



CrossTalk

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A Word from the Pastor

My three brothers and I received a text message from our only sister asking if any of us knew where a ceramic turkey ash tray that my parents had in our home when growing up might be. My oldest brother simply answered "Nope." My youngest brother, who is the only sibling who still smokes, to my knowledge hasn't answered the question. My answer was something like, "Perhaps a turkey vulture saw it on a junk heap and needed a mate and flew away with it?" My second brother said he thought the turkey got lung cancer and died - after all, it was perched on an ash tray!

I had not thought about that ash tray for years. I can now see it clearly in my mind. I am certain my sister is decorating for Thanksgiving and thought the turkey ash tray would garner up some warm memories of times gone by celebrating other family Thanksgivings. Isn't that what we do at these gatherings? We make memories for the future and we look back on the memories we made in the past.

We thank God for the many memories that have been made through these Thanksgiving Days. I pray your holiday celebrations this month are truly worthy of the 'highlight reel.'

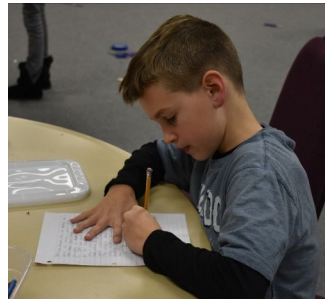
- Interim Pastor Denny Wright



Wednesday Night Live Service Projects

Our WNL students have been actively working to serve others the last two months. Our kids made 17 more scarves in November, in addition the 30 they created in October for those in need. The additional scarves will be given out at the Marion Public Library.

The WNL kids also made cards, pictures, and wrote letters to two of our former WNL students currently serving in the military: Taylor Johnson (Navy) and Colin Aschbrenner (Air Force). We will be sending Taylor and Colin care packages for Christmas to let them know their LCR family is thinking of them and is thankful for their service to our country.



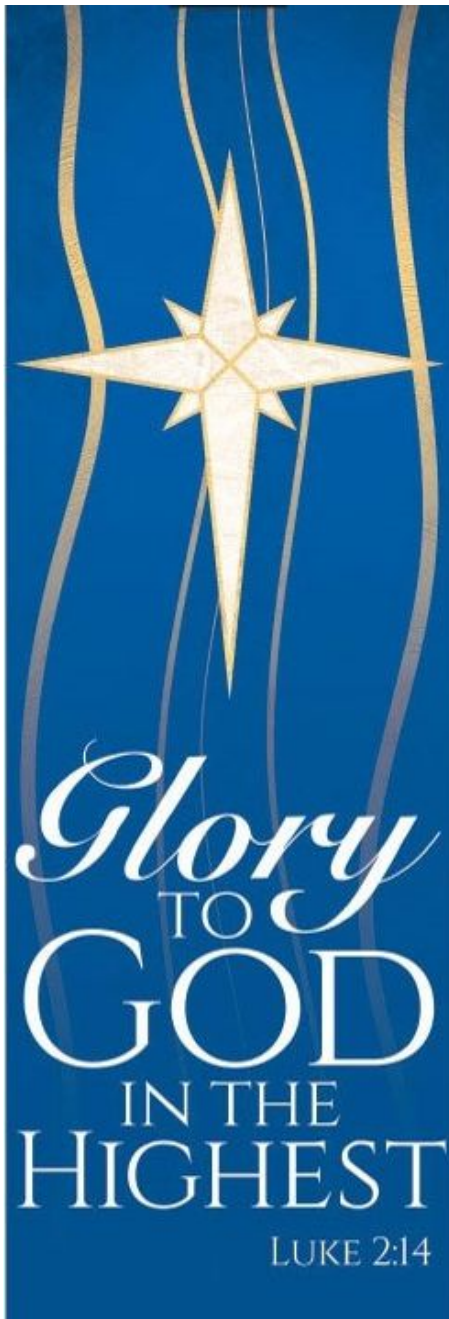
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Worship

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December 1 & 4 - *Let Us Walk In the Light of the Lord!*

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings - Matthew 24:36-44, Isaiah 2:1-5

