



# CrossTalk

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

# TOGETHER

*connected through the promise of Jesus*

## All Saint's Day

*Sunday, November 3*, we will remember each "Saint" or loved one from our congregation who has died since November last year. We will light a candle in their memory during a time of prayer and remembrance. Please join us at this meaningful service to remember those you have lost, too.

## A Word from the Pastor

Dear friends,

On Sunday, October 27, we began a five-week stewardship sermon series titled "TOGETHER." You may not be aware that Jesus spoke about money roughly 15% of his teaching and 11 out of 39 parables. It was his most talked about topic. How do I know this? I googled it. It is easier than counting them all myself. I promise that I won't mention money that many times during the next five weeks. I will spend some time on reminding you how important the ministry of your congregation is to your community and how your generous giving makes a big difference in the world. Come and worship this month as we journey to *Celebration Sunday, November 24, 2019.*

- Interim Pastor Denny Wright

## Call Committee Update

We have submitted the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) to the synod and completed a major milestone in the call process. The MSP is the resumé of the congregation, that shares congregational history, current structures & staffing patterns, hopes for future mission directions, demographic data about the community, as well as the gifts for leadership being sought by the congregation. The full MSP is available in the office for review. We received 14 envelopes with nominations for Senior Pastor. These have been forwarded to Pastor Paul Ostrem in the Bishops office. Thank you to everyone for their prayerful considerations.

- Elizabeth Buckeridge, Call Cmte.

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# Worship

**November 3 & 6 - Together We Are Connected through Holy Communion** Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

*Bible readings: Matthew 26:26-30*

This is the second week of our theme titled "TOGETHER." Jesus has given us a meal that He promised would offer the forgiveness of our sins for all who believe. Our EDGE Youth Band will lead worship at the 10:30 service.

**November 10 & 13 - Together We Are Connected through Service**

Preacher: Pastor Nate Montover

*Bible readings: John 13:12-19*

We are called to serve our neighbors especially in their time of need. Through your congregation you are serving people all over the world and in your neighborhoods. New members will be welcomed at both services.

**November 17 & 20: Together We Are Connected through Faith**

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

*Bible readings - Hebrews 11:1; 2nd Corinthians 5:7*

'Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.' "For we walk by faith, not by sight." Let us all walk together in faith.

**November 24 & 27 - Together We Are Connected through the Word**

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

*Bible readings: John 1:1-2*

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God." This is Celebration Sunday - turn in your 2020 commitment in worship! Please stay after service on Wednesday the 27th for our annual Pie Fellowship at 7:00 pm.

## Wednesday Services

Don't forget that there are services every Wednesday night at LCR for those who aren't able to make it on Sunday morning, OR if you need a boost to your faith mid-week, you can praise the Lord with us at 6:00 pm. You'll enjoy the hymns, the Lord's Supper, and the sermon. Feel free to bring a friend!

## New Organ

We are a congregation that supports many types of music at all three services, providing a wonderful worship atmosphere. Unfortunately, our church organ is now over 50 years old and not dependable. A team has come together to explore the possibility of selecting and purchasing a new organ for LCR; co-chairs are Barb Hazelton and Marcie Vogel. We will not begin an Organ Fund Drive until we are sure of what is best for our facility, and 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 your contribution to the purchase of a new organ. 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 'Organ Fund' if you wish to make a year-end gift.



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
3500 29th Ave - Marion, IA

Sunday, December 8 at 6pm

*Please join us for a reception following the concert!*

*Free will donations, canned goods and hygiene products  
will be collected in support of  
Mission of Hope and The Churches of Marion Food Pantry.*

# Ministry

## November/December Mission Envelopes

.....will go to the Marion Food Pantry. Volunteer needs for the pantry are listed below.

*Produce Pick-up* - Monday and Wednesday afternoons is the day to pick up in Hiawatha and haul items to the food pantry and load into refrigerators. These are heavy boxes of produce, so two people will make this task much easier.

*Bread Pick-up* - Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am. 5-8 dozen loaves of bread at local Marion warehouse need to be hauled to the food pantry and unloaded. Bread trays hold 8-10 loaves of bread.

*Grocery Shoppers* - At variable times, roughly once a month, 1-2 individuals are needed to help with the large grocery trip. This requires significant lifting of flats and cartons of food.

