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## Message from the Pastor

“I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.”

- *Ephesians 1.16*

So what are you thankful for? As we enter the month of “Thanksgiving,” it seems only appropriate to take an inventory of that which we are thankful. Here’s my list! First a disclaimer, I am going to take for granted the ‘big things’ - the love of God in Jesus Christ, family, friends, and nation. Not take for granted in the negative sense; but in the sense that I think all of us can usually identify those major areas of thanksgiving.

No, instead I want to look at some of those things that usually fly under the radar. First of all I’m thankful for people who smile while they are driving or walking in public. You bring a glimmer of sunshine to others. Next I’m thankful for those little acts of kindness that happen randomly at any given time. Case in point, this past week I was out with my family visiting a local farm. After buying a little bit of produce the person helping us asked: “would you like some eggs? They’re free. We just have a lot.” Yes! I said. And then when we got home we delivered a dozen to one of our neighbors who has a couple of kids at home. I’m doubly thankful for the kindness shown to me and for the opportunity to spread it along!

I’m thankful for all the thousand little things that people do here at LCR. Whether it be staff or volunteers - your faithfulness is a source of great joy!

Finally, as we enter the end of a rather contentious election cycle, I’m thankful for those who, whether through confirmation training or just divine graces, have come to live out Luther’s explanation of the 8th commandment. “We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.” For you who live this - blessed are you among angels and mortals - Thank you!

What are you thankful for?

*Peace, Pastor Jeff*

**Coming Soon! In-Person Worship**

*see page 2 for details*

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# Worship



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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](http://www.lcrmarion.org)*

**Sunday services** are being held livestream when it's chilly and drive-in when the weather is nice. We are planning to begin in-person worship in November; see details below.

## 8:30 am Traditional Worship

## 10:00 am Contemporary Worship

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

## Evening Song Zoom Worship - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Links for all our services can be found on our website: [www.lcrmarion.org](http://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.

## In-Person Worship Coming Soon!

We are excited to let everyone at LCR know that we are working toward opening up our Sanctuary for in-person Sunday worship! In order to do this in a safe and reasonable manner there will be several precautions put in place: Masks will need to be worn, social distancing observed, and certain restrictions will be maintained. And, of course, anyone who is ill (fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, etc...), or who has been exposed to someone with Covid-19, will need to stay at home. It is our hope to provide in-person worship by Thanksgiving - stay tuned! And of course, we will continue to provide online worship each and every Sunday. We realize that for many in this time, on-line will be a preferred option and we are working hard to upgrade and enhance our online abilities. So whether we are in-person or on-line, "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!" - *Psalms 95.6*

## Masks - helping us at LCR!

We have been thrilled to welcome more groups back on campus! It's so good to be able to use our wonderful building for ministry and mutual care. Please remember that masks - worn over one's nose and mouth - are required in the building. This simple precaution, coupled with social distancing, allows us to be open during this time of pandemic, to gather together in small groups, provide a safe venue for ministry, help protect staff who work in the building, and shows a loving concern to those who might be more susceptible to illness. Thank you for your commitment to providing a safe environment here at LCR!





# Ministry

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## Personal Care Kits

Thank you to all who donated towels and soap to the Personal Care Kits drive last winter!

62 Personal Care Kits have been assembled from these items along with toothbrushes, nail clippers, and combs previously donated or furnished by the Mary Martha/Rebecca Circle. Shipment of the kits was delayed to this fall because of the Covid-19 shutdown, but were delivered in October to Trinity Lutheran in Cedar Rapids for shipment to Lutheran World Relief.



## Landscape Work Day

Our dedicated Landscaping Team spent hours on October 10th and throughout the month getting our outdoors tidied up for the winter. Thanks so much to all who came out; photos can be found on this month's CrossTalk insert.

## Seeking Tech 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 booth 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.

## Marion Lutheran Churches Blood Drive

Thanks for giving the Gift of Life! Over 40 people from Resurrection, Faith, and Ascension Churches came out on October 22nd to donate blood. Thank you to Bob Wolter for coordinating with the blood bank to host this event.