December 8 & 11

Preacher: Pastor Nate Montover

Bible readings - tba

December 15 & 18 - *Are You the One?*

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings - Matthew 11:2-11, Isaiah 35:1-10

December 24 @ 3 pm, 5 pm, 7 pm - Christmas Eve Worship

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings - Matthew 1:18-25, Isaiah 7:10-16

December 29 @ 9:30 am - *Do You Have an Angel on Your Shoulder?*

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings - tba

Christmas Concert

....will be held on *Sunday, December 8* at 6:00 pm, with a reception to follow. Join us for classical music, contemporary songs, and beloved carols. Free will donations, canned goods & hygiene products will be collected for Mission of Hope and The Churches of Marion Food Pantry.

New Advent Banner

The new blue banner hanging behind the band this month was given by Carol Patterson in memory of Bob's good friend, Eldon "Jake" Jacobsen.

New Organ

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. 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.

Ministry

Holiday Giving Tree

Thanks to all who picked up tags for our Giving Tree kids! After purchasing the requested item, please put it in a box or envelope with the tag attached and return it to the church by *Sunday, December 8*. You may wrap the gift unless tag specifically notes “unwrapped.” Either way, remember to attach the tag! If you have questions, call Madonna Putnam at 270-0612 or Jill Hansen at the church. These gifts go to families in the Marion Independent district.

Advent Candle Lighters

We need volunteers to light the Advent candles at every service through December 22nd. If you would like to assist in this way, please contact Marcia in the church office and SPECIFY dates and service times you are available - marcia@lcrmarion.org.

November/December Mission Envelopes

.....will go to the Churches of 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.

September & October mission envelopes totaled \$1,086 for ELCA World Hunger. Thank you, Resurrection givers!

Scarves from our Resurrection Knitters, WNL, and other groups/individuals are on display at the Marion Public Library for anyone to take!

Christmas Eve Helpers

With the three Christmas Eve service we are need of a large number of helpers for all the services. If you can help with any of the services please let Marcia know (marcia@lcrmarion.org).

3:00 service: 1 PowerPoint, 4 readers, 4 greeters, 8 ushers, 9 Communion servers, 1 Communion set-up, 1 acolyte

5:00 service: 1 PowerPoint, 4 readers, 4 greeters, 8 ushers, 9 Communion servers, 1 Communion set-up, 1 acolyte

7:00 service: 1 PowerPoint, 4 readers, 2 greeters, 6 ushers, 7 Communion servers, 1 Communion set-up, 1 acolyte

Mission of Hope Delivery

We are in need of people to take the food and clothing donations we receive to Mission of Hope in Cedar Rapids. Currently, we need people to take our bins on the first and second week of each month. This is usually done on a Wednesday, but can be done any day. It is best to do it before 11:00 in the morning so there will be people able to help take the items into the building. If this is something you can help with, please let Marcia know.

Job Opportunity

A part-time position, ‘Director of Connections,’ is now posted on the church’s entryway bulletin board. Applications & resumes must be returned to Evelyn in the church office by December 4 (evelyn@lcrmarion.org).



Sunday School

Big Family 
Christmas

REMINDER

There is
no Sunday School
on December 29

SS Director - Jessi Heidelbauer
jessi@lcrmarion.org

Join us on Sunday, December 15 for
Big Family Christmas!

The Sunday School Program is throwing a family fun night to celebrate Christmas from 6-8 pm on December 15th. There will be snacks and activities set up around the church for you to enjoy as a family at your own pace. This event is intended for all ages and the whole family, *all are welcome!*



Wednesday Night Live



3rd—5th Grade Students
Wednesdays
6:00—7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall



We had lots of fun at our Fall Party in October.



Limbo now! How low can you go?!



December Calendar

- December 4—Game Night
- December 11—Service Night
- December 18—Christmas Party
- December 25th and January 1st—NO WNL



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)

Adult Faith Development meeting will be held on *Tuesday, December 17* at 7:00 pm. Please join us at the church if you would like to assist in planning upcoming Sunday morning study topics. Bring your ideas!

Sunday mornings at 9:15

These classes will run through December 15th.