*Distribution* - Interact with pantry clients to put together their food donations, which includes some lifting. Either Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

## Meals on Wheels

Horizons is a local family service alliance. Volunteers are the heart and soul of Horizons! One of the most rewarding opportunities is to deliver Meals on Wheels. Meals are the biggest need of the clients of Horizons. 30 volunteers are needed each day to get nutritious meals to their doors. Also, each day two volunteers help the staff get meals ready for delivery. If this sounds like something you would like to do, contact Sandy Rosenberger at 319-375-3108.

## Thanksgiving Pies!

On *Wednesday, November 27*, we'll gather for pie and coffee at 7:00 pm. We'll be requesting pies from the congregation during November. Watch the weekly bulletin for your opportunity to contribute to this wonderful Resurrection tradition.

## Ushering

Ushers are always needed at all three services at Resurrection. This is a way to welcome members to the services and also make new people feel at ease. Please let Marcia know ([marcia@lcrmarion.org](mailto:marcia@lcrmarion.org)) if you are available for this important ministry at our church.

## Winter Scarf Project

We have over 60 scarves finished, and the Wednesday Night Live kids contributed 30 fleece scarves they made in October. We'll be hanging all the scarves on trees in Marion Square on *Saturday, November 9* at 10 am. Please join us! After a couple days they will be transferred to Marion Public Library to be distributed to those in need this winter.



LCR Knitters & Crocheters (Marge, Melissa, Eileen, Barb, Michelle, Carol, Dorothy, and Pam) would like to thank Thrivent Financial for their generous donation to our scarf project; \$250 buys a lot of yarn! Thanks to Linda Erlandson for applying for this grant for our Free Scarves Project.

## October Blood Drive

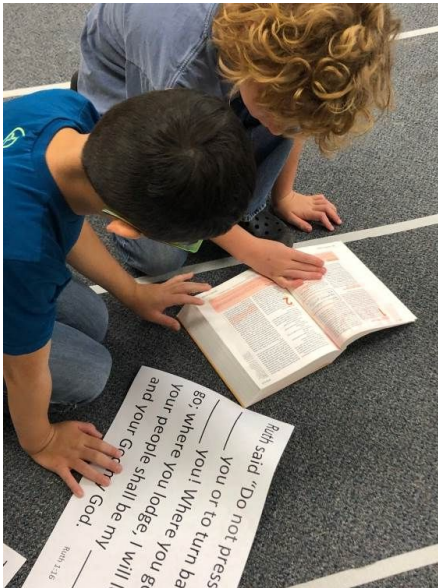
We had a fantastic turnout on October 17th. We registered 29 donors, and had only 2 deferrals. We even had one first-timer come in to take the plunge. With donors from Resurrection, Faith, and Ascension churches, we collected a total of **27 units**, which means our Marion Lutheran donors helped **108 patients** in one day! Thank you for sharing 'the gift of life.'

## Medical Supply 'Library'

Resurrection has a number of medical supplies that can be checked out for use when the need arises. In addition to our walkers, crutches, toilet risers, shower seats, we also have a knee scooter, a nebulizer, and other valuable items. Rather than buying new, contact the church office and we'll see if we can supply you with the thing/s you need.

# Sunday School

SS Director - Jessi Heidelbauer  
jessi@lcrmarion.org



**Important Dates**  
**November 24th – no Sunday School**  
**December 1st – no Sunday School**

Don't Forget: All students must be signed in and out by a responsible adult!

We have been studying the book of Ruth and learning about her courage and friendship



Our preschool and kindergarten students have been reading Ruth and learning about what it means to love those around you



## Wednesday Night Live



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

### November Schedule

- November 6th - Game Night
- November 13th - Large Group/Small Group
- November 20th - Service Night
- November 27th - NO WNL, Thanksgiving Break**



WNL Director  
Jill Hansen  
jill@lcrmarion.org

# 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

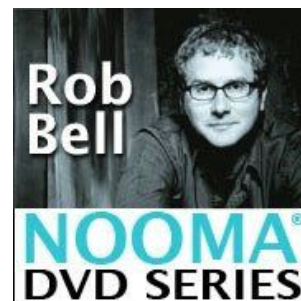
These classes will run through December 15th. We will not meet on Thanksgiving weekend.

