

Interim Associate Pastor

Pastor Nate Montover will be starting his interim call here at Resurrection on Oct. 1st

Hello Friends!

When I arrived at the office for my first day as your Interim Associate Pastor I heard a sentence that I have been hearing, repeatedly, for the last 20 years. “We could use a newsletter article.” So, as my second official act as your new Interim Associate (the first was to attend your awesome Wednesday night programs) here it is!

My name is Nate, and that’s what most people call me. I have been a pastor in our synod since 1999, and for the last 14 years I have also taught in the Religion Department at Augustana College. Earlier this year our family made the decision to focus our energy on the next phase of our lives so I left Augustana and the two rural parishes I was serving and we relocated to Tiffin, Iowa.

When I’m not serving at Hope Lutheran in Cedar Rapids, or as your Interim Associate, I focus on my family (my wife, Kim, our daughters Autumn and Clare, and our sons Christian, Jacob, and Philip). However, I’ll admit that I often take time away from family to run and play guitar in a few bands here and there.

I look forward to getting to know you all better in the days ahead, and I’d like to thank you for the hospitality you have shown me thus far. Here’s to our shared ministry!!

Peace, Nate

Call Committee Update

Thank you to everyone who completed a Survey recently. We received about 200 responses, which have been tabulated and are now being translated into the final Ministry Site Profile document. As soon as this is completed, we will be in a position to give some feedback on the qualities you told us you would like to see in our new Senior Pastor, as well as some of the most important issues you see as needing to be addressed. At this time, we would like to invite anyone in the congregation who has someone they would like to suggest as a potential candidate for the Senior Pastor role to contact any member of the call committee so we can assist in forwarding your information. Your thoughts, comments, and prayers have been valuable and much appreciated and I would respectfully ask for the prayers to continue.

- Elizabeth Buckeridge, Call Cmte.

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

WOW, this place is hopping! There is something happening almost every day of the week for you to enter into. Check the calendar to find your niche. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU. A group has been formed for those of us who are 55 and older, and may be beginning to grey a little at the temples. I don’t think you will have to show your ID to be accepted fully into the activities that are being planned. This is a great way to meet people and spend part of your free time. The group has chosen to be known as PEP - People Enjoying People. Great choice! See you around LCR.

Interim Pastor Denny Wright

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New Member Luncheon

We are having a luncheon and information meeting for all who are interested in learning more about Lutheran Church of the Resurrection on *Sunday, October 27* at 11:30 am. We will gather for lunch, get to know each other, and answer as many questions you might have. If this sparks an interest in becoming members of LCR, we will be receiving new members at all services on the weekend of November 3.

Worship

October 6 & 9 - Lord, Increase Our Faith

Preacher: Pastor Nate Montover

Bible readings: Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4; Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

October 13 & 16 - Where Are the Other Nine?

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

Jesus’ mission includes making the unclean clean again. Unexpectedly, a cleansed Samaritan leper becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God’s mercy.

October 20 & 23: Will He Find Faith

Preacher: Pastor Nate Montover

Bible readings - Genesis 32:22-31; Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells the parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow’s pleas. Jesus is calling God’s people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

October 27 & 30 - Together - Holy Baptism

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings: Matthew 28:16-20

Today we are beginning a five week series titled “Together.” TOGETHER we are connected through the promises of Jesus. This week we will be hearing how God has connected us through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Each of our services throughout the next five weeks will end by singing together “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”

2019 Christmas Concert

The LCR Christmas Concert is planned for the evening of *Sunday, December 8*. We are looking for people who would like to help plan this wonderful event. Contact Cari by Sunday, October 6 - cariredondo@gmail.com.

