



In Holy Baptism God makes a promise. God promises us that God is with us always, even to then end of the age. We are reminded of God’s love for us and the decision God makes in Jesus Christ to join us in our daily life, and the equally powerful promise to provide us with the grace and strength we need to face the challenges of life. We are not alone. We have a God who “is like us in every way.”

And it gets better. In the Lutheran tradition we also recognize that baptism is a time when God sends the Holy Spirit to dwell in us so that, “Christ’s righteousness becomes our righteousness and all that he has becomes ours; rather, he himself becomes ours.” God gives us God’s very self, and along with that God gives us power to be messengers of God’s love and grace to the world. In short, God loves you AND trusts you. Ain’t it grand??

On Sunday, May 21, at the 10:30 service, the following people made public affirmation of their Baptism:

- Maddie Barnidge, Tyler Dvorak,
- Gracelyn Fisher, Ellenor Fredin,
- Aaron Hamm, Bre Hoff,
- Aidan Johnson, Avery Johnson,
- Carie Johnson, Maren Loftsgard,
- Wes Lovseth, Grace Meier,
- Lily Miglia, Emmaline Petersen,
- Adalynn Schaldecker,
- Hayden Schultz, Story Smith,
- Mylie Swestka, Kenley Unruh



As a community we recalled the promises God made to them at their baptism to love them and empowered them to love the world as God loves them. We also welcomed them into the community as full adult members of our congregation in recognition of the power God gave our students through the love of Christ. God gave them their faith as a gift, and the way they will express that faith is through acts of love for the entire creation.

Let us all rejoice in the gift of God’s grace, and in the mission we all have been given by God to share that grace with the world. Pray for our Confirmands, and for the whole church – that we all live lives worthy of the gift we have been given. God loves us and God trusts us. Let’s live like we believe that promise to be true.

Yours in Christ, *Pastor Nate*

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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>

Lutheran World Federation UKRAINE UPDATE

Repair broken homes, supply relief goods, and care for traumatized people; these are the plans for the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) work in Kharkiv, Ukraine. On 11 March 2023, LWF Ukraine country representative Mark Mullan and LWF Ukraine response coordinator Josef Pfattner, together with Bishop Pavlo Shvarts of the German Evangelical Church of Ukraine (GELCU), an LWF member church, met with the mayor of Kharkiv, Mr. Igor Terekhov, to discuss the needs and possible interventions by LWF.



LWF plans to open an office in Kharkiv and shift its humanitarian work towards the frontline city in the East. The city is the second largest in Ukraine and located only 40 kilometers from the border with the Russian Federation. "In Kharkiv, you see the full destruction of the war," Mullan said. "The needs are massive." LWF already supports heating points in the city, where people can warm up, have a hot meal and charge their devices. Bishop Shvarts also has his office in Kharkiv. The humanitarian work of the Lutheran congregations in Ukraine and LWF World Service complement each other for the sake of all those impacted by the war.

Please continue to pray for the good work of the Lutheran World Federation and our sister churches in the midst of conflict.

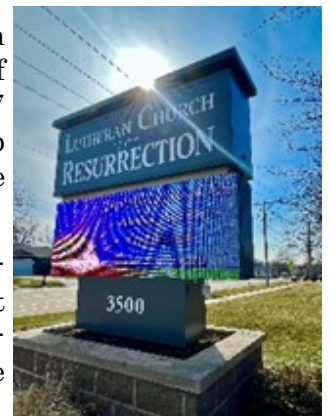
LOOKING FOR
A SIGN FROM GOD?

**We Got
One!**

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.



Ministry

F.L.Y. Summer Program

LCR will start serving the meals on **Mondays this summer**, June 5th through August 14th.

The volunteer opportunities are:

Making Lunches, from 10:00-11:30 am

Lunch Delivery, from 11:45 am-12:30 pm

Both these jobs are critical for this mission to happen. To sign up, use link below or contact the church office.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/6639110093/false#/invitation>

Raised Bed Gardens

Our LCR Gardens team is looking for a donation of a kitchen scale for weighing produce, either digital or analog. We have to weigh what our garden produces to secure funding from the Master Gardeners for next year. If anyone has a kitchen scale lying around, taking up space, please give us a shout and we'll take it off your hands. Thank you!!

May & June Mission Envelopes

Your giving will go to Community Free Health Care in Cedar Rapids, which provides free medical, dental, vision, and prescription services for those without access to or the ability to pay for healthcare. CHFC never charges for their services and is funded through the generosity of individuals in our community.

