

"Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." - Ephesians 5.14b

The Apostle Paul drops the quote above in his letter to the Ephesians; but quite honestly no one knows really where it comes from! It's certainly not a direct quote from scripture, although some say it is a loose reflection of Isaiah 60, or an illusion to someone like Jonah falling asleep - maybe. I think a better answer is that it is a well-known song or poem of Paul's day that all of his hearers would have known. Sometimes hymns and songs can speak the power of Gospel truth. Think of "Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." It only takes a few notes to bring about instant recognition and an emotional response.

We can use our beloved hymns/songs to think about Holy Week. "All glory laud and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring." Think about what this refrain has to say about Jesus, who he is, and what happened that day he entered Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday we'll sing this wonderful line "As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, you're abundant life to share." I can't think of a better way to understand what Jesus gives us on that holy night and how we too have been called to 'do feet' in the world.

As we gather around the cross on Good Friday, that haunting refrain will stir something deep within us, "Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble." Here we admit that what we remember on Good Friday is at times too deep even for words, but is best expressed in the reaction of our bodies themselves. On Easter morning we'll exchange the 'tremble, tremble, tremble' for "Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al - le - lu - ia!" And once again, like the crowds on Palm Sunday, our voices will proclaim the mystery of our faith - that Christ is risen - with joy and confidence.

I hope you'll sing the story with all of us here at LCR this coming Holy Week! *Peace! Pastor Jeff*

Palm/Passion Sunday - April 2, 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Maundy Thursday - April 6, 7:00 PM
Good Friday - April 7, 7:00 PM
Easter Sunday - April 9, 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM (traditional)
and 11:00 AM (contemporary)

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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) 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

A Sign from God!



Our new sign out front is seen by over 8,200 cars on average per day. This means that the message of God's love at work here at LCR is being shared 24/7 with everything from worship times, to fellowship groups, to special programs. You might even see the picture of someone you know!



Your special gift toward paying off the sign would be a tremendous help as we navigate our budget this year. We have 12 payments of approximately \$2,000 (interest free) that will be made monthly. Would you consider a gift to cover one of these payments, or a partial percentage? You'll find special envelopes in the Gathering Space or you can contact the church office.

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly - online!

The 2023 Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly will gather virtually via Zoom on Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 16 from 5:30-8:30 PM. The agenda will primarily be the business - budget, elections etc. - of the synod. LCR can have 2 additional voting members. Please let the church office know if you are interested.

Synod Revival Event

Saturday May 20 @ Grand View University in Des Moines

This one-day event presented by the Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA designed to nourish and connect people to each other and to reimagine our relationships in and with the church. This event is free of charge and intended to be a joyful fun gathering for all ages full of inspiration, worship, and prayer. You are invited to bring your friends, neighbors, family, or anyone and watch what God does! (There may be a transportation option from one of our local churches, contact the church office if interested.) For more information: www.synodrevival.org

New Member Gatherings

All those who have been worshipping with us at LCR in the last year are invited to affirm our ministry by partnering with us through membership. Attend one of our gatherings at **noon on April 23rd ~or~ April 30th**.



Ministry



In April, we will be collecting "Bucks to Buy Beef," supporting people in need through Mission of Hope. Each month, the Mission distributes around 75 pounds of ground beef to local families in need. Help us support Mission of Hope during April by donating! The average price of ground beef is currently around \$5/pound. Any help is deeply appreciated. Please mark your check/cash/online/Venmo donation, "BEEF." Thank you for all the ways you share God's love by providing for others.

Personal Care Kits

During the month of March, Mary Martha Rebecca Circle collected bath towels, soap, and toothbrushes for Personal Care Kits. *Thank you so much for your donations!* The kits have been assembled, and will be shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution world-wide.



March & April Mission Envelopes

Your giving will go to Matthew 25 in Cedar Rapids, a west-side ministry to improve the health of people and neighborhoods through quality affordable housing, healthy food, educational opportunities, and community building. Find out more at https://www.hub25.org/

Your January and February mission envelopes for F.L.Y. added up to \$1,555. Thank you!

