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

As we are rapidly approaching election day in America, I have found myself drawn to Luther’s explanation of the second petition of the Lord’s prayer, “Your kingdom come.” “What is this?” Luther asks (“Was ist das” for your die-hard catechism geeks). He explains: “in fact, God’s kingdom comes on its own without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us.” This is at once humbling and challenging. First of all, let us never be guilty of thinking that God is dependent on any political party or candidate in order to further God’s kingdom. God’s kingdom comes on its own without prayers, without our agendas, without our fears and anxieties.

This is in keeping with what Jesus said about the kingdom of God in the Gospel of Luke: “Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, “The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There it is!’ For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among (or within) you.” Luke 17.20-21 Now let’s think about this for a moment, the Kingdom of God is among/within you. This suggests that God’s kingdom is not so much a ‘thing’ to be grasped or brought about, as it is a motivation and response for each of us. That is, God’s Kingdom is subversively humble in that it manifests itself in ordinary people going about our ordinary lives.

The kingdom of God is made known and proclaimed when we allow the love of God to overwrite our natural tendencies to let fear have its way and instead meet the world through the lens of faith. In some ways this is the mission of the church in our day - to model faith. Faith in Jesus - of course - but faith also in a future that is not dreary but filled with hope and expectation of how God will be at work.

And here’s the thing - you are a part of this. You have the kingdom of God among/within you. Choose to be loving, choose to be generous, choose to be hopeful, choose to be faith-filled and I guarantee you that the kingdom will come.

Peace! Pastor Jeff

**DECEMBER
AT LCR**

DECEMBER 1
CANDY BAR BINGO - 1 PM

DECEMBER 8
LCR CHRISTMAS CONCERT
6 PM

DECEMBER 15
YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
+ MAC/CHEESE DINNER
4:30 PM

DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:00, 10:00 PM

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~ Looking Ahead ~

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>

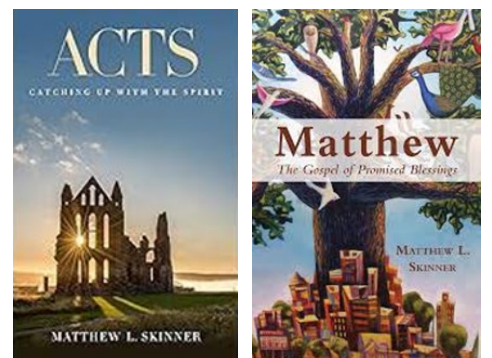
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1stQuXXjntY&t=89s>

Matthew - The Gospel of Promised Blessings - 2024

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

Preacher to Preacher

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



MINISTRY

Sock & Underwear Drive

Thank you for your generous support of the Sock and Underwear Drive for Marion Cares! We were able to provide **four overflowing bins** of socks and underwear, as well as **\$940** in monetary donations for additional necessities. Thank you for caring for those in need in our community!



Comforting Hands Quilters

The EWALU Quilt Auction was held in September. Our group donated 5 quilts to be auctioned, bringing in **\$825** for the camp! In addition, we have donated **174 quilts** so far this year to a variety of charities here in the Marion & Cedar Rapids area.



LCR Garden

Many thanks to everyone who helped with and donated to our Food Pantry Garden this year. Our final harvest was **1,305 pounds!** - Ann Godar

Hurricane Relief

The total last month for Hurricane Relief was **\$4,285!** Thank you, Resurrection givers. Please join us in keeping those who have been affected by recent natural disasters in your prayers.

Pie Fellowship

We will celebrate Thanksgiving at LCR on **Wednesday, November 27th**. We'll have worship at 6 pm, and enjoy a Pie Fellowship at 7 pm. If you can help by bringing pie, please sign up at the link below or email/call the church office to let us know what kind of pie you will be bringing. You can bring your pie to the church on Wednesday evening. Thank You!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-52656197-lcrthanksgiving>

<<< Sign up to bring **chili and/or cinnamon rolls** to our fall brunch on Sunday, November 3rd!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-52122120-matt#/>



Christmas Decorating

Come help us beautify the church for the holiday season on **Saturday, November 30th at 9 am**. Everyone is welcome, including tall people!

Blood Drive

Thanks to our many blood donaters for sharing the gift of life with local people in need. **You always come through for us!**



Next drive will be around Valentines Day next year. New donaters are always welcome.

