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Chew on it!

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

- Psalm 1.1-3

As we enter June, I want to invite you to take some intentional time with God’s word. In fact, I want you to read one Psalm a day for 30 days! It is probably easiest to just start with Psalm 1 and go through Psalm 30 - but use any method that works for you. And if you forgot once in a while, just pick up where you left off! Why?

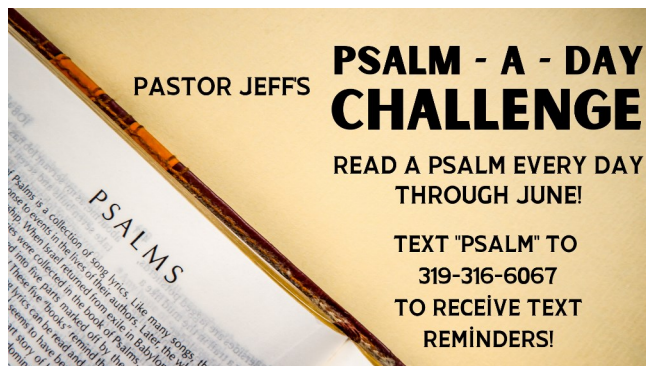
The Psalms are the ancient prayer/song book of God’s people. And Psalm 1 starts off with the reminder that there are two different ways or paths we can take - that of the wicked and that of the Lord. Naïve? Too simple? I prefer the word practical. How do we stay on this righteous path? Well, the Psalmist says we are to meditate on the Word/Law/Torah of God! In a devotion I shared with our staff this week, I read the following:

Psalm 1 invites us “to meditate” on Torah. We usually think of meditating as being quiet and thoughtful. But mediate is a word that is also used to speak of the roaring of lions and the cooing of birds. Eugene Peterson pictures meditating on God’s word as a dog chewing on a bone in concentration and delight. I picture a more communal activity of rabbis bending over Scripture, weaving back and forth, all talking at once.” (Jacobson, p. 75, 2011)

I like this and I invite you to chew on scripture with concentration and delight. As you read, ask the questions: Can I see myself in this Psalm; What can I learn about God in this Psalm; What might this Psalm be teaching me right now in my life.

Let me know if you take the June Psalm challenge! And let me know what your chewing on scripture reveals.

Peace! Pastor Jeff



PASTOR JEFFS

PSALM - A - DAY CHALLENGE

READ A PSALM EVERY DAY THROUGH JUNE!

TEXT "PSALM" TO 319-316-6067 TO RECEIVE TEXT REMINDERS!

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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>

Some Good News In the Holy Land

Just over a year ago, our LCR Holy Land pilgrims had a chance to stop in at Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) stands as a beacon of medical excellence, offering a wide array of healthcare services since its establishment in 1950. It is operated by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF). The hospital was established in partnership with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees as a major medical facility to care for Palestinian refugees following the 1948 conflict. Located at the top of the Mount of Olives, AVH is licensed for 171 beds, AVH is the second largest hospital in East Jerusalem. The hospital has centers of excellence including Comprehensive Cancer Care (Chemo-therapy, Radiotherapy, Palliative Care, and onco-surgery for adults and children), Kidney Care Dialysis, Skilled Nursing, and Long-term Care. In order to complete the continuum of care, the hospital also reaches the local community through outreach programs, including the Mammography and Diabetes mobile clinics.



Given the current war and violence, it is a challenging time for the health ministry of AVH; but they are prepared to offer medical assistance (as soon as travel is allowed) to those who have been unable to access health care during the war. <https://avh.org/>

What Are People of NO Faith Looking For...

From the Barna Group’s 2023 “What are People of NO faith looking for in faith conversations.”

