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# Crosstalk

## Well....we did it!

Actually, you did it. You did a simple thing that started with a soup supper and a few dollars each night during the season of Lent. And those soups and those dollars became a lot of soups and a lot of dollars and, this past week, we used that money and drilled a well in Malawi, Africa that will be used by thousands of people in Ramusi village for years to come.



It's a little bit more than just drilling a well, though. You supported local companies in Malawi, building up their economy and providing labor for hard-working individuals. You encouraged a community, showing them that their health and access to clean drinking water MATTERS. It matters to people in their village but it also matters to people across the world. And you impacted the health and wellness of the greatest population to live in this village: the children. It is estimated that over 50% of the population of Malawi are children, and on the Camp Chisomo campus, the population is 98% children. That means your soups and your dollars helped bring a future and a hope directly to the children in this village that visit campus each day.

These last few weeks of summer, I have seen countless children utilize the water box that sits in the LCR parking lot, looking for water to drink while they play at the park. We see LCR members drop off bottles of water to fill the box, and we as staff hear the thank you's from the neighborhood children that are happy to have cold water during the middle of the day.

Please hear me when I tell you that in the same way, we see countless children use the water wells that LCR has provided for the community in Ramusi village. We hear the thank you's from the children that are happy to have clean water to drink during the middle of the day. You are providing water in Marion and Malawi, but you are also showing the love of Jesus to communities and families and children in both places. Every action of generosity is paired with a glimpse of heaven, a deeper understanding of love, and an invitation to know the God that moves us to action each day.

- Katie Kascel and the Camp Chisomo Team

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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**

*Wednesday service: 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](mailto: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>

## **And it was very GOOD!** - *Genesis 1.31*

One of the best remedies to the constant barrage of negativity and nihilism in our culture is to take stock of all the wonderful ways in which God continues to be at work in the world. This Fall we are going to play with the theme "And it was very good" by asking you to recognize and affirm where the goodness of creation and of God's work in the world continues to manifest itself. So take a moment right now and think about all the things that are very good! My guess is that you will be astounded by the length of the list: from puppies to sunsets, to mountain meadows and desert valleys, from mom's meatloaf to grandpa's brisket, to smooth jazz and raucous rock music, from a good book to a quiet conversation. "And it was very good."

## **Lutheran World Foundation - Ukraine Update, August 2022**

*"Great hospitality and solidarity" by Lutheran churches*

Six months after the military invasion of Ukraine, the Lutheran World Federation continues to support people affected by the war. As the cold season approaches, there is a need to rehabilitate homes and public buildings which have been destroyed or damaged. In addition, there is an increasing need for psychosocial support as well as pastoral care. LWF supports people in Ukraine, as well as refugees in the neighboring countries, with direct humanitarian aid and through its member churches.



Much of this work has been made possible through the donations of LWF member churches, who have generously contributed to the LWF response. In a unique partnership, LWF has combined funds and infrastructure from the UN refugee agency UNHCR, its own technical expertise and coordination experience in humanitarian work, with the deep connection of its member churches with local communities.

"It's humbling to see this strong response by the churches," says Eva Christina Nilsson, LWF Director of Mission, Theology, and Justice. "The LWF member churches, both in Ukraine and the neighboring countries have shown great hospitality and solidarity with people suffering from the war. They have opened up their parish houses, their homes, and taken concrete action in serving people who had to leave their country. The churches all have a long diaconal experience which they have built on in this crisis situation."

***Resurrection members and friends have given over \$10,000 to the Lutheran World Federation. Thank you!***

Check and cash donations can be dropped off at the church. Please write "Ukraine" on the memo line.

You can Venmo to @resurrectionlutheran; add the comment "Ukraine."

[You can also donate online using our "Donate" button.](#) Select "Ukraine" in the dropdown.

# Ministry

## Mission of Hope Lunches



We served 99 delicious lunches on August 4th at Mission off Hope. We had a great crew in the morning and servers at noon. Also the array of desserts was especially impres-

sive. Cookie bakers ranged from age 10 to 70+. Good work, LCR! The next lunch will be **Thursday, October 6th** and helpers will be needed. Please get in touch if you want to take part.

*- Linda Schminke and Ed & Sharon Hill*

## Music Ministries

Want to make friends at LCR? Why not join a choir? Rehearsals are beginning this month. You don't have to be Celine Dion or Michael Buble' - we will teach you!

The **Resurrection Choir** is our mixed group. They sing a variety of music from classical pieces to gospel hymns. The women of **Galileans** love singing together as prayer and praise to Christ. The **Resurrection Ringers** adult handbell choir loves to laugh and is always ready to welcome new ringers to the group.

