

# CROSSTALK

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*“The church is not what it used to be...”*

That’s true, but if you think about it the church is NEVER what it used to be. The church as a human institution has evolved in the same way that people and culture always evolve. The church isn’t what it used to be because the church is too interesting to remain stagnant. From the first days of the church following the resurrection of Jesus the church has been on a journey of growth fueled by hope and sustained by love.

This is the message Pr. Jeff and I sought to communicate in our three week class called “The Ever Evolving Church.” Pr. Jeff walked us through the earliest days of the church as recorded in scripture and helped us understand that from the very beginning of the church Christians understood the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and a variety of ways and for over 300 years the church was a diverse conglomeration of communities who were all faithfully and actively discovering ways to understand Jesus.

For a time, the church also knew a time of unity – perhaps even in ways that were somewhat exclusive – and the church played an important role in maintaining a sense of unity and order in society. The idea of “one church” was the common understanding of many folks in the western world, and we considered the many reasons that the church was a dominant cultural institution.

We also took time to consider how, beginning in the 16th century, the church began to explore the idea of diversity, and how the idea of “one church” gave way to many denominations and expressions of the Christian faith – an understanding that exists even to this day.

Perhaps most interesting, we explored the way the church is again evolving into something that might resemble the earliest days of the church as we return to a time where the church is no longer a dominant force in our culture. I say that this is the most interesting aspect of the class because we were able to imagine what the church is going to become!

As I see things, we are now returning to a time where the purpose of the church is to love the world the way we see God’s love manifest in Jesus. We can avoid the pitfalls of being a cultural institution and instead be the body of Christ in the world. In my estimation, this may be the most interesting time to be a part of the church since the time of the Reformation, and for me this conversation on the future of the church was a wonderful way to end our class.

Thank you all for your attention to adult education. And thank you for being such wonderful conversation partners as we explore these grand ideas together. Stay tuned, We’ll do this again soon!!! - Pastor Nate

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All Saints Remembrance | Wed, Nov. 1st at 6:00 pm | Sun, Nov. 5th at 8:30 & 10:30 pm

# 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 through our homepage and sign up where it says “Engage” or “Connect.” Alternately, you can contact us at the church office and we will sign you up: 319.377.4689 or [office@lcrmarion.org](mailto:office@lcrmarion.org).

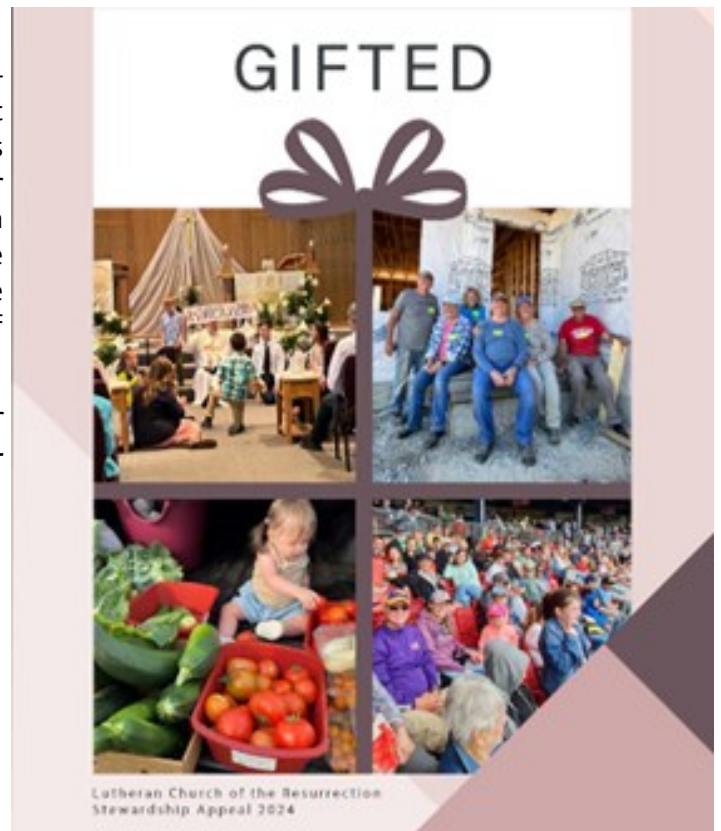
**Text Notifications** - Worship services and other events are subject to change with circumstances.

