thursdays through Dec. 2, 6:45 p.m-8:30 p.m.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping, even if you're not, please spread the word for me! THANK YOU!

Contact Sue Goldberg, skmgoldberg@gmail.com or 513-205-6499



Beloved Community -

Thank you so much for all of the prayers, good wishes, and love you showed me during my recent illness. It is so wonderful to have you all in my life.

Blessings always to you all. Be safe. Be well.

Kay Lucccasen

Thank you to all who planned, organized, served and donated for the memorial service and luncheon for Chuck Stafford. What a wonderful community we are a part of.

-Vicki Harper

LCR Members:

Now that we have had time to reflect on the passing of our father, Chuck Stafford, it is time to say thank you to those that supported us through this difficult time. Karen, thank you for your care and attention. You truly made the whole experience easy as this was our first time planning a funeral. I know that you made the payments very clear for Sara, you provided the information for the columbarium, you prepared us well for our participation in the service and you ushered all of the attendees. Thank you for all that you did.

Please pass along our sincere thank you to Jason, Bruce, Faye and Barb. The sound levels were great and the video was truly appreciated by many people that could not travel for the funeral. The pandemic introduced technology into churches that can actually help bring us together even when the pandemic is over. The piano music was lovely and I am so glad we were able to provide communion.

The team that supported the luncheon were absolutely fabulous. They made us feel well cared for and obviously provided plenty of food and drink. The selection was awesome.

We all felt well supported by LCR and thank you for making this difficult time much more bearable.

Sincerely,

Julie, Dave and Sara

LCR TIME CAPSULE

What is LCR's legacy? What will we communicate to LCR in another 50 years?

As part of our Jubilee Celebration the youth & teenagers of LCR will be collecting ideas and items for storage in a Time Capsule to be buried on the LCR property. The Sunday Small Groups will be reflecting and preparing for this project by considering.

How do we connect to LCR in 2021?

What is it like to be a Christian teenager & youth today?

What do you want to tell the teenage & youth of 2071?

Finally, at the conclusion of 9:30 worship on **October 10** we'll have a ceremony celebrating this project and these reflections.



Planning Your Estate?

Please consider a gift from your estate to the LCR Endowment Fund.

Use this language to make a gift (bequest):

"I give and bequeath to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, an Ohio nonprofit corporation (located at 1950 Nagel Road; Cincinnati, OH 45255; FEIN 31-0810197) [a sum of money, percentage of my estate or description of the gift]. I request that the gift be added to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Endowment Fund."

The Endowment Committee can help you with any questions.



The Endowment Fund



WITH SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy to **Bruce Laybourne** on the death of his mother and LCR member, **June Laybourne**.

WITH SYMPATHY: We offer our sympathy to **Steve Ray** on the death of his mother, **Martha Ray**.

BIRTH: We celebrate with **Dave & Jenn Seley** on the birth of their daughter, **Coraline Ann Seley**.

CELEBRATE: The following youth will begin a three-year Catechism program this fall: **Jack Andres, Graham Hastings, Anna Petru, and Caroline Pritts**. They received their Small Catechism in class. We ask that you support and encourage them as they continue on their faith journey.

CHRISTIAN MINDFULNESS COMMUNITY SPECIAL GUEST - RON ESPOSITO

As part of our Jubilee year, the Christian Mindfulness Community is presenting a guest leader, Ron Esposito, on **October 12** at 7:00 pm. This guest will be leading the contemplative service that evening.

Ron Esposito is a crystal and Tibetan singing bowls player and recording artist. He also is a certified life coach and Enneagram teacher at the Conscious Living Center in Cincinnati. Music from Ron's six recordings is heard in the television shows *Hawaii 5-0*, *Arrested Development*, *Ray Donovan* and *Blackish* and in the Netflix film *Antebellum*, featuring Janelle Monae. Some of Ron's music and tracks from his *Open Heart* recording were played on NPR's music soundscape, *Echoes*. He plays the singing bowls in concert and for yoga and meditation with the intention of us ascending on the spiral of consciousness.

Please join us for this enlightening evening of prayer and meditation with Ron and his singing bowls.

"The sound of the singing bowls is like clouds dancing across the empty sky of Mind."