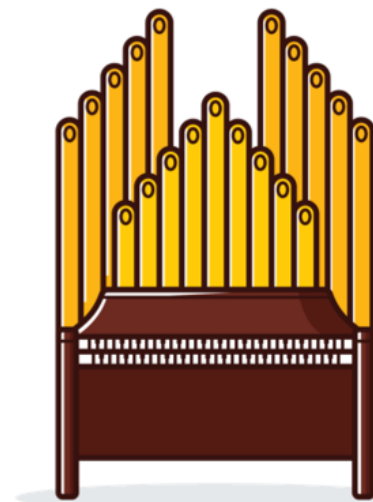
New Organ

We are a congregation that supports many types of musical instruments at all three services that provide a wonderful worship atmosphere. Sad to say, one of those instruments is now over 50+ years old and is not dependable. If we did

not have accomplished organists who can suddenly improvise when random keys do not work, our 8:00 service, weddings, and funerals could possibly be interrupted in mid-song!

A team with representation from all three services has been put together to explore the possibility of selecting and purchasing a new organ for LCR. Team members are: Matthew Lang, Cari Redondo, Laurie Stock, and Marlin Oeltjen, with Barb Hazelton and Marcie Vogel as co-chairs. Organists Ruth Armstrong and Cheryl Irland will serve as consultants.

Visits will be made to area churches to listen and play recently-installed organs. We will not begin an Organ Fund Drive until we are sure of what is best for our facility. We will not be asking for contributions from members at this time. However, please be aware that it is possible to donate at any time to our Memorial Fund, designating that contribution to the Organ Fund. As the holidays approach, members might wish to remember past and current relatives and friends in this way. We also have a newly created clearing account designated to the new Organ Fund if you wish to make a year-end gift.



Ministry

September/October Mission Envelopes

....will go to ELCA World Hunger, which works through congregations in the US and abroad. ELCA World Hunger reaches communities in need through health clinics, microloans, water wells, animal husbandry, community meals, and advocacy. These gifts support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. *Thanks to all who gave in July & August for the Catherine McAuley Center - our total gift was \$1,460!*

Marion Lutheran Churches Blood Drive

Give 'the gift of life' on *Thursday, October 17* from 2:00-6:30 pm, right here at Resurrection. A sign-up sheet is on the entryway bulletin board.

Mission of Hope Luncheon

On *Thursday, October 3*, our team members will prepare and serve another delicious, nutritious lunch to clients at the mission in Cedar Rapids. Let us know in the church office if you'd like to get involved.

Volunteers

Don't ever question the value of volunteers - remember that the Ark was built by volunteers, and the Titanic was built by professionals!

Ministry through Music

There are many ways to be involved in ministry if you like to sing. The choir practices on Wednesday night at 7:15. The King's Men and the Galileans (women's choir) practices are both Wednesdays at 6:15. You could also join the Bell Choirs (Thursday evenings). There is one for adults and one for children. If you would like to be a part of an amazing group of people, make new friends, and have a good time, one of these groups is certainly for you. You will really find yourself looking forward to Wednesday nights.

EWALU Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, October 19 is our final workday at EWALU this fall. Individuals or groups come to help us clean up after the summer camp season. There will be free lunch & dinner for all who participate; RSVP at 563-933-4700 or office@ewalu.org. Thank you.

The Ministry of Ushering

Ushers are the front line of a welcoming ministry. Many ushers prefer to practice their craft out of the spotlight, so their importance is often overlooked. However, the pastor preaches and the organist plays, but without the usher, nothing begins or ends and chaos ensues! People require dependable ushers to navigate congregational worship. Consider being an usher and filling one of these important roles.

Food Pantry Helpers needed

Churches of Marion Food Pantry needs volunteers for several important tasks: Produce pick-up in Hiawatha on Mon & Wed afternoons; Bread pick-up on Tuesday mornings at 7 am; Grocery shoppers - various times, at least once each month. NOTE: these jobs are better suited to two-person teams, as they involve significant lifting and moving. We also need individuals to work with pantry clients putting their food donations together on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm. This task involves some light lifting. Contact Cari (cariredondo@gmail.com) if you can help out.

