



As we approach the end of August, our family is working over-time to enjoy the last few moments of summer break. Between Cross Country trips to Colorado, marching band camps, and endless football practices, the moments of rest are giving way to moments of excitement and anticipation. The school year is right around the corner and, as much fun as summer is at our house, I think I love our fall schedule the most.

I look forward to beautiful weather - of course. But I also look forward to knowing exactly what I'll be doing every Friday night until November as I cheer on my son, Jacob. I get excited thinking about running around a cross country course watching Philip, and pray that I've put in enough miles this summer to be able to keep up with the rest of the parents running from place to place to cheer on the kids. I'm looking forward to the smell of chlorine and watching Clare swim. And I hope I hear from Christian ever once in a while as he begins his second year at Luther.

I love the chaos and hectic pace of the beginning of a school year.

As we begin our school year, our church family is also excited for the beginning of our program year for our youth. We have so much planned for our kids of every age. Our Rally Day celebration will be Sunday, September 10 with fun activities, great food, and the beginning of our Sunday School Programs.

Wednesday nights will be full of awesome opportunities for our youth with Wednesday Night Live for our younger kids, Confirmation for our 7th and 8th graders, and EDGE - our high school youth group.

I hope and pray that your family is able to participate in our wonderful opportunities for faith development for our youth. Since I teach the Confirmation program I'll take this moment to encourage you to register your young adult in 7th or 8th grade. You can find a link on our webpage (lcrmarion.org). Look for the heading "Activities + Ministries" scroll down to "Youth Groups + Education" and click on Confirmation. That will lead you to an on-line registration form. If you are reading this on-line you can follow this link -

<https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/lcr-confirmation.html>

I hope your final moments of summer rest are as joyous as you deserve, and I hope you share my excitement for the beginning of another academic year.

Peace, Pr. 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>



Pray for and Support Hawai'i

"Aloha" is a Hawai'ian word that embodies the spirit of community, including love and compassion. In the wake of the devastation in Hawai'i, we offer the opportunity to donate toward relief efforts through the Pacifica Synod, Pr. Jeff's former synod. Help us live out the spirit of Aloha while keeping the people of Hawai'i in our prayers. Send or drop your check at the church office and note "Aloha" on the memo line.

As of 8/23, LCR has given \$3,840!



Aloha Spirit - Thank You from Pacifica Synod

As a part of our Aloha week, we have currently raised nearly \$4,000 in response to the deadly fires that impacted the people and churches in Hawaii. Upon letting the Pacifica Synod know of our efforts, Pastor Jeff received the following email from Bishop Dave Nagler:

"Dear Jeff, That is such amazing news! I am visiting with people in Hawaii now and I will share this with the people I meet. It will go a long way to making people know that they are loved and cared for. Thank you and your congregation for your faithful generosity! - Peace, Dave"

Confirmation Registration

If you have a young adult in 7th or 8th grade, you can register them on our website -

<https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/lcr-confirmation.html>

Contact Pastor Nate with questions: 563.320.3995 / nmontover@gmail.com



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 - **September 8th and 22nd**. Light refreshments are offered and topics will be announced in advance. Contact Tom with questions:

lillevig@outlook.com

Ministry

LCR Raised Bed Gardens

Our Lutheran Gardeners have now harvested over 300 pounds of beautiful produce this summer, and delivered it to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry! Would you like to help us with the harvest? We meet at **7:30 am on Tuesdays** and would love to see you.



Flora, our official produce inspector ;-)

Feeding Lunches to Youth

One more big "THANK YOU" for being part of the Summer 2023 F.L.Y. program, which ended on 8/18. Thank you to the many, many, many people who donated their time and resources to feed literally hundreds of local kids every single weekday this summer. We are so grateful for how you share God's love.



Thirsty Marion kids thank you for all the juice boxes you donated!

Mission of Hope Lunch Program

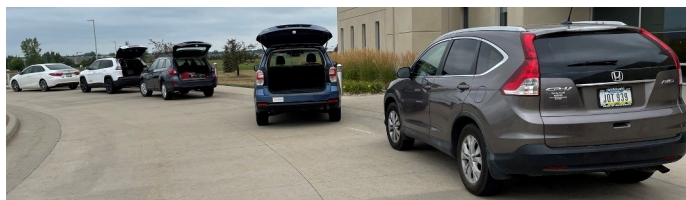
...is a wonderful way Resurrection folks can help address hunger in our community. Contact the church office if you would like to assist with meal prep at LCR or transporting and serving at the Mission.



Sep. & Oct. Mission Envelopes

Your giving will go to ELCA World Hunger, which responds to need world-wide through sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. See <https://www.elca.org/hunger> for more information.

~ Get Involved at LCR on October 1st ~



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

REGISTER NOW!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE is open to 4-6th grade students and runs from 6:00-7:00 on Wednesday nights starting September 13th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is open to Pre-k - 5th grade students and runs from 9:40 to 10:25 on Sunday mornings starting September 17th.



