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A Word from the Pastor

Now that we have made our way through one of the busiest times in the calendar year of both our church and our secular year, we look forward to a period of relaxation. But who am I kidding? Does life ever really slow down? People go back to work and to school. Sports and music keep us running around from one school to another. We are thankful for the times we have with our families, but it always feels good to get back into the rhythm of life we are familiar with. Worship and Sunday School, Confirmation, Wednesday Night Live and EDGE help us to stay balanced. I pray that your 2020 is filled with the joy of celebration. Happy New Year!

- Interim Pastor Denny Wright

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Worship

January 5 & 8 - *We Three Kings*

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings - Matthew 2:1-12; Isaiah 60:1-6

January 12 & 15 - *Jesus Joins Us in the*

Preacher: Pastor Nate Montover *Muddy Waters*

Bible readings - Matthew 3:13-17, Isaiah 42:1-9

January 19 & 22 - *Come and See*

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings - John 1:29-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

January 26 & 29 - *Do You Hear Him Calling?*

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

Bible readings - Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23



New Organ Update

We have visited several churches with new organ installations in our search to find the best instrument for our congregation. As the 2020 year begins, we will continue to view, listen to, and discuss the pros and cons of each organ. We are so fortunate to have our present organists, Ruth Armstrong, Cheryl Irland, and Matthew Lang, to advise the committee in this venture. Members of the congregation may continue to contribute to either the Memorial Fund or the newly created Organ Fund. Our Fund Drive will be put in place once we have found what the committee and our organists feel is the best selection for LCR.

Nursery Positions

Resurrection Lutheran is currently hiring two part-time nursery attendants for Sunday mornings from 7:45 to 11:45 am. We are looking for responsible, caring, and faithful people to serve with our precious little ones, infant through age 5. These are paid positions - \$18.75 per hour. Applicants must be 21 or older. Job descriptions and applications are available on the entryway bulletin board; please return to Evelyn Beck in the church office.



**Christmas Concert
& Reception - Dec. 8th
*Beautiful!***



Ministry

January/February Mission Envelopes

....will go to FLY (Feeding Lunches to Youth). There are students who rely on the hot lunch program in their schools for the main meal of the day. When there is no school, there is no meal for them. There are 6 congregations who take part in this meal program by: making sandwiches, sacking the lunch bags, delivering the lunches, passing out the lunches, and returning the leftovers.

December Volunteers

Thanks so much for all the volunteers who stepped up during the Christmas season. We had people who decorated the church, worked in many different ways for the Christmas Concert, took part in lighting the Advent Candles, went Christmas Caroling to members of LCR, helped with the many tasks at the three Christmas Eve programs, and realized you can't leave the decorations up all year and can't wait to help take them down (see item below). *You are special people and we are very grateful for you.*

Unhanging of the Greens

.....will be held this *Saturday, January 4* at 9:00 am. Help us take down all the Christmas decorations and tuck them away in bins. Beverages and snacks will be available when you need a break.



Welcome,
Cari Redondo

Cari Redondo started in the position of Director of Connections here at Resurrection in December. She is taking charge of our communications both within the church and to our neighbors in the community. We are so happy to have her leadership in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in our world!

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

The Mary Martha Rebecca Circle will be collecting NEW lightweight bath towels and 3 or 4 oz. bars of soap for personal care kits. Other items for the kits have previously been donated or will be purchased by the Circle. Donations may be placed in the marked tub in the Gathering Area. If you have questions, please contact Lareen Gull at 373-3304.

Time and Talent

We will be doing new Time and Talent volunteer opportunity sign-ups in February. Please take time to think about how you wish to serve at LCR in 2020. If you are currently in a ministry and have a need for more volunteers, or want to add or change something, please contact Marcia (marcia@lcrmarion.org). If you have an idea for a new group or activity that you would like to see happening at Resurrection, we can put that on the Time and Talent sheet too, hopefully finding other people who would like to take part, too.

New Years Resolutions

Many people make resolutions in January. Here are some of the more unusual ones:

1. Get your photo taken in 5 unusual places
2. Break a record
3. Make a new friend
4. Learn something you never learned as a child
5. Try a new food each week
6. Memorize a Bible verse each week

Wouldn't it be great if we all made an effort to fulfill #6? We might start with the Bible verses that are written in wood by the door to the conference room. Let's see how many of those we can learn!!

Another good resolution is to join one of the musical groups at LCR. The **choir** rehearses on Wednesday at 7:15, the **Galileans women's choir** rehearses on Wednesday at 6:15. **The King's Men Choir** rehearses on Wednesday at 6:15, and the **Bell Choir** rehearses on Thursday at 6:30. All of these groups are full of people who are 'cute and fun to be with' and whatever you bring to the group, you will find you will receive much more back, just by getting involved.

