



# Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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*Dear Members and Friends,*

The Bible says,

**“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”**

*Matthew 18:20*

For a while, gathering in His name is going to be a little different for our church family. The church council has made the decision that our church *building* will be closed through at least April 16<sup>th</sup>. We will also be postponing the Congregational Meeting scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Even though our church *doors* may be closed during this time...

**...that does not mean our church *family* will be “closed.”**

While we will not be able to have people gather in our beautiful building for worship services, Bible studies, youth groups, Sunday school, music rehearsals, or for fellowship, we will be reaching out ... by phone, by mail, and online ... and we are even planning a creative “drive-up worship” for Easter. If you are able to engage with us online, please do. Send your email address to [office@lcrmarion.org](mailto:office@lcrmarion.org) so you can receive our latest news. If you are on social media, follow us on these platforms:

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/ResurrectionMarion/](https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMarion/)

**Instagram:** [instagram.com/resurrectionmarion/](https://www.instagram.com/resurrectionmarion/)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/lutheran\\_of](https://twitter.com/lutheran_of)

**YouTube:** <https://tinyurl.com/LCRYoutube>

Our staff is coming together to provide many ways for people of all ages to engage. We are excited about exploring new options to connect, and to serve our congregation and our community. This is a time for our church to reach out in Christ’s love to help those in need during this crisis. **If YOU are in need of assistance, such as help picking up supplies or prescriptions, or if you know of a way we can help in the community, please contact the church.** Also, we are going to be praying. Please call us at (319) 377-4689 or email [office@lcrmarion.org](mailto:office@lcrmarion.org) so we can notify our prayer warriors to lift up you or your loved ones. If you want to talk to someone, Stephen Ministers will be available to provide care via telephone calls.

We are planning to have weekly worship available online at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings, and we plan to livestream Wednesday Lenten worship services with Holden Evening Prayer. They will be broadcast on our YouTube channel (<https://tinyurl.com/LCRYoutube>). Please continue to watch social media for more information on accessing these worship services.

LCR will be providing activities and content for students of all ages. Please look for emails, texts and social media with more information. The church is aiming to provide resources for adult education, young adult programs, confirmation, and youth development, and recommend ways for small groups to connect with each other.

Many staff duties and expenses continue whether the building is open or closed. Our council has made the decision that all church staff will continue to be paid. During this closure, the staff is exploring new options to serve our congregation and our community. Without services on Sundays or Wednesdays, we ask that you continue your financial support of the church, or perhaps, help a little extra during this time. This may be an opportunity for you to try online giving. We have several options:

- Simply Giving forms, which will allow you to give your offering via automatic bank deposit, are available online on our “Downloads” page, or on our “Giving” page at [lcrmarion.org](http://lcrmarion.org). You can complete the form and send it to the church. Please write ATTN: Joan Meyer (Recording Secretary) on your envelope. You can also scan the completed, signed form and email the attachment to [recording.sec@lcrmarion.org](mailto:recording.sec@lcrmarion.org).
- **GIVE PLUS+** Another option is the Give+ app, available for download through iTunes or Google Play Store. Search for Give+ and download the app to your smartphone or tablet. Once the app is installed, select Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Marion, IA. This app allows for recurring and one-time donations via credit/debit card or checking/savings account.
- Finally, you can also use the PayPal button on the giving page of our website. A PayPal account is not required to complete this gift option.

If you don't want to use online giving, we gratefully accept checks mailed to the church at 3500 29th Ave – Marion, Iowa, 52302.

At this time, our primary concern is to bolster our church family in their faith, and to help provide for the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation and the larger community. We know that the church is not really the building, but all the members and friends who are ministers.

Please reach out to us with your needs. In this time, we want to encourage you and equip you to be intentional in staying connected with your church family; be vigilant in prayer; and to be a bearer of His light to the world.

In Christ,

*Rev. Denny Wright*

Interim Senior Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

and

*Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Church Council*