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Message from the Pastor

“You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts,
known and read by everyone.” - 2 Corinthians 3.2

In the little passage taken above, Paul is writing to his fellow Christians in Corinth about the need for endorsement from others. He stands on the fact that he needs no letter to them or from them because they themselves are a living letter proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. In other words, talk is cheap, and Paul is encouraged by the fact that at least some of the Corinthians are so clearly living the life of discipleship that they can be read like a letter themselves. One merely needs to look at their lives and it is clear that they are being motivated and driven by the love of God in Jesus Christ.

On one hand this is quite reassuring, that the message of Jesus actually finds its way into the human heart and is lived so courageously that none can fail to see him in the lives of his followers. On the other hand, this passage always sends a little bit of shiver down my spine, as I wonder if people see the love of Christ being lived out in me. This of course begs the question as to what are the ‘marks’ of the Christian life? We could repeat the list of the fruits of the spirit from Galatians: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is definitely enough there to define the Christian life. Or perhaps we would turn to the Sermon on the Mount or maybe even the Ten Commandments to define what it means to live out this faith.

But for Lutheran Christians the life of faith is dependent on our understanding of grace. Grace is such a simple little word, but one that overflows into our theology and into our everyday lives. Grace is living in the knowledge of God’s great love for us and for the world. Grace means that we realize that each and every day is a gift and that while we neither deserve nor earn God’s favor, in Christ it is richly bestowed upon us. As we enter the month of Reformation may people be able to read grace on our hearts, in our deeds and in the ways that we treat one another.

Peace! - *Pastor Jeff*



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SERVICES

Sundays

Traditional Worship at 8:30 am

Contemporary Worship at 10 am

Drive-In or Livestream

** in case of inclement weather, we will only have the livestream available*

Wednesdays at 6 pm

Live Interactive Zoom Gathering - www.lcrmarion.org

Sunday services are being held both **drive-in and livestream.**

If there is stormy weather, we hold livestream services only.

8:30 am Traditional Worship

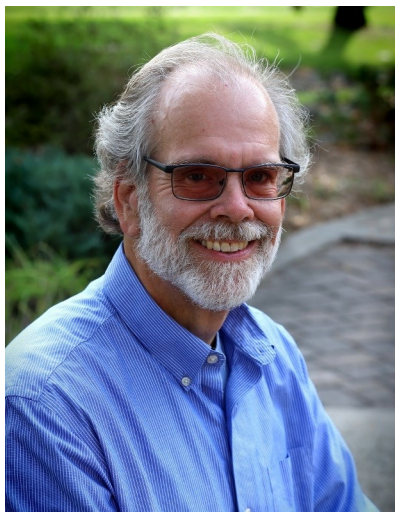
10:00 am Contemporary Worship

Livestream links are available on our website (www.lcrmarion.org). You can sign up for email alerts at the bottom of our homepage or by emailing office@lcrmarion.org.

Wednesday Interactive Zoom Worship - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Links for all our services can be found on our website: www.lcrmarion.org

If you know anyone who is having a difficult time during these uncertain days, please let them know about our worship services. They are very uplifting and encouraging. We are fortunate to have two great pastors, and these services can offer support to you or people that you know.



Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

Check out Pastor Jeff's brief engaging videos online. Recent messages have been based on the book of Romans. You can access them through the church website or through this link - <https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>

Ministry

Parking Lot Ushers

We have been blessed with a number of people willing to usher in the parking lot for the outdoor services. This was never an option on the Time & Talent sheets, but we are so grateful to the members who have stepped up to make the services flow so well. It has been a time for the congregation to come together, albeit in a strange and unusual way. Thank all of you so much for making this possible.

Landscape Work Day

Fall is arriving and it is time to clean and clear up the landscape. A work day is planned for Saturday, October 10 from about 8:30-11:00 am. Come for the entire time or whatever time you would have available. (Please have a mask with you.) If you don't feel comfortable coming at the planned time, come at any time that works for you. If you're not currently responsible for a specific area, email lhayward495@yahoo.com and ask what needs to be done. Let's join together to keep the LCR landscape lovely!