Did you ever wonder about what your friends and family who are not connected to the faith are looking for in a conversation about faith? Here it is:

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| Listen without judgment - 39% | Be interested in them even if they aren’t a Christian - 26% |
| Be honest about your doubts - 33% | Understand them - 26% |
| Do not force a conclusion - 31% | Be honest about your own struggles - 25% |
| Care about them as a person - 30% | Be aware of the inconsistencies in your perspective - 22% |
| Allow them to draw their...
...own conclusions - 29% | Show interest in their story or life - 20% |

MINISTRY



Learn More About FLY

On **Sunday, June 9th at 9:30 am**, join us in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about what the FLY program does and about the volunteer opportunities that are available.

Feeding Lunches to Youth (FLY)

...provided over 24,000 meals to students in need during 2023. The FLY program is set to start for the summer on Monday, June 3. Volunteers are needed to help assemble the lunches, and also to deliver the lunches. You can read more about specifics at this link: <https://marionmethodist.org/fly/> Historically, churches including LCR, were assigned a specific day to volunteer. This year, FLY is encouraging volunteers to **sign up for ANY day**. The sign-up is online at the link below, and it runs through the whole summer:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/11723891900104/false#/invitation>

Please [contact the church office](#) if you would like help signing up.

Neighborhood Nights donations

This summer we'll be asking for donations of pop and/or ground beef for our NN events in June, July, and August. Watch bulletins for when to start bringing them in. *Thanks for your generosity!*

LCR Community Garden

This year we have doubled the size of our church garden (east of the garage). Our goal for 2024 is to grow ONE TON of produce! Volunteers are needed and welcomed to help with large and small tasks to reach this ambitious goal. If you want to be part of this project, contact Larry Edwards - (lwedward(at)hotmail.com)



FLY Juice Box/Sandwich Bag Drive

Starting June 9th, we will be collecting juice boxes and sandwich bags for the FLY program. The FLY program last year provided over 24,000 meals for kids in Marion. We will also accept monetary donations - please mark them "FLY."

Blood Drive

Thursday, June 27th from 2:00 to 6:30 pm

Join Resurrection friends and people from other Marion Lutheran churches as we donate blood to save lives here in the Cedar Rapids area. Give Bob Wolter a call (319-360-6184) to pick your appointment time or sign up online (www.bloodcenter.org).



It's not too late to donate for gym shoes for our local students! There's a display in the gathering space.

May & June Mission Envelopes

Your mission giving will go to Community Health Free Clinic in Cedar Rapids. CHFC provides free medical, dental, vision, and prescription services for those in our community without access to or the ability to pay for healthcare. Find out more at -

<https://www.communityhfc.org/>

Your March and April giving to Matthew 25 in Cedar Rapids added up to **\$880**. Thank you, LCR givers!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

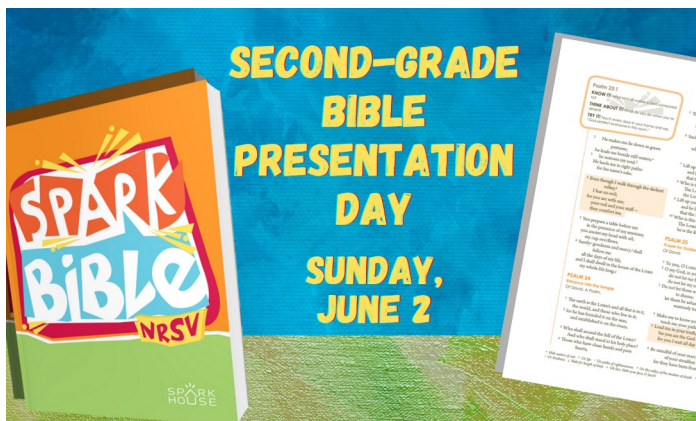


Join us this summer for family activities that build a bridge between your life and what we are learning in worship!

Every Sunday we will have a different craft, game or activity set up in the gathering space for your family to participate in. Come a few minutes early or stay a few minutes late to grab a donut and enjoy the morning together!

Our first Super Summer Sunday will be making a 'Flat Jesus' that you can take on all your summer adventures! Join us on June 2nd to make your own.

