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Holy, Holey, Wholly!

No, my spell checker hasn't gone wrong, but I have been thinking about holiness, which means being set aside for God or being connected to the sacred. And of course, we have a couple of homophones for holy: wholly - complete; and holey - leaky or porous. It seems to me that all of these words have something in common, but where did this all begin?

First a question: "What makes the Bible holy?" After all, the Bible in many ways is simply a book, actually a collection of 66 different books, written in different times by different folks. It contains songs, poetry, editorials, history, genealogies, law codes, parables, letters and admonitions. So, what makes it holy? It is not the words on the page that make the Bible holy; it is the function of those words that make the Bible holy. The Bible, in a unique way, brings us to Christ, brings us to God, and that is what makes it holy. After all, we worship the Living Word - Jesus; not the written word - scripture; however it is scripture that uniquely and reliably helps us to encounter Jesus Christ, and thereby, as a condition of its function, the Bible is holy. Still with me?

So, can other things beside the Bible be holy? Yes, of course, those things that bring us to Christ are indeed holy. Scripture remains the source and norm of our life together; nevertheless, there are other things that are at work as well.

I have room for the fact that often God uses rather holey (remember permeable, leaky) things and people, to lead us to Godself and thus make us whole (complete). I can personally attest that I have been led further into my relationship with Christ while talking with strangers, watching a movie, listening to music, hiking in the outdoors, having medical procedures, digging in the yard, playing with the dog, and, yes, even while being at church. To limit the work of the Holy Spirit to any one particular place - even a holy place like church or within the confines of scripture - is to limit the power and reach of Jesus Christ.

This is, in turn, one of the great lessons of the Reformation (we celebrate Reformation Day on Sunday, October 29th). It is a corollary of the understanding that all of us are called and set aside to serve God in the world (the fancy name for this is the 'priesthood of all believers'). In other words, we should expect to find Christ hiding in plain sight! For Jesus to be present in our everyday world and interactions. And not only that, but that we should enter into each day with the full expectation that Jesus can and will use us to be holy! Yes, even holey folks like us can be made whole and help reflect and lead others to a holy God. So my friends, in this Reformation month may we sing loudly and proudly: Holy, Holey, Wholly. And in so doing proclaim one of the great mysteries of God!

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) 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>



Blessing of the Animals

You know how much of a blessing your pets are to you, so why not bring them to church so they can be blessed too?! We'll gather outside on **Sunday, October 1st at 2:30 pm**.

Resurrection Small Groups - both Daytime and Evening Opportunities

Mary Kay Pinckney - women's group; **one Sunday evening each month**; meets at leader's NE CR home;

Email: mkpink6@gmail.com

JAM Study Group - women's group; **second Monday each month at 1:00 pm**; meets in the conference room

Email: lhayward495@yahoo.com (Linda)

Dan Tegtmeier - mixed group; **first Monday evening of the month**; meets at group members' homes

Email: dtegtmeier@iowanorthern.com

Loaves, Fishes, & Faith - women's group; **each Tuesday at 1:00 pm**; meets in the fireplace lounge

Email: maryjo.carlson3775@gmail.com (Mary Jo)

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; **first Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm**; meets in conference room

Email: keyboreder1@gmail.com (Harriet)

Donna Dennis - mixed group; **Thursday, October 12th and 26th at 6:30 pm**; meets at the church

Email: donnakdennis88@gmail.com

Pastor Jeff's

One-Minute Devotionals

Check out these brief, thought-provoking videos online, **at any time**

<https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>



SOCKS + UNDERWEAR
DRIVE see page 3

MINISTRY



Save lives by giving blood! Lutheran Churches of Marion Blood Drive will be held on **Thursday, October 19th from 2:00 - 6:30 pm** in the fellowship hall. Contact Bob Wolter to choose your appointment time (hawk4vr@gmail.com) or go online:

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/119885

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.

Our mission envelopes in July and August added up to **\$1,547** for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry!

Sign up to Host a Trunk!

