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Take a quick look at this month's newsletter and you'll see something important. This month's newsletter is packed. Absolutely full. In fact, Emily showed me a mock up so I would understand the importance of concision this month!

There is so much going on, so many wonderful things happening at your church. We are sharing in times of fellowship and worship where we stand in wonder of the gift and power of God's love for all creation; we support the work of a community that fosters introspection and self-reflection; we engage in acts of love and charity that support our broader community. Finally, we are having a great time doing all of this together as a church family!

Thank you for all that you do to foster, support, and participate in the ministries of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection! Peace, *Pastor Nate*

"The God of Wild Places"

Long before there were churches, human beings communed with God outdoors, in nature. Now, we're seeing a return to that instinct, as many people say they experience God when they're in nature. Join theologian and outdoorsman Tony Jones as he shares stories both harrowing and humorous of his time in the wild outdoors, plus his biblical reflections on how God meets us there. Join us for a free public lecture at 10 am on **Saturday, November 19th**. All are welcome and no registration is required. Please invite your family and friends.

Pastor Jones will also speak in worship on **Sunday, November 20th** at 8:30 and 10:30 am. His topic will be "Sabbath As the Crown of Creation."

A Chili and Cinnamon Roll Brunch **Potluck will follow at 11:30 am**. You can stay 'til 12:15 pm to hear Pastor Jones give a brief re-cap of his "God of Wild Places" presentation, plus there will be time for a question & answer session.

All Saints Sunday

"*For All the Saints: Marching In the Light of God*" is planned for both services on **Sunday, November 6th**. As a congregation, we will remember those members we have lost this year and reaffirm our place in this great cloud of witnesses that continues to tell the story of Jesus Christ. We will be joined by Rev. Dan Kuckuck, assistant to the bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod of the ELCA. He will help us to install our pastoral team, lift up our leaders and staff, and call upon the congregation to continue the work of those who have gone before us.

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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~

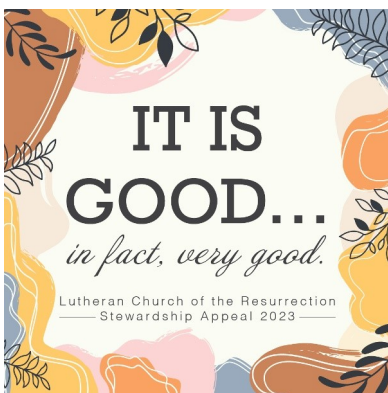
you can sign yourself up at <https://share.hsforms.com/181uDRkYnTRyGMmuwI3ZiDQ44ay4>

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Be sure to join us on **Wednesday, November 23rd** for our Thanksgiving Eve worship here at LCR.

Worship begins at 6:00 pm and will be followed by a pie social. Call the office if you can donate a pie, or you can sign up at this link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ca8ad2ea7fa7-thanksgiving>

It Is Good... In Fact, Very Good!



Your gifts of time, talent, and money have continued to bless our church, our local community, and the world at large in 2022. With the guidance of our Lord, we have emerged from the worldwide pandemic and are welcoming people back. We have the potential in 2023 to increase connections and further growth. LCR needs your help to continue the ministries of our church and blessing our community.

If you have not received your stewardship information in your mailbox or inbox, please contact the church office! By having your pledge completed by **Sunday, November 13th**, you help us plan our budget for next year. Thank you for all the ways you support the mission and ministry of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection!

To see all the information and submit your pledge online, use this link:

<https://lcrmarion.org/stewardship.html>

Celebrate Creativity!

Please join us on **Sunday, November 13th**, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm to check out artwork and handcrafts from members of LCR! We will have displays up in the fellowship hall to celebrate the joy of creativity and lift up the gifts that God has shared with all of us.

Some examples of creations include (but are not limited to) drawings, paintings, sculptures, bead work, photography, wood crafts, quilting, embroidery, knitting, crocheting

Sign up online, or call the church office,

to bring a creation, and/or help with the Creation Showcase:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ca8ad2ea7fa7-creation>



Ministry



«« Potluck Brunch

If you've got a great recipe for Chili or Cinnamon Rolls, **Sunday, November 13th** is your big chance to share your culinary creativity with everybody! Call the office to let us know what you're bringing, or sign up online at...