Thanks for Your Generous Giving!

March & April Mission envelopes went to Matthew 25 - **\$1,355**

May 'Start School Right' Shoe Drive for the Marion School District - **\$1,740** (as of 5/30)

April 'Bucks to Buy Beef' appeal for Mission of Hope lunches - **\$1,085**

ELCA World Hunger Lent 'Feeding the World' - **\$4,508** (includes \$1,500 from our *Living Legacy Trust Fund*)

Lutheran World Federation for ongoing Ukraine relief efforts - **\$10,742**

Blood Drive

Please help us save lives in our community by donating your blood on **Tuesday, June 27th between 2:00 and 6:30 pm**. You can pick your appointment time by contacting Bob Wolter at 319-360-6184 or hawk4vr@gmail.com.

FLY Juice Box Drive

During the month of June, we are collecting juice boxes for F.L.Y. (Feeding Lunch to Youth). Every weekday during the summer break, FLY delivers hundreds of sack lunches to students in need in Marion. Each of those lunches contains a juice box - that's a LOT of juice boxes! If you



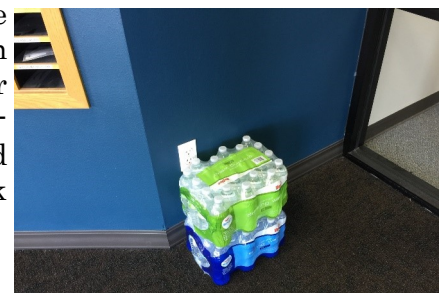
would like to help, you can either bring your juice boxes to church and drop them off in the Gathering Space, or donate monetarily - designate your gift "FLY Juice Box Drive."

Ground Beef needed!

Help us prepare for our June Neighborhood Nights by donating ground beef! Any amount will be helpful in feeding Walking Tacos to the neighborhood, and can be dropped off at the front office **before June 19th!**

LCR Free Water Pantry

Here's a sight we love to see when we walk in to the church in the morning - donations of water bottles for our neighborhood Free Water Pantry! Thanks to all who drop off packs of water and to those who give money so we can buy packs. Our thirsty neighborhood kids and parents thank you too!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

VBS & DAY CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 11 - 14, FROM 9:00AM TO 11:30AM

ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP

JULY 31 - AUGUST 3, FROM 9:00AM TO 2:00PM

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

Vacation Bible School is for those entering Pre-K - 1st Grade in Fall of 2023 **If your student is entering preschool for the first time in the fall, they must be fully potty-trained to attend VBS.*

Elementary Day Camp is for those entering 1st - 6th Grade in Fall of 2023



Summer Verse Challenge

Join us for Summer Verse Challenge! Each Sunday morning there will be a new memory verse to pick up from the gathering space. Spend the week learning and memorizing the verse and then come in and share the verse with whoever is in the gathering space and pick up your prize! Each time you learn a verse you are also eligible to enter for a grand prize, drawn monthly. You don't have to participate every week, and close counts for little ones doing their best to participate ♥

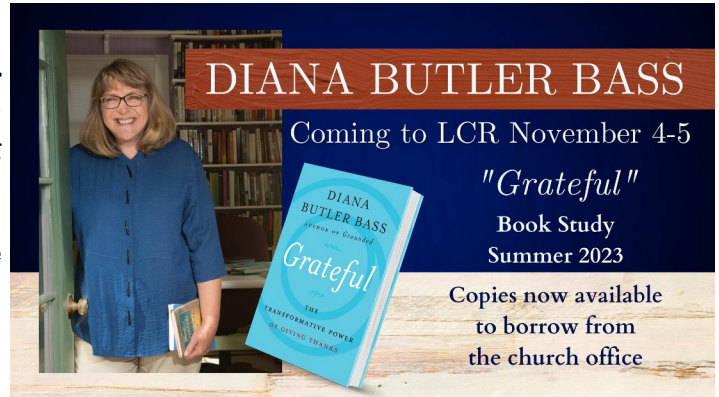
We celebrated the end of the school with both WNL and SS in May. Our Sunday School students were treated to an awesome pancake breakfast from the Council and our WNL kids finished out the year with fun crafts, ice cream, games and a movie night! Thanks to everyone in the church who loves these kids so well! 👍 😊



Adult Development

Diana Butler Bass Book Study

Borrow your summer study book now! Diana Butler Bass will be coming to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection on **November 4-5**, sponsored by LCR's Living Legacy Fund. As we look forward to her time here, the church will host a book study on her book, "Grateful," this summer. We have copies available now to borrow in the church office. Find out more at... <https://dianabutlerbass.com/books/grateful-the-transformative-power-of-giving-thanks/>



Gospel of Matthew Study

Biblical Potpourri will finish on Sunday, June 4th, and then, beginning **June 11th**, we'll be holding an in-depth look at the Gospel of Matthew at **9:30 am on Sunday mornings**.