Flat Jesus helps children stay plugged into their faith throughout the summer months - giving families a unique opportunity to continually engage in their faith development all summer long. A great reminder that Jesus is with us all the time!



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.

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

Save the Date:
Pool Party
July 13th!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

The Gospel of Mark



Bible Study
with Pastor Nate
Sundays at 9:40
May - June
Conference Room

<< 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 on the Gospel of Mark, presented by Pastor Nate.

Brown Bag Study >>

Join Pastor Nate on **Sunday, June 23rd at noon** as we explore some big ideas! Bring your lunch to the fellowship hall - we will provide the coffee.



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

Email Mary Kay: [mkpink6\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:mkpink6@gmail.com) (Group will meet in June and take July & August off.)

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

Email Linda: [lhayward495\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:lhayward495@yahoo.com) - "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

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

Email Dan: [dtegtmeier\(at\)iowanorthern.com](mailto:dtegtmeier@iowanorthern.com)

Loaves, Fishes, & Faith - women's group; **weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**; meets in the church lounge

Email Mary Jo: [maryjo.carlson3775\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:maryjo.carlson3775@gmail.com) (Mary Jo) - "Women of the Bible" by J.S. Syswerda

Donna Dennis - mixed group; **Thursday, May 9th and 23rd at 6:30 pm**; meets at the church

Email Donna: [donnakdennis88\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:donnakdennis88@gmail.com)

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; **will resume on Wednesday, September 4th**

Email Harriet: [keyboreder1\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:keyboreder1@gmail.com) (RMM will resume Sep. 4th)

Gatherings @ LCR ...will resume in September.

**GRADUATE
SUNDAY
JUNE 2**



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY!



Welcome!

JUNE 9

FELLOWSHIP



BBQ Seasoning Make 'n' Take

Join us on Father's Day weekend for the second edition of our BBQ Spicetravaganza! This year we will have separate stations to construct rubs for chicken, pork, and beef. Our spice stations will be available in the fellowship hall between worship services, and after our 10:30 service. Feel free to use our recipe suggestions or make your own creation.

LCR Presents: CLARION

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 AT 4:00 PM

Clarion, a trumpet-organ duo with its foundations at the University of Northern Iowa, presents an incredible range of styles in their work. They have released three CDs and toured across the United States and in Europe. Clarion is Melody Turnquist-Steed, organ, and Keith Benjamin, trumpet. **This concert is free and open to the public.** A reception will follow.

Please share our Facebook Event -

<https://fb.me/e/5m32XHOvt>

Walking Group

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

Friday Cribbage & Dominos

Cribbage - **June 14 & 28 at 1:15 pm**

Train Dominos - **June 7 & 21 at 1:00 pm**

We can teach you if you've never played before.

Non-members are always very welcome!

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@imonmail.com)



Neighborhood Nights Are Back!

Tell all your friends and neighbors - TONS of FUN for kids, families, and anybody! Enjoy a free dinner, plus desserts, yard games, and fantastic live bands.

Car Cruise-In

Meet us in the church parking lot on **Thursday, June 13th 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 pm. *This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to!*

Book Club

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "Other Birds," by Sarah Addison Allen, an enchanting tale of lost souls and how the right flock can guide you home. You can sign out a print copy in the church office or find an online version. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome.

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

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

Knitting & Crochet Group

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

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

CONFIRMATION



^ Our 2024 Confirmands ^



High Schoolers enjoy a year-end dinner



Emerson

Josephine

EDGE FLY VOLUNTEERS!

EDGE STUDENTS!
SIGN UP TO HELP WITH FLY MEALS!
JUNE 26, JULY 10, JULY 17, OR AUGUST 14
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
CONTACT KATIE WITH THE DATES YOU CAN HELP!

We have a number of opportunities for high schoolers this summer...