Our *Doubt series* is for EVERYONE this time around. We are using Rob Bell's Nooma video series to prompt serious faith conversations on a variety of subjects. Each week's lesson stands on its own, so you can pop in for any one of them. (*meets in Fellowship Hall*)

Our *Disciple series* continues in the Chronological Bible. We will be studying the Acts through Revelations . . . from the early church to Christ's coming. This gives us the really big picture, knowing that God has been and is in control of it all.

(*meets in Conference Room*)

Our *Doing series* is under construction for this seven weeks. We are looking for topics and facilitators. If you have a great idea, please email [donnakdennis88@gmail.com](mailto:donnakdennis88@gmail.com).



## **Other Small Groups...**

- ◆ **Financial Peace University** - Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, Pam Brown ([batsllc@msn.com](mailto:batsllc@msn.com))
- ◆ **Rebecca Mary Martha Circle** - *Wednesday, November 6* at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall
- ◆ **JAM (Jesus And Me) Women's Circle** - *Monday, November 11* at 1:00 pm in the church lounge
- ◆ **Biblical Fellowship** - 'The Letters of John' on *Tuesday, November 19* 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, November 13* 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.

*November topics are...*

- ◆ **November 1** - *Zombies: What's the fascination? (Conversation to die for!)*
- ◆ **November 8** - *Has God Left the Building? An honest conversation about the church*
- ◆ **November 15** - *ZZzzz: Practical help for getting a better night's sleep*
- ◆ **November 22** - *Make a Difference Now: Choose to be extraordinary*
- ◆ **November 29** - *no Lifetree Café - Happy Thanksgiving*



# Fellowship

## Soup's On! and Movie

On *November 24*, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, the PEP (55+) group will gather at 4:30 pm for "Soup's On." Everyone attending is asked to bring a small amount of a vegetable, cleaned and cut in bite-sized pieces, to be added to our hot broth pots. What to bring? carrots, celery, beans, potatoes, parsnips, or any -thing you like in your beef vegetable soup. While we watch the Hollywood movie "I Can Only Imagine," the soup will cook and be ready for our supper of soup, baked pretzels, and dessert to enjoy together.

Additionally, we hope you can bring cans of soup to donate to Marion Food Pantry and Mission of Hope. Our ambitious goal is 300 cans! Watch for sales between now and then. We welcome you and your friends or neighbors; just be sure you sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to expect. Committee for this event is: Bendixens, Hazeltons, and Hills.

## Book Club

On *Tuesday, November 19* at 6:30 pm we'll meet at the church to discuss "The Forgotten Room" by Karen White, Beatriz Williams, and Lauren Willig. 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, November 8 and 22* 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)

# Stephen Ministry



Our class of Stephen Ministers are busy reading and learning. Please pray for them. Pray also for our active Stephen Ministers as they give care to their care receivers.

I am going to answer some questions about Stephen Ministry for you so you will understand all of our roles in this caring ministry:

### *What is Stephen Ministry?*

Stephen Ministry is a system through which members of LCR are trained and organized to help provide Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. This multiplies the amount of caring ministry LCR can provide by giving us a whole team of skilled caregivers who are equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in crisis, or experiencing other stresses in life.

### *Why Lay Ministry?*

Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians, not just for a chosen few. God has given us all gifts for ministry and called us to put those gifts to use. Stephen Ministry is a way people with special gifts for caring ministry can use those gifts to bring Christ's love to people in need.

### *Why Stephen Ministry?*

We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many other stresses or challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. With only one full-time and one half-time pastor for a congregation of 900+ members, you can quickly see why it is impossible for our pastors to meet every single need of every single person. Stephen Ministry expands the care LCR can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with the gifts, skills, and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who need it.

**If you are in need of care, or know someone who is, please call me. We are here to help!**

**- Mary Hajek, 319-899-6454**

# EDGE Youth Group

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We meet on  
Wednesdays,  
7:30-9:00 pm  
9th to 12th  
graders from  
any school or  
church are  
welcome at  
EDGE.

Contact Katie  
with questions:  
[katie@  
lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)



## Confirmation

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

### November Schedule

Wed, Nov. 6 - Large Group with Guide Huddle

Wed, Nov. 13 - 6th & 7th gr: Small Groups / 8th graders: Mentor meeting

Wed, Nov. 20 - Large Group

Wed, Nov. 26 - *Family Night*

# Prayers

Prayers are  
requested  
for...