Wrapped In God's Care

On *Saturday, November 9* the Resurrection Knitters & Crocheters will be tying scarves around trees in downtown Marion so that those in need - regardless of income - can help themselves. If you are interested in helping with this project by making a scarf yourself, you can connect with our Knitters Group on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the lounge. If you'd rather work on your own, you can donate completed scarves to the project any time before Nov. 9th. Contact Pam Kacena with questions or to get involved: 319-360-5165.

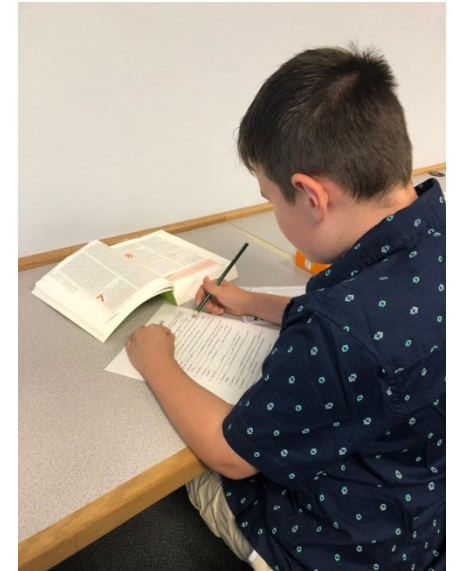


Sunday School

Sunday School Reminders

We have had a great start to the year, here are a few things to keep in mind as we get settled in:
 Sunday School runs from 9:15 to 10:15.
 Students of all ages must be signed in and signed out of class by a responsible adult.
 Exterior doors in the back of the church will be locked during the Sunday School hour, if you think you will be late, join us through the front doors please!

SS Director - Jessi Heidelberg / jessi@lcrmarion.org



We started the year studying Noah and the ark - our students are doing a great job flipping through and finding verses on their own!

Wednesday Night Live

3rd—5th Grade Students Meets on Wednesdays 6:00—7:00 pm in the fellowship Hall



WNL Director
 Jill Hansen
 jill@lcrmarion.org

WNL will **not** be going to Pumpkin Patch Pizazz in October as the farm is not open this year.



October Schedule

- October 2nd—Game Night
- October 9th—Large Group/Small Group
- October 16th—TBD
- October 23rd—Service Night (Scarf Project)
- October 30th—Fall Party (Costumes Optional)

Adult Faith Development

Our Sunday adult classes meet from **9:15-10:15 am** and change every seven weeks, offering a variety of topics. If you're interested in facilitating a class, contact Donna Dennis or Dan Tegtmeier (phone numbers below)

Sunday mornings at 9:15

Our Doubt series is for new confirmands and high school freshmen. We use Rob Bell's "Nooma" video series to prompt serious faith conversations on a variety of subjects. *Class meets in the church lounge.*

Our Disciple series begins in approx. 435 BC in the "Chronological Bible." We study the rebuilding of the temple by Nehemiah, Ezra's teaching of the Law, and Malachi's message for the post-exilic period of Jerusalem. Soon after, we head in to the Gospels, reading them simultaneously so we can see the similarities and differences from the perspective of a former tax collector, a doctor, and fishermen. *Class meets in the fellowship hall.*

Our Doing series is "Sacred Parenting." We study how to love our children as God loves us, his children. (Donna Dennis says - "I studied this book when my children were teenagers. It changed my perspective! I wish I would've studied it when they were toddlers.") *Class meets in the conference room.*

Other Small Groups....

- ◆ **Financial Peace University** - Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, Pam Brown (batsllc@msn.com)
- ◆ **Rebecca Mary Martha Circle** - *Wednesday, October 2* at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall
- ◆ **JAM (Jesus And Me) Women's Circle** - *Monday, October 14* at 1:00 pm in the church lounge
- ◆ **Biblical Fellowship** - 'The Letters of John' on *Tuesday, October 15* at 2:00 pm, fellowship hall
- ◆ **Malachi** - 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00 pm, Donna Dennis (319-432-4148)
- ◆ **Righteous Path of God** - 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, Dan Tegtmeier (319-240-8348)
- ◆ **Loaves, Fishes, & Faith gathering** - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 11:30 am, Mary Jo Carlson (319-721-3775)
- ◆ **Brewing Up the Bible** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Zio Johnno's in Marion, starting at 7:30 pm. Please join us on *Wednesday, October 9* for fellowship, beverages, and study! Contact John Wilkinson for details.