Pastors 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>

Resurrection Small Groups - both Evening and Daytime Opportunities

Mary Kay Pinckney - Our women's group meets at my Cedar Rapids home **one evening each month**.

Our current study is "Our Father: A Study of the Lord's Prayer" by Becky Harling.

Contact Mary Kay at mkpink6@gmail.com to get on the group email list.

Donna Dennis - We are currently studying a deep dive of the 23rd Psalm. We meet at the church on **Thursdays, June 8th and 22nd, at 6:30 pm**. Contact Donna at donnakdennis88@gmail.com.

Dan Tegtmeier - 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.

JAM Women - On **Monday, June 13th at 1 pm** we'll continue our study of "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times," from Adam Hamilton. Contact Linda at lhayward495@yahoo.com.

on hiatus until September:

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - contact Harriet: keyboreder1@gmail.com

Loaves, Fishes, & Faith - contact Mary Jo: maryjo.carlson3775@gmail.com



Moms Group

Our group is taking a break from weekly get-togethers on Sundays this summer. However, we're going to meet at Trading Grounds (917 Barrington Pkwy in Marion) at **9:00 am on Saturday, June 3rd**. Contact Bethany Mast or Stephanie Meier through the church office if you have any questions.

Gatherings @ LCR - *on hiatus until September*

Fellowship

Barbeque Seasoning Make & Take

Make plans to join us on **Sunday, June 18 at 9:30 am** to create your very own BBQ Seasoning Mix! Everyone is welcome to participate, even non-dads :-)

Knitting & Crochet Group

Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Come join us in the church lounge on **Thursday nights from 6-9 pm**. If you can't come in person, I am issuing a challenge: scarves, mittens, and hats will be much needed next winter. I would like to try and surpass what we did a couple of years ago when we put out free scarves, etc. in the Marion Park & Marion Library. We made over 300 scarves and there were just a few of us doing it. Please join me as we make Marion warm next winter. We have tons of yarn in the choir room that you can use. Can't wait to crochet/knit with you! Contact me if you have any questions - pamkacena@yahoo.com

Car Cruise-In

Come **Thursday, June 8th at 5 pm** to check out the coolest classic cars in town and visit with their owners! Pizza and beverages will be available for purchase. Our Car Cruises will meet **each 2nd Thursday** throughout the summer, and the epic LCR Car Show will be held on Saturday, July 29th.

Neighborhood Nights

This summer we're having awesome local bands, the best inflatables around, and great free food! EVERYONE is welcome at Neighborhood Nights on **Saturday, June 24th at 5 pm**. Call your friends and neighbors and bring them along.

We also need helpers: bounce house supervisors, grillers, set-up & tear-down, dessert makers. You can sign up online (link below) or by calling the church office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ca8ad2ea7fa7-neighborhood2#/>

LCR Painting Group

Love to paint? Starting June 6th, join us on the **first and third Tuesday evenings of each month at 6:30 pm** in the art room. This group is open to adults painting in all different mediums - acrylic, watercolor, oils, etc. If you have questions, or if you haven't painted before and would like to learn more, please contact Evelyn in the church office - evelyn@lcrmarion.org.

LCR Book Club

We'll get together on **Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "*West With Giraffes*" by Lynda Rutledge. Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, this novel explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals. 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

Walking Group

We are walking at Lowe Park now, unless it is raining or windy. In that case, we'll walk at LINDALE Mall. Please make sure to get on our email list so you'll know where to meet us: marcia@lcrmarion.org. We walk **each Thursday at 10:00 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 very welcome.

Wood Carvers

Our wood carvers meet **each Thursday evening at 6:00** in the Red Room (in 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.

Check online for photos from Confirmation Sunday, Mothers Day, Neighborhood Nights, Pentecost

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

Stephen Ministry

Congratulations to Penny Moubry, Carol Lillevig, and Larry Edwards for being commissioned as Stephen Ministers at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Welcome to our Ministry and we look forward to serving with you in this Ministry.