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ca8ad2ea7fa7-tony>

Nov. & Dec. Mission Envelopes

Your giving will go to the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids, which serves immigrants, refugees, and women experiencing crisis. CMC's programming helps people achieve stability in their personal lives and inclusion into the wider community. Find out more at <https://cmc-cr.org/>

Partner Giving - Thank you!

Resurrection givers have contributed...

- for Hurricane Ian relief - \$2,825
- for Marion Cares, to purchase winter necessities for local students - \$1,100
- for the people of Ukraine - \$10,315



Job Opportunities

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is currently **hiring several part-time nursery staff** for Sunday mornings, 8:15 am 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 - \$15.45 per hour. Applicants must be 21 or older.

If you are interested, send your resume to Evelyn Beck at evelyn@lcrmarion.org or mail it to:

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
3500 - 29th Ave. / Marion, Iowa 52302

Thanksgiving Pie Fellowship

We'll need a few people to cut the pies that come in for **Wednesday, November 23rd** fellowship time after our Thanksgiving Worship service, and to tidy up afterwards. If you can host, please call Marcia in the church office or email her for details: marcia@lcrmarion.org

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 soundboard. It's really pretty easy!

Sunday School & WNL volunteers

Are you looking for a new way to get involved at our church? Here are two great options:

Sunday School leaders help instruct our Pre-K-5th grade students from 9:40-10:25 on Sunday mornings. Our students love to get to know new adults and learn alongside you as we study our way through both old and new testament stories using games, crafts, experiments, and other adventures! Weekly volunteers, or those interested on a rotating basis are both welcome.

Wednesday Night Live volunteers are needed for our 4th-6th grade program. We have a great group of kids to hang out with on Wednesdays at 6 pm, and we look forward to having a lot of fun together!

You do not have to have kids in these programs or any experience teaching. Reach out to Jessi for more information on either opportunity:

jessi@lcrmarion.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR



Our Wednesday Night Live group had a HYPER night while we talked about the verse in Joshua that says "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We built houses and the designs only got a little out of hand! The group had great ideas about what it means to serve, and how a house is more than a house!



The Creation Showcase will be for **all ages!** All creations allowed, even art from the inexperienced and small. I would love for all our little ones to sign up! Sign up on the LCR website to tell us about your creation.

UPCOMING DATES:
NOV 13: PRESCHOOL SINGING AT 10:30
NOV 13: CREATION SHOWCASE 8:00-12:00
NOV 20: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
NOV 23: NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
NOV 27: ADVENT CELEBRATION

ADVENT CELEBRATION!
 NOVEMBER 27TH AT 11:30

Join us on the first day of advent to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. Bring something that represents your family to put on our Community Christmas Tree. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served!

All Christmas tree items hung on our trees will be logged and returned at the end of Advent. Be creative and bring something fun to represent your family, but keep in mind that we are not responsible for lost or broken items! There is extra tree space reserved for children if they have their own idea in mind for something to share, all are welcome to participate!

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

Adult Faith Development

Resurrection Small Groups - *Both Evening and Daytime Opportunities*

Donna Dennis - We are beginning a deep study of the gospel of Mark. According to some, Mark was the very first gospel written, around 66 AD. We'll be meeting at the church on **Thursdays, November 3rd and 17th, at 7:00 pm**. Contact me at donnakdennis88@gmail.com.

Dan Tegtmeier - Our group jumps around more than some others. Our study is not so much about a story or section of the Bible, as it is with topics such as faith, trust, salvation, etc. We meet off-site - usually at someone's home during the winter - on the **first Monday evening of the month**. Get on our email list at dtegtmeier@iowanorthern.com.

Mary Kay Pinckney - Our small group is meeting **Sunday evening, Nov. 6th** to discuss the final session of Rick Warren's book, "*What On Earth Am I Here For?*" We'll be taking December off and then start a new monthly study in January, date & topic to be determined. You can contact me at mkpink6@gmail.com.

Bethany Mast - Bethany's weekly group has been on hold for the last few months, but she is hoping to re-start it soon. Bethany is a stay-at-home mom of young children and started this evening Bible study to connect with others in faith. Contact her at bgodar@gmail.com to get involved.

Loaves, Fishes, & Faith - We meet every **Tuesday for lunch at 11:30 am and lesson at 1:00 pm** in the fireplace room at the church. You are welcome to come to the lunch, the lesson, or both! Get on our email list at maryjo.carlson3775@gmail.com. Our current study is "*Why*" from Adam Hamilton.