Outreach

LIFETREE CAFÉ meets Fridays at noon in our café in the fellowship hall. At Lifetree Café we have coffee, snacks, and discussion around topics that affect our lives. Come and join the conversation! Feel free to bring friends. *October topics are...*

- ◆ **October 4** - *A Reason to Live: a story of hope from Rwanda*
- ◆ **October 11** - *I Lived in a Dumpster: how a homeless teenager rose to the top of her class*
- ◆ **October 18** - *Surviving the Death of a Loved One: finding peace in your time of loss*
- ◆ **October 25** - *Loving Those with Cancer: how to cope, care, and give hope*



Fellowship

PEP - Harvest of Memories

On *Sunday, October 20* at 5:00 pm, we'll enjoy a meal of sloppy joes & side dishes and friendly conversations. Sharing memories & photos and rotating groups will bring laughs and new friends. Pam Brown, Sue Anderson, Linda Erlandson, and Nyla Vanourny are planning this wonderful evening.

Book Club

On *Tuesday, October 15* at 6:30 pm we'll meet at the church to discuss "The Keeper of Lost Things" by Ruth Hogan. Library copies are available in the church office for you to sign out. Contact Sherrill at 319-329-0114 or sherrillamorrison@gmail.com if you have any questions. You are always welcome to invite non-member friends to our gatherings.

Cribbage Group

We are gathering on *Friday, October 11 and 25* from 1:15 to 3:15 pm to enjoy card-playing fellowship. Everyone is welcome, including non-members and those who have never played before. There is no fee to participate, just come and have some fun! Contact John Knodle at 551-8162 if you have any questions.

Knitting Group

The Knitters would love to see you any Thursday from 6:30-8:30 pm. We have knitting needles and yarn for making hospice blankets. We're very happy to teach people how to knit or crochet, so come meet us sometime! You may also bring your own projects to work on, including needlepoint or cross-stitch. Call Pam Kacena if you have any questions (319-360-5165)

PEP - Save the Date

This event on *Sunday, November 24* at 4:30 pm will feature a movie and soup made by all. Remembering the 'stone soup' story, you are invited to bring one beef soup vegetable, cleaned and cut up, to put into our beef & hot broth kettle. While it cooks, we'll watch the movie "I Can Only Imagine." Then we'll eat our soup, pretzels, and dessert. In addition, you are urged to bring several cans of soup for two local non-profits. This evening is brought to you by Ed & Sharon Hill, Paul & Betty Bendixen, and Barb & Jim Hazelton.

Stephen Ministry

On *Monday, October 7th*, Stephen Ministry training begins for a group of 8 lay people from our congregation. This training for caring ministry was developed by Stephen Ministries St. Louis. Using it, congregations all over the world have implemented lasting programs of lay caring ministry.

Over the next few months our Stephen Minister trainees will receive extensive training in Christian caring skills. Some of the areas they will cover in training include listening effectively, dealing with feeling, confidentiality, using the resources of Christianity, being assertive, and a number of other topics dealing with specific life crises. Throughout, the training will emphasize the theology of caring for the whole person.

Following the training, these men and women will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to carry out ministries of caring within our congregation and community, with people experiencing such problems in life such as hospitalization, grief, loneliness, and many other life crises. Working under the guidance and supervision of Stephen Leaders, the Stephen Ministers will extend the capacity of our congregation to care.

The people who are attending this Stephen Ministry training and committing to two years as Stephen Ministers are *Joyce, Tom, Susan, Rachel, Rebecca, Thomas, Kathy, and Curt*. Please keep these people in your prayers as they receive this training for caring ministry.



