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## Super Sunday - We Call It Church!

“And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” *Hebrews 10.24-25*

The first Super Bowl was played on January 15, 1967 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, between the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs - Green Bay won. Bart Starr was the MVP. And from that moment onward the Super Bowl has grown to be a cultural phenomenon. Whether you like football or not, Americans take the Super Bowl seriously.

According to “Hungry Fan,” Americans spend over \$387 million on snacks, \$130 million on pizza, and will eat over 1.4 billion (with a B) chicken wings. And get this - I don’t know if I can believe it, but here’s the number - Americans will spend \$1.3 billion on beer during the two weeks prior to Super Bowl Sunday. And if your team happens to be in the big game you’ll probably have to fork over a couple hundred bucks for some new updated swag!

Now, I love the Super Bowl...and when possible I’ll do my best to help eat some of those wings and enjoy a beverage. And, please, if you plan to watch the big game - enjoy it! Nevertheless, what do you think would happen if we took our faith as seriously? What would the world look like if we had the same passion for living out the Gospel as we did for rooting on our favorite team? In fact instead of lamenting the excesses of Super Bowl Sunday - how about if we use it as an opportunity to celebrate being church? Let’s gather on Super Sunday to root on Team LCR!

So on **Sunday, February 12**, I invite you to wear your favorite team jersey, whether they are in the big game or not. And if you’re not into that, then wear your favorite shirt, outfit, dress, or PJ’s for that matter! And let’s break bread together - the Council will be sponsoring a Breakfast between services. It probably won’t consist of 1.4 billion chicken wings, but I bet you it will be delicious! And let’s take on the challenge of the “Souper Bowl of Caring” by bringing in cans of SOUP for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. Let’s have fun by being together, be a little silly, eat together, and help our neighbor...in other words let’s be church!

In the words of scripture, “Let’s provoke one another!” And let’s not just do this on February 12, but all year long. Peace! *Pastor Jeff*

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# Worship

~ two 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](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>

## Ash Wednesday February 22 - Lent Begins!

**The Season of Lent – Feasting on the Word!**

Perhaps the most misunderstood season of the church year is Lent. Often times seen as a time to be somber and downcast, it actually means “Spring” and is a time for Christian growth and dare we say Joy! This year Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 22nd**. We have a meaningful Lenten season planned here at LCR. Mark your calendars and plan to join us each Wednesday (starting February 22nd and then every Wednesday in March).

- Soup Suppers! Where you will be invited to share your favorite soup
- Worship for all generations, starting at 6:00 pm
- Special breakouts for our children and youth
- Intentional “space” for adults to enjoy some down-time or connect with others
- The return of the “Lenten Café,” with good coffee and snacks

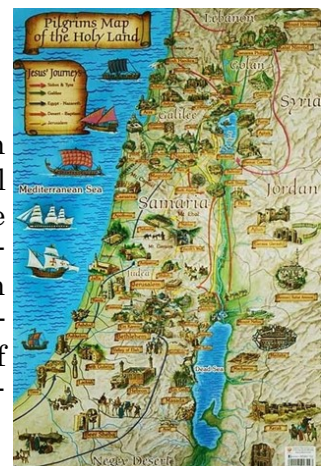
Plan to make this Lent a time for spiritual growth and rejuvenation!

## First Communion - Calling all 4th Graders

LCR will hold our yearly ‘First Communion’ classes starting in March, with our kids celebrating their first Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6th. All fourth graders are invited to come and be a part of these interactive sessions (one parent or guardian will need to attend with them) as we discover together the importance of the Sacrament. If you have a child that wasn’t able to participate in previous years, please let us know as they are most welcome. Specific class dates will be announced; contact Jessi with any questions: [jessi@lcrmarion.org](mailto:jessi@lcrmarion.org)

## LCR in the Holy Land

Did you know that 21 people from Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will be in the Holy Land from February 4th - 21st? Not only will they be visiting the Biblical sites in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan, but they’ll also have opportunities to engage with the people of the land as they visit Augusta Victoria Hospital (run by the Lutheran World Federation, see more on page 3); stop in a local parish in Bethlehem and learn about being a Christian in the Holy Land; and even visit the first micro-brewery in the Middle East to understand the economic realities. Please keep all of our friends in your prayers as they walk where Jesus walked and deepen their understanding of the story of God’s people.