LCR's Trunk or Treat event will be on **Sunday, October 29 from 4:00 - 5:30 pm**. Decorate your car and bring candy to hand out to all our neighborhood friends. (Based on last year's attendance, we expect 300-400 trick-or-treaters, so buy accordingly.) *We ask that you be in place in the LCR parking lot by 3:30 pm.*

YES - we will have a prize for Best Trunk!

Sign up to host a trunk -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-44489402-trunkortreat>

Socks & Underwear Drive

Help students in need by donating new kid-sized socks and underwear! Your donations will be distributed at the **Marion Cares** Trunk or Treat event. There is a bin in the gathering space for your purchases. If you would like to give monetarily, please mark your donation, "Socks and Underwear."

Donate here: <https://lcrmarion.org/giving.html>

Whether you give socks & underwear or donate money, we must have it **by 10/18/23**. Thank you!



On **Sunday, October 1st, from 9:30-10:30 am**, we'll have people on hand in the fellowship hall to talk about the many ways to be involved at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. LCR has activities you probably never even knew about!

PS: there will be treats

Comforting Hands Quilters

LCR's Comforting Hands quilting group donated a number of quilt items to the September 16th EWALU Quilt Auction. Their contributions earned \$450 for the camp!

Our group meets Monday mornings at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. We always welcome new participants. Even if you don't have sewing skills, we have ways you can help! For those who can't join us on Mondays, we are happy to accept tops that you have pieced at home. Contact Susan Conway for our typical measurements: drskconway@msn.com or 319-249-9231. We are also glad to accept donated fabric and laundered bed sheets.



LCR Pantry Garden

Our Lutheran gardeners have now harvested over 600 pounds of beautiful produce this summer, and delivered it to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry!

We will have a Garden Clean-up Day on **Saturday, October 21st**. Anyone who would like to help us out is very welcome as we tidy everything up for winter.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

As I write this, we are one week into programming - that's one Sunday school and one Wednesday Night Live under our belt for the year. And every year when I get too excited for programming to start, I have a small moment where I tell myself "it's okay if today doesn't go as planned" and "not everything is going to match your expectations" as I pray for it to go smoothly. And then every year our first days back together exceed my best dreams. Your kids are just too good and too kind and too sweet. I know there are a million things they could be doing on a Wednesday night or a Sunday morning, but I am so thankful that you are bringing them to spend time with us.

They are my favorite part of every week. (My second favorite part is going home to tell my husband how much I adore them, how much they've grown, or the wonder they have renewed in me.) Thank you, Jesus, for these kids, and for everything they are. They are so very loved.

We want Jesus to be the beginning and the end of everything we do at LCR, but I am so glad these kids are a big part of everything in between.

With Joy, Jessi Lau

Preschool bibles will be presented at both worship services on October 22nd.



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.

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

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



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 - **October 13th and 27th**. Light refreshments are offered and topics will be announced in advance. Contact Tom with questions: lillevig@outlook.com

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Diana Butler Bass - LCR Fall Speakers Series

Diana Butler Bass, Ph.D., is an award-winning author, popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality - and she is coming to LCR! Share this exciting news with others in the community as we welcome Diana for her main presentation on **Saturday, November 4th at 10:00 AM** in the

“Christianity did not begin with a confession. It began with an invitation into friendship, into creating a new community, into forming relationships based on love and service.”

- Diana Butler Bass

Sanctuary. Diana will also be preaching at **both our Sunday Worship services (Sunday, November 5th)** and have a follow-up time of Q & A on Sunday at approximately 12:15 PM - after our Chili & Cinnamon Roll event in the Fellowship hall.

You can borrow a copy of “Freeing Jesus,” her newest book, and of “Gratitude” in the church office. YOUR SUPPORT of the LCR Living Legacy Fund is making this possible, a commitment to providing world class Christian Education to LCR and the community.



The Ever Evolving Church: Pastors Adult Education Series



There is a misconception that the church has always been in agreement about matters of faith and ministry. In fact, disagreements, compromise, and new ideas have been the hallmarks of many important moments in the history of the church. Starting with the witness of scripture (Acts and Galatians) and moving into some of the earliest heated debates about our life in Christ, Pastor Nate and Pastor Jeff will offer a reason to have hope and encouragement even in challenging times. We hope you can join our pastors for all or any of these three sessions on **Sunday, Oct. 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 12 noon** in the sanctuary.

