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Crosstalk

Message from the Pastor

I have been working from home since the middle of March. I am sure many of you have done the same. I have learned how to order groceries online and have them delivered. It works pretty well, but some of the things we really want are out of stock occasionally. I have baked bread from scratch successfully. There is a shortage of bread flour and yeast so I don't know when I will be baking more. I have even resorted to reading Jane Austen. Don't laugh, it is like trying to read Shakespeare sometimes. I find myself drifting to sleep at times. I am determined to finish "Sense and Sensibility" by the end of August. After all, it is 200 pages long. Winnie and I are doing jigsaw puzzles together. This togetherness stuff has been good. I thank God for our time together. I am also praying that as our state opens up we are more careful than the crowds I have seen on television. Stay Safe. God is Good...every day. - *Pastor Denny*

Potential First Worship Date

LCR hopes to come together on Sunday, June 21st at 10 am for a drive-in worship service. We will remain in our cars and tune in to the service broadcast on FM radio. Communion will be served via individual sealed containers. The service will still be available online at 10 am. *Our plans may be subject to change* if there is a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in Linn County.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE

Help out FLY (Feeding Lunch to Youth) and The Churches of Marion Food Pantry

Sunday, May 31st, 1-3 pm
FLY - Peanut Butter, Zipper Sandwich Bags, Lunch Bags
Pantry: Canned Fruit & Canned Meat, Other Canned Goods

If you weren't able to get to our Drive-Thru Food Drive on May 31st, we are still happy to receive your donations. Call or email the church office and we can arrange a drop-off or pick-up. Thank you so much!

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<https://tinyurl.com/LCRYoutube>

Worship



Online Worship Services - Sundays at 10 am; Wednesdays at 6 pm

While the church is closed, the Sunday morning services are being broadcast online. We encourage people to gather for worship at 10 am, but you can watch it at any time that it's convenient to you. Our Wednesday Evening Song services at 6 pm are "virtual in-person" informal gatherings online where we share a time of fellowship, some Scripture, and some songs. Both services will have links on our website: lcrmarion.org. If you know anyone who is having a difficult time during these uncertain days, please let them know about these services. They are very uplifting and encouraging. We are fortunate to have two great interim pastors, and these services can offer support to you or people that you know.



Virtual Coffee - Sundays at 9:30

All are welcome to join in a time of fellowship at 9:30 am each Sunday for "Virtual Coffee." The links you will need are posted on www.lcrmarion.org near the link for Sunday's worship service. They are also posted on our social media.

Update on Senior Pastor Call

The council and call committee continue to be in contact with our pastoral candidate. The process is still on hold due to the pandemic, but the candidate remains committed to continuing the process with Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Ministry

Medical Lending Library

The medical lending library in our church is in need of more walkers. Currently, all of the ones we have are checked out. All types are welcome, but occasionally, we are in need of one which does not have wheels. There are not too many of those left anymore, so if you have one of those and are not using it, please let us know.

We check out medical supplies quite regularly, so if you need something, please contact the church and we will see if we can help.

Blood Drive

Our next blood drive at LCR will be on Tuesday, June 23rd from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. Contact Bob Wolter at 319-377-5126 to pick your appointment time.

Feeding Lunches to Youth



FLY will be run differently this year. We have added sites and are up to 13 sites for this summer. Social distancing, masks and gloves will all be part of the required practices when volunteering this summer. Lunches will be made three days a week to cover all 5 days. Partner churches like LCR will

staff an entire week to limit exposure. LCR will be taking the 2nd full week of FLY which is June 15th – 19th. We will be using SignUp.com to coordinate volunteers. Jill will be sending out a sign-up link to those interested in helping. If you don't regularly get FLY emails from Jill Hansen, please send her an email at jill@lcrmarion.org to get on the list. We are going to need lots of extra help this year, so please consider being a part of our FLY team if you are available. If you have any questions, please contact Jill.

