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“I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them.” *John 17.26*

Every family has their own stories that they share, memories that provide a little insight or perhaps humor to the reality of life together. One such memory for me was the disgust shared by my older sister on my finding the “Golden Egg” as a toddler at the community Easter egg hunt. Her critique of my great exploit rested in the fact that one of my father’s students was helping to organize the egg hunt, and while I imagine it was his ability to see my potential long before anyone else - it could have been to gain favor with my dad - that he quietly but with great enthusiasm led me over hill and through the trees to exactly where the egg was hidden. And a legend was born! Toddler extraordinaire that found the prized egg to the chagrin of his older sister who seemed to harbor a deep resentment of my accomplishment!

This family story has been on my mind as Easter doesn’t come until the end of April (April 20th). In the meantime, we are still in Lent, still walking toward the cross, still in a season of reflection; but we know where the ‘Golden Egg’ is to be found! In Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians, he says we do not ‘grieve as others do who have no hope.’ (1 Thes 4.13) That is we know where we are heading, we know what awaits, we know the joy that will be on Easter day; as the church in its Lenten discipline is like a savvy young man who knows where the real prize is to be found; and is taking us there, purposely.

I want to encourage you to allow yourself to be brought into this great story of faith. To allow the traditions and the teaching of the Lord to help draw you closer to his time of glory. Worship with us on Palm/Passion Sunday and allow yourself to experience the emotional range of shouts of Hosanna as they give way to ‘Crucify him.’ On Maundy Thursday help us welcome a whole group of our young people to Holy Communion as we remember that Jesus still provides a place for each of us at his table. Then on Good Friday, sit near the cross and experience a service of darkness as we read the passion story from the Gospel of John.

And then... like that young man did for me so many years ago, on Easter Sunday we will behold where we have been heading all along and give shouts of praise to the Risen Lord who awaits us.

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>

Love At Work - Augusta Victoria Hospital



So far this Lent you have given over **\$3,730** to the ministry of Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. This money has been matched with **\$2,500** generously given by the Living Legacy group. Licensed for 171 beds, AVH is the second largest hospital in East Jerusalem and is dedicated to working with the refugee communities. The hospital has centers of excellence including Comprehensive Cancer Care (Chemotherapy, Radiotherapy, Palliative Care, and Onco-surgery for adults and children), Kidney Care Dialysis, Skilled Nursing and Long-term Care as well as outreach programs, including the Mammography and Diabetes mobile clinics. [photo: pediatric patient at AVH]

Our donations are especially critical as the U.S. government foreign funding freeze has kept monies already appropriated for the Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in limbo. Lack of funding has very real consequences for patients and families. Please continue to keep AVH in your prayers as efforts are being made to re-establish the bipartisan funding that has been approved for the past 15 years.

Science and Faith - Welcome Dr. Grace Wolf-Chase

The Living Legacy Group is proud to announce our Fall 2025 speaker, Dr. Grace Wolf-Chase, Senior Scientist and Senior Education and Communication Specialist at Planetary Science Institute. She will be with us on the weekend of **October 10th–12th**, engaging on the topic: “Immeasurable Universe/Infinite God: What the wonders of the Universe reveal about God and Humanity.” Dr. Wolf-Chase will help us explore how the latest marvels of exploration of the universe interact with our own spirituality and search for meaning. Save the dates! More details coming...



“The Man from Galilee”

Gather with us on two more **Wednesdays** as we travel with Jesus around the Sea of Galilee, pondering how his words and actions impact us still today. **Simple Soup Suppers are at 5:00 pm and worship at 6:00 pm.**

4/2 -- Matthew 14.22-33 * Jesus Walks on the Water 4/9 - Matthew 17.24-27 * Jesus and a Fishy Temple Tax

MINISTRY

Egg Bakes & Fruit

Help our high schoolers take part in a mission trip to Nashville in July. Please make an egg bake for our breakfast fundraiser on **Palm Sunday (April 13th)**, or provide fruit to accompany our other dishes. You can sign up at the link below. Thank you for helping us serve this summer!



https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-55784294-mission#

Simple Soup Suppers

On **Wednesdays at 5 pm (April 2nd & 9th)**, we're enjoying time to relax and visit after our busy days.