Anyone interested in joining one of these choirs is invited to attend an evening rehearsal to get a sense of the group. Check the calendar for days & times.

## Tech Booth Volunteers Needed

We are still very much in need of volunteers, especially for the 8:30 am Sunday service. Send a message to [Cari@LCRMarion.org](mailto:Cari@LCRMarion.org) if you would like to learn more about running the slides, operating the camera, or working with the soundboard. It's really pretty easy!

## Sep & Oct Mission Envelopes

...are going to ELCA World Hunger, working towards a just world where all are fed. Information available at <https://www.elca.org/hunger>

## Back-to-School Food Drive

Thanks for your donations to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry Back-to-School Food Drive. The pantry can always use non-perishable food items and unopened hygiene products. Some items that are especially appreciated include shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, canned meat, canned fruit, canned soup, and staples such as flour and sugar.

## Back to School Backpacks

Resurrection members and friends put together 60 backpacks for local students in need. A big thanks to everyone who helped: those who put together backpacks, gave money (\$1,703!), donated supplies, shopped for supplies, organized the donations, helped get the backpacks to Marion Cares, or helped us spread the word. The need this year had increased from 400 requested previously to 600, and our congregation responded by nearly doubling the backpacks donated from last year!



*Thank you so much for your generosity.*

## Feeding Lunches to Youth

Thank you so much to everyone who helped with FLY this summer!! We are so grateful for your generous hearts, and for making sure thousands of students had enough to eat this summer.

The total number of FLY meals served this summer was 19,187. One of our big challenges was the increased cost of food items, which made it difficult to keep each lunch under the required \$2 while still providing adequate nutrition.

<https://www.kcrg.com/2022/06/27/inflation-impacts-feeding-lunches-youth-program/>

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR



We had such a great time at Day Camp this year! A wonderful team came from Riverside Bible Camp to lead us through songs, skits, games, and crafts that pointed us back to Jesus as our anchor.



SCAN ME

## REGISTER NOW!!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE** is open to 4-6th grade students and runs from 6:00-7:00 on Wednesday nights starting September 14th.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is open to Pre-k - 5th grade students and runs from 9:40 to 10:25 on Sunday mornings starting September 18th.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Youth:** Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to be helpers in Sunday School classrooms.

**Adults:** Both Wednesday Night Live and Sunday School are looking for a few more adults to help in our classrooms from week to week. No experience necessary!

Contact Jessi for more info!

Questions? Reach out to Jessi via email - [jessi@lcrmarion.org](mailto:jessi@lcrmarion.org) or by calling the church office!

# Adult Faith Development

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## Calling All Mothers!

Mothers of young children, grown children, and every age in between, the LCR Outreach Committee is starting a group to support mothers at every stage of motherhood. This group will meet once a month on Sunday morning between services. Please join us for our first gathering at **9:30 am on Sunday, September 18th**, in the church lounge (fireplace room). Come enjoy coffee, pastries, and fellowship with other mothers. We hope to see you there! Contact Bethany Mast through the church office if you have questions.

## Gatherings

...is a place and time to hear stories, share stories, and connect with others in our community. Gatherings is a place where you can feel safe to share what you really think or feel without being judged or rejected. We meet twice a month on **Fridays at noon**. **September** dates are the **9th and 23rd**.

## Biblical Potpourri

On Sunday mornings this past year we have finished our look at all 39 books of the Old Testament. It has been a great way to gain some basic insight into the Biblical narrative and the context of each book. Starting on **September 18th at 9:30 am** we'll take on the New Testament using the same format. We also meet on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm** in the conference room.

## JAM Women's Bible Study

We'll resume our gatherings on **Monday, September 12th at 1:00 pm** in the conference room. We'll be starting a new study entitled "*Why? Making Sense of God's Will*" by Adam Hamilton. This study will help us make sense of some of the "why?" questions we sometimes ask in the face of suffering. It is an interesting study that will generate good discussions! - *Linda Hayward*

## Loaves, Fishes, and Faith

Our lunch, bible study, and mutual support group resumes meeting **weekly on September 6th**. We get together on Tuesdays in the lounge (fireplace room) **at 1:00 pm**, and new women are always welcome. Contact Mary Jo to find out more about our group: 319-721-3775 or maryjo.carlson3775@gmail.com

## 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 the pastors' weekly sermons and prepare you to get more out of worship. We meet **each Wednesday at 11:00 am** in the fellowship hall.

## Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

Check out these brief, thought-provoking videos online, **at any time** - <https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>

## LCR Outdoors

LCR Outdoors is a small group ministry that connects folks who feel a spiritual pull to the outdoors, and the adventure that waits for us in wild places. Join our Facebook page to stay informed about our gatherings, or just to post a pic of that next big fish you catch! <https://www.facebook.com/LCROutdoors>

## 'Walk to Emmaus' retreat weekends

...are coming up in October (dates below). If you are interested, have questions, or would like to be sponsored (sponsorship is required), please contact Donna Dennis ([donnakdennis88@gmail.com](mailto:donnakdennis88@gmail.com)) or Tom Lillevig ([lillevig@outlook.com](mailto:lillevig@outlook.com)). More information can be found at: <https://www.cedarrapidsemmaus.com/>

Men's Walk Dates: **October 13-16** / Women's Walk Dates: **October 27-30**  
Walk Weekends are held at: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE, Solon, IA)

# Stephen Min.

# Fellowship

## An Exciting Opportunity Is Waiting For You

*Would you like to be able to support and relate with your family and friends better?*  
--You have an opportunity to learn these skills.

*How??*  
--Enroll in the Stephen Ministries classes this fall.

You will learn how to:

- Become a better listener.
- Deal with your feelings and others' feelings.
- Use prayer and the bible to share your faith with those you care for.
- Rely on God to be the cure giver.
- Be assertive when relating with others.
- Maintain boundaries in a caring relationship.
- Recognize when someone needs professional help and the resources available.

Stephen Ministry is this congregation's ministry. We need both men and women to serve in this ministry. Stephen Ministry requires time (50 hours of training) and commitment. Stephen Ministry brings joy at being able to relate better with people. Our current ministers state how much this training has helped them in their personal lives. Stop by our Ministry Fair booth on **Sunday, September 28th** to learn more about this opportunity, or contact me through the church office.

An active and successful Stephen Ministry needs to continually train new ministers. It is time for our congregation to have another class to maintain this program.

*Peace, Mary Hajek*



## LCR Book Club

We'll get together **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm.** Our book this month is "*Flight Behavior*" by Barbara Kingsolver, the story of a housewife living in Appalachia who stumbles into a life-altering journey of conscience. You can pick up a copy of the book in the church office. Contact [sherrillamorrison@gmail.com](mailto:sherrillamorrison@gmail.com) to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

## Train Dominoes & Cribbage

There's something fun to do almost every Friday afternoon at LCR! We play cribbage on **2nd and 4th Fridays**, and train dominoes on **1st & 3rd Fridays**, both beginning at **1:15 pm.** Feel free to join us even if you've never played either game before; we'll gladly show you the ropes. Non-members are always welcome.



## Neighborhood Nights

Join us for **FREE FOOD** and **FREE FUN** on **Saturday, September 24th.** Our dinner will be a baked potato bar, including chili. There will be bounce houses and other outdoor activities available for your family and friends to enjoy.

## Car Cruise-In

Join us on the second Thursday of the month (**September 8th at 5:30 pm**) as we host an informal gathering of car enthusiasts. Come and admire the cars and enjoy the autumn evening. Pizza and beverages will be available for a donation. See you there!

## Wood Carvers

Our talented wood carvers meet **each Thursday evening at 6:00** in the Red Room in the education wing. 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 and work on their current projects.

# Confirmation

I'm looking forward to another wonderful year of Confirmation at LCR! Our Wednesday evening program will begin with a parent/caregiver/student gathering on **Wednesday, September 14, at 7:15-8:00 pm**. This is following our Wednesday evening worship service.

Prior to that, we are having an awesome kick-off event on **Wednesday, September 7th from 7-9 pm**. Jessi has booked the YMCA swimming pool for Resurrection kids and their families. Sunday School-age kids will need a parent or guardian to attend with them; Confirmation and High School kids are welcome to come by themselves OR with parents/caregivers. It will be an awesome way to begin our program year! →

If you are interested in participating in the Confirmation program for 7th and 8th graders, I'd love to invite you to follow this link and register your student: <https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/lcr-confirmation.html>

*We welcome anyone to participate* in our program, so if you know folks who are not members but would value the opportunity to participate in Confirmation at LCR, please pass along an invitation for them to register and take part.

*Peace, Pastor Nate*

call or text: 563-320-3995  
email: nmontover@gmail.com  
lcr.confirmation@gmail.com



## Confirmation Prep Sessions

2022 Confirmation students who will be confirmed on October 30th are encouraged to attend a Sunday morning youth session, which will take place during our regular education time between services. We'll work on Faith Statements and review for Confirmation Sunday. In addition, we'll have a ton of fun and prepare for life as faithful adults. These Confirmation prep sessions will begin **September 18th** in the YAC **from 9:45 to 10:15 am**.