Our *Doubt series* is for EVERYONE, regardless of age or service. 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 everything. (meets in Conference Room)

Other Small Groups...

- ◆ **Rebecca Mary Martha Circle** - *Wednesday, December 4* at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall
- ◆ **JAM (Jesus And Me) Women's Circle** - *Monday, December 9* at 1:00 pm in the church lounge
- ◆ **Biblical Fellowship** - 'The Letters of John' on *Tuesday, December 17* at 2:00 pm, fellowship hall
- ◆ **Malachi** - *Thursday, December 5 & 19* 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, December 11* for fellowship, beverages, and study! Contact Ramon Redondo for details. (319-491-7212)

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.

December topics are...

- ◆ **December 6** - *Angels Among Us: Stories of miraculous encounters*
- ◆ **December 13** - *Stuck In a Rut? Get unstuck....one step at a time*
- ◆ **December 20** - *Conquering Conflict: Healthy ways to tackle disagreements*
- ◆ **December 27** - *The Spirit of Santa: The legend, the love, the lowdown*



Scheduling note: We will not meet on January 3, 2020.

Welcome
New Members

Benjamin & Gisele Tallman and their children, Vincent and Vivian;
Senica & Jen Fisher and their children, Beckett, Gracelyn, and Reid;
Sue & Alan Hughes; Daryl & Pat Wenthe

Fellowship

Special Christmas Book Club

LCR's Book Club will meet on *Tuesday, December 17* at 6:30 at Sue Anderson's house (2540 Clark Ave. in Marion). We will have fun with a Hallmark Movie Bingo Night! Contact Sherrill at 319-329-0114 or sherrillamorrison@gmail.com if you have any questions.

90s actress as lead (Oh hey, DJ Tanner)	Someone has a big secret	Love triangle with obvious outcome	Dead relative or spouse is mentioned	Rivals have to plan Christmas event together
Snow starts falling	Quaint motel or lodge needs a remodel or Christmas will die	Hunky but obscure love interest	Santa sighting 	Big city girl moves to cutesy small town
Town with an obviously made up Christmas name	Love interest is employer		Snowed in with someone grouchy	Cynic is filled with Christmas spirit
Fake engagement alert 	Mom & Pop business failing; needs Christmas miracle	Runs into old love interest in the ol' hometown	Garland... everywhere	Man in a flannel shirt
Blizzard causes a delay or complete chaos	Someone has a Christmas Eve deadline	Enemies turned lovers 	Town has an unhealthy obsession with thier annual traditions	Snowy lodge or country barn setting

Cribbage Group

We are gathering on *Friday, December 13 and 27* 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

As we enter the Christmas Season we are all called to serve our brothers and sisters. Stephen Ministry is here to help you during this season and beyond. If you would be open to have a Stephen Minister walk with you, we are here to serve you.

Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?

Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our pastors benefit because caring ministry at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is expanded, and fewer people will slip through the cracks. Most of all you benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a friend, neighbor, co-worker, relative, or anyone else you know is going through a difficult time, so that they can receive special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry makes Resurrection a much more caring place!

Who Are Stephen Ministers?

Stephen Ministers are members of LCR who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide high quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as: divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver and meet with that care receiver for about an hour a week. This caring relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it.

If you would like more information on how to become a Stephen Minister, to receive care from one, or to recommend someone for care, please call Mary Hajek 899-6454 or talk with one of our pastors. *Merry Christmas from your Stephen Ministry Team!*



EDGE Youth Group

We meet on Wednesdays from 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



EDGE Youth Group always has a big crowd on Wednesday night, but some kids still come on Sunday morning for worship and bible study. Anyone who can't come on Wednesday evening should be aware that they are welcome to take part in our Sunday gatherings instead of (or in addition to!) Wednesday night.

Confirmation

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

December Schedule

Wed, Dec. 4 - Large Group with Guide Huddle
Wed, Dec. 11 - Large Groups
Wed, Dec. 18 - Large Group
Wed, Dec. 25 & Wed, Jan. 1 - no Confirmation scheduled

Camp Chisomo

A report from staff and members currently at Camp Chisomo...