We need your help!...

- * people to bring soup or a few kid-friendly foods
- * volunteers to help set up (3 -5 pm)
- * volunteers to help serve and clean up (5-6 pm)

Please sign up at the link below.

There are spaces to sign up for each week of Lent.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-55139788-lcrsoup#



Will you donate a bag of candy for our neighbor kids who will come searching for Easter eggs on Saturday the 19th?

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

- Lightweight, dark-colored bath towels
- Bars of soap

Collecting through 3/31

Care Kit Assembly

Many thanks to all who donated bath towels and bar soaps so we can assemble personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. We'll be putting the kits together on **Sunday, April 6th at 9:30 am**. You are welcome to help us! *Thanks to those who donated \$495, too!*



LCR Raised Bed Garden

Our garden is off to a great start, thanks to a wonderful team of volunteers who came and expanded our current boxes to prepare for planting. The team has a plan to raise **ONE TON of food** this year for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry! If you are interested in becoming part of the gardening team, please contact the church office.

March & April Mission Envelopes

...are going 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/>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

Sunday School

APRIL:

6 - EASTER UNIT

13 - EASTER UNIT

20 - NO SS - EASTER

27 - JESUS UNIT



Wed. Night Live

APRIL:

REGULAR WNL - 2

REGULAR WNL - 9

NO WNL - HOLY WEEK - 16

GAME NIGHT - 23

REGULAR WNL - 30

THE LCR EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT!



SATURDAY, APRIL 19
9 - 10:30 AM

HUNT INSIDE + OUTSIDE
PRIZES + CANDY
PHOTO AREA
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

EASTER EGG SCAVENGER HUNT

Saturday, April 19
9:00 - 10:30 am

Join us for a family-friendly Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Come ready to explore and search both indoors and outdoors, receive prizes, and visit the photo booth. All ages are welcome! Please bring a bag or basket, and an adult guardian. The whole family will love this event. Invite your friends, too!

Save the Dates!

Pre-K & Kinder. VBS: July 8th-11th

(for those entering PreK-1st
grade in the fall of 2025)

Elementary Day Camp: Aug 4th-8th

(for those entering 1st-5th
grade in the fall of 2025)

Registration opens March 1st

[childrens\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:childrens@lcrmarion.org)

LCR VBS + DAY CAMP

2025 VBS: July 8-11
VBS is for those entering Pre-K - 1st Grade for Fall 2025

2025 Day Camp - August 4-8
Day Camp is for those entering 1st - 5th grade for Fall 2025

Registration opens March 1

Wonderful LCR Volunteers... Jessi will need help with the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt on 4/19. Use the link below to help with checking kids in, being a 'station superintendent', or cleaning up afterwards for Easter Sunday.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-55792311-easter#/>

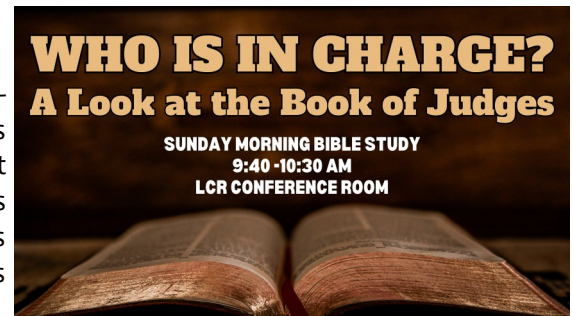
Please also **SAVE THE July and August DATES** (above) to **VOLUNTEER** during our VBS and Day Camp weeks. We'll need a number of people to make it all happen. Serving in this way is great evangelism and totally fun!!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Who's In Charge? - a look at the book of Judges

Sunday Morning Adult Study, 9:40 to 10:30 am in the conference room

From the death of Joshua to the rise of the first kings of ancient Israel - who was in charge? That's a really good question. For hundreds of years the ancient people of Israel were led by folks called judges. They didn't wear long robes and didn't have gavels...so who were they? Join us as we look at some of these colorful men and women (yes, Deborah was one of the judges of Israel) and see how their stories might bring us some modern day insight as well.



