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“Let all that you do be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16.14

It was on February 18, 1546 that Martin Luther died in Eisleben Germany, just a short distance away from where he had been born. There is a detailed account of his final hours and among them is the discovery of Luther’s last preserved writing that was found on a table after he had died. The little scrap of paper contained just a few sentences and ended with these words: “We are beggars. That is the truth.”

Martin Luther was the epitome of what is a cherished Lutheran understanding - fully saint and fully sinner - his theological brilliance is not served well by his own harsh rhetoric and medieval prejudices. That being said, Martin Luther understood that at the end of the day, each and everyone of us are fully dependent on what God has done for us in Christ. When it comes to salvation, we are all beggars, this is the truth. In other words, we look away from our shortcomings and failures, we look away from our guilt, we look away from our triumphs and accolades and instead we keep our eyes on Jesus, the crucified Christ who covers us in his love and claims us as his own.

It is this certainty of our salvation, based on the work of Christ on our behalf, that allows us to live out lives of faithful obedience to the ongoing ministry of Jesus. In other words, we are free to love our neighbor as ourselves, to be at work for the kingdom precisely because we know what God has done for us and that God will be faithful to his promises.

This confidence in the work of Jesus is on full display in Luther’s hymn, ‘A Mighty Fortress’ which we will sing on **Reformation Sunday, October 27th**. “God’s Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fight by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom’s ours forever.”

Here is another paradox, the confidence we have in Christ doesn’t lead to a smug arrogance or a self-righteous indifference; but it leads to love. It leads to a life that is grounded in hopefulness and therefore able to be generous with time, talent and treasures. It is in the realization that we are beggars, all of us, that we find freedom from fear and riches beyond measure. *Semper Reformata!*

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 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>



Catching Up With the Spirit - Acts of the Apostles Scholar Matt Skinner at LCR

It is with great excitement that the Living Legacy committee is pleased to bring Dr. Matt Skinner to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, on November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Friday November 1st, join LCR at Goldfinch restaurant in Uptown Marion at **6:00 pm** where you are free to order dinner/drinks/appetizers or just come at **7:00 pm** to hear Matt’s first presentation: “Everything you need to know about the New Testament, in 45 minutes!” Don’t miss this opportunity to learn about the make-up, history, and story of how the New Testament came to be.

Saturday November 2nd, Join us at LCR at **10:00 am** for Matt’s main lecture: “Catching Up with the Spirit: Learning from the Acts of the Apostles about What It Is to Be the Church.” We’ll explore how the Acts of the Apostle is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian gospel, the work of God’s people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

Sunday November 3rd, Matt will be our guest preacher at both worship services and will have a final wrap-up session at **12:30 pm**, immediately following our now famous “Chili and Cinnamon Roll” congregational extravaganza (starts at 11:30 am, after second service).

Matthew L. Skinner is the Asher O. and Carrie Nasby Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul and the Scholar for Adult Education at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. His published works include resources for church leaders and laypeople who are interested in the Bible’s connections to faith and life. He is the author of “Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings” and “Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit” and is a longtime co-host of Sermon Brainwave, a weekly podcast that accompanies preachers as they interpret biblical texts to prepare their sermons.

Want to listen to Matt or read one of his books?

Acts - Catching Up with the Spirit - 2020

<https://www.amazon.com/Acts-Catching-Spirit-Matthew-Skinner/dp/1501894552>

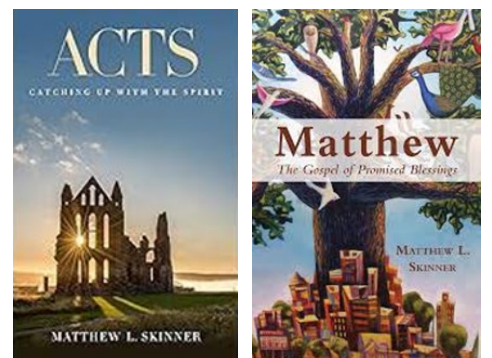
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1stQuXXjntY&t=89s>

Matthew - The Gospel of Promised Blessings - 2024

<https://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781791030131>

Preacher to Preacher

<https://youtube.com/shorts/6CnO7TOagzw?feature=shared>



MINISTRY



SOCKS + UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Supporting the Marion Cares Trunk or Treat

DONATE NEW, STUDENT-SIZED SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR BY OCTOBER 13!