## Those hospitalized in October:

Virgil Boynton (Hospice)

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

*(Resurrection members)*

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

*(Family and friends)*

Laura Bloomfield, Dean & Kathy Scheel, Nadine (Spilde) Neal, friends Bryson & Haily, David Dryden, Ernest Jones, Brenda Landis, Heather Roberson, Paul Whitmore, Ruth Ann Stai, Cousin James, Bill Fuller, Cecil Sutton, Friend Elizabeth, Steve Mineck, Tommy Lowe, Will Springer

## Those living in care facilities:

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

The family of Lola Lang would like to thank their entire church family for the Support, Love, Prayers, stories shared, and celebration of Lola's Life. We will miss her, but your gifts of Caring and Sharing mean so much!

- Diane, Dennis, Daryl, and families

## Those in military service:

Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson, Kevin McLaughlin, Haley Eickstaedt, Will Fritz, Steve Fritz, Todd Kopperud, Aaron Moose, Michael Berridge, David Berridge

## Those who celebrate:

- Emilie & Morgan Tyndall on their wedding Oct. 12th. Emilie is the daughter of Jamie & Cheri Reider and granddaughter of Wayne & Kay Mase.
- Benjamin & Gisele Tallman on the baptism of Vincent & Vivian Tallman on Oct. 20th
- Aaron & Kristin Cannon on the baptism of Finnigan Cannon on Oct. 27th

## Those who mourn:

- The Lang family on the death of their mother & grandmother, Lola Lang, on Sep. 29th
- John Hanson and family on the death of his father, Steve Hanson, on Oct. 7th
- Jon Lovseth & Barry Lovseth and families on the death of their father, Jeff Lovseth, on Oct. 18th

## Those in Transition:

- Jones, Beck, Zrudsky family, as they try to move their father, Ernest Jones
- Foster families
- Families struggling with substance abuse and/or mental health issues
- Those impacted by violence in the United States and abroad.

*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.*

**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

## Treasurer's Report for September 2019

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$45,105	\$478,550	\$490,775
General Fund Expenses	\$43,465	\$475,105	\$494,527
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b><u>9/30/19</u></b>	<b><u>09/30/18</u></b>	
General Fund	\$19,279	\$ 545	
Clearing Accounts	\$35,592	\$48,238	
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$35,043	\$35,368	

## 2019 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through Sept. 30	\$ 86,293
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through Sept 30	\$93,053
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$81,347
% of pledges received	87.4%

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

Total given to Camp Chisomo for the year is \$5,250. At the end of September we have given Habitat for Humanity \$8,729 of a \$15,000 commitment. We have also given Marion Cares \$10,000 of a \$10,000 commitment for the year. Our building maintenance costs for the year through September have been \$27,584.

# Church Council

The Council met on October 15th. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$19,279.01 at the end of September

### Team Reports:

Stewardship - Final draft of material sent around.

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:

The resignation of Allyn Glen-Angell, whose last day was October 22nd.

### Call Committee -

The Ministry Site Profile has been completed and submitted to the Synod office. An update will be given at services on October 27th.

### Next Council Meeting -

*Tuesday, Nov. 16th* at 6:30 pm. Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office.



## General Fund Summary

After nine months of 2019:

- ◆ Receipts are 93% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through Sept.
- ◆ Expenses are 93% of the 2019 budget, pro-rated through Sept.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided: \$27,750 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.

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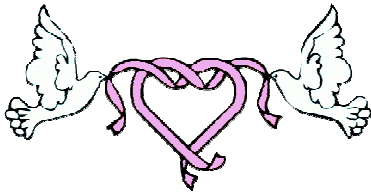
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## Bridal Shower

Join us as we celebrate our  
Sunday School director's  
upcoming wedding with  
a shower on *Saturday,*  
*November 9* at 10:00 am.

Please RSVP to  
evelyn@lcrmarion.org.  
Jessi & Adam are registered  
at Target and Amazon.



Over the years, Lola Lang sewed innumerable fabric strips into squares for our Comforting Hands ladies to make into tied quilts for local families in need. When she passed away, the quilters got busy and sewed three beautiful quilts to be given to each of Lola's children as mementos.



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