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“As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.” *Psalm 103:15-16*

Easter has come and the shouts of Alleluia once again are raised in worship. And I have to admit that the older I get the more important the Easter story becomes. There is a certain arrogance that accompanies most of us in our younger days. It is a wondrous and beautiful arrogance, but arrogance, nonetheless. It is a feeling of invincibility whereby we imagine that every obstacle can be overcome; a general feeling of being able to conquer and control all that comes our way: If only we apply ourselves, work harder, commit more resources - then surely the outcome will be in our favor.

I remember having an unlikely conversation with the president of one of our seminaries - many decades ago - where he confided to me that for the first time in his life, he had come to the conclusion that “working harder” wasn’t going to solve the problems that he was facing. In hindsight I think this was a bit of a spiritual crisis for a man of strong faith who had enjoyed much success in ministry. I think he would have resonated with the scripture I quoted above.

And yet, that same Psalm continues: “But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.” Ah, there is the hope. There is the power of the Alleluia bursting forth from the empty tomb! Ultimately our trust and confidence comes not in our own abilities, our accomplishments and legacies - but it rests in the promise of God’s love, which unlike our lives, stretches from “everlasting to everlasting!” The mature in faith allow the promise of God to be the foundation of our hope and the source of our confidence. We begin to see our own limitations, not as failure; but as the means by which we learn to lean into that which gives meaning and assurance in life. That in Christ we are connected to the Alpha and the Omega, and from everlasting to everlasting nothing can separate us from the love of God. This is Easter! This is the source of our Alleluias! Christ is risen, and in him so are we from every tomb that would rob us of our joy.

Happy Easter! *Pastor Jeff*

First Communion students baked bread!



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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 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(at)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/181uDRkYnTRyGMmuwl3ZiDQ44ay4>

## 3rd Annual Fall Speaker Series

**Mark your Calendars, November 2 and 3, 2024**  
Your Living Legacy Fund at work!

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Matt Skinner, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary will be our featured presenter for our 3rd Annual Fall Speaker series. From his website: “When people read scripture together, they learn about the foundations of their religious beliefs, yet they also learn about one another and the God they follow. The conversations we have around the Bible can transform us, informing our hopes and propelling us to serve and love the wider world.” Dr. Skinner is an accomplished academic, co-host of a popular podcast, and ordained teaching elder in the Presbyterian church. He will have a feature presentation on Saturday and be our guest preacher and presenter on Sunday morning. More details to follow. Please consider donating to the Living Legacy Fund to continue to support these important opportunities: <https://lcrmarion.org/livinglegacy.html>



## New Member Gatherings

If you have been visiting with us here at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection for a while, we hope that you’ve experienced the love of Jesus in this place and know that you are always welcome in all that we do. Would you now like to consider a more formal connection to LCR by becoming an official member of the congregation?

This month we’ll be holding two different opportunities for conversation about membership, but you only need to attend one: **Sunday, April 21st** or **Sunday, April 28th**, meeting from **noon to 1:30 pm**. During our time together, we’ll talk a bit about Christianity in general, Lutheranism in particular, and LCR specifically. After our gatherings you can decide whether you want to become a member of the congregation or not. Even if you don’t decide to join, you will still remain an important part of this community and always welcome in all our activities.

Please email or call us at the church office if you plan to take part, and specify which date:

office(at)lcrmarion.org or 319.377.4689



*First Communion students baked bread!*

# MINISTRY

## Thank You To All Our Volunteers

*Sunday, April 21st we celebrate you!*

Did you know that this year National Volunteer week is April 21–27. National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize and thank volunteers who lend and use their time, talent, voice, and resources to meet the critical needs of our communities. National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate the impact of volunteer service on our communities.

Here at LCR we are blessed with so many volunteers that help us let the light of Jesus shine in our church, neighborhood and world! Thank you. Join us on **Sunday, April 21** as we give thanks to all our volunteers here at LCR.

## LCR Community Garden

...is a partnership with the Linn County Master Gardeners. Our inaugural year of 2023 produced nearly 800 pounds of fresh vegetables for the



Churches of Marion Food Pantry. Plans are to get an earlier start this year, along with doubling the size of the garden at the east edge of our parking lot. Our goal is to provide ONE TON of produce this year! Volunteers are needed and welcomed to help with large and small tasks to reach the goal. If you want to be part of this project, let the church office know and you will be added to the email list which will keep you informed of current tasks, large or small. Direct questions to Larry Edwards:

lwedward(at)hotmail.com

## March & April Mission Envelopes

Your mission giving will go to Matthew 25, a local nonprofit working to improve lives in Cedar Rapids through quality housing, healthy food, education, and community building. Find out more at...