If you would like to give monetarily, please mark your donation "Socks & Underwear"



Sock & Underwear Drive

We are collecting packages of new kid-sized socks and underwear, which will be distributed to youth in need at the Marion Cares Halloween event. If you would like to [give monetarily](#), please mark your donations, "Socks & Underwear." Donation bins are in the gathering space. Deadline for giving is **Sunday, October 13**. Thank you for all the ways you support those in need!

Host a Trunk or Donate Candy >>>


Get in the Halloween mood this fall by decorating your trunk and handing out treats to neighborhood kids. Please register your vehicle at the link on our website. This year candy will be provided through donations - Candy Monster will be in gathering space

LCR Community Garden

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been helping to harvest our garden that benefits the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. We have harvested over 940 pounds of produce so far this year! If you have extra vegetables from your own garden, you can drop them off at the church garden by **7:30 am on Tuesdays** and we'll take them over to the pantry, too.


Comforting Hands Quilters

Our group meets on Monday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 am. All are welcome to come join us in this creative ministry! (Sewing skills are not required.) For those who can't take part here at the church, know that you can help us by donating good-condition sheets, fabrics, and sewing supplies.



WHEN YOU GIVE BLOOD OCTOBER 1-31 YOU GET

A GIFT CARD
OR
A DONATION TO AREA FOOD BANKS
OR
BONUS POINTS TO THE STORE!



Featured Item: 1000 points on the donor store!

MARION LUTHERAN CHURCHES BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, October 22
2 - 6:30 pm

Sign up at LCRMarion.org

Blood Drive

Help save lives in our community by donating blood on **Tuesday, October 22nd from 2:00-6:30 pm**. You can choose your appointment time by signing up on our website.

TRUNK OR TREAT!



We Need Your Trunk!
Sign up at LCRMarion.org

World Food Day / 50th Anniversary

On **Sunday, October 13**, LCR will observe World Food Day and ELCA's World Hunger 50th Anniversary. Stop by our table in the Gathering Space from 9:30-10:30 am to learn more about this fantastic organization! **September & October mission envelope donations will be forwarded to ELCA World Hunger.**



WORLD FOOD DAY

Celebrating 50 Years of ELCA World Hunger

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
9:30 AM
LCR Gathering Space

Learn More About ELCA World Hunger

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR



Wednesday Night Live and Sunday School are BACK!

We started off the year with two weeks of fun in each program, and there is still time to register to join us!

Scan here to get your students registered for programs preschool through high school!



NEWS FROM WEE WISDOM PRESCHOOL...



Miss Noelle and I are so grateful to have such a beautiful classroom to come into every morning! Thank you so much for all the behind-the-scenes work that was done this summer.

- Michelle Heidelberg

NOW ENROLLING!
WE HAVE SPOTS AVAILABLE NOW FOR PRESCHOOLERS BETWEEN AGES 3 AND 5.

ENROLL TODAY AT
WWW.LCRMARION.ORG
OR CONTACT MICHELLE AT
WEEWISDOM.LCR@GMAIL.COM

Thank you so much to the Wee Wisdom Board of Directors:
Jessi Lau Erin Gochenouer Joyce Kuethe Carla Ironside
We are looking forward to a successful year!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

This fall, in preparation for having Dr. Matthew Skinner (a renowned Biblical scholar with an expertise in the Acts of the Apostles) joining us as our 3rd Annual Living Legacy Fall Speaker, we will study this unique book of the New Testament on **Sunday mornings at 9:40 am**. We began with the Ascension of Jesus and will end with Paul's final visit to Rome. The Acts of the Apostles gives us an early glimpse into the life, struggles, and foundations of the earliest followers of Jesus. It is meant to be more than just an historical record, but a witness to how it is the church must always be open to the work and teachings of the Holy Spirit. We meet 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

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

Email Harriet: keyboreder1@gmail.com

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

Email Linda: lhayward495@yahoo.com

Donna Dennis - mixed group; **2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm**; meets at the church

Email Donna: donnakdennis88@gmail.com

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

Email Dan: dtegtmeier@iowanorthern.com

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

Email Mary Kay: mkpink6@gmail.com

Gatherings @ LCR

LCR 'Gatherings' is a place and time to hear and share stories, and connect with others in our community.