Take Away Hunger - see page 8



Our Raised Bed Vegetable Gardening project is gearing up! The goal of this project is to enjoy fellowship through a shared hobby, and feed our community both inside and outside our church. If you are interested in helping to build and fill raised beds, we will be meeting at the church at 9:00 am on Saturday, April 15th, weather permitting. Thank you to the Master Gardeners for providing us with materials for 4 raised garden beds. Contact Bethany Mast through the church office if you have any questions.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers

We need: Wed, April 5th

People to help put together sacks of candy **Saturday**, **April 8th** -

Check in people, Station Supervisors, Prize Table Helpers

Can you help? Please sign up at this link... https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/904044ca8ad2ea7fa7-easter1#/

Lent 2023 - Feeding the World

Throughout Lent, we have been collecting non-perishable food items for the **Churches of Marion Food Pantry** and our Living Legacy Fund is matching gifts, \$1 per item donated to the food pantry, up to \$1,500. *As of 3/27, 508 items have been collected.*

We have also been collecting monetary donations, which will be given to **ELCA World Hunger**. Our Living Legacy Fund is matching those gifts, \$1 for each dollar collected, up to \$1,500. As of 3/27, \$2,631 has been collected.

Lent isn't over yet! You can still donate through Holy Week, or even on Easter. Please feel free to keep bringing non-perishable food items for the pantry and/or you can drop off cash or a check for ELCA World Hunger. There are also several ways to give online at LCRMarion.org

Crockpot Freezer Meals - see page 10



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

Sunday School:

April 2 – regular Sunday School, Easter Unit

April 9 – No Sunday School (Easter)

April 16 – regular Sunday School, Jesus Unit

April 23 - regular Sunday School, Jesus Unit

April 30 – regular Sunday School, Jesus Unit

Wednesday Night Live:

April 5 - No WNL (holy week)

April 12 - regular WNL

April 19 - regular WNL

April 26 - regular WNL

Day Camp and Vacation Bible School - Summer 2023!

Registration for Day Camp and VBS will be open online on April 2nd

Vacation Bible School

July 11 - July 14, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

(for those entering Pre-K – 1st grade in the fall of 2023)

Day Camp

July 31 - Aug 3, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

(for those entering 1st – 6th grade in the fall of 2023)

Day Camp and VBS are open to everyone, members of this church and beyond!

Registration will be available for both programs on the church website starting on April 2nd.

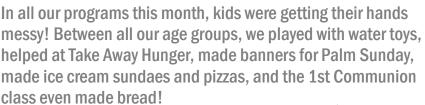
Please note that 1st graders are welcome to attend either program (or both!), however, the full-day Day Camp program features content more relevant to their age group.













Adult Development

LCR's Living Legacy Team Sponsors an Educational Learning Opportunity

On **Sunday, April 30th from 9:30-10:15 am**, please join the Living Legacy team as we share information on the goals of our Education Fund, Seminary Fund, and Benevolent Giving Fund, that all support LCR and the world-wide church. The group will let us know how church members and others can help support these three funding areas. We will also be joined by Don Johnson, Resurrection member and attorney at Shuttleworth & Ingersoll in Cedar Rapids. Don will share guidance on estate planning, wills, trusts, and IRA Required Minimum Distributions.

Resurrection Small Groups - both Evening and Daytime Opportunities

<u>Mary Kay Pinckney</u> - Our women's group meets at my Cedar Rapids home **one Sunday evening** a month. Contact Mary Kay at mkpink6@gmail.com for details.

<u>Donna Dennis</u> - We are doing a deep study of the gospel of Mark. We meet at the church on **Thursdays**, **April 13th and 27th**, **at 6:30 pm**. Contact Donna at donnakdennis88@gmail.com.

<u>Dan Tegtmeier</u> - We meet off-site - usually at someone's home - on the **first Monday evening of the month**. Get on our email list at dtegtmeier@iowanorthern.com.

<u>Loaves, Fishes, & Faith</u> - 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.

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - We meet for bible study once a month at the church. Our next date is **Wednesday, April 5th at 1:00 pm**. Contact Harriet Van Gilder at keyboreder1@gmail.com.

<u>JAM Women</u> - On **Monday, April 10th at 1 pm** we'll continue our new 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.

Biblical Potpourri

We 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.

Pastor Nate's "Teachings of Luther" 4-part series

...is now available on YouTube - https://www.youTube.com/@lutheranchurchoftheresurre4195/featured

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

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

Moms Group

Mothers of young children, grown children, and every age in between hold a weekly group to support each other 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 through topical conversations. We meet at **noon** on two **Fridays** each month - **April 14th and 28th**. Light refreshments are offered and topics will be announced in the weekly news.