<https://www.matthew-25.org/>

*Thanks to all you generous souls who donated \$1,565 to F.L.Y. through your January and February mission envelopes.*

## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is currently providing care for six care receivers. We meet once a month as a group to give support to our caregivers.

We do have some changes in Stephen Ministry. Tom Lilliveg and Penny Moubry have decided to step away from Stephen Ministry. Thanks to them for taking the class and joining in this ministry. We wish them both well. We know that they will use the skills that they learned in class to minister to whoever they meet. We are also welcoming Linda Sundermeyer back to our ministry team.

We have nine active Stephen Ministers. They are here to listen and offer support to you. Contact the church office if you would like to learn more about receiving care through this ministry.

*Peace! Mary Hajek*

## Lenten Offering for Camp EWALU

This year our Wednesday Lenten offerings went to support the “Cedar at 60” campaign at Camp EWALU, to renovate Cedar Lodge. In addition, our Living Legacy Fund is matching the first \$600 of giving for this awesome project. Including this match, we have received **\$2,984!**

*Thanks SO MUCH to everyone who helped, brought food, and took part in our Simple Soup Suppers.*



## Feel Like a Visit?

Many of our members and friends have switched to taking part in worship services online. While this type of participation is a wonderful option, sometimes it seems like we’ve lost some of that important one-to-one contact. If you’ve been feeling a little too remote from your church family, please let us know and we’ll send one of our friendly visiting ministers to come and catch up with you. You matter to God and you matter to us! Call or email the church office: 319-377-4689 or [marcia\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:marcia@lcrmarion.org)

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

## Sunday School

### APRIL:

- 7 - JESUS UNIT
- 14 - JESUS UNIT
- 21 - JESUS UNIT
- 28 - JESUS UNIT



### MAY:

- 5 - LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 12 - MOTHERS DAY EVENT

### APRIL:

- REGULAR WNL - 3
- REGULAR WNL - 10
- REGULAR WNL - 17
- REGULAR WNL - 24

## Wednesday Night

### MAY:

- REGULAR WNL - 1
- LAST DAY OF WNL - 8

## LCR VBS + DAY CAMP

**2024 VBS: July 9-12; 9:00 - 11:30 am**  
 VBS is for those entering Pre-K - 1st Grade for Fall 2024

**2024 Day Camp - August 5-8; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
 Day Camp is for those entering 1st - 6th grade for Fall 2024

Registration opens on Easter Sunday, March 31

## Register now for VBS and Day Camp:

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

**Congratulations** to the students who celebrated their First Communion during Holy Week! We are so happy to celebrate their place in God's family!

- Margaux Merck
- Avery Wheatly
- Erik Lovseth
- Whitney Brink
- Adelynn Tielebein
- Nolan Merck

- Elle Schornhorst
- Claire Gochenouer
- Lincoln Robertshaw
- Ella Johnson
- Madelyn Lovseth

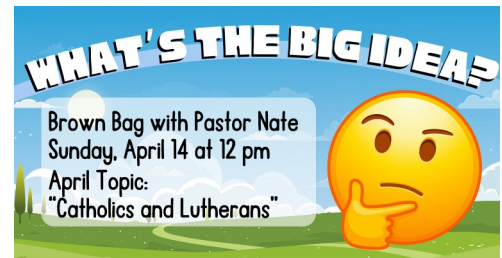


Questions? Reach out to Jessi via email: [jessi\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:jessi(at)lcrmarion.org) or by calling the church office.

# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## Brown Bag Study

Join Pastor Nate on **Sunday, April 14th at 12:00 noon** as we explore some big ideas! Bring your lunch to the fellowship hall - we will provide the coffee. Our topic this session will be "Catholics and Lutherans."



## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Our regular adult bible study meets weekly on **Sunday mornings at 9:40 am** in the conference room). Our current study is 1st and 2nd Samuel. The lives of Samuel, Saul, and David, presented so graphically with all their faults and triumphs, serve as a mirror into our own lives. As we discover how God works in and through these people of the Old Testament, it helps us identify how God is still at work in our lives as well.