Marion Food Pantry

The Churches of Marion Food Pantry is open with modified procedures to reduce health risks. They are also now offering no-contact delivery to vulnerable clients, thanks to the help of LCR volunteers. Food donations are accepted at the pantry at 9 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some of the items the pantry is most in need of include canned meats, canned fruit, peanut butter, and ramen noodles. Monetary donations are also appreciated. If you would like to mail them directly to the pantry, please make the check out to:

The Churches of Marion Food Pantry
864 - 12th St. / Marion IA 52302.

Donations can also be mailed to the church.

The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 pm. For those who are not able to come during that time, appointments can be made by calling 319-775-0208. For high-risk clients who have transportation challenges, delivery service is available within the Marion city limits on Wednesdays. Look for a sign-up link on the Churches of Marion food Pantry Facebook page.



May & June Mission Envelopes

.....will go to Community Free Health Clinic, which provides free medical, dental, vision, and prescription services to residents of Cedar Rapids and surrounding areas.

Thanks to your generous donations to the March & April mission envelopes, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection was able to send a check to Matthew 25 for \$945. Thank you for supporting these community efforts!

Do you need anything?
a book? a bible? Contact Jessi at
319-540-6916 or jessi@lcrmarion.org

Sunday School

Hey Families! Here is what I am reading this summer, take a look and check out these stories at home!

- Noah's Ark (Genesis 3:1-24)
- Ruth (Ruth Chapter 1 - Chapter 2)
- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego (Daniel 3:19-30)
- Daniel and the Lions (Daniel 6:1-28)
- Jesus Teaching to the Grown-ups (Luke 2:41-45)
- Walking on Water (Matthew 14: 22-33)
- James and John (Mark 10: 35-45)
- Healing the blind (Mark 10-46-52)
- Mary & Martha (Luke 10: 38-42)
- Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
- The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)

HAPPY SUMMER!

Although the school year didn't end as planned, there's still time to celebrate the last day of school! If you are looking for something fun to kick off your summer at home, I have some activity kits put together and would love to share them with your family. Email me at jessi@LCRmarion.org for more info.

*Looking for something to do?
Check out the youth page at lcrmarion.org to participate in the **Big Family Challenge!***

EWALU Scholarships

LCR scholarships will be sent up to EWALU approximately a month in advance of your child's camp date. We will be sending the \$150 scholarship for full week overnight camp and \$75 scholarship for Mini-camps and Ranch Day camps from the General Fund. In addition to the general fund scholarship, we have money from last year's Giving Tree to be split amongst campers this summer. Each student will receive additional funds from the Giving Tree. Please keep this in mind when sending final payments to EWALU and look for an email from Jill with final numbers. Please let Jill know right away if your child was previously signed up to go to EWALU and you have made the decision not to send them this year.

Wednesday Night Live

WNL Director
Jill Hansen
jill@lcrmarion.org

3rd-5th Grade Students

Check out 'Jill's Journals' on the LCR website for movie suggestions and activities for the family.



★ WNL will be doing a Wednesday Zoom gathering ★
★ at 7:00 pm during June. If you don't receive ★
★ your Zoom invite, please contact Jill. ★

Adult Faith & Outreach



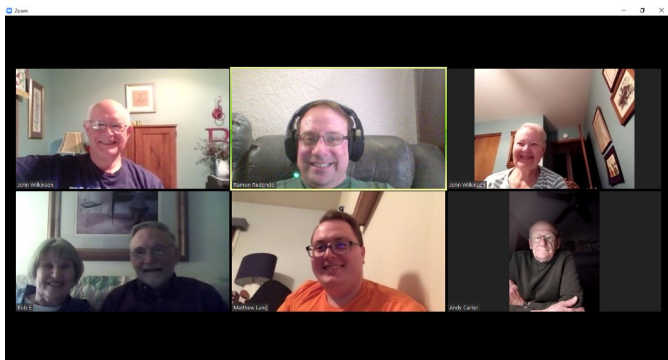
NEW - Connect Thursdays

Let's connect! Join Pr. Nate and Aaron Schutte on Thursday nights from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. We will have time for reflection, conversation, and insight into how the Bible applies to our daily lives. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/connectthursday>
Meeting ID: 795 2102 3878
Password: THGRP8

Coffee with Pastor Nate

Pastor Nate is posting a series of video chats on our website and social media sites that are funny, informative, and inspiring! Be sure to check them out.