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - We meet once a month at the church. Our next date is **November 2nd at 1:00 pm**. In addition to bible study, our group takes part in service projects through Lutheran World Relief. Contact Harriet Van Gilder at tvangee@q.com.

JAM Women - Our current study is "*Why? Making Sense of God's Will*" by Adam Hamilton. We'll meet at the church on **Monday, November 14th at 1:00 pm**. Contact Linda Hayward at lhayward495@yahoo.com.

Calling All Moms!

Mothers of young children, grown children, and every age in between, the LCR Outreach Committee holds 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 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 typically meet twice a month, but this month we'll meet on **Friday, November 11th only, at 12 noon**. Light refreshments are offered and we have a new topic at each session.

Biblical Potpourri

We meet weekly to look through the books of the New Testament to gain basic insight into the Biblical narrative and the context of each book. We meet at **9:30 am on Sundays** and on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm**, both in the conference room. (*NOTE: will not meet on 11/13*)

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>

Stephen Ministry

We are excited to announce that we are beginning our Stephen Training this month. We have three people taking the class: Carol Lillevig, Penny Moubry, and Larry Edwards. Please keep them in your prayers as they take the training classes.

For the month of November we will be studying....

Feelings - Yours, Mine and Ours: A big part of caregiving is concerned with helping care receivers recognize, accept, and express their feelings and then trust God to give them healing and wholeness.

The Art of Listening: Listening is how Stephen Ministers go about finding out what their care receivers are feeling.

Distinctively Christian Caring: Learning to use the tools of the faith in caring for another.

Our supervision group continues to meet and care for our care receivers and each other.

Thanks for all your support for this ministry!
- Mary Hajek

Candy Bar BINGO

Get the gang together and join us in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, November 6th @ 1:00 pm** for free bingo-playing, free popcorn, and free fun! We'll be meeting on first Sundays throughout the winter.



Bicycling

Our new bicycling group got off to a great start last month riding on the Boyson Trail, and we plan to head out again in November. Contact the church office if you want to be notified of our date, time, and meeting place. We'd love for you to join us!

Walking Group

We've had a great response to this new group. We plan to continue our Thursday morning walks at 10 am until it's just too cold! Contact Pam Brown to get on our email list, so you'll know where we're walking next: batsllc@msn.com or 319.721.2563.

Fellowship

PEP 55+ Trivia

P.E.P. is Resurrection's fellowship group for all those 55 and over. On **Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 pm** we'll gather in the fellowship hall for an afternoon of trivia fun. We'll form teams of 4 to 6 people each and put our Mighty Brains together to figure out the answers. Contact Kathy Peterman or Madelyn Olson with questions. Non-member friends are always welcome!

LCR Book Club

We'll get together **Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "*The Sunset Motel*," by Simone St. James, an atmospheric suspense novel about the secrets lurking in a run-down roadside motel. You can pick up a copy of the book in the church office. Contact sherillamorrison@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.

Part of
our busy
Outreach
Team

Thanks
for all your
great work,
ladies!



Confirmation

Confirmation @ Resurrection

I really enjoy attending Confirmation with our awesome kids each week. They continue to make Confirmation meaningful and fun and it is great working with them!

Confirmation meets weekly from **7:15 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings**. We are now well into our conversation about the Bible so I'll encourage everyone to come with their own copy of the Bible. If any of the kids missed getting a Bible last year, please let me know and I'll get one for them!

We welcome anyone to participate in our program, so if you know 7th or 8th graders who are not members but would value the opportunity to participate in Confirmation at LCR, please pass along an invitation for them to register on our website.

Peace, Pastor Nate

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



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/edgetlcr/?hl=en>

High Ropes Outing

EDGE & 8th grade Confirmation students had a blast in Dubuque, reveling in God's creation.



Please contact the church office or email Jessi@LCRMarion.org. Thanks so much!

Prayers

Prayers are requested...



Those hospitalized in October:

Ryan Corrigan

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Arlene Lang, Julie Brandt, Eloise Heppler, Jenni Ringwald, Gene Henry, Marlene Pasker, Deanna Harding

(family and friends) Merlin Moser, Leslie Petersen, Jo & Jay Moore, Dick Winters, Steve Durspek, Tallie Furrow, Mike Supp, Carole Ann Farkas, Kirsten Corrigan's mom

Those living in care facilities:

Kay Mase (Hiawatha Care Center); Vera Olson, Larry Wogahn (The Views); Paul Bendixen (Bickford of Marion); 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:

- Pam Miller and family on the death of her former father-in-law, Vern Almandinger, 10/13
- Arlene Lee and family on the death of her grand-nephew, Charlie McGriff, on 10/19

Those who celebrate:

- Rachel & Taylor Sutton on the birth of Luke Isaac Sutton on 10/4
- Jerry & Nancy Buck on their 55th wedding anniversary on November 4th
- All those who moved this fall

Newsletter assemblers work their magic!