Stephen Min.

Commissioning

This month on **Sunday, April 30th** we will be commissioning 3 new Stephen Ministers. They will have completed 52 hours of training. Please pray for and congratulate: Larry Edwards, Carol Lillevig, and Penny Moubry. They will be joining our other 6 Stephen Ministers in care and supervision.

You as a congregation play an important role in this Ministry. It is YOUR ministry; it belongs to all of us, not just the Pastors, Stephen Leaders, or Stephen Ministers. Your support is important in a number of ways. Stephen Ministry needs your prayers - for the Pastors, Leaders, Ministers, for the care receivers, and for the healing from God in this caring relationship.

Our Ministry also needs your support to help foster a caring environment in our church. As you meet, greet, and talk to people, take time to listen and care for those around you. Remember to have Stephen Ministry in mind. You are the eyes and ears of Jesus. When you see someone going through a difficult time, tell him or her about our Stephen Ministry and connect the person with a Stephen Leader through the church office. AND when you encounter a difficult time yourself, be receptive to this caring ministry.

Thank you! Mary Hajek



Take Away Hunger

Thank you to EVERYONE who took part in our March 'Take Away Hunger' project. We packaged 10,000 meals!!

Fellowship

PEP 55+ Movie Night

The movie "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" is the story of several British retirees who decide to save money by living at a 'luxurious' hotel in India. Judi Dench and Maggie Smith lead the topnotch cast. The movie is funny, heart-warming, sentimental, and, even if you saw it 11 years ago, you will love it all over again! We'll start our viewing at 6:30 pm on Sunday, April 16th in the Sanctuary.

Walking Group

We've been walking at Lindale Mall this winter, but warmer days are ahead! Contact Pam to get on our email list so you'll know where to meet us: batsllc@msn.com or 319.721.2563. We walk each Thursday at 10 am.

Cribbage

Cribbage players meet on **2nd & 4th Fridays**, beginning **at 1:15 pm**. We can teach you if you've never played before and non-members are always welcome. *NOTE: Train Dominos is on hiatus*.

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.

LCR Book Club - now on <u>2nd</u> Tuesdays

We'll get together on **Tuesday**, **April 11th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month will be "My Sister, the Serial Killer" by Oyinkan Braithwaite - a thriller that leaves a sting. You can pick up a library copy in the church office. Contact Sherrill to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

sherrillamorrison@gmail.com

Candy Bar BINGO

Bingo is taking a break this month due to Easter. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, May 7th @ 1:00 pm for free bingo-playing, free popcorn, and free fun. Put it on your calendar now!

Confirmation

Hello Everyone!

I wanted to fill you in on what's been happening during Lent:

Confirmation & Wednesday Night Live students took part in a Seder Meal, which is an ancient ritual found in scripture. It is the act of remembering the Hebrew people's enslavement and emancipation from slavery in Egypt. The seder meal is the source of our Christian practice of Communion.

Our 7th graders have been mentoring the WNL kids during activities in March. One week we played bingo, and in following weeks we had an ice cream buffet, movie trivia, and pizza night. I want to thank the 7th graders for providing such a wonderful example of kindness for our younger kids, and for helping them develop relationships with older kids they look up to.

Our 8th graders prepared for young adult ministry by attending EDGE in March. They participated in the hang-out & food portion at 7 pm and then stayed afterwards for regular EDGE discipleship programming, too. Our Confirmation students are doing so well preparing themselves to be adult leaders in the church and their community!

Looking ahead: Our plan is to have Confirmation for 8th graders on *Sunday, May 21 at the 10:30 service*. Let's have a parent/student meeting for our 8th graders on **Wednesday, April 19th** during our regular confirmation class time. If you are the parent/caregiver for an 8th grader, please let me know if you are able to attend on the 19th so we can finalize our list of kids who will be participating in the Confirmation service. Thanks!!

Remember: There will be *no Confirmation class* on April 5th (Holy Week). Our final class for this school year will be Wednesday, May 10th.

Peace! Pastor Nate

Call or text me with questions: 563.320.3995

EDGE Youth

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

Stay up-to-date on our activities by checking: instagram.com/edgeatlcr/?hl=en

Sunday Youth Group

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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 & reflect on our faith life together. Come and give us a try!