## WNL needs fleece!

Wednesday Night Live kids need donations of fleece (1 yard or larger pieces) for their fall service project. We'll use the fleece to make pet blankets for the Cedar Valley Humane Society. Please bring your fleece donations to the church in the next few weeks. Thank you! - *Jill Hansen*

## November & December Mission Envelopes

...are going to the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids. The Center serves immigrants, refugees, and women experiencing crisis to promote the well-being and dignity of individuals in need. *Your donations are so appreciated and needed.*

## Churches of Marion Food Pantry

Thank you for your incredibly generous gifts of time, food donations, and monetary donations that allow the pantry to continue serving! You can find us at 864 - 12th St. in Marion. The pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 pm.

**Volunteer Opportunities** - We're always looking for strong people with trucks who would be able to haul large loads of food during the daytime. Please contact Cari at the church if you are interested in learning more.

# LCR SUNDAY SCHOOL



We have been having so much fun in Sunday School, in-person and on-line! We have been studying the fruit of the spirit. So far we have covered Love, Joy, Peace, and Patience. Contact [jessi@lcrmarion.org](mailto:jessi@lcrmarion.org) to get involved!

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 SS meet-ups** during the week are available for students PK-5th grade. Keep an eye on your email for sign-ups, or contact Jessi. *(photos on insert)*
- > **At-Home Sunday School** activities and coloring sheets are available on the church website in the Youth Programming Portal.

Please fill out the form linked below to get your family plugged in with Sunday School this year - <https://tinyurl.com/SunSchSurvey>

**Facebook group** - Jessi has launched a FB group for our families: 'LCR Sunday School.' This is a private group, to keep our kids safe, but it is available to all Resurrection families and friends who would like to see updates on social media. Please search 'LCR Sunday School' in Facebook if you would want to join the group.

**Does your child need a bible?** - We give the Spark Storybook Bible to preschooler through 2nd graders. After that, we give a full-text bible as the next stepping stone in their growing faith. Reach out to [jessi@lcrmarion.org](mailto:jessi@lcrmarion.org) if you would like to get a bible for your youngsters.

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT Live



Wednesday Night Live has changed this year to 4th-6th grade to align with changes in the Resurrection Confirmation program.

WNL is having small, in-person groups on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Groups are assigned by Jill in advance and masks are required. Students should be dropped off and picked up at the circle drive. If you would like your student to participate in the small groups, please contact [jill@lcrmarion.org](mailto:jill@lcrmarion.org).

We're also continuing to meet on Zoom (Wednesdays at 7:15 pm) for those who aren't at the in-person meetings or prefer the online-only option.

**Dates to remember:**

- 11/4 - There will be **NO WNL** in-person or on-line
- 11/25 - **NO WNL** due to Thanksgiving break.

*Appreciating nature and enjoying the outdoors at WNL!*





# Adult Faith & Outreach

## Book of Daniel 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. Our next meeting will be Monday, November 9 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

## Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

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



## Stand In Unity

Our group will meet next on Thursday, Nov. 5 during the Connect Thursday virtual gathering (details below). We continue to add resources and recommendations to our SIU webpage - <http://lcrmarion.org/standinunity/>

## Connect Thursday

Let's connect! Join Pr. Nate and Aaron Schutte on Thursday, November 5 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

## Choir Small-Group Rehearsals

The Resurrection Choir has resumed rehearsals on Sunday afternoons, with measures taken to mitigate risk due to COVID19. If you are interested in participating in choir, please contact the church office.

## LCR Seminary Scholarship

In August the LCR Trust Fund announced a new Seminary Scholarship. This fund is available to assist any current or past member of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection who is preparing for ordained ministry or to pursue a full-time religious vocation in the ELCA. The LCR



Trust Fund has awarded the first scholarship from our new Seminary Scholarship program. **Congratulations to Aaron Schutte** on receiving this scholarship. Remember to keep Aaron in your thoughts and prayers as he attends his first year at seminary.

