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The more rain we get, the more grass I mow.

And I love it.

For the last several years I have taken to lawn work like a monk takes to prayers. It is my way of shutting down my busy mind, and it is how I practice the spiritual discipline of patience. I don't mean to brag, but my work is yielding amazing results!

Healthy lawns grow. It really is that simple. I don't mind the extra work it takes to care for all this new growth because it is in service to something positive, and I also believe it serves something holy.

I have the same feeling about the new growth we have in our youth programs at LCR. Your pastors and program staff have been working hard to create programs that will meet the needs of ALL our kids throughout their entire faith journey. For example, we will be kicking off our Wednesday Night programs with an open house on **Wednesday, September 10th**. All students and families participating in Wednesday evening programs (Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and EDGE) are invited to a **pizza party starting at 6:00 pm**. There will be games and activities for students, and we will also host our parent's meetings for each of these programs throughout the evening.

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Sunday School and Sunday morning programs for kids of all ages will begin **Sunday, September 14th**.

We are growing and anticipate additional growth in our youth programs. It's extra effort that is well worth the energy and commitment! There is plenty of room for gifted leaders in our congregation to participate in these wonderful programs. If you have unique gifts for educating children – there's a place for you! If you prefer to support these ministries behind the scenes – there's a place for you! If you would like to contribute your gifts to this ministry but have limited time – there's a place for you!

Let's thank God together for the new opportunities and ministries we have this year. Every opportunity to give our gifts away, especially in service to our youth, is a form of prayer in action. Thank God for this wonderful work, and thank you for sharing your many gifts!

Peace - Pastor Nate

The pavement patching on 29th Avenue is officially **DONE!!!**

Thank you all for your patience during this lengthy project.

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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 receive **email alerts** from LCR about worship and other news.

Click on the 'Visitor Info Request' tab our homepage to sign up - https://www.lcrmarion.org/new_visitor.html

Alternately, you can contact us at the church office and we will sign you up:

319.377.4689 or office@lcrmarion.org.

Text Notifications - Worship services and other events are subject to change due to a variety of 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 on our website -

<https://share.hsforms.com/181uDRkYnTRyGMmuwl3ZiDQ44ay4>

The Gift of Song - LCR Children's Choir

One of the shining moments of my music career happened several years ago when I was working with an eighth grade student. We were preparing a solo that she would sing in front of the church. After one run through of the song, I looked up from the piano and said,

"That was really nice, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is the loudest you can sing, what level of volume are you singing at?"

"About a 5 or 6," she responded somewhat shyly.

"OK," I said, "I would love to hear what a 10 sounds like.

Do you see that wall over there? Let me hear you hit that wall."

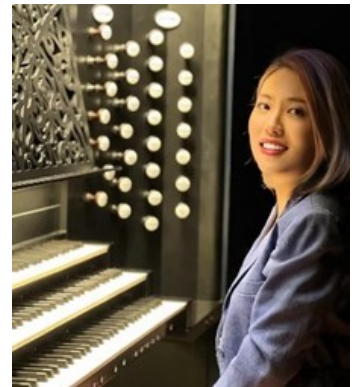
We ran the beginning of the song again and suddenly it sounded like a 25 year-old woman was singing confidently next to me. After the song was over I looked at her and said,

"That was so beautiful, you always need to sing like that, don't hide the gift you've been given and you will bless many people."

One of my greatest passions is developing the musical talents of young people. I am excited that at LCR, I have been given the opportunity to lead a **children's choir of 3rd-6th grade students** this fall. We will be creating a list of interested students and setting up a meeting with parents in September to discuss rehearsal options and other details. I hope you will consider signing up your child via the youth activities section of the church's website.

Welcome to Tracy Qian

Starting in September Tracy will begin her time with us as the Organist and Accompanist for LCR. Dr. Qian holds degree in Piano Performance and is currently studying organ at the University of Iowa. A native of China, she began studying piano at the age of 4. She has toured extensively in the United States, China, Italy and the Netherlands. As an Active music arranger, she founded the project "Chinese Music on Organs."



Looking Ahead: Blessing of the Animals!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 5th at 1:00 pm** as LCR will once again hold it's "Blessing of the Animals." All critters and creatures are welcome (leashed or contained) as we gather on the grass outside the Fellowship Hall to give thanks for our animal friends and offer them a blessing.

MINISTRY



Birthday Kits

In addition to learning about God and having tons of fun, our Day Camp kids packed **75 birthday kits** for Marion Food Pantry families! Thanks so much to everyone who donated boxed cake mixes and containers of frosting.