Here are their thoughts on what they learned during this training:

"Stephen Ministry training has improved my listening skills and increased my understanding of the variety of life experiences and crises we all experience. It has also been a source for my personal spiritual growth. With God's help, it has prepared me to bring Christian comfort and care wherever and whenever it is needed." - Penny

"The Stephen Ministry training teaches how to become a more caring and patient person. Also to show God's love through caring relationships." - Carol

"While the training focuses on helping others through rough times in their lives with careful listening to both care receivers and to God. I found the ideas presented in the training to be very practical and helpful in ALL everyday relationships. Stephen Ministry is an investment in personal growth, both spiritually and in self reflection." - Larry

If you are experiencing a crisis in your life or you know of someone who could benefit from this ministry, contact the church office. We are called to serve each other; allow us to bring Christian care to you.

Peace,
Mary Hajek



Affirmation of Baptism 2023

Thank you to Stephanie Meier and Kristin Peterson for coordinating the reception that followed our wonderful service, and thanks to Aaron & Jen Schaldecker for taking photos!

- Pastor Nate



Watch the Cedar Rapids Kernels take on Beloit at Veteran's Memorial Stadium on **Sunday, June 25 at 1 pm!** All kids 12 and under will receive a voucher for a free hot dog, popcorn, and drink! To reserve tickets with our group, please RSVP by June 11th to the LCR office, or look for the clipboard on the Sign-Up Kiosk. Ticket money (\$11/person) will be collected at the church office. Please contact Katie@LCRMarion.org with questions!

High School opportunities this summer (below)

EDGE SPECIAL DELIVERY!
EDGE STUDENTS - SIGN UP TO DELIVER FLY MEALS!
JUNE 28, JULY 12, JULY 26, OR AUGUST 9
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
CONTACT KATIE WITH THE DATES YOU CAN HELP!

HIGH SCHOOL DAY TRIP TO THE ZOO
BLANK PARK ZOO - DES MOINES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19
(RAIN DATE JULY 20)
\$18 + LUNCH
CONTACT KATIE@LCRMARION.ORG
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in May:

Carol Patterson, Harriet Van Gilder,
Ken Lee

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Mike Rosz,
Jon Hajek, Gary Young, Arlene Lang,
Margaret Wogahn, Ryan Corrigan,
Harry Walton, Sue Anderson

(family and friends) Tanna Korleski,
Sonja Ambrose, Jean Marie Chalik,
Judy Olson

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);
Bill Durspek (Terrace Glen)

Graduate Sunday Celebration

Join us on **Sunday, June 4** as we lift our
young people in prayer and with love, and
wish them all the best as they journey forward!

Linn-Mar High School

Matthew Buse, Sydney Finch, Emily Fredin,
Lucas Horn, Meredith Koenen, Kael Loftsgard,
Jack Noehren, Ava Schaldecker,
Mallory Swestka

Colleges

Emerson Buse (UNI), Keegan Koenen (Coe),
Amelia McRoberts U of I, Morgan Koenen
(U of I College of Pharmacy)

Those in military service:

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

Those who mourn:

- Bonnie Conrad and family on the death
of her aunt, Betty Kurdelmeyer

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



See
photos
of our
spring
work day
on the
LCR
website

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 April 2023

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 65,557	\$288,893	\$276,873
General Fund Expenses	\$ 68,806	\$254,541	\$225,143
<u>Cash Balances</u>	<u>04/30/23</u>		<u>04/30/22</u>
General Fund	\$218,887		\$176,622
Clearing Accounts	\$ 62,626		\$ 60,598
Property Reserve	\$ 64,113		\$ 50,780

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2023 budget!
Giving at the end of April was at 96.6% of pledges.



Church Council

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

The Council met on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. March Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: General income was below expenses this month, but still positive by \$34,000 for the year.

Pastor Jeff: 14 family units to join church on June 11th. Neighborhood Nights has generated a lot of interest on Facebook. May need to look at budget if there is a large turnout.

Pastor Nate: 19 students to be confirmed on May 21st.

Property: Carpeting orders - install date of June 12th. Working with the city on parking lot repairs.

Stewardship: Working on short-term investments through Collins Community Credit Union.

Governance: no meeting

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

Outreach: Garden preparations have almost been completed and will be ready for plants soon. Monthly Car Cruise-ins are happening.

Old Business:
Sign Fund Appeal - \$11,790 has come in to date.

New Business:
Fraud Policy - Working on drafting something to be used as a policy vs. by-law.
Funds Transfer - Getting signatures for access to account at Collins Community Credit Union.
Picnic - Church-wide picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 2nd after 10:30 service (food, games, and possible music)

Next Meeting: *June 20, 2023*
Agenda items should be submitted by 6/12/23. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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