

Crosstalk

*Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name. Psalm 30.4*

Many people have turned to the Psalms as a source for comfort and wisdom in the spiritual journey. I think this has been the case because the Psalms are realistic about the struggles we have in this life; but are also unapologetically confident in the presence and unending work of God. Take for instance that most famous of Psalms, the 23rd, “Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil.” There is no suggestion that a different road would be provided, no the current path is through the valley of the shadow of death; however there is a confidence that even in the midst of such realities fear does not need to overcome a person’s hope and trust in God because “thou (God) art with me!”

I’ve been thinking about this promise as we enter into the time of Thanksgiving. If you read the next verse of Psalm 30 (see above) you’ll find: “For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” Faith for the Psalmist is staking out one’s position that the trials we endure are but one piece of a much longer journey. A journey that always moves forward in hopeful expectation of what God can bring about. I think we need this kind of faith today.

A faith that is realistic about the issues and concerns in front of us as individuals, a community, a nation and a church; but unapologetically confident that God is at work and that morning is coming with the light and warmth of a new day. That is my Thanksgiving prayer for each and every one of us here at LCR: That we keep our eyes on the horizon, anxiously expecting God to be at work through Jesus. This is after all our story. May you enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving in hopeful expectation of all that is to come.

Peace! - Pastor Jeff

*Blessing of
the Animals*



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Worship

~ Sunday morning services - same message, different music styles ~

Sunday 8:30 am - Traditional Worship

Sunday 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship

casual evening gathering with its own message & music from a range of worship styles

Wednesday 6:00 pm - Evening Worship

No reservations are required for **In-Person Worship**.

Links are available on our website and social media sites for **Livestream Worship**.

You can sign up for **email alerts** from LCR about worship and other news. Scroll to the bottom of our homepage and sign up under “E-Newsletter” or email us (office@lcrmarion.org) and we’ll sign you up.

Text Notifications - Worship services and other events are subject to change with circumstances.

If you would like text notifications of schedule changes / cancellations, call the church office (319.377.4689) and give us your name & cell number ~OR~ you can sign yourself up at - <https://share.hsforms.com/181uDRkYnTRyGMmuwI3ZiDQ44ay4>

ADVENT 2021 - Light One Candle for Messiah...

This year some of our woodworking friends - Marlin Oeltjen, Jim Dettbarn, Dennis Heppler, and Bob Erlandson - have made a special “Advent board” to help us prepare for Christmas. Every family is invited to take one of these special Advent boards home and use them with the LCR Advent guide. The boards and devotions will be available on Sunday, November 28th at worship. Use them daily as a time of personal prayer to keep you centered on the gift of Jesus and the celebration of his coming into the world. Tea lights are provided, but for those families who might want a non-flame alternative we recommend the battery operated lights available at craft stores. And for those who might want to add a little creative touch to their Advent board, there will be a special Family Advent Gathering on Sunday, November 28th where you can personally decorate your Advent boards following 10:30 am worship.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Fellowship

We invite you to join us for a special Thanksgiving Eve Worship on Wednesday, November 24th at 6:00 pm, followed by a time of fellowship and treats. Please feel free to bring a Thanksgiving treat to share - or just come to help us enjoy them! Either way, we hope you can join us as we give thanks together for all that God has done!



The Chosen - concludes on Sunday, November 7th at 4:00 pm

You can watch here Episode 8 (Beyond Mountains) at the church with us, or online at home - <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

Stewardship

I LOVE TO *Tell the*
Story

"I Love to Tell the Story" is the theme of our 2021-22 Fall Appeal. If you didn't receive a packet in the mail, let us know and we will send you one. You can also access the materials online - <https://lcrmarion.org/stewardship.html>.

We hope to have materials returned on or before Consecration Sunday, November 14.

Please let us know if you have any questions! Thank you for your prayerful support of the mission and ministries of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Your Gifts At Work!