Brewing Up the Bible (BUB)

Brewing Up the Bible will be online on Wednesday, June 10th at 7:30 pm. Watch your Friday E-News and social media for the link!

Many adult groups are staying connected through emails or online meetings. You can keep informed by checking our website (lcrmarion.org) regularly or through social media:

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/ResurrectionMarion>
INSTAGRAM: <https://www.instagram.com/resurrectionmarion/>
TWITTER: https://twitter.com/lutheran_of
YOUTUBE: <https://tinyurl.com/LCRYoutube>

Christ In Our Home devotionals for April, May, and June are available at the church. Let us know if you need one and we can arrange a way to get it to you.

Giving

Many staff duties and building expenses continue whether the church 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. We ask that you continue your financial support of the church through this time, if you are able.

We gratefully accept checks mailed to the church at: 3500 - 29th Ave., Marion, Iowa 52302or.... 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. 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.

* Give+ app, available for download through iTunes or the 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.

* PayPal button on the giving page of our website. A PayPal account is not required to complete this gift option.

Our primary concern right now 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.

2020 Graduates

Biderman Scholarships

Congratulations to the following Class of 2020 seniors who were awarded the Bill & Ann Biderman scholarships from Resurrection:

- Kyle Kacena (Linn Mar) - Kirkwood Community College to study broadcasting, editing, film, and sound.
- Zoe DeKruif (Linn Mar) - Iowa State University to study Linguistics
- Emerson Buse (Linn Mar) - University of Northern Iowa to study Psychology
- Laura Noehren (Linn Mar) - Drake University to study Environmental Sustainability & Resilience and Strategic Political Communications
- Alexander Campbell (Linn Mar) - Kirkwood Community College to study Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry Arts

Best of luck to you in your future endeavors!!

High School and College Seniors

Class of 2020, you are in our hearts! LCR would like to celebrate your accomplishments with the congregation. Please email us: a photo, which high school or college you are graduating from, and a few words about your future plans and/or your thoughts upon graduation. We will display your submissions during worship on Sundays. Send your information to Katie Kascel at katie@lcrmarion.org, or to the church office at office@lcrmarion.org.

You can see the photos and plans of our 17 EDGE youth at the end of the March 24th online sermon. It is posted on our website and our YouTube page - <https://tinyurl.com/LCRYoutube>. We're looking forward to adding your graduate, too!

Ask Your Technology Questions

We are happy to help walk you through attending online church, using Zoom for virtual gatherings and online studies, and other technical challenges to participating in church online. Send Cari an email (cari@lcrmarion.org) or call the church office (319-377-4689) to set up a time.

EDGE Youth

We graduated 17 seniors this spring from EDGE! We are so proud of these students during their time in our ministry, and especially their consistency during our transition to EDGE online. We are wishing them well on their pursuits after high school!



Confirmation

One of my last memories of the church building before Covid-19 was our 8th grade Confirmation retreat. I was so inspired by the adults who gave so much of their time and energy to plan and coordinate the event. I was also excited to get to know the kids better and help them develop their faith statements. We were in the process of marching toward a May Confirmation service....and then it hit. The entire Confirmation class missed our last opportunities to meet, and the consequence of isolation measures meant that we had to be satisfied with the awesome year we came so close to completing!

In the days since we temporarily stopped meeting at church, the Confirmation Planning Committee decided to schedule our 8th grade Confirmation service for Reformation Sunday on October 25th and we are looking forward to honoring the our confirmands as they affirm their baptisms!

We also decided that the Confirmation schedule needs to be more family friendly, and that some of the requirements of our program need to be eliminated. We are looking to reduce the stress placed on volunteers and guides by streamlining our process and our events. I am looking forward to that process, and I'm looking forward to meeting with our Confirmation students as soon as possible.

