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Crosstalk

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”
- Ephesians 2.8-9*

As we move into the month of October, for some it is synonymous with Oktoberfest, where lederhosen come out of the closet and the sound of accordions waft through the air. Others have already stacked pumpkin upon pumpkin and are eagerly awaiting the Trick-or-Treaters who throng their way down the streets. But for us Lutherans we know that October brings Reformation Day - celebrated on the last Sunday of the month.

It's a great opportunity for us to reflect on just what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and what this says about how we live out our faith. At the center of our faith is Christ. Unapologetically we are stubbornly beholden to what God has done for us in Jesus. It is the faith of Christ, the love of Christ, the work of Christ that reaches out to us and brings us the gift of salvation and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. There are no 'buts' for us when it comes to the love of God and the work of Christ. To add a "but" to the end of Ephesians 2.9 (see above) is to discount and diminish what Jesus has done.

This is not a call to quietism or that we don't embrace good works; on the contrary, understanding what Christ has done for us compels us to live out our faith in the world. One of my mentors, Dr. Timothy Lull, was always quick to remind us that for Luther, "the real religious call came in baptism to all Christians and that the highest vows were not those taken by members of religious communities, but the virtues of faith, hope, and love which should be practiced by every Christian. It was possible to serve God in any calling, and in fact the farmer might drive his manure wagon more to the glory of God than the priest who stood at the altar saying private masses." (Lull, 2000)

To be a Lutheran Christian is to understand that our everyday callings, vocations, where we spend our time, is a holy enterprise by which Christ continues to speak and be at work in the world. The purpose of church is not to provide protection from the evils outside; but to empower us to be the light of Christ in our everyday moments and activities.

So this October whether you find yourself listening to Oom pah pah music out at Amana Colonies or dressing up to pass out candy to the visiting ghouls and goblins; remember when you live out your life with faith, hope, and love - well there's nothing more Lutheran than that.

Peace! *Pastor Jeff*

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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

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>

IT IS GOOD!in fact VERY GOOD! - Genesis 1.31a



These are the words that God uses to describe creation in the book of Genesis and this is also the theme for our Fall Stewardship Campaign. We have so much to be grateful for here at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Indeed, God is good and has called us to be co-creators with him in the ongoing work of the church. This month you will receive your Fall Stewardship packet - you can receive this via traditional mail or sign up to receive it electronically. Use this opportunity to look at all the good things that God has given us and prayerfully commit to generously supporting our ministry here at LCR. So much good happens because of your faithful response and through this God continues to bless the world. It is good! -- *Your Stewardship Team*

Bring your "other family" to church, and have them blessed! In the Lutheran Church, one way we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi - who believed that nature, and all of its creatures, is a reflection of God - is by blessing the animals. It is a time to remember how animals are a blessing in our lives, and that we have a responsibility to care for them and the environment. All animals are welcome!



Are you interested in learning more about membership at LCR?

We will be hosting two informational sessions at noon on **Sunday, October 16** and **Sunday, October 23**, but you can pick whichever date works best for you. Please register to attend by contacting us: office@lcrmarion.org. At these sessions we'll talk about Christianity in general, Lutheranism in particular, and LCR specifically. Whether you chose to become a member of the congregation or not, know that you are an important part of this community and are always welcome in all that we do!

Ministry



Halloween Trunk or Treat event

LCR groups & Church Family - **we need your help!** on Saturday, October 29th at 4:30 pm

* Get creative and decorate your car as SPOOKY as you can. You might just win the Best Decorated Trunk prize! (*RSVP, see p. 9*)

* Bring candy to hand out to our neighborhood friends

* Invite your family, friends, co-workers, etc.



'Ready for Winter' Drive

Help our Marion Cares friends get ready for winter! Our goal is to raise \$500 by October 14th to help Marion Cares purchase hats, gloves, socks, underwear, and other winter necessities for local students in need.

You can donate online at LCRMarion.org, Venmo, cash, or check - just label your donation "Ready For Winter."

Thank you for supporting our community!

Comforting Hands ministry

....donated 11 tied quilts to Camp EWALU for their annual quilt auction. Our donated quilts brought in \$1,300! (*see back page for photos*)

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 if you would like to learn more about running the slides, operating the camera, or working with the sound-board. 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 is available at <https://www.elca.org/hunger>.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect **\$1,460** for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry through July & August mission envelope giving!



Music Ministries

Want to make friends at LCR? Why not join a choir? Rehearsals are beginning this month. You don't have to be Adele or Justin Timberlake - 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR



- Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live have started the year with great excitement. We have many new faces in each program and have been having so much fun getting to know each other!
- In Sunday School, we started the year with the Creation story and next we will check out the miracle of Jesus healing 10 men.
- Wednesday Night Live we have been meeting new friends and playing games. Each week we visit the crowd gathered for Wednesday Worship and have a great time chatting with the pastors.

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!



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Register Here! 

UPCOMING DATES:

OCTOBER 9: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 23: PRESCHOOL BIBLE PRESENTATION

OCTOBER 26: WNL HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 29: HALLOWEEN NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS

Questions? Reach out to Jessi via email - jessi@lcrmarion.org or by calling the church office!