Please also keep in your prayers our current Stephen Ministers who are providing care to our congregation. If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry training and caregiving, please feel free to call me, Mary Hajek, at 319-899-6454.

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- Oct. 7: Five Characteristics of a Caregiver
- Oct. 14: An Exciting Adventure
- Oct. 21: The Art of Listening
- Oct. 28: Distinctively Christian Caring

EDGE Youth Group

Join us
this fall as
we study
through
the book
of Mark!
All are
welcome!

We meet on
Wednesdays
from 7:30 to
9:00 pm
Contact Katie
with any
questions:
katie@lcr
marion.org

TRUNK Confirmation TREAT

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm / Discipleship Training, Prayer, & Fun for 6th-8th graders

October Schedule

- Wed, Oct. 2 - Small Group
- Fri-Sun, Oct. 4-6 - Dirty Feet Retreat
for 6th & 7th graders (8th graders optional)
- Wed, Oct. 9 - Large Group with Guide Huddle
- Wed, Oct. 16 - Large Group
- Wed, Oct. 23 - Small Groups
- Wed, Oct. 30 - **Trunk or Treat, 5:00-6:30 pm**
Students should arrive at 4 pm to decorate and help set up; bring at least one bag of candy.

Last month, confirmation bibles were presented to:

- Josiah BerryKnoop, Devin Boehmke,
- Chase Bradley, Jenna Butz, Carter Byers,
- Rylie Ann Byers, Alexa Clymer, Kael Edaburn,
- Carter Fleming, Kasyn Grundy, Evie Horn,
- Malena Koehn, Delaney Lake, Elsa Newton,
- Tori Sletteland, Esme Walker,
- Braelin Wieseler, Elliott Zrudsky

Fall Confirmation Retreat Details

October 4-6 at Camp Ewalu

*An awesome opportunity to bond and grow as you start out the confirmation year.
Strongly encouraged for 6th and 7th graders and optional for 8th graders.*

We will enjoy two nights of lodging in cabins, relevant Bible studies, energetic camp counselors, active praise music, the zip line, epic games, a crazy Talent Show, campfire worship, skits, and memorable adventures. We will talk about getting your feet dirty as you follow Christ out into the world! Learn and practice living out your faith in spite of the world's pressures, because of God's awesome love and grace.



Prayers

Prayers are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in September:

Lola Lang

Those dealing with, or recovering from, illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members)

Janice Burns, Kelly Potter, Amanda Kacena, Marilyn Canady, John Wilkinson, John Howe, Brenda Anderson, Roger Carlson, Charlie Clauss, Deanne Harding, Lyle Bischof, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken, Arvis Hahn, Bob & Jan Berridge

(Family and friends)

Ernest Jones, Betty Hannagan, Will Springer, Ruth Ann Stai, Paul Whitmore, Brenda Landis & Heather Roberson, Bill Fuller, Tommy Lowe, Steve Mineck, Cecil Sutton, friend Elizabeth, Cousin James & family, James Madsen, Bob Christiansen, Jody Sloan, Matt/Bob/Shawn/Linda Lee, Doug Breiholz, Marie Fitzgerald, Tracy Deets, Joann Stoll, Avona Lehmann, Steve Durspek

Those living in care facilities:

Martin Winch (The Views), Virgil Boynton (Cottage Grove), Pat Rose (Bickford Cottage), Vera Olson, Esther Burrack (Hallmark)



Please let the office know about prayer needs or when you wish to have a name removed. The names of friends and family who are dealing with illness will be listed for 2 months.

Those in military service:

Steven Anderson, Marissa Whitney, Jack Whitney, Jake Anderson, Kevin McLaughlin, Chrystal & Paul McDonough, Colin Aschbrenner, Haley Eickstaedt, Thomas Mastroddi, Donnie Hartman, Will Fritz, Steve Fritz, Aaron Moose, Eric Krause, Todd Kopperud, Dillon Peyton, Michael Berridge, David Berridge, Adam Eilers, Nicholas Eilers.