It is a place where you can feel safe to say what you really think or feel without being judged or rejected. Gatherings meets on **2nd and 4th Fridays at noon**. Everyone is welcome and light refreshments are offered. Topics for the month will be announced in advance. Contact Tom with questions: lillevig@outlook.com



FELLOWSHIP

Candy Bar Bingo

On **Sunday, October 6th 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! Every age is welcome. *Please feel free to share this event from our Facebook page.*



SCRAPBOOKING DAY

Saturday, October 19
9 am - 5 pm
Potluck Luncheon
Soups/Salads
Bring Your Own Supplies
Card Makers and Sewers
Also Welcome!

LCR Scrapbookers

Bring your photos, albums, and tools and join us for a day of creative fun from **9 am - 5 pm on Saturday, October 19th**. We will share a potluck luncheon of soups and salads. If your creativity extends to card-making or sewing, we invite you too! Email Donna Dennis if you have questions - donnakdennis88@gmail.com

Book Club

We'll get together on **Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is part memoir, part manifesto, "That Librarian." Small-town librarian Amanda Jones spoke out at a 2022 public hearing about 'book content' and this book is about what happened afterwards. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome - [jonmaryhajek\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:jonmaryhajek(at)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: [ebeck\(at\)imonmail.com](mailto:ebeck(at)imonmail.com)

Friday Is Game Day @ LCR

Train Dominoes - October 4 & 18 at 1:00 pm

Cribbage - October 11 & 25 at 1:15 pm

We can teach you if you've never played before. Non-members are always welcome.



P.E.P. 55+
Road Trip

P.E.P. 55+ Trip - Park Farm Winery
Wednesday, October 16 - leave LCR at 12 pm
RSVP at LCRMarion.org by October 9

PEP 55+ Fall Winery Outing

Are You Ready for a Fall Outing with PEP Friends?

We will visit a lovely winery near Epworth, Iowa, only an hour's drive away. Park Farm Winery is built on a bluff overlooking trees that should be in full color on **Wednesday, October 16th**. If we leave LCR at noon we should be ready for lunch upon our arrival. They sell wine, other beverages, pizza, and appetizers. There is no charge except for what you choose to buy. We'll carpool and make sure that everyone has a ride. Please RSVP by October 9th -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-51601288-pepwinery>

Wood Carvers

We gather 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(at)q.com)

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(at)lcrmarion.org)

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(at)yahoo.com)

CONFIRMATION

Hello everyone!

Our Confirmation classes meet from 7:15-8:00 PM on Wednesday evenings.

I encourage families who are able to join us before Confirmation at Wednesday evening worship (6:00 pm) - if that works with your schedules. I also encourage the students to bring Bibles to Confirmation class. If your student needs a Bible, let me know and we'll provide one.

Our first sessions are focused on fun and fellowship as we begin this new adventure in youth ministry at LCR :-)

I hope you are all well. Please feel free to call or text me any time at **563.320.3995** - *Pastor Nate*

Pastor Nate and EDGE leader Adam Lau are hosting **6th-8th grade & High School fellowship/Bible studies on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:20 AM.**

Look for the two of us in the café area at 9:40 AM.



One Sunday the 6th-8th graders and high schoolers met in the kitchen to make smoothies. Ultimately, health and conventionality beat creativity, as the inclusion of a donut in the smoothie was not well received!



EDGE YOUTH

Hello everyone!



This is Adam Lau, the interim Youth Director at LCR. I am excited to begin another year of EDGE programming with the high schoolers at LCR! We are going into this year with a unique sense of momentum after our summer full of events, the Denver mission trip, and a large incoming freshman class.

I'd like to introduce myself to those who are not familiar with me. I have been a volunteer youth leader with EDGE for the last eight years. I have also had the opportunity to get to know many of the high school kids through volunteering with Wednesday Night Live and Sunday School.

My goal during this period is to create a safe and welcoming environment for youth to fellowship and grow in their relationships with Jesus.

EDGE meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 PM.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in LCR leadership and myself as we begin this time of transition. If you have any questions, feel free to reach me at: adam.edgelcr@gmail.com

kindest regards,
Adam Lau

For our EDGE Kick-off Night (Sep. 11th) we had a bonfire with burgers, hot dogs, and smores. It was a great get-together for our regular attendees AND those who were not able to take part in summer activities.