Seeking A/V Technology Volunteers

As we continue with online worship, we are looking for teams of volunteers who would be willing to be trained on how to livestream our worship services. Because the technology both does not allow for proper social distancing, we are looking for groups of at least 2 or 3 people to work in the booth who are quarantining together and would be available on Sunday mornings. We'll also need a camera operator who will be located on the sanctuary floor. We hope to have enough teams to have a monthly rotation.

Camp EWALU Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 24

Volunteers, families, and church groups are invited to help EWALU get ready for the winter season. Work starts at 9:00 am and sack lunches will be provided. Please call 563-933-4700 or email camp@ewalu.org to RSVP. Thank you!

The Churches of Marion Food Pantry



Thank you to all who have supported the food pantry! The pantry is "home" at 864 - 12th Street in Marion, after being relocated for a month due to the derecho.

Thank you again for your incredibly generous gifts of time, food donations and monetary donations that allow the pantry to continue serving!!! The pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 pm.

Volunteer Opportunity - The food pantry is looking for some strong people with trucks who would be able to haul large loads of food, with daytime availability. Please contact Cari if you are interested in learning more!

Produce - Is your garden overflowing with blessings? The food pantry gratefully accepts donations of fresh garden produce. There are volunteers on-site at 9 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or you can drop off your donation during distribution, from 1-3 pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

September & October Mission Envelopes

...are going to ELCA World Hunger. 11% of people in our world today are hungry. As members of God's kingdom, we are called to respond. Working through congregations in the United States and overseas, ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. *Your donations are so appreciated and needed!*



Sunday School Is Now Online

*...and Jessi is really
excited about it!*

Sunday School opportunities available now!

- > Online content premieres every Sunday morning for you to watch at home; visit the church website to find the link.
- > In-person, small group Sunday School meet-ups are available for students PK-5th grade. Keep an eye on your email for sign-ups, or contact Jessi.
- > At-home Sunday School activities and coloring sheet are available on the church website in the youth programming portal.

Please fill out this Sunday School Survey to get your family plugged in with Sunday School this year - <https://tinyurl.com/SunSchSurvey>
This is the best way for us to make sure we are meeting the needs of as many families in our program as possible.

Does your child need a bible? We love the opportunity to provide our youngest congregants with age-appropriate bibles as they grow. The Spark Storybook Bible is usually offered to preschoolers, and then used until around 2nd grade. At the end of 2nd grade, we like to gift students with a full text bible to be the next stepping stone in their growing faith. Please reach out to Jessi (jessi@lcrmarion.org) if you would like to get a new bible for your children, or if they are ready to age-up from their current bible!

A note from Jessi:

I have launched a Facebook group for Sunday School, titled 'LCR Sunday School.' This is a private group as to maintain privacy, but it is available to all LCR families and friends who would like to see updates on social media. Please search 'LCR Sunday School' if you would like to join the group or invite your friends.



WNL is back! This year we are changing our age group to 4th-6th grade to align with changes in confirmation. WNL will be having small, in-person groups assigned in advance by Jill on Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 pm. We will also continue meeting on Zoom (Wednesdays at 7:15 pm) for those who aren't at the in-person meeting. Groups are being kept very small and masks are required. Students will need to be dropped off and picked up at the circle drive entrance to minimize crossover with the confirmation students. If you would like your student to be able to participate in the small groups, please contact Jill Hansen: jill@lcrmarion.org

Online teaching video links will be made available to students in the coming weeks via email. We will be tackling some of the "big" questions in our faith life. First up: "What does Jesus want me to do when my family drives me crazy?" With all of this sudden family togetherness, what help can we gain from scripture to maintain peace in our household? Weren't families in the Bible perfect? (Hint - not even close.) We will have some fun and learn how God wants us to get along, even with our sibling.