Nov & Dec Mission Envelopes

...will go to the Catherine McAuley Center in Cedar Rapids, an organization that welcomes refugees & immigrants, adult learners, and women to participate in educational and supportive services. You can find out more at <https://cmc-cr.org/>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

Sunday School

NOVEMBER:

3 - UNIT 2 - THE RED SEA
10 - UNIT 2 - THE RED SEA
17 - UNIT 3 - CHRISTMAS
24 - UNIT 3 - CHRISTMAS

Wednesday Night Live

NOVEMBER:

ASK THE PASTOR NIGHT - 6
REGULAR WNL - 13
MOVIE NIGHT - 20
NO WNL THANKSGIVING BREAK - 27



Advent Is Coming!

Join us on Sunday, November 24th in the fellowship hall - we will have crafts, games, snacks and hot drinks. All ages and skills are welcome! We look forward to kicking off the Christmas season with a very festive event.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sun, Dec. 15th at 4:30
Mac & Cheese dinner
to follow

We will announce our program plans soon. Save the date - any students pre-k through 8th grade are welcome to participate!



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. (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 - *Starting a new series in November.*

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 from noon to 1:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome and light refreshments are offered.

Our topics for November are...

11/8 - Pennies: *Could We Live Without Them?*

11/22 - Generations:

The History of America's Future

Come and join our lively discussions!

Contact Mary with questions:

jonmaryhajek@gmail.com



FELLOWSHIP

Candy Bar Bingo

On **Sunday, November 17th 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 Group

We had a great time in October and decided to scrap again on **Saturday, November 9th from 9 am to 5 pm**. Bring your project and tools, items to add to the exchange table, and a snack to share. We will meet back in the EDGE room this time, so park outside door #7 for unloading. We'll order pizza for lunch. Contact Donna Dennis if you need any further info.



SCRAPBOOKING DAY

Saturday, November 9
9 am - 5 pm

*Bring Your Own Supplies,
Money for Pizza,
and a Snack to Share*

*Card Makers and Sewers
Also Welcome!*

Book Club

We'll get together on **Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "The End of Her" by Shari Lapena. Stephanie & Patrick are adjusting to a happy life with their new twins. Then a woman from Patrick's past appears and accuses him of his first wife's murder! Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome - jonmaryhajak@gmail.com



CANDY BAR BINGO!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
(UPDATED DATE)
1 - 2 PM
FREE TO PLAY!

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PEP group at a local winery in October

PEP 55+ Soup Supper and a Movie

PEP members and friends will gather on **Sunday, November 17th at 4:30 pm** for a movie and then a soup supper. Movie title will be determined shortly. Looking forward to seeing everyone! - Sharon Hill

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.

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@q.com

Walking Group

We walk **each Thursday at 10:00 am** at Lindale Mall. Make sure to get on our email list so you'll know where to meet us! marcia@lcrmarion.org

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@imonmail.com

Knitting & Crochet Group

We are going on hiatus for the winter and will resume meeting on Thursday evenings on **March 13th**. Contact Pam if you need any yarn or have any questions:

319-360-5165 or pamkacena@yahoo.com

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation classes meet from 7:15-8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall.

Save the Date: We will hold our Affirmation of Baptism service (for 8th graders) on Pentecost Sunday - **Sunday, June 8th, 2025**. Our 7th graders will host the reception.

Please feel free to call or text Pastor Nate at any time: 563.320.3995

SUNDAY YOUTH GATHERING for MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

9:40-10:25 am in the fellowship hall (6th - 8th grade)

EDGE YOUTH

EDGE Youth meet on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the YAC.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact interim EDGE leader Adam Lau at adam.edgelcr@gmail.com.



SUNDAY YOUTH GATHERING for HIGH SCHOOLERS

9:40-10:25 am in the YAC (9th - 12th grade)

WED NIGHT LIVE



WEE WISDOM



Wednesday Night Live had a Glow In the Dark Party this month to celebrate Halloween!