I'd like to take this time to thank all the parents, guardians, staff, and volunteers who have made our Confirmation program so strong, and I'll be looking for folks who would like to usher in a slightly updated program in the fall. I know how busy everyone is, and I know the stress you are feeling these days. For now I'd simply ask you to prayerfully consider helping with the program as it gets developed, and I'm looking forward to whatever comes. This is a fabulous congregation and I know our Confirmation program will remain strong and vibrant even with the setbacks we have all faced in 2020.

At the moment I do not have access to the church computer or my church email so if you'd like to contact me to discuss the program please use my personal email nmontover@gmail.com.

See you soon!!! - *Pastor Nate*

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members) Sherrill Morrison, Ken Meisinger, Andy McRoberts, Mike Rosz, Deanna Harding, Dennis Conway, Lyle Bischof, Cheryl Irland, Marilyn Canady, John & Barbara Wilkinson, Clark Gull, Marlys Claussen, Paul Bendixen, John Howe, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken, Arvis Hahn, Bob & Jan Berridge.

(family and friends) Jeff Law, Sonja Ambrose, Denise & Bob Osborn, Sandy Schaeffer, Brian Dawson, Vic D., friends Bud & Rae, Gail Hawthorne, Judy Brewer

Those living in care facilities:

Lee Schoon, Vera Olson, Martin Winch (The Views); Pat Rose, Larry Wogahn (Bickford Cottage); Ernest Jones (Crestview)

Those in military service:

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

Those who celebrate:

- 2020 graduates!

Those who mourn:

- Valerie Brandt and family on the death of Wayne Brandt on May 16. A celebration of life will be held on Aug. 15.
- Pam Kacena and family on the death of her aunt, Kathryn Cook.
- Family & friends of past member, Marlys Brown, on April 30.

Prayers for those serving on the frontline:

Our hearts are with all those who are working hard hours in challenging, stressful environments to help others. We have a list of submitted names of members and friends who could use your prayers to get them through this uncertain time. If you are willing to serve in this way, go to http://lcrmarion.org/prayer_team/ and type in this password - LCRPrays. Please let us know if you or someone you care about would like to be included on our prayer chain: office@lcrmarion.org



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 April 2020

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$46,983	\$203,629	\$238,209
General Fund Expenses	\$40,030	\$187,821	\$227,709

Cash Balances	<u>04/30/2020</u>	<u>04/30/2019</u>
General Fund	\$71,384	\$21,332
Clearing Accounts	\$63,849	\$49,854
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$55,518	\$31,690

2020 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through 4/30	\$38,885
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through 4/30	\$40,216
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$36,582
% of pledges received	91.0%

This fund has three 'buckets:' maintenance (building upkeep and repair); ministry (Director of Connections); and Mission (Camp Chisomo, Camp EWALU, Habitat for Humanity, Take Away Hunger event).

Total given to Camp Chisomo for the year is \$2,502, for Habitat for Humanity \$3,880, and for Camp EWALU \$3,000 commitment. Our building maintenance costs for the year through April was \$10,478 and Connections staff & training was \$8,705.

Church Council

The Council met on May 19th. Team Reports
 The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. LCR's 5- and 10-year plans. The General Fund balance was \$71,384 at the end of April due to the PPP Loan.

New Business

- Camp EWALU is opening in July, how to handle un-used June funds.
- Accepted parking lot bid from Pate Asphalt to repair sinkhole.
- Okayed blood drive at in fellowship hall at LCR on June 23rd.

Stewardship: Discussed LCR's 5- and 10-year plans.
Outreach: Discussed 2017 Kairos Report and how to make volunteering easier.

Governance: Discussed amendments to the constitution, the church re-opening plan, and an EAP.

Next meeting - 6/16/20
 Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office.



General Fund Summary

After four months of 2020:

- ◆ Receipts are 105% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through April.
- ◆ Expenses are 96% of the 2020 budget, pro-rated through April.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided: \$10,000 to the ELCA/Synod, \$2,160 to FLY program, and \$200 to Quilters Benevolence.



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 online giving.

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

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*Remember when our Wednesday
Night Live youth minister, Jill,
started her plants at Easter?
Look at them grow!*



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Pastor Denny has been
baking bread while staying
home the last few weeks.

What new thing have YOU tried?
Send us a photo and we'll share
it with Resurrection friends.



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