Brown Bag Study

Join Pastor Nate on **Sunday, April 27th at 12:00 noon** as we explore some big ideas! Bring your lunch to the fellowship hall and we'll provide the coffee. *Topic to be announced*



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 - Day and Evening opportunities

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

Email Lareen: clgull57(at)yahoo.com

JAM Study Group - women's group; **rescheduled to Monday, April 21st**; meets at the church

Email Linda: lhayward495(at)yahoo.com | current study "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"

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

Email Donna: donnakdennis88(at)gmail.com

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

Email Dan: dtegtmeier(at)iowanorthern.com

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

Email Mary Kay: mcpink6(at)gmail.com | current study "The Women of Christmas"

Gatherings @ 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 & 4th Fridays from noon to 1:00 pm**.

Everyone is welcome and light refreshments are offered. *Our topics this month will be...*

Friday, April 11th: Mary Jo Carlson presents "What's the History Behind April Fool's Day?"

Friday, April 25th: Tom Peterman presents on the history and meaning of Earth Day

Feel free to contact our organizer Mary with any questions: jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

Check out these brief, thought-provoking videos online, **at any time** - <https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>

FELLOWSHIP

Mission Trip Breakfast

Our high school youth will be offering a delicious breakfast from **9:30 to 11:00 am on Sunday the 13th**.

Our menu includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, and egg bakes. Your free will donations will be very welcome to defray our costs as we serve in Nashville in July.



Car Cruise-in ****alternate date: Thu, May 8th**

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 pm**. *This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to!*

Wood Carvers & Knitters

Carvers and knitters/crocheters meet weekly at the church on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm**. Bring your latest projects to work on. Woodcarvers meet in the red room and knitters/crocheters in the church lounge. *If you've never tried yarncraft or carving before, now is the time to learn!* Feel free to jump in any Thursday you can, we'll show you how it's done.

carving - john1400(at)q.com
knitting - PamKacena(at)yahoo.com

LCR Book Club

We'll get together on **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. As a Native American and as a scientist, Robin endorses the view that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. She encourages us to acknowledge and celebrate our reciprocal relationship with the non-human world. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome.

jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com

Cribbage Group

Join us on **2nd & 4th Fridays at 1:15 pm** for two or three games of cribbage. We are happy to teach you if you've never played before. Non-members are always welcome.

PEP 55+ Exercise for Health!

Our own Jean Hammill will present on **Sunday, April 13th at 4:00 pm**. With respect to health risk factors, *sitting is the new smoking*. This presentation will offer tips about reducing cardiovascular risk factors. It includes a 10-12 minute home exercise program that will help improve strength and balance in order to keep you off the floor and out of your doctor's office. Coffee and light refreshments will be available.

EXERCISE
to
**Keep You
Off the Floor
and
Out of the
Doctor's Office!**

P.E.P. 55+
*People
Enjoying People!*
**Sunday,
April 13
4:00 pm**

Presentation by
Jean Hammill

Painting Group

Love to paint? Want to learn? Join us on the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm** in the art room. This group is open to adults painting in a variety of mediums - acrylic, watercolor, oils, etc. If you have questions, or if you haven't painted before, please contact Evelyn: ebeck(at)jimonmail.com

Candy Bar Bingo

On **Sunday, April 6th at 1:00 pm** we'll host a lively gathering of bingo in the fellowship hall. We play for treats and fun and it's all FREE! Every age is welcome.

Please share this event on your Facebook page.