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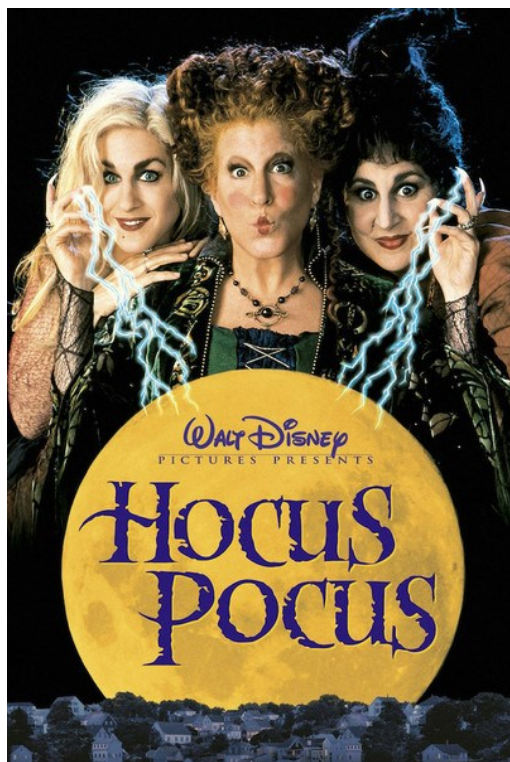
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Fall Speakers for the Contemplative Services

LCR's Christian Mindfulness Community is excited to share the slate of visiting speakers this fall.

- In November Mary Laymon, is a joint founder of Tikkun Farm with husband, Greg York. Mary is a retired Lutheran pastor and will share some of her journey that inspired the establishment of the farm center. For more about Tikkun Farm and their ministry: <http://www.tikkunfarm.com/meet-mary-greg/>
- December will be a deeply spiritual and beautiful service of multiple candles, music and quiet reflections. More on the complete program will be announced soon.



Halloween Fun For Everyone!!

Everyone is invited to kick off Halloween fun on **October 16th** 2-4pm at RJ Cinemas in Eastgate with a Church-Family-Viewing of *Hocus Pocus*, the iconic Halloween Classic featuring "The Sanderson Sisters" played by Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, and Kathy Najimy. *Hocus Pocus* is Based on *The Witches* by Roald Dahl, it tells the story of a Halloween-hating teenager named Max Dennison, who inadvertently resurrects three witches from their temporary death and must risk his life to protect his sister, Dani, and defeat them with the help of a classmate crush, a friendly zombie, and an immortal black cat. LCR has taken care of admissions. Snacks and refreshments will be available at the concession stand for purchase. So dress up in your favorite Halloween costume or gear, grab your kiddos or youth, and let's have some Hocus Pocus fun!!

NERF Battle - October 24th!!!

The Orange Team is wanting to really focus on fun and connection with our children, youth, and families for the 2022-2023 Ministry Year. As such, we're doing some NEW things like cancelling Sunday School on **October 24th** for an all out kids vs parents/adults NERF Battle! Everyone is welcome to participate! Bring your favorite NERF blaster and athletic shoes for a game of Capture the Flag on the church grounds from 11am-Noon. If you don't have a NERF Blaster, not to worry. LCR has a few for borrowing. Make plans for NERF fun on October 24th!!!



Blessing of the Animals

This year's Blessing of the Animals will take place on **Sunday, October 3** at 2:00pm on the lawn of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church.

Luther Tables Kickoff Cookout

Saturday, October 9th, 2021 at 6.45 pm at LCR

Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or on SignUpGenius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844acaa2ba0f58-luther>).

Luther Tables is open to both singles and couples. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet, get to know new people and spend time with old friends in our church family. At the kickoff, we will select the table groups. Each single or couple takes a turn hosting their dinner group once during the year. We have had singles pair up to put on dinners together.

If you are interested, but unable to join us for the kickoff on October 9, please sign-up in the Narthex, or via SignUpGenius and we will make sure you are included in a table group. You will be contacted after the event to let you know who is in your group.

If you have any questions, please contact Åsa Durtsche via e-mail or phone (513-497-4456).

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identity or expression;
relationship or social status; abilities or
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outcast or stranger; typical or atypical skills;
how the world describes you or you describe
yourself.

We invite those sure in who they are, those still seeking and
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Because God loves us unconditionally, we share our
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