LCR Raised Bed Garden

Harvest help is needed at our community garden each Tuesday morning at 7:45 am. If you can spare 15-20 minutes each week, come and enjoy the morning while picking vegetables to donate to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry, benefitting people in our own community. Also, if your home garden is over-producing, you can bring your extra vegetables to us at the community garden on Tuesday mornings, to be included in our totals. Questions? Call Ann or Larry through the church office. **Total so far: 1,200 lbs!**

Neighborhood Nights

THANK YOU!! to all of those who donated time, energy, and resources to our Neighborhood Nights events. This year, over the course of three events, we served approximately **1,300 meals** to members of the local community! We could not have had this incredible success without such wonderful support from our congregation.



2025 Ewalu Quilt Auction

Quilts and other handmade items are pouring in for Camp Ewalu's annual quilt auction! The live event is on **Saturday, September 20** and the online auction will be live from **September 15 to 21**.

Resurrection's talented Comforting Hands

Quilters have donated 5 items for the auction.

The in-person event on the 20th includes live music, a short worship service, and more than 300 items displayed for review. A free-will lunch is served at noon, and the live auction starts at 1:00 pm.

Why not
drive up
and enjoy
the day?



Canned Meat Drive

We had wonderful response from LCR members and friends in August, filling 4 shopping carts with every kind of canned meat you can imagine. Pantry neighbors were thrilled to get options other than chicken and tuna! Thanks for your generosity that supports the Churches of Marion Food Pantry.

Sep & Oct Mission Envelopes

... will benefit **ELCA World Hunger**

1-in-10 people in our world are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. Working with and through our congregations in the US and overseas, ELCA World Hunger reaches communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts make it possible for us to support solutions that get at the root causes of hunger.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

Day Camp 2025



Thank you to all our volunteers for making Day Camp so much fun for our students! We had over 35 volunteers throughout the week.

SAVE THE DATE.....

**Sunday School will start on September 14th
Wednesday Night Live will kick-off on September 10th**

DID YOU KNOW.....

The last 5 years have shown a steady increase in the number of kids enrolled in our Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live programs? PRAISE GOD! We are so thankful to have welcomed so many new kids and families.

HOWEVER, the volunteers that have been so faithful through our growth need some support! **Would you consider becoming a Sunday School teacher?** You do not have to have kids in the program, and we have plenty of substitutes available for those busy weekends! Please Email Jessi at childrens@lcrmarion.org to find out more about how to help!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

New Women's Study: Becoming Who We Are

We are excited to announce a new women's study opportunity at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Come and slow down, be present, and truly connect to Jesus and those around you in order to experience the full life God has for you! Kelly Frohner will lead a Beth Moore study, "Becoming Who We Are: Losing the Imposter, Finding What's Real" each Tuesday of September. Both morning and evening times are available! On **Tuesday** mornings, the group will meet from **9:00 - 10:30 am**, and child-care will be available. Evening meetings will be from **6:30 - 8:00 pm**. This study is completely free - you don't need to purchase any materials or pay any fees. If you have conflicts and are unable to be at every session, it's easy to catch up. We hope you will be able to join us! Feel free to forward this information to others who might be interested; participants do not need to be LCR members. Thank you! Please register in advance at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-58053590-becoming#/>

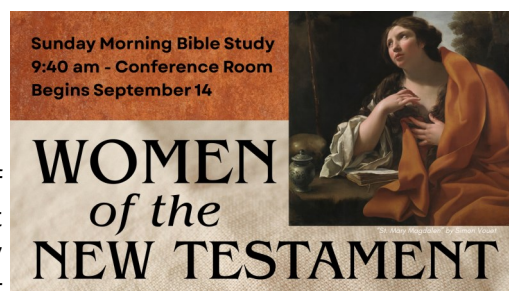
We'll meet in the YAC for both morning and evening sessions.



Women in the New Testament:

Rediscovering their voices

St. Luke may be dripping with irony when he tells us that the witness of the women to the resurrection seemed to the disciples to be nothing but 'an idle tale!' In fact, the salvation story of Jesus begins with extraordinary women (Elizabeth and Mary) and it is Jesus' interactions with women that lead to some of the Gospels most profound moments. Join us on Sunday mornings this fall as we lift up and explore the women of the New Testament. We'll look at those who are big names, and the nameless as well, as we explore the impact of women in the New Testament. This adult study will meet in the conference room on **Sundays from 9:40 - 10:30 am, beginning September 14th**.



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 - Daytime and Evening opportunities

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; **Wednesday, September 3rd at 1:00 pm**; church conference room

Email Lareen: clgull57(at)yahoo.com

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 each month**; meets at group members' homes

Email Dan: dt egtmeier(at)iowanorthern.com

Mary Kay Pinckney - Our women's group will resume on **Sunday, September 7th at 6:30 pm**; Cedar Rapids home

Email Mary Kay: mkpink6(at)gmail.com; continuing our study of the book, "The Women of Christmas"

JAM Study Group - women's group; **Monday, September 8th**; church conference room

Email Linda: lhayward495(at)yahoo.com; "Christianity's Family Tree -

What Other Christians Believe and Why" by Adam Hamilton

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

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



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FELLOWSHIP

PEP 55+ Trivia Event

PEP 55+ means People Enjoying People!