## Brewing Up the Bible (BUB)

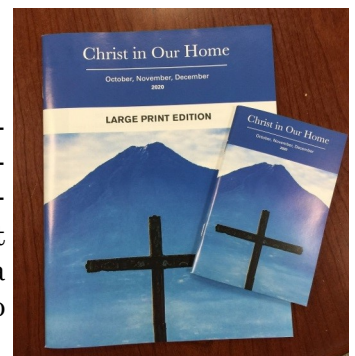
Join us for a time of casual fellowship and Bible study. All are welcome! We'll meet online by Zoom on Wednesday, November 11 at 7:30 pm.

<https://tinyurl.com/BrewUpBible>  
Meeting ID: 864 5496 9262  
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## 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.



# Building

## New Sound Technology

We are very excited that we have the opportunity to update our audio/visual capabilities at the church thanks to a very generous gift in memory of Lola Lang. This gift will make possible new technology which will improve the sound capabilities for both on-line and in-person worship.

## New Property Advisory & Planning Team

In September, the LCR council approved formation of a new team for dealing with church building and property maintenance and upgrade issues. The team is made up of two council members, the office manager, and a few congregation members. One of the first issues they have assessed is our electricity usage. After receiving results from a walk-through with a Linn County REC commercial energy advisor, the team decided to begin a needed upgrade this fall of 1/3 of our fluorescent light fixtures. Approximately 75 fixtures will be converted to use more efficient LED tubes. Each 4-tube LED fixture will draw less than half the power than the current fluorescent tube fixture. A rebate will help offset the conversion cost in 2020. The remaining fixtures will be converted to LED tubes in 2021.



*Resurrection's new media room*



# Stephen Ministry

We are excited to be able to meet in the church for our supervision and continuing education.

In November we will be learning:

## Ministering to Those Experiencing Divorce

Stephen Ministers are not marriage counselors, and this continuing education module won't attempt to mold them into such a role. Rather, they learn to care for the pain and suffering people experience when they are going through divorce, including their spiritual needs. They learn what the stages in the divorce process are and what the bible says about divorce. They also examine their own attitudes about divorce which can help them avoid pitfalls in their caring.

## Crisis of Pregnancy and Childbirth

Even with a normal pregnancy resulting in a healthy baby, parents can experience crises. This module describes possible crises and how to care for people experiencing them. It also explores the crises of abnormal pregnancy and birth, including high risk pregnancies, miscarriage, stillbirth, infertility, premature birth, and infant death. Stephen Ministers learn to minister to new parents and to parents where one or more of these difficulties or crises have arisen.

There is an opportunity through Stephen Ministry to do Leadership training online. If this is something you may be interested in exploring, I would be happy to sit down with you and answer any of your questions about Stephen Ministry. You can also go to [stephenministries.org/bridge](http://stephenministries.org/bridge).

*Peace, Mary Hajek*



*EDGE Youth finally come indoors for the fall.*





## 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. You can access Pastor Nate's on-line content at <https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/lcryouthminportal.html>. Families are encouraged to choose whatever form of learning suits their needs!

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>



## Congratulations 2020 Confirmands!

Abby Buske, Briana Clymer, Myles Fishel,  
Emerson Fleming, Quentin Gillund,  
Sophia McDonald, Josephine Mc-Roberts,  
Zach Miglia, Lauren Moenk, Parker Nicks,  
Kyrah Nitz, Griffin Schultz, Rylie Schutz,  
Charlie Schweitzer, Karli Sletteland,  
Addison Slingluff



## EDGE Is Online!

EDGE High School Youth Ministry is up and running, with on-line and in-person small group options. Contact Katie Kascel for more information - [katie@lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)

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



*EDGE small groups met outside as long as they could!*



# Prayers

Prayers  
are  
requested  
for...