New Member Sessions

If you would like more information about being a member at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, we hope you can join us for one of our New Member Sessions! Please register by [emailing the church office](#) and let us know which session you will be attending: **October 22nd @ 2 pm** OR **October 29th @ 12 pm**. If you can't attend on either of these date, feel free to contact jeff@lcrmarion.org to arrange a time we can visit.



Revelation - Unplugged!

Beyond the exaggerated claims of many who use John's Revelation to invoke fear and trepidation, there is a book of hope and encouragement for Christians who are living out their faith in the midst of very real obstacles. Join us as we unplug Revelation from the hype and discover a hopeful word of God's continued presence in the world. Pastor Jeff's weekly Sunday morning Revelation study will begin at **9:30 am on Sunday, October 8th** 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.

~ see pages 2 & 4 for more adult offerings ~

FELLOWSHIP

Trunk or Treat

Kids, put on your Halloween costume, grab a goody bag, and join us on **Sunday, October 29th at 4:00 pm**. Bring your friends and neighbors, too!

PEP 55+ Trivia Event

Our PEP 55+ group is holding a trivia event on **Sunday, October 15th, starting at 3:00 pm** here at the church. Please call or send a note to the church office to let us know you're coming and how many. Call Madelyn Olson or Kathy Peterman if you have any questions, and start exercising your brain!

Candy Bar Bingo

On **Sunday, October 1st at 1:00 pm** we'll host a lively afternoon of Candy Bar Bingo in the fellowship hall. We play for treats and fun and it's all FREE! Everyone is welcome - you can share this event from our Facebook page.

Book Club

We'll get together on **Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*" by Kim Michele Richardson. This novel follows Cussy Mary, a packhorse librarian on a quest to bring books to the Appalachian community she loves. Contact Sherrill to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

sherrillamorrison@gmail.com

Sign up to Host a Trunk!

Wearing a costume and getting free candy is fun, but decorating your trunk in the Spookiest Way Ever is even MORE fun! See page 3 for how to register your vehicle.



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.

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. We can't wait to crochet/knit with you!

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

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.

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, October 6th & 20th at 1:00 pm**.

Walking Group

We walk **each Thursday at 10:00 am**. We're walking at Lowe Park now unless the weather is nasty. In that case, we walk at Lindale Mall. Please make sure to get on our email list so you'll know where to meet us:

marcia@lcrmarion.org

CONFIRMATION

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend our parents and caregivers meeting last month. For those of you who were not able to attend, here's what we discussed:

Our theme this year is Christian Theology and we will work our way through Luther's Small Catechism. The specific topics we'll cover are The Lord's prayer, the Creeds, the 10 Commandments, and the Sacraments (Baptism and Communion).

Our overall goal is to help your kids understand the faith from the perspective of adults and, following the Affirmation of Baptism service (Confirmation), our youth are formally recognized as adults. It's always an honor to walk with you on this journey of faith development with your young adults and I look forward to another exciting year.

Here is the schedule of classes through the end of this year:

September

27 – Regular Class

October

4, 11, 18 – Regular Class
25 – Halloween gathering

November

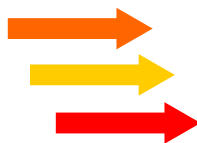
1, 8, 15 - Regular Class
22 – No Class (Thanksgiving break)
29 – Regular Class

December

6 – Regular Class
13 – Christmas Party
20, 27 – No Class

Class meets from **7:15-8:00 pm**, immediately following our **Wednesday** night worship. We encourage you to gather as a family for our Wednesday service, and parents are always welcome to sit in on class or enjoy some quiet free time in our lounge. The fridge will be stocked with soda & water and the Wi-Fi is always on :)

Peace, Pr. Nate



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



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



Combine the great outdoors and heaps of adrenaline and you've got yourself one awesome afternoon! Talk to Katie about taking part in this exciting high school outing on **Sunday, October 15th**. We'll be leaving the church at **11:30 am** and cost is \$26/person. Contact Katie@LCRMarion.org by October 1st to save your spot.