Adult Faith Development

Calling All Mothers!

Mothers of young children, grown children, and every age in between, the LCR Outreach Committee has started a **weekly** group to support mothers at every stage of motherhood. Please join us at our gatherings on **Sundays at 9:30 am** in the church lounge (fireplace room). Come enjoy coffee, pastries, and fellowship with other moms. 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**; **October** dates are the **14th and 28th**. Light refreshments are offered and we have a new topic each session.

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Biblical Potpourri

On Sunday mornings this past year we 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. We are now taking on the New Testament using the same format at **9:30 am on Sundays** and on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm**, 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 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.

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle

Enjoy the fellowship of other women while enriching your understanding of the bible. Our group meets monthly on the **first Wednesday at 1:00 pm** in the conference room (10/5). In addition to inspiring bible study, our group collects and ships School Kits and Personal Care Kits through Lutheran World Relief.

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

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

JAM Women's Bible Study

We are working our way through a new study, "*Why? Making Sense of God's Will*" by Adam Hamilton. This series helps us make sense of some of the questions we find ourselves asking in the face of suffering. It is an interesting study that is generating good discussions! We'll meet next on **Monday, October 10th at 1:00 pm** in the conference room. You can contact Linda Hayward through the church office for more info.

'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) or Tom Lillevig (lillevig@outlook.com). More information can be found at: <https://www.cedarrapidsemmaus.com/>

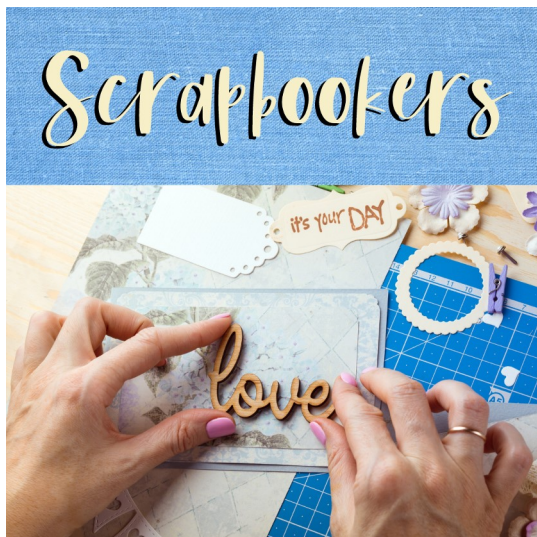
Men's Walk Dates: **October 13-16** / Women's Walk Dates: **October 27-30**
Walk Weekends are held at: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca (3271 Sandy Beach Rd NE, Solon, IA)

Fellowship



Walking Group

We've had a great response to this new group. We plan to walk on Thursday mornings at 10 am. We'll start on **October 6th** at Lowe Park. Contact Pam Brown (319.721.2563 or batsllc@msn.com) if you have questions, or to get on our email list. Come burn off those church donuts LOL



Scrapbooking

Donna Dennis will shepherd another great day of creativity on **Saturday, October 22nd** from 9 am to 9 pm. Come when you can and bring all your gear. Please RSVP and direct questions to:

donnakdennis88@gmail.com

Bicycling

Would you be interested in a bicycling group? Contact the church office or make a note on the back of your welcome card and we'll hit the road!

PEP 55+ Potluck

P.E.P. is Resurrection's fellowship group for all those 55 and over. We have a simple goal: "People Enjoying People." Each year about 25-40 of us have gathered at our monthly events to enjoy friendships - old friendships or brand new ones. We are kicking off the new year with a meal on **Sunday, October 2nd at 5:00 pm** in the fellowship hall. Pulled pork will be provided; please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. There will be plenty of time to visit before we get down to some organizational duties. Our planning committee asks that you help us envision the year ahead by indicating your preferences from a long list of fun and interesting choices.

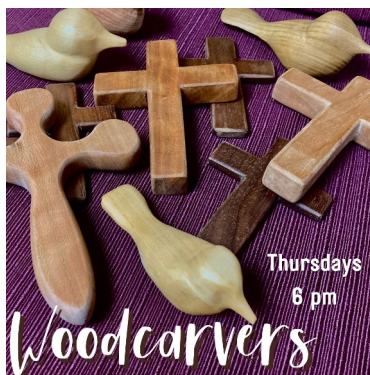
To new members and visitors: this is a perfect time to get acquainted with PEP. Hope to see you there!

LCR Book Club

We'll get together **Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "*The Magic of Lemon Drop Pie*" by Rachel Linden, about a heartbroken young pie maker who is granted a magical second chance to live the life she really wanted. You can pick up a copy of the book in the church office. Contact sherrillamorrison@gmail.com to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

Train Dominoes & Cribbage

Cribbage players meet on **2nd and 4th Fridays**, and train domino players on **1st & 3rd Fridays**, both beginning at **1:15 pm**. We can teach you if you've never played before and non-members are always welcome.