# Ministry

## Time & Talent Sign-Up Party

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, February 5 from 9:30-10:30 am**. Come and enjoy snacks & music, and fill out your Time & Talent Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet, which helps us know how you would like to be involved at LCR in the year ahead. Volunteer to help, sign up for groups, and let us know any special talents or skills you'd like to share. *When you turn in your sheet, you will be registered for a prize drawing!* There will be people on hand to answer questions or provide additional information about all our opportunities.

## Warmth Collection for Willis Dady

Throughout January, we collected new stocking caps, gloves/mittens, socks, and energy food bars to help people in need through Willis Dady Homeless Services - <https://www.willisdady.org/> *Thank you for sharing God's love with people in need!*

If you didn't have a chance to bring items in January, be aware that you can donate monetarily at ANY time: drop off a check or cash at the church office, donate online at <https://lcrmarion.org/giving.html>, or use Venmo. Please designate your gift: "Warmth/Willis Dady"

## Jan & Feb Mission Envelopes

Your giving will go to Feeding Lunches to Youth (FLY), which serves sack lunches to local kids each Monday through Friday during the summer months. The lunches are prepared and delivered by volunteers each weekday to 10 sites around town. FLY aims to spread the message of Jesus Christ through the joy of providing to children. Find out more at....

<https://marionmethodist.org/fly/>

## Thanks for your Ministry Giving

Nov/Dec Mission Envelopes - We collected **\$770.00** for Catherine McCauley Center.  
Reverse Advent Project - We collected **\$645.00** for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry.  
Lutheran World Federation - We collected **\$10,702.44** for the people of Ukraine in 2022.

## Super Sunday at LCR on Feb. 12th

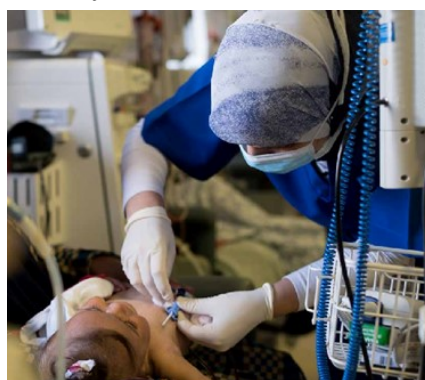
Mark your calendars and get ready! More details are coming soon.... but start stockpiling canned soup now. LCR, along with several other Marion churches, has been challenged by the First Presbyterian Church (Marion) to participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." The church that collects the most cans of soup by **Sunday, February 12th** wins the trophy! But more importantly, all the soup will go to people in need through the Churches of Marion Food Pantry.

## You Make a Difference!

*Lutherans at work in the world*

The LCR trip to the Holy Land will include a stop at Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH), a program of the Lutheran World Federated Department for World Service in Jerusalem. It started in partnership with the United Nations Relief & Works Agency (UNRWA) as a major medical facility in Jerusalem after the 1948 war to care for Palestinian refugees. Today, most of the patients served by AVH continue to be in social need and seeking life-saving specialized care.

The hospital is now focusing much of its strategic efforts on establishing a palliative care facility as well as a care center for the elderly. This approach is in line with the hospital's overall strategy to establish health services otherwise unavailable to the Palestinian community and complements the existing services at the hospital. AVH is the first and only hospital to provide radiation therapy for cancer patients in the Palestinian territories and is the only medical facility in the West Bank offering pediatric kidney



dialysis. On a daily basis, these and other specialty services touch countless lives, both young and old, from communities across the Holy Land who otherwise do not have medical services.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

## Sunday School:

February 5 – Jesus & John the Baptist  
 February 12 – Walking on Water  
 February 19 – Walking on Water  
 February 26 – Walking on Water

## Wednesday Night Live:

February 1 – Service project  
 February 8 – regular WNL  
 February 15 – Valentines Party  
 February 22 – NO WNL (Ash Wed.)