"Things in Malawi are going well! Rainstorm today so currently all of the kids are in our house - perfect use for it! Tomorrow is our opening ceremony with the village and we'll have a big party!"

We are so proud of this team's work with the children and community in east Africa. Please hold them in your prayers for continued success in this ministry and a safe return.

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Prayers

Prayers are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in November:

Paul Bendixen, Evelyn Beck, Glen Madsen, Larry Wogahn, Virgil Boynton (hospice)

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members)

Donna Walton, Paul Bendixen, Evelyn Beck, John Knodle, Madelyn Olson, Mike Rosz, 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)

Evelyn Swanson, Betty Dvorsky, Leona Jones; friends Bryson, Haily, Dylan; Steve Durspek, Brian Dawson, Carl & Marge Richardson, Laura Bloomfield, Dean & Kathy Scheel, Nadine (Spilde) Neal

Those living in care facilities:

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

Those in military service:

Taylor Johnson, Paul & Chrystal McDonough, Aaron Moose, Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson, Kevin McLaughlin, Haley Eickstaedt, Will Fritz, Steve Fritz, Todd Kopperud, Aaron Moose, Michael Berridge, David Berridge

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).

Those who celebrate:

- Virgil Boynton who celebrated his 100th birthday on Oct. 27th.
- Clark & Lareen Gull on their 60th wedding anniversary.
- Jen & Mike Reeve on birth of a son, Hayes Reeve, on Nov. 1st. Grandparents are John & Diane Aarni.
- Sara & Brandon Provolt on the birth of a son, Simon Provolt, on Nov. 6th.
- Shirley Engelbart on the birth of great-grand-daughter, Sloane, on Nov. 3rd. Sloane is the granddaughter of Brenda & Greg Randall.
- Nema & Lisa Falahpour on the baptism of Grey Falahapour on Nov. 17th.
- Brenda Krause on the birth of a new grandson, Jaxon Mostrom, on Nov. 25th.

Those who mourn:

- the Clauss family on the death of Charlie on Nov. 3rd.
- Dan Tegtmeier on the death of his mother, Maxine Tegtmeier, on Nov. 5th.
- Family & friends of Ann Archibald who passed away on Sep. 22nd.
- Jerry & Barb Schierholz on the death of their daughter, Jeannine, on Nov. 12th.
- Dean & Barb Fick on the death of their granddaughter, Chelsea Fick, on Nov. 14th.
- Shirley Engelbart on the death of her brother, Vincent Schreck on Nov. 23rd.

Those in Transition:

- Jones, Beck, Zrudsky family
- Barr/Buckeridge family
- Families struggling with substance abuse and/or mental health issues
- Those impacted by violence in the United States and abroad.

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for October 2019

	<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$37,222	\$515,772	\$536,820
General Fund Expenses	\$42,510	\$517,615	\$548,079
Cash Balances	<u>10/31/19</u>	<u>10/31/19</u>	
General Fund	\$ 9,299	\$(5,700)	
Clearing Accounts	\$35,201	\$50,618	
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$34,375	\$35,724	

2019 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through Oct. 31	\$ 93,269
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through Oct. 31	\$106,018
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$ 87,961
% of pledges received	883%

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 October, we have given Habitat for Humanity \$10,822 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 October have been \$28,429.

Church Council

The Council met on November 12. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$9,299 at the end of October.

Team Reports:

Stewardship - Fund Appeal Packets have been mailed.

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 a new part-time person for Director of Connections.

Call Committee -

The Ministry Site Profile has been completed and submitted to the Synod office. The Synod will send us names of prospective pastors.

Next Council Meeting -

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm. Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office.

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General Fund Summary

After ten months of 2019:

- ◆ Receipts are 90% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through October
- ◆ Expenses are 91% of the 2019 budget, pro-rated through Oct.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided: \$30,833 to the ELCA/Synod,
- ◆ \$1,000 to EWALU
- ◆ \$200 to Quilters Benevolence,
- ◆ \$900 to Lutheran Campus
- ◆ \$1,000 to Jail 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.

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