Wood Carvers

Our 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

Confirmation Prep Sessions

As we move toward our service of Affirmation of Baptism on **Sunday, October 30th**, at the [8:30 service](#), I'm excited to reconnect with this year's Confirmands and help them prepare their faith statements. I invite all our 2022 Confirmands to attend **Sunday morning** gatherings from **9:45-10:15 am** in the back of the fellowship hall, to reflect on our faith journey and prepare our faith statements for Confirmation.

Of course, this isn't mandatory, as students are welcome to prepare faith statements on their own. But I hope these sessions will be another opportunity for the students to prepare themselves to be adult learners and members of our beautiful congregation. I'll do my best to keep the conversations interesting!

If you need any guidance on choosing a scripture verse or faith statement and cannot attend our Sunday sessions, please contact me directly and I can help!

A special word of thanks to Shannan Fleming, Becky Newton, and Erin Koehn for planning our post-service reception in the fellowship hall.

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

Confirmation @ Resurrection

If you have a 7th or 8th grader ready to participate in LCR's Confirmation program, please follow this link to register your student: <https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/lcr-confirmation.html>

Confirmation meets weekly from **7:15 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings**. Our focus for 2022-23 is the bible. Students will have a unique opportunity to learn and practice critical thinking skills as we discuss sometimes difficult abstract concepts.

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



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

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



Halloween Neighborhood Night

Halloween fun for everyone on **Saturday, October 29th** from 4:30 - 7:00 pm here at the church. We'll have 'Trunk or Treat' for the kids to trick-or-treat; free spaghetti dinner for all, Best Costume prizes, and a photo booth.

LCR Groups and Church Family...

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* Bring candy to hand out to our neighborhood friends

* Invite your family, friends, co-workers, etc.

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested



Those hospitalized in September:

Ryan Corrigan, Arlene Lang

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Clark Gull, Jenni Ringwald, Eloise Heppler, Kay Mase, Judi Conrad, Marlene Pasker, Julie Brandt, Gene Henry, Deanna Harding

(family and friends) Dick Winters, Steve Durspek, Tallie Furrow, Carole Ann Farkas, Gary Jacobsen, Kirstin Corrigan's mom, Mike Supp, Ellen and Kelly, Howard Hall, Heather Haaparu & Liam

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)

Those in military service:

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

Those who mourn:

- Steve Christiansen and family on the death of his mother, Lucille Lund, on 8/28
- Jerry Schierholz on the death of his wife Barbara on 9/2
- Marcie Vogel on the death of her daughter, Kathleen Thompson, on 9/3
- Family and friends of Mary Schoop, on her death on 9/14
- Marge Pierce and the Luber family on the death of her niece, Meagan

Those who celebrate:

- Linda Schminke, Harry Walton, Larry Edwards, Jim & Janet Dettbarn, Wayne Mase, Mary Possehl, & Georgia Lehrman, who are all turning 80 this year
- John & Elizabeth Buckeridge on their 40th wedding anniversary on 9/18
- Ruth Warnke on her 90th birthday on 9/29
- Larry & Marge Pierce, on the good news that their daughter Kristine is now cancer-free
- Jim & Sue Anderson, on their daughter-in-law Cheryl's recovery from an ankle injury
- Pam Kacena and family on husband Gary's return home from the hospital
- Seth & Megan (Bienemann) Thomas on the baptism of their son Clay on 9/25

Thanks to my Resurrection friends for making my 90th birthday so special. Blessings to all! - Ruth Warnke

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.

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for August 2022

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 46,429	\$511,107	\$471,951
General Fund Expenses	\$ 59,164	\$460,573	\$438,354
<u>Cash Balances</u>	<u>08/31/22</u>		<u>08/31/21</u>
General Fund	\$176,657		\$133,163
Clearing Accounts	\$ 50,737		\$125,554
Property Reserve	\$ 35,833	Building	\$ 20,000
Building Residual	\$ 20,780		\$ 20,280



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General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2022 LCR budget. Giving was at 101.5% of pledges at the end of August.

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, September 20, 2022. August Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: Seasonal drop for monthly giving in August, but still on track to achieve budgeted income. Increased maintenance costs for the month, as well as van insurance/maintenance.

Pastor Jeff: Upcoming Event - Blessing of the Animals on October 9th. Got 125 ELW hymnals & an advent wreath from Our Immanuel in Clinton.

Pastor Nate: Debriefing with Jameson Allen. Consultation was worthwhile and will discuss suggestions with musicians. Confirmation program off to a good start.

Governance: No meeting

Outreach: First Mom's Group meeting well attended. Now planning to meet weekly between services.

Property: Productive month of projects - LED lights, updated phone/internet, garage windows, drywall/painting. Progress toward purchasing a new sign.

Stewardship: Will be kicking off annual appeal campaign soon.

Old Business: Van - Plans by other staff for use in near future.

New Business: Installation of both pastors on All Saint's Sunday (November 6th)

Next Meeting: October 18, 2022.

Agenda items should be submitted by 10/8/22. 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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~ some of the Comforting Hands' tied quilts that were sold at the 2022 EWALU Quilt Auction ~



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