## 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(at)gmail.com

JAM Study Group - women's group; **second Monday each month at 1:00 pm**; meets in the conference room  
Email: lhayward495(at)yahoo.com (Linda) - "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

Dan Tegtmeier - mixed group; **first Monday evening of the month**; meets at group members' homes  
Email: dtegtmeier(at)iowanorthern.com

Loaves, Fishes, & Faith - women's group; **weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**; meets in the church lounge  
Email: maryjo.carlson3775(at)gmail.com (Mary Jo) - "Journey To the Cross" by Adam Hamilton

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; **first Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm**; meets in conference room  
Email: keyboreder1(at)gmail.com (Harriet)

Donna Dennis - mixed group; **Thursday, April 11th and 25th at 6:30 pm**; meets at the church  
Email: donnakdennis88(at)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, April 12th and 26th**. Light refreshments are offered and topics are announced in advance. Contact Tom with questions: lillevig(at)outlook.com

# FELLOWSHIP



## Car Cruise-In

Car Cruise-Ins make their big return on **Thursday, April 11th at 5:00 pm**. Bring your favorite set of wheels, or just come and admire the great rides. Pizza and pop will be available for a donation, starting at 5:00. *This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to!*

## Candy Bar BINGO!

Come to the church on **Sunday, April 7th** from **1:00-2:00 pm** for bingo. We play for candy and fun! It is totally free, and all ages are welcome - this is a great opportunity to invite your friends to church.

RSVP and Share on Facebook:  
<https://fb.me/e/xyaXVoue1>

## 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: [ebeck\(at\)imonmail.com](mailto:ebeck(at)imonmail.com)

## Cribbage

Cribbage players will meet this month on **Friday, April 12th and 26th at 1:15 pm**. We can teach you if you've never played before. Non-members are always very welcome.

## Train Dominoes

We'll meet in the fellowship hall on **Friday, March 1st & 15th at 1:00 pm**. If you've never played Train Dominoes before, this is the time to learn! *If the weather looks iffy, call Tom Peterman before you drive to the church: 319-480-9883*

## 'Soli Deo Gloria' Concert

Mount Mercy University will be holding a concert here at LCR on **Sunday, April 21st at 6:30 pm**. A wide variety of music will be performed by both vocalists and instrumentalists, accompanied by a full orchestra made up of some of the finest musicians in eastern Iowa. This is a free event; see page 10 for more info.

## P.E.P. 55+ Group Potluck

Our 55+ group of 'cool kids' will wrap up a great year of activities with a spring potluck on **Sunday, April 28th at 5:00 pm**. Details are still in the works, but please note this date on your calendar now!

## Book Club

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "The Vaster Wilds" by Laura Groff, an adventure and survival novel set in colonial America. You can sign out a print copy in the church office or find an online version. In addition, we'll discuss our book from March, "Less," by Andrew Sean Greer. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome -

[jonmaryhajek\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com)

## Wood Carvers

... meet at the church weekly on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**. If you haven't done any carving before, we are happy to get you started. All are welcome! Contact John Marion if you have any questions about the group:

319-363-6680 or [john1400\(at\)q.com](mailto:john1400(at)q.com).

## Knitting & Crochet Group

We meet at the church weekly on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**. Join us any Thursday you want to, we meet in the church lounge. If you've never knitted or crocheted before, we will show you how! We have plenty of yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks. Contact Pam if you have any questions:

319-360-5165 or [pamkacena\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:pamkacena(at)yahoo.com).

## Walking Group

We walk **each Thursday at 10:00 am** at Lindale Mall. Please make sure to get on our email list so you'll know where to meet us: [marcia\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:marcia(at)lcrmarion.org)

# CONFIRMATION

It is my great joy and honor to participate in the Rite of Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism for our 8th graders who have completed Confirmation instruction. Every year Pr. Jeff and I have the privilege to participate in the joy of Confirmation and the ritual process of welcoming our young members into adulthood in the eyes of our congregation as they affirm the promises made to them by God at their baptism.

Our Confirmation service will be on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th at our 8:30 service**. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please join me in prayers of thanksgiving for our 2024 Confirmation class!

Here is our schedule for April and May:

**Wednesdays in April** - regular classes at 7:15 pm

**May 1st & 8th** - regular classes at 7:15 pm

Peace to you all! - **Pastor Nate (563.320.3995)**

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Mission Trip students & families Palm Sunday breakfast



Come join us **each Wednesday night from 7:30-9:00 pm!** Food, fun, and fellowship for 8th-12th grade students from any school or church. Contact Katie with any questions - [katie\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org).



EDGE+ students bowling @ Spare Time

# PRAYERS

Prayers  
are  
requested  
for...