As a part of our Annual Campaign we give people the opportunity to offer a special 'one time gift' to an identified need. Last year's one time gifts for Technology, Safety, Infrastructure, and Derecho-related expenses made a tremendous impact. Your gifts of over \$11,000 allowed us to cover our Derecho-related insurance deductible (\$2,500) for repair of siding, electrical, HVAC, and much more; Install Security cameras (\$3,261); Replace our water heater (\$1,047); Provide new microphones and assistance for sound at worship (\$1,391); Parking lot lighting (\$1,150); and will enable Water damage repair and window replacement for the garage/woodworking area (\$1,800 bid pending).

This year's special "One Time Gift" will go to support our Children's and Youth ministry. Your generosity, over and above your faithful yearly pledge, makes a direct impact on lives here in our community - thank you!

Ministry

Cozy Christmas Shoebox Project

Mark your calendars to participate in our Cozy Christmas Shoebox Service Project on Sunday, December 5th, in shifts at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 am! During the month of November, we would like to collect the following items:

- * Clean, sturdy shoeboxes ~ *or* ~ shoebox-size plastic bins with lids
- * Stocking hats
- * Mittens
- * Socks
- * Individually wrapped candy, granola bars, hot chocolate packets, or microwave popcorn

Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase the above items. You can donate via our PayPal link on the giving page (specify "Cozy Christmas") or bring your donations to church - again, please mark them for "Cozy Christmas."



Our goal is to put together 200 shoe boxes, which will be distributed to families with children before Christmas at the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. On December 5th, we will sort the items, make treat bags, fill and decorate the boxes, and make Christmas cards to include with the boxes. No need to sign up to participate - just come and help! Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks for helping those in need in our community!!

Nov/Dec Mission Envelopes

...are going to Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids. CMC's programs serve distinct populations - immigrants, refugees, and women experiencing crisis - to promote the well-being and dignity of individuals in need through educational and supportive services.



Family Advent Event on Sunday, Nov. 28th – see calendar page for info

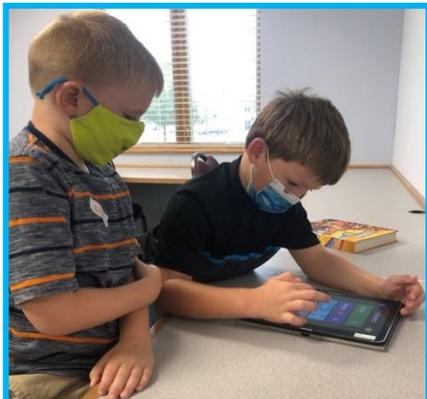


WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE DATES
NOVEMBER:
3 - GAME NIGHT
10 - REGULAR WNL
17 - REGULAR WNL
24 - NO WNL - THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES
NOVEMBER:
7 - UNIT 2 - BABY MOSES
14 - UNIT 2 - BABY MOSES
21 - NO SS - THANKSGIVING
28 - UNIT 3 - CHRISTMAS UNIT



Wednesday Night Live students started the year playing games and doing activities based on “Who We Are” and talking about who God is along the way!



Sunday School students have been studying Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Esau. Each week they have used art supplies, tablets, building materials and games to bring the text to life!

Adult Faith Development

Lifetree Cafe

.... meets on Fridays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. For those who are not familiar with Lifetree, it is not a Bible study or book group. Rather, we introduce a pertinent topic, provide some basic information, and then have both large and small group discussions. As the motto says: "You're welcome just as you are. Your thoughts are welcome, your doubts are welcome. We're all in this together. God is here, ready to connect with you in a fresh way." We have coffee ready and provide some pre-packaged snacks for those who want them. Please join us on Friday, November 12! (no Lifetree on Thanksgiving Day)

Current LCR policy is that masks are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated.