This month at Sunday School, students have been discussing the story of John the Baptist and how he baptized Jesus. There have been some great games and hands-on learning that have fit well with this unit for all ages!



This month at WNL was busy!

- We had a movie night with the Confirmation kids and LOTS of sugar
- We played some wacky games
- Our students planned a wonderful surprise party for the Wednesday night congregation.

We had a BLAST and were so proud of the ideas that the students came up with.



As Lent starts at the end of February, there will be no WNL on Ash Wednesday. The following weeks of Lent WNL will look a little different. During the season of Lent, there will be Lenten worship during our regular WNL meeting time, and all families are welcome to participate in these worship services! Following worship, WNL and Confirmation students are welcome to join us at **“Combo”** from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Combo is an hour-long program for 4th-8th grade students featuring games, snacks, and group activities with Jessi and Pastor Nate. Questions? [jessi@lcrmarion.org](mailto:jessi@lcrmarion.org)

# Adult Faith Development

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## Resurrection Small Groups - both Evening and Daytime Opportunities

**Donna Dennis** - We are doing a deep study of the gospel of Mark. We meet at the church on **Thursdays, February 9th and 23rd, at 7:00 pm**. Contact Donna at donnakdennis88@gmail.com.

**Dan Tegtmeier** - 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 works our way through an inspirational book or two each year at monthly meetings in my Cedar Rapids home. Feel free to contact Mary Kay at mkpink6@gmail.com for date, location, and new topic.

**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! Our current study is "Why" from Adam Hamilton. Get on our email list at maryjo.carlson3775@gmail.com.

**Rebecca Mary Martha Circle** - We meet for bible study once a month at the church. Our next date is **Wednesday, February 1st at 1:00 pm**. Contact Harriet Van Gilder at keyboreder1@gmail.com.

**JAM Women** - On **Monday, February 13th at 1 pm** we'll begin a new 5-part study, "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times," from Adam Hamilton. Contact Linda at lhayward495@yahoo.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>

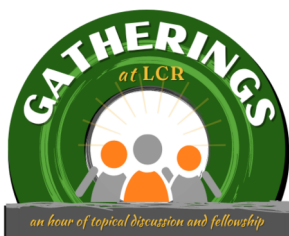
## Biblical Potpourri - on HIATUS

We usually meet weekly at **9:30 am on Sundays** to look through the books of the New Testament, gaining basic insight into the Biblical narrative and the context of each book. We'll resume later in February when Pastor Jeff is back from the Holy Land.

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## Moms Group

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 @ LCR

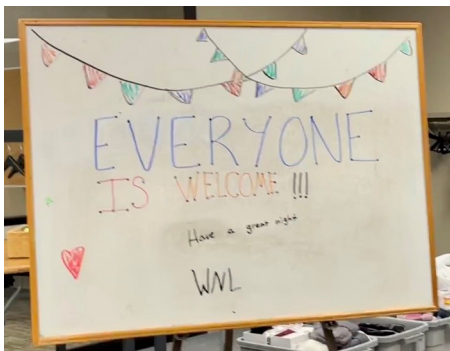
...is a place and time to hear stories, share stories, and connect with others in our community. Gatherings is a place where you can feel safe to share what you really think or feel without being judged or rejected. We meet at **noon** on two **Fridays** each month - **February 10th and 24th**. Light refreshments are offered and topics will be announced in the weekly news.

# Fellowship



## WNL Kids Serve

A BIG THANKS to our Wednesday Night Live students for the great surprise that they had for our Wednesday Evening Worship attendees on a cold, wintry night! They invited the congregation to a reception following worship, after having made brownies, muffins, and Rice Krispie treats, and decorating the gathering space with colorful tablecloths, battery candles, and centerpieces. It was a fabulous evening!