SCAN ME

Register Here! Scan this code to register for Sunday School and WNL, or to find links for middle school and high school opportunities.

You can register SS and WNL students on the same registration form.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth: Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to be helpers in Sunday School classrooms.

Adults: Sunday School is in need of regular classroom teachers. Worries about scheduling conflict? No problem! Reach out to Jessi and we will pair you up with another teacher with schedule conflicts to balance absences with. No experience necessary, we love having adults from the congregation join in our childrens programs.

Contact Jessi for more info!

ATTENTION!

As summer ends, I would like to congratulate the winners of our Summer Verse Challenge for June and July, Emily Lovseth and Elijah Hora! For her prize, Emily invited her siblings and cousins for a special baking day at church and made mini apple pies!



Elijah chose to invite some pals to watch a movie on the big screen! We had so much fun celebrating the hard work these students put into memorizing their bible verses this summer!



We had so much fun with Day Camp this summer! Thanks to all the volunteers that made our week awesome.



Adult Discipleship

Diana Butler Bass “Gratitude”

Diana Butler Bass will be coming to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection on **Saturday and Sunday, November 4th & 5th**, sponsored by LCR's Living Legacy Fund. We have copies of her 2018 book, “Gratitude,” in the church office. Stop by and borrow a copy! You can find out more at - <https://dianabutlerbass.com/books/grateful-the-transformative-power-of-giving-thanks/>



Gospel of Matthew Study

Pastor Jeff's Sunday morning Bible study resumes on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am** in the conference room.

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 Daytime and Evening Opportunities*

Mary Kay Pinckney - Our women's group meets at my Cedar Rapids home **one evening each month**. Our current book is “Our Father: A Study of the Lord's Prayer” by Becky Harling. Join us on **Sunday, September 24th at 6:30 pm**. Contact Mary Kay at mkpink6@gmail.com to get on the group email list.

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 - on the **first Monday evening of the month**. Get on our email list at dtegtmeier@iowanorthern.com

Donna Dennis - We are currently studying the book of Revelation. We'll meet at the church on **Thursdays, September 14th and 28th, at 6:30 pm**. Contact Donna at donnakdennis88@gmail.com.

JAM Study Group - On **Monday, September 11th**, our women's group will begin a new study by Adam Hamilton, “Not a Silent Night: Mary looks back to Bethlehem.” We'll follow Mary from her baby's beginning in the stable, throughout his life and ministry, and at the crucifixion & resurrection. There will be 5 sessions, beginning 9/11. Contact Linda for further information: lhayward495@yahoo.com.

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - Circle women meet in in the conference room on the first Wednesday of each month - **Wed, September 6th at 1:00 pm**. Contact Harriet with questions: keyboreder1@gmail.com

Loaves, Fishes, & Faith - We will resume our weekly Tuesday meetings on **September 5th at 1:00 pm** in the church fireplace room. Our study will be “Unafraid” from Adam Hamilton. Contact Mary Jo for more information: maryjo.carlson3775@gmail.com.

Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming [Walk to Emmaus](#).

Contact Dan or Donna Dennis if you have questions.

Previous LCR attendees would love to sponsor your Walk.

donnakdennis88@gmail.com

Fellowship

see insert for additional opportunities

Car Cruise-In

Come **Thursday, September 14th 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.

Neighborhood Nights

LCR serves up great free food, great live music, and the best inflatables around! Everyone is welcome at Neighborhood Nights on **Saturday, September 30th at 5 pm**. Call your friends and neighbors and bring them along too.

We 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#>

Walking Group

We are walking at Lowe Park now, unless it is raining or just too hot! 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**.



LCR Moms Happy Hour

We'll have a fall kick-off event at Hip-Stir in Marion on **Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 pm**. Please RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ca8ad2ea7fa7-moms>. Contact person for our group is Bethany Mast: bgodar@gmail.com

Train Dominoes

Join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter with Train Dominoes. If you haven't played before, we'll teach you how. We're meeting in the fellowship hall on **Fridays, Sep. 1st & 15th at 1:00 pm**.

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.

Book Club

We'll get together on **Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm**. Our September book will be *"The Lost Man"* by Jane Harper, A powerful and brutal story of suspense set in the Australian outback. Contact Sherrill to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

sherrillamorrison@gmail.com

Painting Group

Love to paint? Want to learn? Join us on the **1st and 3rd 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, please contact Evelyn in the church office - evelyn@lcrmarion.org.

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.

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**. We have tons of yarn in the choir room that you can use. Contact me if you have any questions - pamkacena@yahoo.com. *Can't wait to crochet/knit with you!*

Stephen Ministry

The Ministry of Listening

Think of a time when you really felt cared for. Chances are someone focused on what you had to say, was attentive to your needs, and listened to how you felt instead of telling you how you should feel or what you should do.