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>

## You are GIFTED in so many ways!

We hope you have received this year’s stewardship material - GIFTED! If not, you can find it online, pick up a packet at church or ask for a ‘digital delivery.’ Our faith reminds us that God will provide sufficiently for all our needs and your regular gifts to our mission here at LCR proclaim this truth loud and clear. Please look through the material, enjoy the pictures, Bible study, and information about your work in the world. Then prayerfully and purposely respond to the gifts of God in your life.

You can turn in your commitment card at any time - however we are hoping that all cards will be returned by **Sunday, November 19th**.



And talk about gifted.... our own Madelyn Olson will gift us with her famous cupcakes to help celebrate God’s gifts in our lives on that day. This is your church, your faith, and your opportunity to continue the work of God here in this place! *We are truly GIFTED!*

# MINISTRY

## HAVE YOU HERD?

Keep an eye out this coming Advent season for some special visitors and a great opportunity to help bless the world. We'll be participating in the ELCA Good Gifts program that allows families to break the cycle of hunger and poverty - for good! A cow, a couple of goats, a dozen chicks, two pigs, farming tools, seeds, and agricultural training can give a family the means to support themselves and benefit their whole community.



Be prepared to meet some special guests on **Sunday, December 3rd!** Here's a hint: they are the original Greatest Of All Time!

## Nov. & Dec. Mission Envelopes

Your giving will go to the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids. CMC's programs serve immigrants, refugees, and women experiencing crisis, united by a common purpose of promoting the well-being and dignity of individuals in need. See <https://cmc-cr.org/> for more information, including volunteer opportunities.

Thanks to  
**Sherrill Morrison**  
for her wonderful leadership of the book club group at LCR. We wish you exciting adventures in your future life! We will miss you, Sherrill.



## Holiday Giving Project

In November, we will again be coming together to provide Christmas gifts to local families in need through the Marion Schools Holiday Giving Project. This year, we have committed to adopting 12 families. Look for more information and the sign-up coming in early November. Thank you so much for all the ways you show God's love to those in need.



## Blood Drive Results

At LCR's October Blood Drive, we had 30 people donate 30 units of whole blood and 4 people donate 'doubles', which add up to 8 units. So we collected **38 units total** – a full 10 units above what we were shooting for. Well done, Marion Lutherans! This group included three first-time donaters and quite a few lapsed donors who hadn't given in a few years. GREAT job, all! What an awesome way to end our year of giving life. See you all again in February of 2024.

## Socks & Underwear Drive

THANK YOU for filling up our donation bins with socks and underwear! We took a car load to Marion Cares, along with a check for \$230. They are expecting 140 trick-or-treaters this year! Thank you for helping our community.

## Comforting Hands Quilters

LCR's Comforting Hands quilting 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](mailto:drskconway@msn.com) or 319-249-9231. We are also glad to accept donated fabric and laundered bed sheets.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR



Older Sunday Schoolers took part in thought-provoking conversations.



^ Younger Sunday Schoolers played musical instruments ^ and in-between Sunday Schoolers did building projects.

**Family Advent Craft Event | Sun, Nov. 26 | 10:30-12:30**

**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

Not too late! 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.



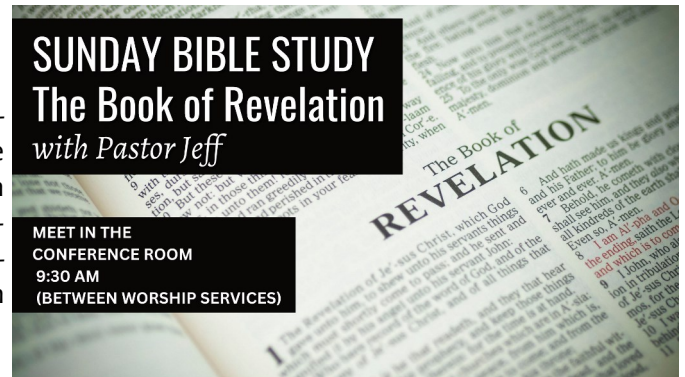
## < Wed Night Live > BUILDERS!



# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## 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 Revelation study meets **each Sunday 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.