## LCR Book Club ♥ ♥ ♥

We'll get together on **Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month will be *Very Valentine* by Adriana Trigiani. Follow the adventures of an extraordinary woman as she attempts to rescue her family's struggling shoe business and find love at the same time. You can pick up a library copy in the church office. Contact [sherillamorrison@gmail.com](mailto:sherrillamorrison@gmail.com) to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

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## PEP 55+ Frauds & Scams

On **Sunday, February 19th @ 3:00 pm**, we'll have a presentation on frauds and scams. Unfortunately, mature adults are often the target of unscrupulous people, so we need to educate ourselves on their techniques. Join us for very useful information and some delicious treats. Contact Dettbarns or Schminke for further info.

## Candy Bar BINGO

Get the gang together and join us in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, February 5th @ 1:00 pm** for free bingo-playing, free popcorn, and free fun. We're meeting on first Sundays of each month this winter. Bring friends!



## Walking Group

We've moved our Thursday morning walks @ 10 am to Lindale Mall for the winter. Contact Pam to get on our email list so you'll know where to meet us: [batsllc@msn.com](mailto:batsllc@msn.com) or 319.721.2563

## 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 & WNL students started the New Year off together with a movie night with snacks and games. We saw “Night at the Museum” and had tons of fun! (photos on page 4) Many thanks to everyone who made this impromptu event happen.

Prior to the pandemic we had our Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) service in May. We moved things to Reformation Sunday in October, in order to wait until COVID numbers went down. We have thought about what dates work best for our kids and have decided that even though May is busy, it is a better time to have Confirmation when compared to the fall. So, we plan to schedule Confirmation Sunday this year on **Sunday, May 21st**.

*Other important dates this Spring:*

**February 22** - Ash Wednesday: No Confirmation class so that we can focus on the Ash Wednesday evening worship service.

**Wed. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** - WNL and Confirmation students are welcome to join us at “**Combo**” from **7:00 - 8:00 pm** in the fellowship hall. Combo is an hour-long program for 4th-8th grade students featuring games, snacks, and group activities with Jessi and Pastor Nate.

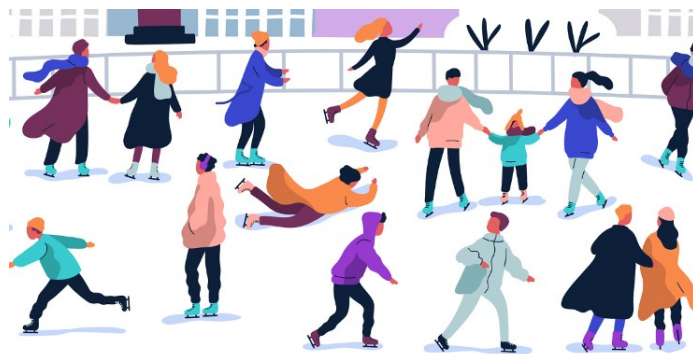
**April 5** - Holy Week. No Confirmation class

**May 10** - Last night of Confirmation



LCR Confirmation - 7th & 8th graders meet weekly from **7:15 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings**. If you have any questions about our program, feel free to contact Pastor Nate Montover by call or text at 563-320-3995.

email: nmontover@gmail.com  
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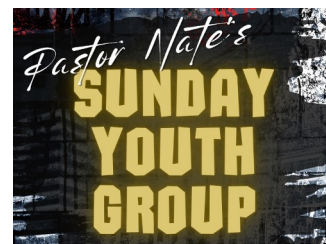


## LCR ICE SKATING PARTY

Resurrection members and friends,  
mark your calendars for  
**Sunday, February 18th from 2-4 pm.**  
We are hosting an Ice Skating Party  
at ImOn Ice Arena in Cedar Rapids.

All ages are welcome,  
including adults and friends.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family.



### EDGE Youth Group

Join us for EDGE on Wednesday nights as we dive into teachings and discussion. Come early to grab dinner or have a place to finish your homework. Everyone is always welcome, so bring a friend or two!