On the 18th, we had 17 kids attend. It was a night filled with pizza, games, and an introduction to a four-week series called "Life in Community." Our first topic was 'How the Power of Community Transforms.' Our subject on the 25th will be 'Deep Friendships Create Deep Communities.'

EDGE Ropes Course outing - Sun, Oct. 27th



PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently:

Everett Lehrman, Ryan Corrigan

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Donna Wolter, Mary Sabo, Joe Ringwald, JoAn Collins, Phyllis Gordon, Arlene Lang, Gary Young, Eloise Heppler, Marge & Larry Pierce, Deanna Harding, Gene Henry

(family and friends) Cheryl Bosard, William Springer, Jack Shields

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)

Those in military service:

Todd Kopperud, Wyatt Ochs, Taylor Johnson

Kailee Thomae, our office manager, passed away in September. She had joined the staff in February, after having been treated previously for a serious lung cancer. She was undergoing treatments to manage her condition, which allowed her to work and share her time with us. A few weeks ago the cancer returned aggressively, and was no longer able to be managed.

We hold her family, especially her husband Derek and 3 year old son Beckham, close in prayer.

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.

Discipleship for all ages!



Sunday School



Wednesday Night Live



EDGE Youth

Anniversary Celebration

Clark & Lareen Gull will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house at LCR on **Saturday, November 9 from 1-4 pm**, and warmly invite LCR friends to join the celebration. *Please RSVP to Lareen or Clark by October 26.* They request no gifts.

STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for August 2024

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 55,428	\$606,535	\$552,667
General Fund Expenses	\$ 70,944	\$529,633	\$548,191
Cash Balances	08/31/24		08/31/23
General Fund	\$327,194		\$224,148
Clearing Accounts	\$ 77,078		\$ 53,758
Property Reserve	\$ 77,447		\$ 67,447

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2024 budget!

** 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, September 17, 2024. August Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: Running ahead of year-to-date despite deficit in August. Preparing for accounting systems conversion to QuickBooks. Preparing 2025 budget.

Pastor Jeff: *Staffing Updates* - Janitorial position and office manager position are being filled. Adam Lau will serve as interim high school youth director through the end of the year. Director of Children's Ministry will become a full-time position starting in 2025. *November Speaker* - Matt Skinner will be here November 1st-3rd.

Pastor Nate: 6th-8th grade and high school Sunday programming is starting Sunday, September 22nd, between worship services.

Outreach: Rally Day breakfast was a success, thanks to those who helped. Car Cruise-Ins are over and Bingo will be starting up in October. Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 30th from 5-6 pm.

Property: AC repairs seem to have fixed the issue. Looking to get a contract for yearly maintenance to keep system in working order.

Social Concerns: Marion Cares sock and underwear drive is underway.

Old Business: *Youth Protection Policy* - Council voted to accept the updated policy which will go into effect October 1st.

New Business: *Stewardship Campaign* - One time gift category this year will go towards Churches of Marion Food Pantry. *Nominating Committee* - Will begin looking to fill any open positions for Council, Living Legacy, and Auditing Committee.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, October 15, 2024*
Agenda items should be submitted by 10/7/24.
Copies of council minutes and treasurers' reports are available in the church office binder.

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P.E.P. 55+ Trip - Park Farm Winery
Wednesday, October 16 - leave LCR at 12 pm
RSVP at LCRMarion.org by October 9



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Our friend Kailee



**TRUNK
OR
TREAT!**
Wednesday, October 30
5:30 - 6:00 pm
(until the kids stop coming!)

NEW MEMBER SESSIONS

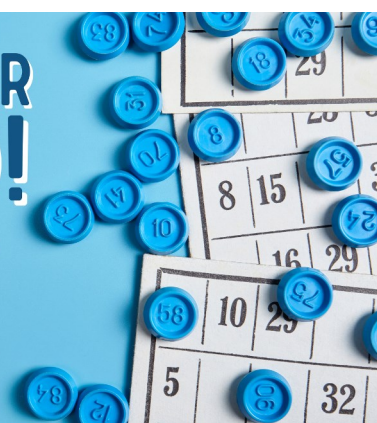
SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 13 OR OCTOBER 20
AT 11:45 PM (ATTEND ONE SESSION)



CANDY BAR BINGO!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
1 - 2 PM
FREE TO PLAY!

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