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!

volunteerLCR(at)lcrmarion.org

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes meet on
Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:00 pm
in the fellowship hall (7th - 8th grade)

Feel free to call or text Pastor Nate
with questions: 563.320.3995

Our Confirmation service will be held on **June 8th**, Pentecost Sunday. In preparation for Confirmation, 8th grade students are asked to prepare a faith statement and choose a Bible verse. We will work on these tasks together in class, but I also find that this is a natural time for parents to have faith conversations with their kids. I encourage all of you to begin those discussions as a family in preparation for this wonderful event.

We'll also begin incorporating 8th graders into our High School youth program on Wednesday evenings in the coming weeks. 8th graders will be welcomed guests for a portion of our Wednesday night High School group and that is always an awesome experience.

Be well! - Pastor Nate

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sunday Middle School Fellowship
9:40-10:25 am in the fellowship hall

Middle school kids have been gathering **between worship services on Sunday** to share in a time of fellowship. Together we play games, talk about life, and make treats.

Middle Schoolers (and high schoolers, too!), please know that you are invited and welcome to join us in our Sunday morning fellowship times.

ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Apply for the Biderman Scholarship, sponsored by the LCR Living Legacy Fund!

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE STARTING APRIL 1 AT LCRMARION.ORG DUE APRIL 30




LIVING LCR'S LEGACY FUND

EDGE YOUTH

EDGE Youth meet on Wednesday nights
in the YAC from 7:30-9:00 pm (9th - 12th grade)

In March, the high school youth reflected on the many ways we can grow both spiritually and personally within our own lives through things like prayer and reflection. Many worked together to create a reflective mural in the LCR entryway to remind us of our love for one another. This month, we will have opportunities to continue to reflect about ourselves through conversation about creation and expressing individual creativity.



As we enter the Easter Season, incoming freshman will be invited to join EDGE for programming and a meal, beginning on **Wednesday, April 16th**. Meals will be served for the remainder of the Lenten season at EDGE.

The Palm Sunday Breakfast is rapidly approaching! Please join us for a meal of pancakes, sausage, casseroles, and fruit on **Sunday, April 13th from 9:30-11:00 am**. The meal is provided on a free donation basis - all proceeds will directly benefit the Mission Trip service team as they make their way to Nashville, Tennessee this summer.

Spring Cleaning? We are seeking donations of matchbox cars, hot wheels tracks, LEGOs, and old magazines or newspapers to assist with Youth Programming. Thank you so much for your generosity! - Hannah | [youth\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:youth(at)lcrmarion.org)



PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently:

Erv Oltmanns, Ryan Corrigan

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Betty Young, Les Beck, Julie Jensen, Betty Bendixen, Margaret Wogahn, Phyllis Gordon, Marilyn Nuehring, Mary Possehl, Everett Lehrman, Eloise Heppler, Gary Young, Deanna Harding, Gene Henry

(family and friends) Teresa McLaughlin, Ruth Armstrong, Mark Mastain, Will Springer

Those living in care facilities:

Bernadean Spilde (Garnett Place)
Bill Thompson (Emery Place)
Larry Wogahn (The Views)
Marge Dryden (Terrace Glen)

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 who mourn:

Cheryl Irland, Jenny Flieder, and Joy Lucas
on the death of their mother, Marilyn Carstens
Gary & Jill Hansen on the death of his mother,
Joan Hansen
Darice & Kent Keating and family, on the
death of her mother, Ann Teate

Those who celebrate:

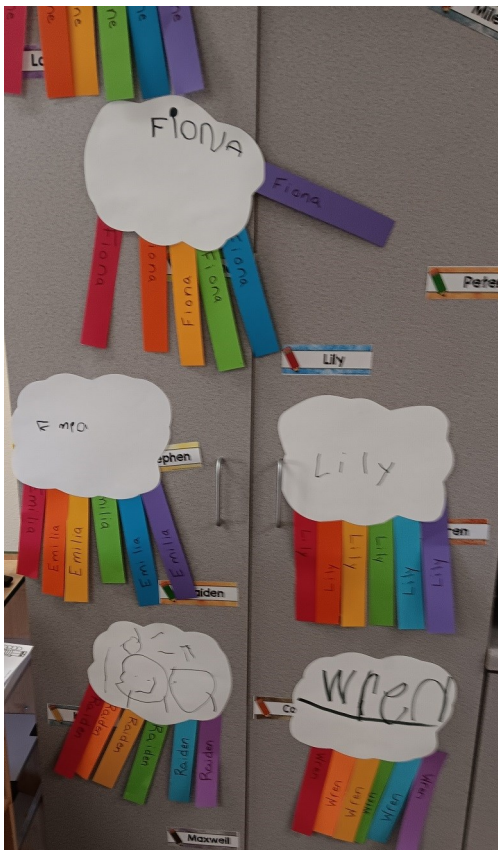
On their baptisms: Ace Allen,
Athena Smith, Adonis Smith
Ben & Evelyn Garrett on the positive resolution
of daughter Aliea's medical concerns
Diane & John Aarni, on the marriage
of their son Jason

Those in military service:

Todd Kopperud, Wyatt Ochs, Taylor Johnson

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.

WEE WISDOM PRESCHOOL



In March we learned about some famous artists and explored our creative side by going on 'color hunts' and learning about rainbows.

On **Wednesday, April 2nd from 4:00 - 6:00 pm** we'll be hosting a *Community Open House and Art Show*. We would love everyone to invite friends to our event. We are accepting registrations for next fall. Please help us spread the word about this great program!

<https://www.lcrmarion.org/wee-wisdom-preschool/about-wee-wisdom.html>

Hy-Vee receipts were turned in at the end of March. Many thanks to all those who helped out by donating their receipts so we could get Hy-Vee 'Cash for Students'



STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for February 2025

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 81,170	\$202,706	\$176,164
General Fund Expenses	\$ 73,938	\$148,462	\$127,123
Cash Balances	2/28/25		2/28/24
General Fund	\$219,876		\$102,869
Property Reserve	\$ 80,780		\$ 72,447

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our budget.

Digital Giving

* **Simply Giving** - Join 82 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.

* **Venmo** - Smartphone app for sharing money @LCRMarion

Easter Lily Orders

Due April 9
\$10/Lily

Sign up online,
contact the church office,
or return a form
at church

Warning: Stay Alert!

We urge you to stay vigilant for potential scam messages in your email or on your phone as text messages. Please remember that no LCR staff member will reach out to you for help with an 'urgent request' to purchase gift cards or ask you for sensitive information over text or email. Please call the church office if you receive a suspicious message.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

The Council met on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. February Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved.

Treasurer: Ended February with 7.5K surplus. January expenses included snow removal, annual copyright license renewal, and insurance payment.

Pastor Jeff: *Staffing update* - Nick's last day will be March 30. Actively searching for replacement. Contemporary worship lead hiring process underway. *Lenten Worship* ~200 worshipped in person Wednesday, March 12. *Digital Directory Update* - Will be ready to roll out soon. Thanks to Dave Jensen and Cari Redondo for uploading information.

Wee Wisdom: Open house on Wednesday, April 2nd

Social Concerns: Care Kits project still going on; Shoe Drive will begin in May.

Outreach: Last Bingo will be April 6th. Car Cruise-ins will begin in April. Congregational pancake breakfast in May.

Property: Electronic sign was repaired; parts were under warranty. Gathering quotes for potential upcoming projects. Concrete will be leveled next month.

Old Business: n/a

New Business: *Council Installation* - Sunday, March 30 at both services

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Agenda items should be submitted by 4/7/25.

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

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EASTER
AT LCR



SUNDAY, APRIL 20

TRADITIONAL MUSIC: 8:00 + 9:30 AM
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: 11:00 AM

easter cupcakes
by Madelyn Olson



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DONATIONS
WELCOME!**

BARRY THE BUNNY
SAYS "THANK YOU!!"



**MISSION
TRIP**

*breakfast
FUNDRAISER*

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13
9:30 - 11:00 AM
FREE WILL OFFERING
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,
FRUIT, EGG BAKES
SIGN UP
AT LCRMARION.ORG
TO DONATE FOOD!



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