## **Those hospitalized recently:**

Ryan Corrigan, Evelyn Beck

## **Those experiencing illness or surgery:**

(LCR members) ShariSue Tenney, Marge Pierce, Kyle Kacena, Nick Fritz, Linda Erlandson, Melissa Riedesel, Gene Henry, Eloise Heppler, Arlene Lang, Dean & Barb Fick, Harry Walton, Gary Young

(family and friends) Gurine Lewis, Walt Davis, Cousin Kevin, Haley Jensen, Louis Williams, Marge Richardson

## **Those living in care facilities:**

Marge Dryden, Marilyn Carstens (Terrace Glen)  
Paul Bendixen (Hall-Mar Village)  
Larry Wogahn (The Views)  
Bernadean Spilde (Garnett Place)  
Bill Thompson (Emery Place)

## **Those in military service:**

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

## **Those who mourn:**

- Family and friends on the death of Jerry Schierholz
- Danielle Horak and family on the death of her mother, Suzanne Campbell
- Cindy & RJ Carson on the death of Cindy's mother, Jeanette Wilson

**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.*

**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.

## **Mount Mercy University Concert**

Mount Mercy University will be holding a concert here at LCR on **Sunday, April 21st, at 6:30 pm.** A wide variety of music will be performed by both vocalists and instrumentalists – accompanied by a full orchestra made up of some of the finest musicians in eastern Iowa.

The major feature of this concert is a four-piano concerto composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, a composer of the Baroque Era. J. S. Bach signed every composition 'Soli Deo Gloria', which translates to 'All Glory be to God.' The four-piano concerto is rarely performed due to the fact it takes four quality instruments and four fairly advanced keyboardists. The featured pianists will be Dr. Duane Funderburk, Kent Keating, Dr. Melinda Westphalen, and Robert Youngquist.

Other featured soloists and ensembles will include vocalists performing Broadway and 'pop music' as well as Operatic Aria. The MMU Community Chamber Choir, known as **Stello Voci**, will perform a couple of pieces. This concert will also premiere a sacred composition for Piano and Orchestra, written by Dr. Duane Funderburk.

*There will be something for everyone at this concert!!*  
**There is no charge to attend** - we hope to see you there!





# STEWARDSHIP

## Treasurer's Report for January 2024

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
<b>General Fund Receipts</b>	\$107,140	\$107,140	\$81,100
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	\$ 67,083	\$ 67,083	\$64,219
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b>01/31/24</b>		<b>01/31/23</b>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$287,791		\$211,397
<b>Clearing Accounts</b>	\$ 48,396		\$ 75,380
<b>Property Reserve</b>	\$ 71,613		\$ 61,613

## General Fund Summary

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2024 budget!  
Giving at the end of January was at \$104.8% of pledges.

**\* to see more 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

The Council met on Tuesday, March 19, 2024. February Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

*Treasurer:* General fund pledged giving at 106.1%. January income \$69,024.48. Jan. net income \$8,994.51.  
*Pastor Jeff:* We are ready to head into Holy Week; please thank staff for all their hard work during Lent. Working to schedule a fall speaker.

*Pastor Nate:* Good involvement in youth programming from elementary through high school.

*Outreach:* Transitioning from Bingo to Car Cruise-In events. Planning End of Sunday School breakfast for congregation in May.

*Property:* Greg Meier elected chair of property team. Wee Wisdom area improvements to be completed after end of school year. Gathering quotes for outdoor parking areas and concrete patio areas.

*Old Business:* Auditing Committee position - Nominating committee is working to fill open position. Insurance rider - Original quote expired; council voted to approve new quote to bring deductible down to \$20,000 per wind or hail event.

*New Business:* Synod Assembly - Two delegates needed for Synod Assembly in May. New Safe - Looking to purchase new safe with drop slot. Parking lot improvements - City of Marion parks and rec director has agreed that the city will pay 30% of parking lot improvements in 2026/2027 fiscal year. Building Use Request Form - Staff and Governance Committee will update this form.

**Next Meeting:** April 16, 2024

Agenda items should be submitted by 4/8/24.

Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

**Please reach out with questions or concerns.**

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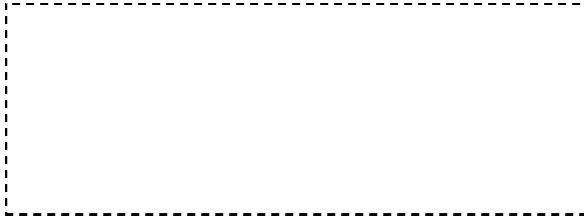


Wee Wisdom Preschool  
is enrolling for Fall 2024  
Call us for info!



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@ 6:30 pm



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You Are Welcome - Bring Your Friends!  
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