This fine group of experienced men and women will gather on **Sunday, September 21st at 3:00 pm**. We welcome our regulars and especially any newcomers to the fellowship hall for our trivia competition. We play as teams, so don't worry if you are stumped by some of Tom Peterman's questions. Delicious refreshments by the Petermans and Olsons and conversation will top off the afternoon. If you have questions, call Sharon Hill at 319.895.8644.

Car Cruise-In

The September Cruise-In will be on **Thursday the 11th at 5:00 pm**. Bring your coolest classic wheels, or just come and admire other people's rides. Pizza, pop, and chips are available for a donation.

LCR Book Club

We'll meet on **Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30** to discuss "All That She Carried" by Yiya Miles. In the 1850s South Carolina, an enslaved woman named Rose faced the imminent sale of her daughter Ashley. Thinking quickly, she packed a bag with a few precious items to try to ensure Ashley's survival. Decades later, Ashley's granddaughter Ruth embroidered this family history on the bag in haunting language, including Rose's wish that 'It be filled with love always.'

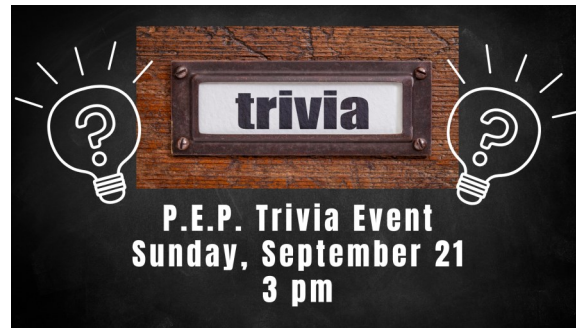
Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome! jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com

Cribbage Group

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

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



2025 LCR Golf Outing

...will be held on **Sunday, September 28, starting at 1:00 pm** at the Indian Creek Country Club. You can build your own team, or we will put you on a team. Cost is \$45/person, which includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, and meal (BBQ sandwich). If you will need to borrow clubs, please let us know in advance.



SIGN UP EACH PERSON INDIVIDUALLY!

Please sign up and pay (cash or check) by Sunday, September 21.

Note: only paid participants will be allowed on the course.

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

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle & High School Sunday Fellowship

9:40-10:25 am in the fellowship hall

Middle and High Schoolers 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. You are invited and welcome to join us during any of our Sunday morning get-togethers.



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EDGE YOUTH

EDGE Youth Group

...is open to all high schoolers. We meet every **Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:00 pm** where we enjoy fellowship and a meal together. We will also have several weekend events throughout the school year. We know everyone is busy with extracurriculars, and EDGE is open on a come-as-you-can basis. We are committed to creating a safe and welcoming space for any 9th-12th grader who would like to join us.

EDGE is kicking off on **Wednesday, September 10th at 7:30 pm** with a quick parent meeting, followed by devotional and game time.

September Events:

9/7 - Join us for an after-church picnic
at Worship on the Wapsi!

9/10 - EDGE

9/13 - Single Night Lock-in at St. James
Lutheran in Johnston IA

9/17 - EDGE

9/21 - EDGE Art Night in YAC

9/24 - EDGE

Save the Date! October 31st-November 2nd
ELCA Gathering Expedition in Elkhorn, WI



Feel free to contact Hannah
any time if you have questions
[youth\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:youth(at)lcrmarion.org)

2025 Youth Mission Trip

This summer's high school mission trip to Nashville, Tennessee was filled with fun and service learning. We served in a variety of ways including working at a food pantry distribution site, making and serving meals, creating care kits, cards, and placemats for those in need, helping to test hospital beds for Project C.U.R.E., cleaning and assisting at various Lutheran churches in Nashville. Each participant learned new skills and faithfully served alongside one another to help people. **Thank you for the prayers and donations which made our week in Nashville possible!**

<<< our mission trip participants:
Karli, Laci, Grace, Valerie, Maren

PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently: Bernadean Spilde

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Clark Gull, Harriet Van Gilder, Bob Erlandson, Madelyn Olson, Pam Miller, Betty & Gary Young, Betty Bendixen, Eloise Heppler

(family and friends) Tom St John, Rodney St John, Darrell Ketelsen, Bob Sierp, friend Cindy, Donna Condry, Eloise Blaha & family, Mary Farmer, Tim Pefferman, Tim Zrudsky

Those living in care facilities:

Larry Wogahn (The Views)
Marge Dryden (Terrace Glen)
Everett Lehrman (Grand Living)

Those who mourn:

Roger Carlson & family on the death of Dan Carlson
Family & friends of Arvis Hahn on her death
Family & friends of Bill Thompson on his death

Those in military service: Wyatt Ochs, Taylor Johnson

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.