Sunday School

SS Director - Jessi Heidelbauer
jessi@lcrmarion.org

2020 Sunday School Calendar

January 5th	New Testament Unit 1
January 12th	New Testament Unit 1
January 19th	New Testament Unit 1
January 26th	New Testament Unit 1
February 2nd	New Testament Unit 2
February 9th	New Testament Unit 2
February 16th	New Testament Unit 2
February 23rd	New Testament Unit 2
March 1st	New Testament Unit 3
March 8th	New Testament Unit 3
March 15th	No Sunday School
March 22nd	New Testament Unit 3
March 29th	New Testament Unit 3
April 5th	Easter Study
April 12th (Easter)	No Sunday School
April 19th	New Testament Unit 4
April 26th	New Testament Unit 4
May 3rd	New Testament Unit 4
May 10th	New Testament Unit 4
May 17th	Last Day of Sunday School

We are excited to be back on January 5th, ready to study the New Testament! This is a great time to invite a new friend; talk to Jessi if you need additional registration info.

Sunday School meets from **9:15 until 10:15** on Sunday mornings according to the dates on <this calendar. Dates are subject to change, but will be shared with you via email as well as on the church website and social media pages.



Wednesday Night Live



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



WNL
Director
Jill Hansen
jill@lcr
marion.org



January Calendar
January 8 - Game Night
January 15 - Large Group/Small Group
January 22 - Service Night
January 29 - Movie Night (6:00-7:45 pm)



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)

Sunday mornings at 9:15

We will offer three choices for abiding in the Word on Sundays from *January 5 through February 23*.

Discipleship series - Pastor Denny will guide us through a biblical how-to: Making Sense of Scripture. (*lounge*)

Discover series - Bob Erlandson will help us discover the lessons to be learned as we dive deep into Revelations.

Doing series - We encourage you to uncover your Spiritual Gifts to help you understand (conference room) the gifts that God wants you to unwrap and use effectively in His world. (*fellowship hall*)

Other Small Groups...

- ◆ **Rebecca Mary Martha Circle** - *Wednesday, January 8* at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall
- ◆ **Linda Schminke Small Group** - *Wednesday, January 8 & 22* at 1:00 pm in the conference room (319-551-6693)
- ◆ **JAM (Jesus And Me) Women's Circle** - *Monday, January 13* at 1:00 pm in the church lounge
- ◆ **Biblical Fellowship** - 'The Letters of John' on *Tuesday, January 21* at 2:00 pm, fellowship hall
- ◆ **Donna Dennis Small Group** - *Thursday, January 9 & 23* at 7:00 pm (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, January 8* for fellowship, beverages, and study! Contact Ramon Redondo for details. (319-491-7212)

Epiphany

The Epiphany season begins January 6 and is observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. Epiphany also is defined as occurring where the words and music "speak to you," becoming something more than a sum of their parts, or a sudden and profound understanding of something. Taking part in one of the many classes offered by LCR could make a special "epiphany" for everyone who participates.

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.

January topics are...

- ◆ **January 3** - *no gathering today*
- ◆ **January 10** - *Upsizing Life by Downsizing Stuff: Living large in an 84-sq/ft. house*
- ◆ **January 17** - *Is the Devil Real? An exorcist tells all*
- ◆ **January 24** - *The Witch Next Door: What's the appeal of Wicca and paganism*
- ◆ **January 31** - *Conspiracies: What 'they' don't want you to know*



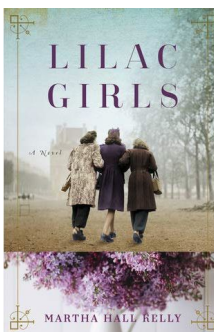
Fellowship

PEP Game Day

Come join us for a dice game, fellowship, and snacks. Join the PEP (People Enjoying People) 55+ group from 2:30-4:30 on *Sunday, January 26* in the fellowship room. A sign-up sheet will be posted in January on the entryway bulletin board. Hope to see you there! Contact Cheri Francik if you have any questions: 319-480-0763.

LCR Book Club

LCR's Book Club will meet on *Tuesday, January 21* at 6:30 pm to discuss "Lilac Girls" by Martha Hall Kelly, an engrossing drama set in World War II. Library copies are available in the church office for you to sign out. Contact Sherrill at 319-329-0114 or sherrillamorrison@gmail.com if you have any questions. You are always welcome to invite non-member friends to our gatherings!



Cribbage Group

We are gathering on *Friday, January 10 and 24* 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.