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Camp EWALU registration

Now is the time to register for youth and family programs for summer 2023 at Camp Ewalu. A week in Christian community at Ewalu provides campers with a positive, fun, and life-changing faith experience. As a Lutheran outdoor ministry, Ewalu offers a variety of programs all summer for youth in grades 1 to 12, guided by trained college-age counselors. Adults and younger kids can join in with Family Camp and Grandparent Camp! To see all the program options, you can pick up a camp brochure in the gathering space. Then you can register online at www.ewalu.org/ summer-camp. No child is turned away for reasons of financial need; contact our camp office at 563-933-4700 or office@ewalu.org for details about a camp scholarship.

Wee Wisdom Preschool

 \sim now enrolling for 2023-24 school year \sim

You can schedule a tour at weewisdommarion.org or by calling Michelle at 319-350-7438.

Prayers



Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Gary Young, Harriet & Terry Van Gilder, Ryan Corrigan, Arlene Lang, Sheryl Knodle, Harry Walton, Gene Henry, Eloise Heppler, Linda Christiansen, Marlene Pasker, Deanna Harding

(family and friends) Joyce Esch Urmie, Marge Richardson, Kimberly Richardson, Bob Rudig, Connie Cottingham, Gurine Lewis, Rachel White

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.

Those in military service:

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

Those who mourn:

 Sherrill Morrison and Bonnie, on the death of Sherrill's mother, Ruth Stacy

Those who celebrate:

- Marcia Oltmanns on Erv's successful procedure
- Larry Pierce on Marjorie's successful surgery

If you would like to send a card to anyone listed above, feel free to contact the church office for current addresses.

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.

Crockpot Freezer Meals

As part of Marion Cares' weekly kids outreach programming, we are providing crockpot freezer meals to help address hunger and promote the formational habit of eating a family meal. We deliver frozen meals in ziplock bags for families to dump into their crockpots each week.

We need two types of volunteers: **Food Preparers** purchase ingredients and prep the meals in freezer ziplock bags. We have funding available for our volunteers in the form of gift cards to purchase groceries and supplies. **Meal Deliverers** pick up the freezer meals from our office and deliver them to the families. To learn more, call or text us at 319-377-5344, or you can sign up directly at https://signup.com/go/qghkecw

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for February 2023

| | <u>February</u> | Year to Date | One Year Ago |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund Receipts | \$ 72.647 | \$153,746 | \$134,070 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$ 59,285 | \$123,504 | \$106,191 |
| <u>Cash Balances</u> | 02/28/23 | | 02/23/22 |
| General Fund | \$214.499 | | \$155,199 |
| Clearing Accounts | \$ 54,337 | | \$ 51,873 |
| Property Reserve | \$ 62,447 | | \$ 50,780 |



Dr. Karen Black, wonderful organ concert on 3/10

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2023 budget! Giving at the end of February was at 104.7% of pledges.

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, March 21, 2023. February Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: We were over \$13,000 for the month of February, but one-time gifts impacted that positively. Payroll taxes and snow removal were big expenses for the month.

Pastor Jeff: Holy Land Trip was a positive experience; may do another trip in about 3 years. Maundy Thursday worship will include First Communion for our 4th graders.

Pastor Nate: Preparing for 8th grade Confirm ation worship on May 21st at the 10:30 service. Neighborhood Nights hoping to focus more on local music this summer.

Outreach: Raised Bed meeting will be March 26th. Hoping to find people who want to take ownership. Established calendar for 2023 with monthly Bingo gatherings or Car Cruise-ins and quarterly congregational meals.

Property: New electronic sign is installed! Working on quotes for carpet and crack repair. Also looking into parking lot repair/resurfacing.

Stewardship: \$19,124 was transferred to a clearing account for the first payment on our new sign. Subsequent payments of \$2,124 will be paid monthly through March 2024 as expenses.

Governance: no meeting

Social Concerns: Upcoming monthly activities - Shoe Drive (May), FLY (June), Backpacks (July)

New Business: Fund Appeal for New Sign - opportunity to pay off quicker. Copier Contract - new contract signed with Koch Office Supply due to many issues with current Konica Minolta contract. Fall Speaker - Diana Butler Bass (November 4-5)

Next Meeting: April 18, 2023

Agenda items should be submitted by 4/10/23. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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