THANK YOU, Marion!

Because of YOU, 741 students from 360 families in Marion Independent and Linn-Mar schools started the year with confidence and backpacks filled with supplies.

“These backpacks are more than supplies
- they’re a reminder that their community
believes in them.”

Our community knows how to come together in a BIG way! **Together, we show what it means to truly care for our neighbors.**

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 meet on **2nd & 4th Fridays from noon to 1:00 pm**; topics to be announced. Everyone is welcome and beverages & snacks are offered. Email Tom with questions: [lillevig\(at\)outlook.com](mailto:lillevig(at)outlook.com)



STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for July 2025

	July	Year to Date	One Year Ago
Receipts	\$ 76,723	\$630,863	\$551,107
Expenditures	\$ 78,295	\$521,795	\$458,371
Cash Balances	07/31/25		07/31/24
General Fund	\$265,202		\$200,790
Property Reserve	\$ 80,868		\$ 76,613
Savings	\$264,238		\$252,829

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

Digital Giving

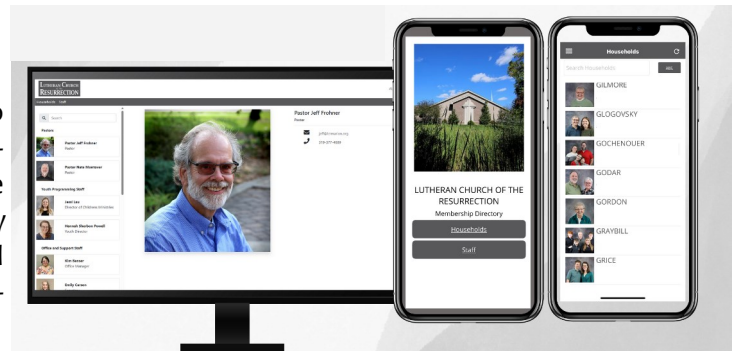
* **Simply Giving** - Join 82 LCR members who give regularly through automatic drafts from their checking or savings accounts. You can elect to give weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Enrollment forms are available in the info rack in the gathering space.

* **PayPal** - Click DONATE button on our website for online giving.

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

LCR Church Directory

Those who have had their photo taken or submitted a photo for the directory should have received an email with instructions for accessing the online directory and the phone app. The online directory and phone app will be constantly updated - you are always welcome to send in a new photo and update your contact information. Contact Cari with any questions: [Communications\(at\)LCRMarion.org](mailto:Communications(at)LCRMarion.org).



REMINDER - Please respect the privacy of our church family members. The church directory should never be used for marketing or solicitation. Never share your personal login credentials. Thank You!

Church Council

...did not meet in August, but will reconvene on **Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm**. Agenda items should be submitted by 9/8/25. Copies of council minutes and treasurers' reports are always available in the church office binder. *Please always reach out to council members with any questions or concerns you have.*

Welcome Lorie Smith to LCR Staff

We are delighted to welcome Lorie to LCR as our Bookkeeper! Lorie has extensive experience as a Staff Accountant, Independent Accounting Consultant, and as an Office Accounting Manager. She has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Accounting with a minor in Information Technology.



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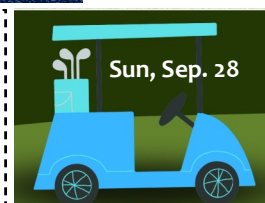


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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-K - 6 TH GRADE Sundays, 9:40 - 10:25 am	WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE 4 TH - 6 TH GRADE Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm	CHILDREN'S CHOIR 3 RD - 6 TH GRADE Meeting Time TBD	FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES 4 TH GRADE Meets 2-3 Sundays During Lent
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 6 TH - 8 TH GRADE Monthly on Sundays	CONFIRMATION CLASSES 7 TH - 8 TH GRADE Wednesdays at 7:15 pm	7TH - 12TH GRADE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 7 TH - 12 TH GRADE Sundays, 9:40 - 10:25 am	EDGE HIGH SCHOOL GROUP 9 TH - 12 TH GRADE Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

REGISTER NOW!

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

**KICK-OFF PIZZA PARTY + PARENT MEETINGS
FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE, CONFIRMATION AND EDGE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
STARTS AT 6:00 PM
COME AS YOU CAN BEFORE YOUR MEETING**

MEETING TIMES: WNL - 6:30; CONFIRMATION - 7:00; EDGE - 7:30

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