## Those hospitalized in October:

Richard Sundermeyer

## Those experiencing illness or surgery:

*(Resurrection members)* Marilyn Canady, Jan Berridge, Duane Rinderknecht, Dan Tegtmeier, Linda Christiansen, Jerry Norman, Tom Peterman, Lyle Bischof, Everett Dryden, Mike Rosz, Ken Meisinger, Nancy Poppe, Andy McRoberts, Deanna Harding, Cheryl Irland, Clark Gull, Paul Bendixen, John Howe, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken, Arvis Hahn

*(family and friends)* Steve Durspek, Kaytie Anderson, Rae Pittenger, Doug Breiholz, Alice Waechter, Patti Supp, friend Gina, Ernie Jones, Alissa Birr, Cousin Sandy & Denny, 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, Todd Kopperud, Michael Berridge, David Berridge

## Those who celebrate:

- Confirmands: Abby Buske, Briana Clymer, Myles Fishel, Emerson Fleming, Quentin Gillund, Sophia McDonald, Josephine McRoberts, Zach Miglia, Lauren Moenk, Parker Nicks, Kyrah Nitz, Griffin Schultz, Rylie Schutz, Charlie Schweitzer, Karli Sletteland, Addison Slingluff

## Those who mourn:

- Tori Lee & Dan Tegtmeier on the death of Tori's uncle, John Lee, on 10/13.
- Delores & Garry Moose on the death of Delores' father Gordon Johnson, on 10/15.
- Pam & Gary Kacena on the death of Pam's cousin, David, on 10/15.
- Julie & David Jensen, on the death of Julie's mother, Marldine Moeller, on 10/16.

## Those in transition:

- those affected by the derecho,
- 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. If you are willing to serve them through prayer, go to [http://lcrmarion.org/prayer\\_team/](http://lcrmarion.org/prayer_team/) and type in this password – LCRPrays.

**Malawi Trip in November** - Please pray for: Katie Kascel, Jessi Lau, Adam Lau, Chris Heidelbauer, Megan Heidelbauer, Ethan Schmidt and Neal Johnson (Media Team)

*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 2020

	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$37,376	\$423,221	\$478,550
General Fund Expenses	\$53,239	\$401,033	\$475,105

Cash Balances	<u>09/30/20</u>	<u>09/30/19</u>
General Fund	\$109,360 *	\$ 19,279
Clearing Accounts	\$ 45,233	\$ 35,592
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$ 55,777 *	\$ 35,043

\*includes PPP Loan

## 2020 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through 9/30	\$ 82,786
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through 9/30	\$ 83,682
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$ 80,206
% of pledges received	95.80%

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.

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# Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, October 20th. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$109,360 at the end of September due to the PPP Loan.

### Monthly Reports

- Pastor Jeff: Two church members are beginning the pastor candidacy process.
- Pastor Nate: Upcoming Confirmation service should go great due to planning team work.
- Getting people back in to the church: Plan to transition to in-person worship some time in November. Okayed by Council.
- Decision made on new office copier.

### Team Reports

**Governance** - New charter is complete; working on Trust Fund by-law changes with Joan Meyer.

## General Fund Summary

After nine months of 2020:

- ◆ Receipts are 97% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through September
- ◆ Expenses are 92% of the 2020 budget, pro-rated through Sep.

## 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.

**Stewardship** - Property Cmte. working on reducing electric bill by converting to LED lighting.  
- Fall Appeal coming out by the end of October, with only one Fund. There will be a special 'bucket' for facilities improvement.

**Outreach** - Working with Pastor Jeff to streamline volunteerism.

### New Business

- Support requested for an international charity. Decision postponed pending research.

### Next meeting - November 24, 2020

Agenda items should be submitted by 11/21. Copies of Council minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office binder.

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Our creative quilting ladies have been providing us with lovely & fun baptismal quilts for years, and now Barbara Wilkinson has donated a number of 'crochet critters,' produced during the llllooonng hours of shutdown this spring. This friendly elephant (left) just happened to match one of the cozy blankets we had on hand, so they both went home with a lucky new baby! *Thanks to everyone who takes time to bless others with their talents.*

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