# EDGE Youth

Our program is open to students in 9th thru 12th grade from any school or church. We meet on Wednesday evenings, **beginning September 14th at 7:30 pm**. You can register in person. For more information, contact director Katie Kascel at: [katie@lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)

Follow EDGE on Instagram to get the latest info  
<https://www.instagram.com/edgeatlcr/?hl=en>



## LCR 4-Person Best-Shot Golf Outing

Our **Sunday, September 18th** golf outing starts at 1:00 pm at Indian Creek Country Club. Sign up online or call the church office to sign up. You can build your own team, or we will put you on a team. Cost is \$40/person, which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, and meal. Please sign up and pay (cash or check) by Sunday, September 11th. We will be limited to 12 teams due to the size of the course. If you need to borrow clubs, please let us know. Friends and neighbors are welcome, too! Feel free to invite them.



# Prayers

Prayers  
are  
requested



## Those hospitalized in August:

Clark Gull, Ryan Corrigan, Roger Carlson

## Those experiencing illness or surgery:

*(LCR members)* Gary Kacena, Jenni Ringwald, Eloise Heppler, Kay Mase, Bernadean Spilde, Judi Conrad, Marlene Pasker, Julie Brandt, Gene Henry, Deanna Harding

*(family and friends)* Gary Jacobsen, Kirstin Corrigan's mom, Kristine Pierce, friend Kayla, Ellen and Kelly, Mike Supp, Heather Haaparuu & Liam, Michael Francik, Pam & Shay Bevans, Howard Hall

## Those living in care facilities:

Vera Olson, Larry Wogahn (The Views); Paul Bendixen (Bickford of Marion); Barb Schierholz (Silver Oak); Bernadean Spilde (Garnett Place); Bill Thompson (Emery Place); Marilyn Carstens (Grand Living)

**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 contact 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.*

**Find out more about  
God's work in Malawi** →

<https://www.campchisomo.com/>  
<https://www.instagram.com/campchisomo/?hl=en>

## Those in military service:

Wyatt Ochs, Taylor Johnson, Will Fritz, Aaron Moose, Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson, Todd Kopperud

## Those who mourn:

- Steve Coffin, on the death of his father, Ronald Coffin, on 8/1
- Jeanne Isaacs and Joan Harnagel on the death of their father and husband, James Harnagel, on 8/5

## Those who celebrate:

- Marilyn Carstens on her 90th birthday on 8/11
- Zachary & Hayley Fritz on the baptism of their daughter, Vera, on 8/7



# Stewardship

## Treasurer's Report for July 2022

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 55,693	\$464,595	\$420,167
General Fund Expenses	\$ 56,648	\$401,326	\$389,956
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b><u>07/31/22</u></b>		<b><u>07/31/21</u></b>
General Fund	\$187,963		\$129,646
Clearing Accounts	\$ 52,230		\$124,189
Property Reserve	\$ 38,833	<b>Building</b>	\$ 20,000
Building Residual	\$ 20,780		\$ 19,895

## Central Furniture Rescue



Downsizing? Central Furniture Rescue helps homeless furnish apartments with beds, living room furniture, and basic household items. Interested in volunteering or donating? Please contact Michelle Shaw or the church office. Find out more at [CentralFurnitureRescue.org](http://CentralFurnitureRescue.org).

## General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2022 LCR budget. Giving was at 104.7 of pledges at the end of July.

## 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 in the gathering space.

\* **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

# Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. July Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

*Treasurer:* General fund income for July was -\$955, vs a budgeted deficit of \$4,123. A transfer of \$5,833 was made from the General Fund, Yearly Budget Reserve Fund, to the Property Reserve fund, increasing its balance to \$35,833.

*Pastor Jeff:* Absent (vacation)

*Pastor Nate:* Working on programming to engage post-confirmation kids, especially those who may not attend EDGE.

*Outreach:* Car Show & Cruise-Ins fairly well attended. Neighborhood Nights will stop showing movie, as crowd thins out after bounce houses get taken down. Looking to start a once-per-month mother's group on Sunday mornings between services.

*Governance:* In the process of reviewing employee manuals with Evelyn Beck

*Property:* New phones in place and higher speed internet coming soon via Imon. Correct LED lights now in. Garage has new windows, and other small repairs/maintenance were done recently with volunteers.

*Stewardship:* see Treasurer's report

*Old Business:* None

*New Business:* Golf Outing 9/18, \$40 per person with cart & meal at Indian Creek Country Club.

*Next Meeting:* September 20, 2022.

Agenda items should be submitted by 9/12/22. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports available in the church office binder.

*Please reach out with questions or concerns.*

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