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 September 2022

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 44,616	\$555,723	\$509,999
General Fund Expenses	\$ 63,399	\$523,972	\$553,357
<u>Cash Balances</u>	<u>09/30/22</u>		<u>09/30/21</u>
General Fund	\$160,019		\$126,569
Clearing Accounts	\$ 71,432		\$123,453
Property Reserve	\$ 36,875	Building	\$ 20,000
Building Residual	\$ 20,780		\$ 20,280



*Saving lives,
one blood
donation
at a time*

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2022 LCR budget. Giving was at 100.9% 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 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 *Please reach out with questions or concerns.*

The Council met on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. September Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: September was another month that was lower than expected (net loss of \$18,783), but year to date we are still \$68,000 ahead of where we thought we would be.

Pastor Jeff: First of two new member sessions had 10 family units of a variety of ages. Upcoming Events - Reformation/Confirmation Sunday will be 10/30 & All Saint's Sunday 11/6.

Pastor Nate: Youth ministry team has been setting (and attaining goals).

Outreach: Potential garden space in the future. Transitioning from Car Cruise-ins to BINGO. November 20th will be next quarterly potluck.

Governance: no meeting

Property: Some projects are winding down, but bills are now coming in. Anticipate fewer expenses in the next few months.

Stewardship: Appeal packet is out (target due date is 11/13)

Old Business: Synod Pastor Dan will be here on 11/6 (All Saint's Sunday) for pastor installation.

New Business: Sign Update - Bob Wolter's motion was approved by council... **I make a motion for council to approve the recommendation to move forward with the CR Sign proposal, provide a congregational forum on such recommendation, and call a special meeting to approve the expenditure.**

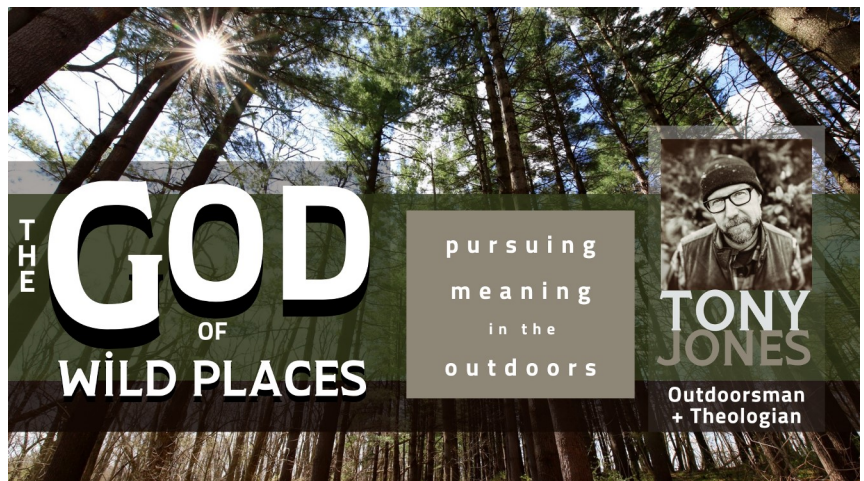
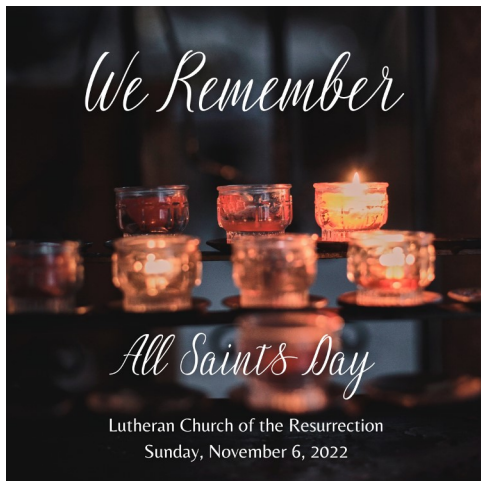
Next Meeting: November 15, 2022. Agenda items should be submitted by 11/7/22. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports available in the church office binder.

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