- * Wed, June 26: FLY (3 spots available)
- * Mon, July 1: Des Moines Trip (10 spots available)
- * Wed, July 10: FLY (3 spots available)
- * Wed, July 17: FLY (3 spots available)
- * Mon, July 22: Lost Island Trip (10 spots available)
- * Wed, August 14: FLY (3 spots available)

If students or parents want to reserve a spot, contact Katie Kascel - [katie\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie(at)lcrmarion.org).

HIGH SCHOOL DAY TRIP TO DES MOINES

MONDAY, JULY 1
CONTACT [KATIE@LCRMARION.ORG](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Biderman Scholarships 2024

<< The following two high school seniors have been notified by the Living Legacy Fund team of their award from the Biderman Scholarship Fund:

Emerson Fleming | Josephine McRoberts
Congratulations!

HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO LOST ISLAND THEME PARK

MONDAY, JULY 22
CONTACT [KATIE@LCRMARION.ORG](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

PRAYERS

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized recently:

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Linda Erlandson, Sheryl Knodle, Marge Pierce, Deanna Harding, Gene Henry, Eloise Heppler, Arlene Lang, Harry Walton, Gary Young, Cindy Johnson

(family and friends) Jack (Hajek), Lynne Davis, Chris Bauer, Anjie Bergman, Griffin Freese, Margery and Kimberly Richardson

Those living in care facilities:

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

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.

Those in military service:

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

Those who mourn:

- Jenni Ringwald & family on the death of her mother, Karen Wennekamp
- Karen Siefert & family on the death of her father, Don Monk
- Family & friends on the death of former member Eleanor Wroblewski
- Family & friends on the death of former member Randy Olson
- Regina Anderson & family on the death of her mother, Karen Fread

Those who celebrate:

- Sue Anderson on the progress of her brother, Louis Williams' health status

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.



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Pretty May flowers for mothers and others!

Donations to our Midwest Tornado Relief will be forwarded to Lutheran Disaster Response. Please mark your donation "Tornado."

STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for April 2024

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 98,810	\$362,028	\$288,893
General Fund Expenses	\$ 67,777	\$259,882	\$254,541
Cash Balances	04/30/24		04/30/23
General Fund	\$351,700		\$295,045
Clearing Accounts	\$ 61,028		\$ 62,626
Property Reserve	\$ 74,113		\$ 64,113

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2024 budget!
Giving at the end of April was at 108.2% 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

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

The Council met on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.
April secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: General fund pledged giving 108.2%.

Pastor Jeff: LCR will welcome 11 family units at New Member Sunday on June 9th.

Pastor Nate: Confirmation was on May 19.

Property: Fire Inspection completed and maintenance needed to comply is underway. Security cameras will be added to areas that are currently lacking.

Social Concerns: FLY beginning in June.
Look for sign-ups for those who would like to help.

Governance: Work continues on updating Volunteer policies.

Outreach: 'End of Sunday School' pancake breakfast was a success. Car Cruise-Ins rained out so far. Looking at July for LCR picnic.

Old Business: *Signatory changes* - Signatories have been updated with FSB.

New Business: *Signatory changes* - Council voted to remove Evelyn as signatory and add Sara Provolt as signatory at Collins Credit Union. *Legal Counsel* - Don Johnson has volunteered to provide legal counsel for LCR when appropriate. *Synod Assembly* - Will focus on how to combat shrinking congregations. *Blood Drive* - Coming up on June 26th

Next Meeting: June 18, 2024

Agenda items should be submitted by 6/10/24. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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(address service requested)



LCR PRESENTS
Clarion
Trumpet-Organ Duo

Sunday, June 2
4 pm
Free Admission
Reception Follows

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**BBQ Seasoning
Make n' Take
Workshop**

Sunday, June 16; 9:30 - 10:30 and 11:30 - 12:30



NEIGHBORHOOD Nights

FREE FOOD! **FREE FUN!**

JUNE 29 | JULY 27 | AUGUST 24

JOIN US FOR A FREE MEAL, BOUNCE HOUSE FUN, GAMES AND LIVE MUSIC STARTING AT 5 PM



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

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