Adult Faith & Outreach

Book of Daniel - New Bible Study

Are you looking for friendship, support, and growth in faith during this crazy year? As a stay-at-home mom of young children, I'm holding a small group Bible study to connect with others in faith. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 12 at 8:00 pm, and we'll be discussing the book of Daniel. We've been meeting at my home in south Marion. If you're interested or would like more info, please contact Bethany Mast at 515-441-0645 or bgodar@gmail.com.

Stand In Unity

Our group will meet next on Thursday, Oct. 1 during the Connect Thursday virtual gathering (details below). In September we talked about moving advocacy to action. We continue to add resources and recommendations to our SIU webpage - <http://lcrmarion.org/standinunity/>

Take the 21-Day Equity Challenge



The Challenge is a powerful opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of how inequity and racism affect our lives and our community.

<https://www.unitedwaydm.org/equity-challenge>

- 100% FREE to participate
- Receive an email every weekday **Oct. 5 - Nov. 2** with links to recommended articles, videos, podcasts, etc.
- Daily topics include: Understanding Privilege, Housing & Redlining, Justice System Inequities, Ally-ship, and more

Connect Thursday

Let's connect! Join Pr. Nate and Aaron Schutte on Thursday, October 1 from 8:00-9:00 pm. We 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

Wills & Trusts

The LCR Trust Fund is designed to be used for legacy giving which relates to estate planning and the preparation of a will. This could include gifts made through trusts, estates, life insurance, or through beneficiary designation of an IRA. This fall we are happy to offer an adult education session on wills and trusts. Join us on Sunday, October 4 from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. Our expert will be Don Johnson who is a member of LCR and an attorney with experience in estate planning and administration. Don will be covering powers of attorney, health care directives, wills, and trusts. If you are interested in joining, please sign up here so we will have your email to use on the Zoom invite - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ca8ad2ea7fa7-wills>. Only one participant per household needs to register. If you have any questions on this session or the Trust Fund call Joan Meyer 319-393-6972.

Brewing Up the Bible (BUB)

Join us for a time of casual fellowship and Bible study. All are welcome! We'll meet online by Zoom on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:30 pm.

<https://tinyurl.com/BrewUpBible>

Meeting ID: 864 5496 9262

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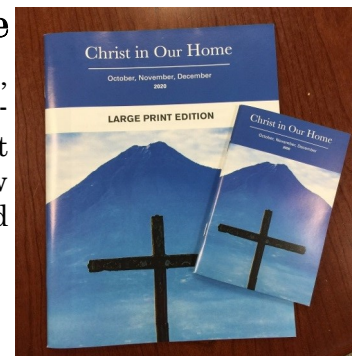
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Meeting ID: 864 5496 9262

Password: 574566

Christ In Our Home

Devotionals for October, November, and December are now available at the church. Let us know if you want a copy and we'll get it to you.



Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is meeting once a month for supervision and education. In October our education will be:

Ministering to Those Experiencing Losses Related to Aging

> Stephen Ministers learn the differing needs for care that accompany each category of aging: young, middle, old, and frail elderly. Part of their education includes considering themselves as aging people and what that means for them.

Ministering to Persons Needing Long -Term Care

> Stephen Ministers learn about the variety of afflictions that can result in a need for long-term care, and the special needs that long-term care receivers may have. They learn how to apply these skills to those needs. They will explore some barriers to effective ministry and evaluate their own gifts & commitments to care for long-term care receivers. They come to recognize that this particular ministry is not one that all are able to do effectively.

Please call if you or someone you know is in need of care. This is a very difficult time and people may feel isolated. Stephen Ministry can bring connection for someone feeling isolated.