## 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, November 9th and 22nd 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>

## 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 Friday, November 10th**. Light refreshments are offered and topics will be announced in advance. Contact Tom with questions: [lillevig@outlook.com](mailto:lillevig@outlook.com)

One October morning, Peter Nkhata shared tons of information about Camp Chisomo in Malawi.

You can find out even more at <https://www.campchisomo.com/>



# FELLOWSHIP

## PEP 55+ "Me In a Minute"

Join us in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, November 12, at 3 pm** for our "ME in a Minute" gathering. Participants are asked to tell their story - family and childhood, farm or town, anything unique, special memory - all in about a minute. We'll get to know each other better and build some connections. We can continue our conversations during refreshments and fellowship time. All those 55 and up are welcome!

## Scrapbooking

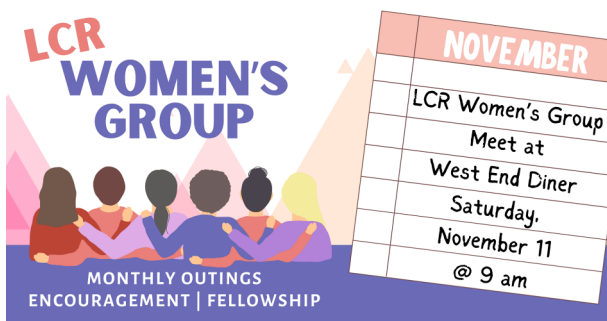
Join the LCR Scrapbookers on **Saturday morning, November 18 from 9 am - noon**. We will make Christmas cards for our Stephen Ministry program. All supplies will be provided. Spend the rest of the day scrapbooking (**until 5:00 pm**). Bring your photos, papers, and tools to work on your latest project. Reach out to Donna Dennis if you would like to receive more information:



[donnakdennis88@gmail.com](mailto:donnakdennis88@gmail.com)

## LCR Women's Group

...holds monthly fellowship outings. This month's get-together will be coffee/breakfast at the West End Diner in Marion at **9 am on Saturday, November 11th**.



## Book Club

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "*The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*" by Phaedra Patrick. This is a beautiful story of love, loneliness, and self-discovery, as a widower embarks on a life-changing adventure. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

[jonmaryhajek@gmail.com](mailto:jonmaryhajek@gmail.com)

## Knitting & Crochet Group

.... will be taking time off from meeting at the church from **Nov. 16th to March 7th**. However, you can still contribute from the comfort of your own warm, cozy home! We are now working on a campaign for Families Helping Families, to get young people the things they'll need for winter. FHF works with foster families and kids that are aging out of the care system. So please join us in making scarves, mittens, and hats for this great cause! Contact Pam 319-360-5165 or [pamkacena@yahoo.com](mailto:pamkacena@yahoo.com) if you have items to drop off or you need yarn - we have tons! We have lots of needles and crochet hooks too, in all different sizes.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:evelyn@lcrmarion.org)

## Cribbage

Cribbage players will meet this month on **Friday, November 10th 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, November 3rd & 17th at 1:00 pm**.

## Walking Group

We walk **each Thursday at 10:00 am**. We're walking at Lindale Mall now. Please make sure to get on our email list so you'll know where to meet us:

[marcia@lcrmarion.org](mailto:marcia@lcrmarion.org)

# STEPHEN MINISTRY

## How Does Stephen Ministry Work?

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, Mary Hajek, our Stephen Minister Referrals Coordinator, will meet with that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs. Our Coordinator then matches that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers.

The Stephen Minister will call that person and begin meeting with him or her for as long as the need is there. Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather, he or she listens, cares, prays, and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.

At Lutheran Church of the Resurrection we have 10 Stephens Ministers. 5 of our ministers currently have care receivers. The other 5 are ready to help anyone in need.

Call Mary Hajek 319-899-6454 or the church office for more information.



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](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)



*The high school paint ball trip was an awesome afternoon!*

## CONFIRMATION

Here is the schedule of classes for Nov & Dec:

- 1, 8, 15 - Regular Class
- 22 - no class (Thanksgiving)
- 29 - Regular Class
- 6 - Regular Class
- 13 - Christmas Party
- 20,27 - no class (Chr. & New Year)

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.

**Contact Pastor Nate with questions:  
563.320.3995 / [nmontover@gmail.com](mailto:nmontover@gmail.com)**

# PRAYERS

Prayers  
are  
requested  
for...