EDGE is open to 9th thru 12th grade students from any school or church. We meet on **Wednesday evenings 7:30 pm**. You can contact director Katie Kascel at [katie@lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)

Stay up-to-date on our activities by checking:  
[instagram.com/edgeatlcr/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/edgeatlcr/?hl=en)

### Sunday Youth Group

Pastor Nate hosts this group each **Sunday from 9:45 to 10:15 am** for students in grades 7 through 12. We meet in the YAC (Youth Activity Center) in the back of the church. These are informal gatherings to connect and reflect on our faith life together. Come and give us a try!

# Prayers

Prayers are requested...



**Those hospitalized in December:**

Barb Fick, Gary Kacena

**Those experiencing illness or surgery:**

*(LCR members)* Tim Early, Bev Johnson, Harry Walton, Ryan Corrigan, Sheryl Knodle, Gene Henry, Linda Christiansen, Julie Brandt, Eloise Heppler, Marlene Pasker, Deanna Harding

*(family and friends)* Rachel White, Mary Goslin, Amanda Dragon, Leslie Peterson

**Those living in care facilities:**

Kay Mase (Hiawatha Care Center); Vera Olson (Anamosa Care Center); Paul Bendixen (Northbrook Manor); Larry Wogahn (The Views); 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.

**Those in military service:**

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

**Those who celebrate:**

- Elaine Slaymaker, on her successful medical procedure
- Everett & Marg Dryden, on their 70th wedding anniversary
- Gary Kacena, on his successful surgery



***Our parents celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on January 23rd!***

Friends and family have always been a huge part of Mom & Dad's lives and something they continue to cherish and hold very dear.

If you haven't already, we invite all of you to send them a card in celebration of their extraordinary accomplishment.

*Thank you!*

*Mike Dryden, David Dryden, Patty Waters*

Contact the church office if you need the Dryden's address.



# Stewardship

## Treasurer's Report for December 2022

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 84,273	\$760,043	\$691,492
General Fund Expenses	\$ 68,237	\$700,927	\$666,180
<u>Cash Balances</u>	<u>12/31/22</u>		<u>12/31/21</u>
General Fund	\$187,626		\$124,691
Clearing Accounts	\$ 93,184		\$ 68,691
Property Reserve	\$ 40,000	<b>Building</b>	\$ 30,000
Building Residual	\$ 20,780		\$ 20,780

## General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2022 LCR budget. Giving was at 103.8% of pledges at the end of December.

## 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+ Text** - Find out how it works on the 'Giving' page of our website.

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

# Church Council

*Please reach out with questions or concerns.*

The Council met on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. December Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

**Treasurer:** Good end to a good year. General fund income significantly larger than pledged amount. Annual net income was \$59,116.

**Pastor Jeff:** Christmas season goals achieved. Lent theme is "Feasting on the Word" - money for local food pantry and ELCA World Hunger.

**Pastor Nate:** Confirmation date will likely be moved to May 21st.

**Property:** Energy walk-through upcoming. Working on a long-term plan for repair costs.

**Stewardship:** Budget is set for the year to be voted on at the annual meeting. Pledged giving is up from last year.

**Governance:** No meeting

**Outreach:** BINGO attendance is growing (30 people in January). We are working on plans for raised beds in the spring.

**Old Business:** *Audit Team Update* - Stephanie, Bethany, and Julie working with Audit Team and Treasurer to get training on check signing. *Nominating Team* - Have secured individuals to fill open seats for next terms.

**New Business:** *Annual Meeting* - agenda set & rough draft of annual report completed. *Council Retreat* - will be held the morning of March 4th.

**Next Meeting:** *February 21, 2023.*

Agenda items should be submitted by 2/13/23. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports available in the church office binder.

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## LCR ICE SKATING PARTY


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18; 2-4 PM  
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GET INVOLVED AT LCR!  
Sunday, February 5; 9:30 - 10:30 am - Fellowship Hall



# ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22

Worship at 6 pm

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# Feasting on the Word

Lent 2022

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