Peace, Mary Hajek



Noah loads up at FLY

FLY

Feeding Lunches to Youth

THANK YOU!!! I would like to extend my eternal gratitude to all the people at LCR who made FLY possible this year. Without your financial support and volunteering, we would not have been able to feed all the families we did this summer. Special thanks to Jared and Bailey, FLY interns, for all their hard work. They were amazing.

FLY was extended three weeks past our normal end date due to the derecho and schools being postponed. **FLY served a total of 23,402 lunches this summer;** about 3 times our 2019 number. FLY spent \$34,000 this year to provide lunches. We have been actively applying for grants, in addition to donations received from generous supporters like our members here at LCR, to replenish our funds.

FLY plans to activate again during Spring Break. FLY Board members will be delivering the HACAP weekend food backpacks to Marion INdependent students again this year. Snow Day Assistance Meals for both Linn Mar and Marion will be determined as we watch the school year unfold.

Jill Hansen



Lucas Horn and Penny Nicks help at FLY





EDGE Is Now Online!

EDGE High School Youth Ministry has launched, with online and in-person small-group options. Contact Katie Kascel for more information - katie@lcrmarion.org

Follow EDGE on Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/edgetlcr/>

Church Building Updates

We are pushing forward to arrange for building repairs following the August derecho. An estimate has been completed and submitted to insurance; the total repairs are expected to cost approximately \$55,000.

Work to be completed

Fellowship Hall - bracing and framing of the east wall; insulation blown in to the ceiling; interior wall repairs; exterior siding, soffits, fascia, gutters / Sanctuary - repair drywall cracks and paint / Garage - repair/replace roof and overhead door / Outdoor - fencing

Our electronic scrolling sign was repaired on Monday, September 21st.

We are so grateful for all who have helped clean up following the storm. We look forward to our repaired space!

Landscaping Thanks

A **HUGE** thanks to Curt Zingula and Andy & Marilynn Carter, who have been busy since the derecho cutting down trees and removing the debris. Thanks also to Curt for removing the big blue spruce that was in the circle drive (by preschool door) and replacing it with a small blue spruce that he had growing at home. Other trees have been damaged and are being watched to see if they will remain healthy.

Confirmation News

On Wednesdays from 7-8 pm our students who have chosen to meet in person are gathering in the sanctuary on a rotating schedule.

In-person meetings ARE NOT REQUIRED to participate in our confirmation program. Pastor Nate is developing on-line content. Families are encouraged to choose whatever form of learning suits their needs! Our initial schedule will give us a chance to make sure we have our numbers correct. If we have more folks choose to participate in the in-person option, we will split the groups in half and reassess the best way to gather in the weeks to follow.

If your 7th or 8th-grade student is interested in participating in confirmation, please fill out this short form to register - <http://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/lcr-confirmation.html>

Church Building Zones

Now that Confirmation, EDGE, and Wednesday Night Live small groups are all in the building on Wednesday evenings, we are having to be careful to adhere to our LCR small group guidelines. At the September council meeting, Pastor Nate proposed adopting 'zones' in the church so that we are able to maintain the best health practices, with staff members responsible for maintaining appropriate group numbers in each zone.

Council members discussed Pastor Nate's proposal and amended the church's COVID policy to break the church into self-contained zones. Small in-person group meeting guidelines will be followed in each zone, with face masks required.

Prayers

Prayers
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Those hospitalized in September:

Tom Peterman, Lyle Bischof, Everett Dryden

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members) Mike Rosz, Ken Meisinger, Nancy Poppe, Jan & Bob Berridge, Evelyn Beck, Andy McRoberts, Deanna Harding, Cheryl Irland, Marilyn Canady, John & Barbara Wilkinson, Clark Gull, Paul Bendixen, John Howe, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken, Arvis Hahn

(family and friends) Ernie Jones, Alissa Birr, Cousin Sandy & Denny, Sabrina Billups & Marion Billups, Bob & Denise Osborn, Crystal Osborn, Brian Dawson, Bill Stroschein, Kaytie Anderson, Maurice Wilkinson, Gail Hawthorne