JAM (Jesus And Me)

JAM meets on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 pm in the YAC. We are a group of women who are currently studying the Proverbs. You are welcome to jump in to our group at any time! Contact Linda Hayward (lhayward495@yahoo.com) to get on our email list.

We use a study guide and encourage participants to read the questions in the guide before reading the text, noting which questions they would like to discuss. In recent sessions, we've discovered that reading the text in different versions of the Bible is helpful and interesting, and that checking the internet for commentaries on the Proverbs can help to clarify scripture meanings.

Biblical Potpourri - Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Nights

Pastor Jeff is offering a "Biblical Potpourri" as he takes us on a journey through scripture, looking at one verse/theme in each of the 66 books of the Bible! This is a great way to begin to understand the Bible as a whole and dive into some of those lesser-known parts of scripture. Come for every session, or just drop in as you are able - there's always a place for you. We're meeting at 9:45 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays, both in the conference room.

Wednesday Scripture Study

There is no better way to prepare for worship than to be in conversation with the scriptures.

Your thoughts and insights will help enlighten Pastor Jeff's weekly sermons and prepare you to get more out of worship. We meet each Wednesday at 11:00 am. This is an in-person study at the church, so we are social distancing in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

Check out these brief, thought-provoking videos online, any time.

You can access them at - <https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>

:-) ! Nursery open for your little ones ! (-:

Children infant through 5 years old are welcome to play with our loving caretakers on Sunday mornings while you are in worship or volunteering in Sunday School, the tech booth, or elsewhere.

Parent-Child Caring Connections

Learning how to deal with behaviors without losing your marbles!

Raising and supporting kids can be a tough, but fulfilling job. Have you ever struggled to get your child to calm down when they're upset? Been unable to help them when they're melting down in the cereal aisle? Jen & Symon Sanborn would like the opportunity to share with our LCR family some tools to help you connect with your child in supportive and thoughtful ways. This is a two-part class will meet on Sunday, November 14 and 21 at 9:40 am.

Stephen Ministry

Ministry of Caring

St. Matthew said that at the last judgement Jesus will say these words: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25:35-36)

One of the ways our congregation cares for others is through our trained Stephen Ministers, who go to those in need and care for them. Continue sharing in this ministry by praying for our Stephen Ministers and for their care receivers.

Stephen Ministers offer caring Christian friendship and concerned listening to people when they need it most.

Please call the church office to inquire about this ministry. - *Mary Hajek and Scott Immerfall*
(Stephen Leaders)

New Members

We welcomed these new members in to our Resurrection family on October 24th:

Vicki & TJ Barnidge and Katie, Maddie
Aaron & Danielle Blech and Griffin
Rob & Paula Burley / John & JoAn Collins
Kirsten Corrigan and Ryan / Joan Dutton
Linda Fottral / Sharron Johnson
Wally & Jill Lechtenberg / Marlene Pasker
Char Seegers / Karen Spence
Mark & Jodi Tielebein
Matthew & Amber Tielebein
and Adelynn, Maddox



Fellowship

Organ Concert

On Sunday, November 28 at 4:00 pm, we'll have a 'grand opening' concert by Steve Steely of Allen Organs. It will be followed by a simple reception. Admission is free; invite a friend!



P.E.P. 55+ Group

Our next "People Enjoying People" event will be held Sunday, November 21 at 3:00 pm in the fellowship hall. It will be interesting trivia games. Bring your brain, you are not accountable for it! We would like to have groups of 4-6 people at a table to make a team. Refreshments will be provided, and there will be a drawing for two gingerbread houses. If you have questions, contact Steve & Madelyn Olson or Tom & Kathy Peterman through the church office.

LCR Book Club

We'll get together Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm (3rd Tuesday). Our book this month will be "The Woman In the Window" by A. J. Finn. Copies are available for pick-up in the church office. Contact sherrillamorrison@gmail.com to get on our email list; all are welcome!