Listening is one of the powerful ministry tools. It demonstrates that you care about the other person. In Stephen Ministry, a great deal of time is spent in teaching and practicing listening skills because of its importance in caregiving.

Listening is active. It takes energy and commitment to listen really well. Focus your attention on what the other person has to say instead of thinking of what you'll say next. Make eye contact and nod so that the person knows that you are tuned in.

Listening takes patience. Often you need to build trust before someone will open up to you. Constant, patient listening is key.

Listening involves more than just words. Pay attention to body language. Does it match what is being said?

Good listeners aren't completely silent. They re-state key thoughts or ideas to be sure they understand correctly. They ask focused questions to encourage the person to reach a little deeper.

Listening happens over time. One conversation might build upon an earlier one

Listening is confidential. A great way to build trust and to show the person you really care for him or her is to maintain confidentiality and not share with others what was told to you in private.

We all want the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection to be a caring place where members and guests truly feel people care about who they are and how they feel. Just as Stephen Ministers use good listening skills to communicate how much they care, so can you. Listening is a great gift we can give to one another, and we can use it to make the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection a more caring place.

Our Stephen Ministers are listening and giving care to members of our congregation. We do have Ministers in need of a care receiver, they are ready to listen. Call the church office to receive care.

Peace, Mary Hajek



EDGE is open to 9th thru 12th grade students from any school or church. We meet on Wednesday evenings at **7:30 pm, beginning September 13th**. You can contact director Katie Kascel at katie@lcrmarion.org

Bowling event in August was a blast!



Sign up now for the exciting high ropes course!



EDGE
HIGH ROPES

DUBUQUE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
LEAVE FROM CHURCH @ 11:30 AM

\$35/PERSON

CONTACT [KATIE@LCRMARION.ORG](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)
BY SEPTEMBER 13
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in August:

Gary Young, Ryan Corrigan

Those in need of healing:

(LCR members) Carol Crawford, Eloise Heppler, Arlene Lang, Harry Walton, Marilyn Carstens

(family and friends) Marge and Kimberly Richardson, Tim Horak, Tim Pefferman, Nancy Wipperman & Jhen, Logan Cigrand family

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)

Those in military service:

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

Those who mourn:

- Evelyn Beck, Diana Zrudsky, Larry Jones on the death of their cousin, Rhonda Wilson
- Clark & Lareen Gull on the death of their grandson, John R. Gull
- Madelyn & Steve Olson and family on the death of her grandniece, Lydia Doran
- Barb & Ken Becicka on the death of her father, Don Lake

Those who celebrate:

(recovery) Linda Christiansen, Kris Pierce

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

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.

Day Camp 2023



Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for July 2023

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 58,677	\$478,044	\$464,595
General Fund Expenses	\$ 61,529	\$431,494	\$401,326
Cash Balances	07/31/23		06/30/22
General Fund	\$231,028		\$187,963
Clearing Accounts	\$ 73,229		\$ 52,230
Property Reserve	\$ 66,613		\$ 56,613

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2023 budget!
Giving at the end of July was at 95.9% of pledges.

To our LCR Family, Thank you for all the cards, prayers, messages, and support following the recent death of our grandson John Gull. It meant so much to have our church family surround us with love. Blessings to all of you. - Clark & Lareen Gull



Church Council

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

The Council met on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. July Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: Giving was slightly down last month, but overall we are ahead of budget for the year.

Pastor Jeff: Absent - no report

Pastor Nate: Successful VBS with a lot of kids from Neighborhood Nights. High School activities happening throughout summer. Rally Day (9/10) is our kick-off for fall programming.

Stewardship: Approximately \$34,000 given in benevolence so far this year.

Governance: no meeting

Social Concerns: no report

Outreach: One last Cruise-In on 9/14.
Rally Day breakfast on 9/10.
Latest garden harvest was 93 pounds!

Property: The extra carpeting left over from the gathering space allowed for hallway carpeting to be installed at the price of labor only.

Old Business: none


New Business: none

Next Meeting: September 19, 2023

Agenda items should be submitted by 9/11/23. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
of the RESURRECTION
3500 - 29TH AVENUE
MARION IA 52302

(address service requested)



**P.E.P. 55+ Group
River Boat
Cruise**
Sunday, September 17
More information
at LCRMarion.org

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**LCR
GOLF OUTING**
Sunday, September 17, Starting at 1 pm
Indian Creek Country Club
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\$40/person
(includes golf, golf cart, meal)
Sign up @ LCRMarion.org by Sunday, September 10



**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
@ LCR**
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PRE-K - 5TH 4TH - 6TH 7TH - 8TH 9TH - 12TH
LCR SUNDAY SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONFIRMATION @ LCR
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Rally Day
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
LUTHERAN CHURCH
of the
RESURRECTION

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