Those who celebrate:

- Samantha Ryan and family on the adoption of Laila, Addy, and Dallas on August 30, and their baptisms on September 1
- John & Elizabeth Buckeridge on their wedding anniversary

Those who mourn:

- Charlie Clauss & family on the death of Kay Clauss on August 30
- The family and friends of Betty Novotny, on her death on September 2
- Donna Morrissey on the death of her niece, Jill Wuff, on September 23

Those in Transition:

- those affected by recent flooding
- people affected by Hurricane Dorian
- victims of terrorism in El Paso & Dayton
- children & families at southern border
- Pastor Miranda & family in their new home

Pastoral Care - With rules about confidentiality at our hospitals, we will not know that you or your family member is sick or in need unless you call the church office (319-377-4689).

Stewardship

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Treasurer's Report for August 2019

| | <u>Aug.</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>One Year Ago</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund Receipts | \$45,653 | \$433,445 | \$439,680 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$45,544 | \$431,640 | \$437,594 |

| Cash Balances | <u>08/31/19</u> | <u>08/31/18</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$13,490 | \$ 7,426 |
| Clearing Accounts | \$33,861 | \$46,710 |
| Growth & Outreach Fund | \$33,483 | \$35,220 |

2019 Growth & Outreach Fund

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|--|-----------|
| Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through Aug 31 | \$ 77,384 |
| Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through Aug 31 | \$83,490 |
| Offerings received toward those pledges | \$73,040 |
| % of pledges received | 87.5% |

This fund has three 'buckets': maintenance (building upkeep and repair); ministry (Director of Communications position); and mission (Camp Chisomo, Marion Cares, Habitat for Humanity).

Your gifts provided \$350 scholarships for 15 teens & young adults who travelled to Camp Chisomo in Malawi in June; total given to Camp Chisomo for the year is \$5,250. At the end of Aug. we have given Habitat for Humanity \$8,182 of a \$15,000 commitment. We have also given Marion Cares \$8,182 of a \$10,000 commitment for the year. Our building maintenance costs for the year through Aug. have been \$27,279.

Church Council

The Council met on September 17. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$13,490 at the end of August.

Team Reports:

Stewardship - Working on a rough draft of all materials.
Governance - Discussed constitution, personnel policy, emergency action plans, constitution/bylaws, children's safety, and resource use.
Outreach - We are evaluating our welcome to new members.

Discussion Items:

Hiring of interim associate pastor.

Call Committee -

Meeting September 24th to complete the ministry site profile.

Next Council Meeting -

Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 pm. Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office.



Enough

Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

General Fund Summary

After eight months of 2019:

- ◆ Receipts are 95% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through August.
- ◆ Expenses are 95% of the 2019 budget, pro-rated through August.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided:
 - ◆ \$24,666 to the ELCA/Synod,
 - ◆ \$1,000 to Jail Chaplaincy,
 - ◆ \$200 to Quilters Benevolence,
 - ◆ \$900 to Lutheran Campus Ministry,
 - ◆ \$1,000 to Wartburg Seminary,
 - ◆ \$900 to Lutheran Services Iowa.

Those who donate through 'Simply Giving' do not receive offering envelope packets in the mail. Whenever you want to give extra for holidays or mission, you can pick up light green 'mission offering' envelopes at the Welcome Center literature rack.

Digital Giving

***Simply Giving** - Join over 90 LCR members who give regularly through automatic drafts from their checking or savings accounts. You can elect to give weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Enrollment forms are available in the info rack by the Welcome Center.

***PayPal** - There is a DONATE button you can click on our website for giving.

***Give+ Mobile Phone App** can be downloaded from Google Play or iTunes.



Wednesday, October 30

5:00-6:30 pm

LCR Confirmation students
will be hosting:

Trunk or Treat!

CONTACT US!

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