Our Ropes Course group had a blast in September!

Confirmation Registration

You can register 7th and 8th graders on our website - <https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/lcr-confirmation.html>

Confirmation Serving

Jessi is wondering if any confirmation kids would like to help with our Sunday School program this year? If you're interested, talk to Pastor Nate or Jessi, or you can email her: jessi@lcrmarion.org

PRAYERS

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in September:

Arlene Lang, Ryan Corrigan

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Linda Erlandson, Dean Fick,
Carol Crawford, Eloise Heppler, Harry Walton

(family and friends) Kirsten's father, little Lazuli,
Marge and Kimberly Richardson

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 celebrate: Garry & Delores Moose,
married at Lutheran church of the Resurrection
on October 12, 1963. Pastor Biedermann officiated.

*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.



Our new electronic sign is such a blessing,
but we've had all kinds of beauty 'advertising'
LCR every spring and summer day for years,
thanks to our dedicated Landscaping Team!

There will not be a specific "Fall Cleanup Day" this fall.
Instead, each landscaper is encouraged to review their
assigned areas and clean up as necessary. A yard
waste dumpster is available for any plant material and
debris. Many thanks to all of you who have spent time
keeping the church campus looking wonderful!

LCR Landscape Team contacts:

Andy & Marilynn Carter -
andy.a.carter@gmail.com
cartermk46@gmail.com

Julie Gilmore - juliegilmore526@gmail.com
Denny & Julie Gilds - d.jgilds@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for August 2023

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 58,117	\$533,160	\$546,000
General Fund Expenses	\$ 63,370	\$494,864	\$548,191
Cash Balances	08/31/23		08/31/22
General Fund	\$224,148		\$176,657
Clearing Accounts	\$ 53,757		\$ 50,737
Property Reserve	\$ 67,447		\$ 56,613

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2023 budget!
Giving at the end of August was at 95.1% of pledges.

Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming [Walk to Emmaus](#).
There are previous LCR attendees who would love to sponsor your Walk!
Contact Dan or Donna Dennis if you have questions: donnakdennis88@gmail.com



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, September 19, 2023. August Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: Year to Date general fund pledged giving: 95.1%. Giving usually recovers in September/October.

Pastor Jeff: Busy fall with activities, including a joint seminar by Pastors 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 from 12:00-1:30.

Pastor Nate: Youth programming begins this week.

Stewardship: Beginning work on fund appeal.

Governance & Social Concerns: No meeting/report

Outreach: Rally Day successful. Final Car Cruise-in of the year. BINGO will be held in October & December. Garden cleanup day to be held in October.

Property: Carpet and trim completed and paid for. HVAC work completed recently.

Old Business: Wee Wisdom 2022 W-2 resolution (all paid & covered). Preschool payroll will be moved to LCR beginning January 1, 2024.

New Business: Memorandum of Understanding between Linn-Mar Community School District and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will enter into the Memorandum of Understanding between Linn-Mar Community School District and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection to serve as an emergency evacuation location for Boulder Peak Intermediate School.
Motion Approved.

Next Meeting: October 17, 2023

Agenda items should be submitted by 10/9/23. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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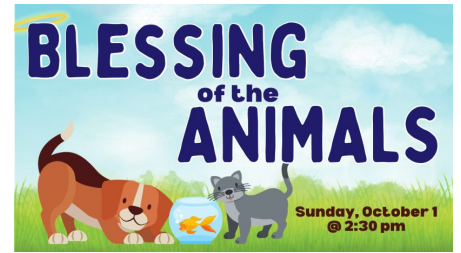
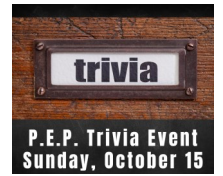
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Pastors Jeff Frohner and Nate Montover
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection - Marion, Iowa

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES
@ LCR**



PRE-K - 5TH 4TH - 6TH 7TH - 8TH 9TH - 12TH

LCR SUNDAY SCHOOL WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE CONFIRMATION @ LCR

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