Those living in care facilities:

Lee Schoon, Vera Olson, Martin Winch (The Views); Pat Rose, Larry Wogahn (Bickford Cottage); Barb Schierholz (Willow Gardens); Ernest Jones (Winslow House)

Those in military service:

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

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).*

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 who celebrate:

- Pam & Bob Brown on the birth of their first granddaughter, Corinne, on 8/18. Parents are Wendy & Nate Anderson in Minnesota
- Ken & Barb Becicka on the birth of a grandson, Noah, born on Barb's birthday, 9/11!
- Evelyn Beck on the successful resolution of her hand surgery, at long last
- Ken & Arlene Lee on the birth of a great grandson, Edwin Franklin; parents James & Chelsea Lee

Those who mourn:

- Kristi & Paul Kearney and family on the death of her mother, Ruth Ann Stai, on 8/29
- Erv & Marcia Oltmanns and family on the death of his sister, Emma Lange, on 8/28

Those in transition:

- those affected by the derecho, at home & at work
- for farmers affected by the derecho
- for those affected by the COVID-19 virus

Prayers for those serving on the frontline:

Our hearts are with all those who are working hard hours in 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 through prayer, 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

Erv & I would like to thank everyone for your sympathies sent and given us in response to the deaths of my brother Dan and Erv's sister Emma. August was a rough month for us, along with the storm. Thank you again.
- Marcia Oltmanns

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for August 2020

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$40,672	\$385,845	\$433,446
General Fund Expenses	\$37,999	\$347,795	\$431,641
Cash Balances	<u>08/31/20</u>		<u>08/31/20</u>
General Fund	\$129,217*		\$ 13,490
Clearing Accounts	\$ 61,088		\$ 33,861
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$ 62,463*		\$ 32,317

*includes PPP Loan

2020 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through 8/31	\$ 74,724
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through 8/31	\$ 76,866
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$ 71,705
% of pledges received	93.3%

LCR applied and received a small business PPP loan in April. In our general fund we received \$61,547 to be used to help LCR cover payroll needs for April & May. \$4,848 has been received in our Growth & Outreach fund to cover April & May Payroll needs. LCR applied for forgiveness of the Paycheck Protection Program loan in June.



Church Council

The Council met on September 15th. Secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$129,217 at the end of August due to the PPP Loan.

New Business

- Pastor Jeff: thinking ahead about 'COVID Christmas'
- Pastor Nate: 'Zones' proposed in church so we can have all 3 youth groups in building on Wed. evenings. Okayed by Council

Team Reports

- (Governance Team did not meet)
- Stewardship Team considering new fund plan: General Fund and Building Upgrade Fund. Discussion tabled to a later date.

General Fund Summary

After eight months of 2020:

- ◆ Receipts are 100% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through Aug.
- ◆ Expenses are 90% of the 2020 budget, pro-rated through Aug.

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.

- Property Team proposal described in detail.
- Joan Meyer reported on Trust Fund changes; constitution and by-law changes required.
- 2021 Appeal Team: Stewardship sermons planned for November. Cari will make appeal packet available on website.
- Outreach Team: Proposing online volunteer coordination through SignUpGenius.
- Audio/Video acquisition: Goal is live-streaming with the band. 2 bids received for video equipment; Cari okayed to pursue Paradigm bid.

Next meeting - October 20, 2020

Agenda items should be submitted by 10/17. Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office binder.

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Samantha Lang is Resurrection's new wine-maker. Mom Arlene came along to help pick our beautiful, ripe grapes

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The EWALU Fall Festival & Quilt Auction will be held online this year from Saturday, October 10 through Thursday, October 15. Quilt viewing, bidding, and recorded worship services will take place on a secure online silent auction platform. Watch Facebook or EWALU's quilt auction web page for updates - <http://ewalu.org/event/2019-fall-festival-quilt-auction-20/>

<< quilts donated by Resurrection ladies >>



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