Woodcarvers

Our wood-carving group meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the Sunday School Art Room. Anyone is welcome to join us - male or female, young or old, members or not! If you haven't tried woodcarving before, we can 'show you the ropes.' Call Jerry Schierholz with any questions: 319-270-3380

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

Happy New Year from your Stephen Ministry team!

As we make our resolutions for this next year let's consider how we are adjusting to new conditions in our lives. Adjust means to adapt or conform to new conditions. Have you - or has someone you know - recently had to adjust to any of these situations:

- a new job
- a new baby
- a new house
- a separation
- a grown child moving back home
- a seriously ill parent
- a death
- a best friend who has moved

Please be caring and helpful to those around you who are having to make adjustments in their lives. You can make a difference and really help them by encouraging them to talk to someone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained and available for listening to and helping people as they face changes in their lives.

How Does Stephen Ministry Work?

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, Mary Hajek, our Stephen Ministry Referral Coordinator, will meet with that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs. Our Referrals Coordinator then matches that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers. The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for about an hour each week as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems: rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.



Stephen Ministry contact information

Mary Hajek:
319-899-6454
Lutheran Church
of the Resurrection:
319-377-4689

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



We just finished studying...

Mark

baptism leper
temptation sower
calming the storm
healing Legion
Lord's Supper
Gethsemane
walk on water
execution
little children
rise from the dead
widow's mite
feed 5,000

Confirmation

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

January Schedule

Wed, Jan. 1 - no Confirmation scheduled
Wed, Jan. 8 - Large Group with Guide Huddle
Wed, Jan. 15 - Small Groups
Wed, Jan. 22 - Large Group
Wed, Jan. 29 - Family Night



Prayers

Prayers are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in December:

Glen Madsen, Larry Wogahn,
(hospice) Virgil Boynton

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members)

Laura Eiben, Judi Conrad, Glen Madsen, Donna Walton, Paul Bendixen, Evelyn Beck, John Knodle, John Howe, Roger Carlson, Lyle Bischof, Deanne Harding, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken, Arvis Hahn, Bob & Jan Berridge

(family and friends)

Will Springer, Carol Sadoris, Liz Lindell, Bill Campbell, Kenny O'Hara, Jim Graybill, Alissa Birr, Heather Roberson Ludwig, Karole Meese, Pastor Denny Wright, Evelyn Swanson, Betty Dvorsky, Leona Jones; friends Bryson and Dylan; Steve Durspek, Brian Dawson, Carl & Marge Richardson

Those living in care facilities:

Vera Olson, Martin Winch (The Views), Pat Rose, Larry Wogahn (Bickford Cottage), Esther Burrack (Hallmark), Ernest Jones (Crestview)

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

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:

- Aaron & Allison Schutte on the birth of Rosalie Alice Schutte, on Dec. 13th.

Those who mourn:

- Karen Phillips and family on the death of her husband Bryan on Dec. 6th.
- Virgil Boynton on the death of his wife Dorothy on Dec. 7th.
- Kurt Feltes and family on the death of his mother, Mary Ann Feltes, on Dec. 16th.
- Sharon Hill and family on the death of her sister, Marlys Kime, on Dec. 20th.

Those in Transition:

- Amy Thompson
- Barr/Buckeridge family
- Families struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues
- Those impacted by violence in the United States and abroad.



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.

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for November 2019

	<u>November</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$48,956	\$564,728	\$590,514
General Fund Expenses	\$46,315	\$563,930	\$608,612
Cash Balances	<u>11/30/19</u>	<u>11/30/18</u>	
General Fund	\$12,293	\$(13,117)	
Clearing Accounts	\$40,995	\$ 42,340	
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$38,659	\$ 32,812	

2019 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through Nov. 30	\$101,535
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through Nov. 30	\$114,508
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$ 96,991
% of pledges received	84.7%

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 \$13,323 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 November have been \$29,781 and marketing costs \$44,208.

Church Council

The Council met on Dec. 17th
The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved.
The General Fund balance was \$12,293 at the end of Nov.

Team Reports:

Stewardship - Fund Appeal Pledges are being recorded.

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:

Cari Redondo was hired as our new Director of Connections.

Call Committee -

We met with Pastor Ostrem from the Synod office on Dec. 30.

Next Council Meeting -

Tuesday, January 21th at 6:30 pm.
Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office.

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TOGETHER
connected through the promise of Jesus

General Fund Summary

After eleven months of 2019:

- ◆ Receipts are 90% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through November.
- ◆ Expenses are 90% of the 2019 budget, pro-rated through Nov.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided:
- ◆ \$33,916 to the ELCA/Synod
- ◆ \$2,000 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.

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

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Santa came to Lifetree Cafe!



Resurrection
Carolers visited
members in
homes and
care facilities
to share the joy
of Christmas
through song!

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