Cribbage Group

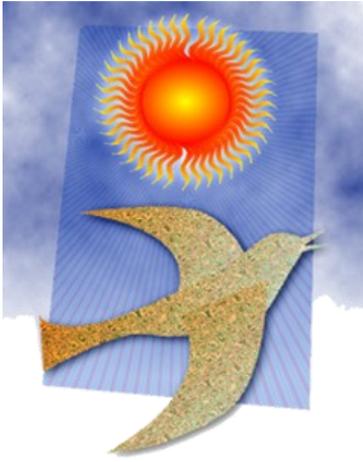
Cribbage meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday from 1:15-3:15 pm to enjoy card-playing fellowship. Everyone is welcome, including non-members and those who have never played before. There is no fee to participate, just come and have some fun!

Wood Carvers

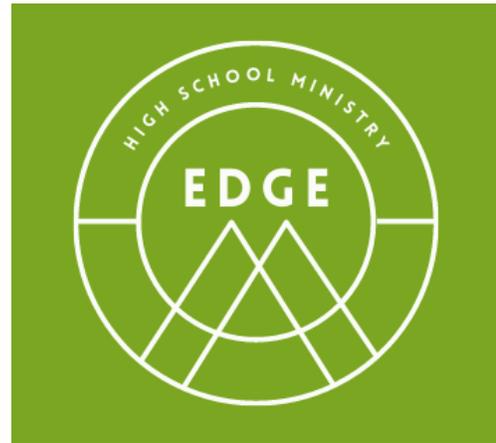
Our talented wood carvers meet each Thursday evening at 6:30 in the Art Room. If you want to learn a really satisfying handicraft, join us some evening and we'll get you started. Experienced carvers are welcome to bring their current project.

Confirmation

Congratulations 2021 Confirmands!



Allison Dvorak
Chase Graybill
Dylan Hamm
Owen Hanson
Ryal Hanson
Emrie Johnson
Jacob Montover
Philip Montover
Molly Newton
Austin Schornhorst
Cael Schultz
Lindsey Swartz
Braelin Wiesler



...is open to students in 9th thru 12th grade from any church or school. We meet each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Feel free to join us any time! Our director is Katie Kascel; you can reach her with questions at katie@lcrmarion.org.

<https://www.instagram.com/edgeatlcr/?hl=en>
<https://vimeo.com/lcrprogramming>

7th & 8th graders are meeting each Wednesday from 7:15 - 8:00 pm. I encourage you to attend the Wednesday evening worship service at 6 pm if that works for your family. We are emphasizing worship and service for our students, and hope that having this worship opportunity on Wednesday evenings helps you coordinate your busy week! - *Peace, Nate*

What is Confirmation?

- a personal affirmation of your baptism
- a formal recognition of your transition from child to adult status in the congregation

Confirmation requirements:

- Regular attendance at our Wednesday evening gatherings
- Regular engagement with the congregation through worship and service projects
- Reasonable and respectful attention to social distancing and Covid protocols

We are happy to work with you individually if in-person gatherings are a cause for concern. You will receive weekly email updates from me with calendar updates, service opportunities, etc.

Calendar: We will not meet on...

- November 24 (Thanksgiving eve)
- December 22, December 29, January 5 (Christmas Break)
- March 16, 2022 (Linn-Mar Spring Break)

Pastor Nate's contact info:

Lcr.confirmation@gmail.com
nmontover@gmail.com / 563-320-3995 (call or text)



Associate Pastor Forum

Join us on Sunday, November 7 at 9:40 am in the Fellowship Hall as we report back on your response to moving forward with a conversation to consider calling Pastor Nate as our full time Associate Pastor (spoiler alert: it was unanimously positive with over 80 responses). At this forum we'll provide a potential road map for moving forward with the conversation, and once again provide an opportunity for you to give input and respond. While the council has responded to your enthusiasm to establish a process, this endeavor is wholly dependent on the will and desire of you, the congregation, as we discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in October:

Linda Christiansen, Kirsten Corrigan,
Ryan Corrigan

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Janice Berridge, Steve Olson,
Judi Conrad, Donna Henderson, Kay Mase,
Marlene Pasker, Karen Proffitt, Don Schantz,
Arlene Lang, Linda Erlandson, Julie Brandt,
Paul Bendixen, Marilyn Carstens, Gene Henry,
Deanna Harding

(family and friends) Avona Lehmann,
Carl & Marge Richardson, Betty Hannagan

Those living in care facilities:

Lorraine Mohr (Lakeview Village);
Lee Schoon, Vera Olson (The Views);
Larry Wogahn (Bickford Cottage);
Barb Schierholz (Silver Oak);
Bernadean Spilde (Garnett Place);
Bill Thompson (Emery Place)

Those in military service:

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

Those who celebrate:

Anniversaries: Dennis & Mary Possehl (60)

Comforting Hands Quilt display >>

Those who mourn:

- Laurie Stock and family on the death
of her father, Don "Butch" Gaddis, on 10/10.

**Please pray for nurses, doctors, and staff of local
medical facilities due to the increase of Covid-19
infections.**

Online & E-mail Prayer Lists

If you are willing to serve our community through
prayer, go to http://lcrmarion.org/prayer_team/
and type in this password: LCRPrays.
OR you may join our email list by sending
your email address to: office@lcrmarion.org



***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.***

***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 September 2021

	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$46,336	\$518,287	\$506,007
General Fund Expenses	\$55,600	\$493,954	\$476,252
Cash Balances	<u>09/30/21</u>		<u>09/30/20</u>
General Fund	\$126,569		\$109,360
Clearing Accounts	\$123,753		\$ 48,223
Property Reserve	\$ 20,000	Building	\$ 55,777
Building Residual	\$ 20,280		

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2021 LCR budget. Giving was at 103% of pledges at the end of September.

Digital Giving

Simply Giving - Join 77 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** - Click DONATE button on our website for online giving.

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

* **Venmo** - Smartphone app for sharing money @LCRMarion

HOLY LAND TRIP - February 4-21, 2023

You are invited to come to the Holy Land and the Kingdom of Jordan with Pastor Jeff and others from LCR in February of 2023. We'll walk in the footsteps of Jesus, sail on the Sea of Galilee, visit the Shepherds fields in Bethlehem, walk the way of the crucifixion, visit the Mount of Olives, float on the Dead Sea, visit Petra in Jordan and Mt Nebo where Moses died, and much more! If you are interested, pick up an information folder in the church office. Trip includes air transport from Chicago, minimum of two meals a day, all tips, and fees. Deposit will be due in February of 2022.

Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. The September Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$126,569 at the end of September.

Pastor Jeff: New Member Sunday on October 24, 2021, welcoming 14 families.

Pastor Nate: Confirmation on Reformation Sunday (October 31, 2021); Council approved 13 confirmations.

Treasurer: Expenses more than income; however, income is higher than forecasted. One-time giving at the end of 2020 for Derecho and technology upgrades will be applied to 2021 expenses; estimated \$12K. All PPE grant money has been spent.

Governance: No October meeting.

Stewardship: YTD giving - pledge and unpledged is holding up well. One hundred fifty families signed up to receive electronic Annual Appeal packets.

Property: No October meeting.

Outreach: BINGO resumed October and will likely continue through December. Working on Time and Talent for upcoming year.

Old/New Business: The position of contemporary worship leader remains open. Moving on Associate Pastor position needs.

Next Meeting: Virtual on November 16, 2021. Agenda items should be submitted by 11/5/21. Copies of Council minutes and Treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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Sundays
November 14+21
9:40 - 10:25 am
Pre-Register at
LCRMarion.org



Organ Dedication
featuring Stephen Stealy



Sunday,
November 28
4 pm



< Left: new members welcomed in worship



Right: PEP participants share their mementos >



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