Wee Wisdom has been busy this fall exploring all the changes we are seeing outside as we take our morning walks around the church. We've had fun learning about nocturnal animals - did you know that bats have thumbs?! We've also been learning how pumpkins grow. We really loved the story "Spookley the Square Pumpkin." (photo above)

If you'd like to help us add some enriching items to our classroom, scan this QR code to check out our Amazon Wish List >>>



PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently:

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Harry Walton, Mary Sabo, Everett Lehrman, Phyllis Gordon, Gary Young, Eloise Heppler, Deanna Harding, Gene Henry, Ryan Corrigan, Joe Ringwald

(family and friends) Will Springer, Cheryl Bosard

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.

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.

Those in military service:

Todd Kopperud, Wyatt Ochs, Taylor Johnson

Those who mourn:

- * Daryl Lang and family on the death of Arlene Lang
- * Bob Wolter and family on the death of Donna Wolter
- * Pam Kacena on the death of her cousin, Kelly Laton

Those who celebrate positive outcomes:

JoAn Collins, Larry & Marge Pierce



Remember the saints who have gone before us during worship on Sunday, November 3rd and Wednesday, November 6th:

Vera Olson, Kay Mase, Rachel White, Everett Dryden, Jerry Schierholz, Joe Rosenberger, Dean Fick, Sheryl Knodle, Jill Lechtenberg, Barbara Bunting, Larry Tenney, Linda Erlandson, Kailee Thomae, Arlene Lang, Donna Wolter

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Let All That You Do Be Done In Love: Fall Appeal Packets

Our Fall Stewardship packets are on their way. If you have asked to receive this information electronically, please check your email; otherwise packets will be sent out via regular mail the first week of November.

Your packet is a bold account of how God has been at work in our ministry; and a challenge for you to move forward in love. After all, stewardship is nothing more than moving confidently forward in love. It is an intentional act of giving away for the sake of the other. That giving might be in the form of finances, time, or ability. It is not something to shrink away from or be tentative about; but our stewardship should be a bold movement of love that reflects who we are and what we believe.

Prayerfully look over your material and return the pledge sheet on or before Sunday, November 24. Even if you cannot commit to an exact gift, return the pledge sheet so that we know you have had a chance to prayerfully go over the material.



Let all that you do be done in
1 Corinthians 16:14



STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for September 2024

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 63,078	\$669,613	\$584,863
General Fund Expenses	\$ 65,928	\$595,101	\$558,262
Cash Balances	9/30/24		9/30/23
General Fund	\$323,389		\$204,214
Clearing Accounts	\$ 79,859		\$ 62,088
Property Reserve	\$ 78,280		\$ 68,280

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, October 15, 2024. September Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: Running ahead year-to-date despite deficit in September. HVAC Repair accounted for majority of extra expenses. New Counting Workbook is ready and counting teams will be trained.

Pastor Jeff: Stewardship Packet is on schedule to go out on November 1st. Lots of wonderful fall programming at LCR.

Pastor Nate: Regular turn-out at Sunday junior high and high school programming; off to a great start.

Outreach: Great turn out for first Bingo. Trunk or Treat will be Wednesday, October 30 at 5:30 pm; please sign up to host a trunk if you can, candy is provided.

Property: Parking lot cracks have been sealed; this should get us through the winter. Retention pond drain has been repaired. Looking ahead to property needs as 2025 budget is prepared.

Social Concerns: Sock and Underwear drive is over. Holiday Music Extravaganza will include food drive for Churches of Marion Food Pantry. Holiday Giving Project to provide gifts for local families will be starting up in November.

Wee Wisdom: School year is off to a great start. Board is discussing tuition changes to take effect in 2025, and working to update the handbook.

Old Business: *Nominating Committee* - Working to determine needs for 2025.

New Business: *Fall speaker* - Please sign up ahead of time if you are planning to attend the Friday night event so that the restaurant can plan accordingly.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, November 19, 2024*
Agenda items should be submitted by 11/11/24.
Copies of council minutes and treasurers' reports are available in the church office binder.

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(address service requested)

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Fall Speaker-Series Presents
Dr. Matthew Skinner
New Testament Scholar

“Catching Up With the Spirit”
Saturday, November 2 - 10 am
FREE ADMISSION

THANKSGIVING EVE
WORSHIP + PIE POTLUCK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
6 PM
PIE FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWS
SIGN UP TO BRING PIE
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includes
LCR Choir!

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CHILI & CINNAMON ROLL
brunch

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 @ 11:30 AM

**LCR Advent
Celebration**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
10:30 - 12:30 PM

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