### Those hospitalized in October:

Marge Dryden, Eloise Heppler, Mary Durspek,  
Kathy Peterman, Phyllis Gordon, Ryan Corrigan

### Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Arlene Lang, Diane Peters,  
Eileen Smith, Gary Young, Linda Erlandson,  
Dean Fick, Harry Walton

(family and friends) Teri St. John, Lauren Gull,  
Elaine Peterson, baby Evelyn, Samantha's friend,  
little Lazuli, Kirsten's father

### 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:

- Sally Immerfall and family on the death of her mother, Jurene Wick
- Elaine Slaymaker on the death of her sister-in-law, Susie Borsheim

### Those who celebrate:

- Carolyn & Robert Shay on their 27th wedding anniversary

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.



> Candy Bar Bingo  
< Ministry Fair

## CARD MAKING & SCRAPBOOKING DAY



Saturday, November 18  
9 am - 12 pm  
Make Christmas Cards for  
Stephen Ministry Recipients  
Materials For Cards Provided  
12 pm - 5:00 pm  
Scrapbooking!  
Bring Your Own Supplies



# STEWARDSHIP

## Treasurer's Report for September 2023

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 51,703	\$584,863	\$555,723
General Fund Expenses	\$ 70,898	\$565,762	\$523,972
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b>9/30/23</b>		<b>9/30/22</b>
General Fund	\$204,215		\$160,019
Clearing Accounts	\$ 62,088		\$ 71,432
Property Reserve	\$ 68,280		\$ 57,655

## General Fund Summary

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2023 budget!  
Giving at the end of September was at 95.6% of pledges.

to see beautiful photos of our LCR activities  
<https://www.lcrmarion.org/blog.html>

## Digital Giving

**Simply Giving** - Join 80 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, October 17, 2023. September Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: Slightly behind for the year, but typically recovers in Sep./Oct. Still net positive for the year.

Stewardship: Upcoming campaign - "Gifted"

Pastor Jeff: Diana Butler Bass coming weekend of November 4th/5th (sponsored by Living Legacy Fund)

Pastor Nate: Youth events happening every month. Confirmation meeting weekly.

Governance: No meeting

Social Concerns: Upcoming opportunities include crockpot meals, Holiday Giving Project (increasing to 12 families this year), Angels We Have 'Herd' On High.

Outreach: Mom's Group changing to LCR Women's Group. Total garden harvest: 700+ pounds. BINGO has resumed for the fall & winter with good turnout for our first event in October

Property: Carpeting completed and paid for. Looking at Wee Wisdom and sanctuary projects over the next couple of years. Cold patch in parking lot completed.

Old Business: none

New Business: *Council Terms* - speaking to the nominating committee to find new council members for next year. *Council Christmas Party* - arranging date and host. *Staffing Changes*.

**Next Meeting:** November 21, 2023


Agenda items should be submitted by 11/13/23. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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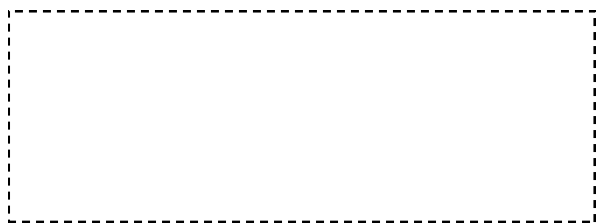
**THANKSGIVING EVE**  
**WORSHIP**  
AND  
**PIE POTLUCK**  
Wednesday, November 22nd  
6 pm



**DIANA BUTLER BASS**  
**Freeing Jesus**  
*Our stories and the adventure of faith.*  
Saturday, November 4 at 10:00 am  
Sunday, November 5  
8:30 am and 10:30 am Worship  
12:30 pm Final Reflections  
A weekend exploration of memoir and theology as Dr. Diana Butler Bass leads us through scripture and narrative to discover how our stories intersect with God and each other.  
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*All Saints Remembrance*  
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**CHILI & CINNAMON ROLL**  
*brunch*  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 @ 11:30 AM



**P.E.P. 55+**  
*People Enjoying People!*  
Newcomers Always WELCOME

*Next Event:*  
**Me In A Minute**  
Sunday, November 12  
3 pm

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