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They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" Luke 24.32

3...2....1....Lift-off! My voice would shout over the Mojave Desert as the model rocket I had painstakingly built shot up into the sky. The launching was the easy part. If all went well, the parachute deployed, and you would then run as fast as you could to recover the rocket and launch it all over again.

Now I didn't know the chemistry behind those launches, but it was the electric current heating an igniter wire, which then chemically reacted with the rocket's solid propellant (black powder), initiating a vigorous combustion reaction. Newton's Third Law being played out in my back yard, every action generates an equal and opposite reaction, resulting in the upward thrust that propels the rocket skyward.

This fall we are introducing our Stewardship theme: IGNITE! The disciples above felt as though their hearts were burning, and this propelled them to action as they ran back to Jerusalem to proclaim that Christ had been raised from the dead. We are praying that the Holy Spirit might ignite a similar response in all of us here at LCR. That the Good News of Jesus might have a 'reaction' within our hearts and propel us to be God's people here at LCR and beyond. Stewardship is much more than just looking at our financial giving, it is about our willingness to let Jesus set our hearts on fire!

When I was launching rockets in the desert, I didn't always know what would happen, where it would land, what corrections might need to be made; but it always filled my heart with joy and wonder to see them fly. 3...2....1.... Let's be the church together! Let's see how high and how far God might take us as we ignite our faith.

Peace! Pastor Jeff

#### **Faith and Science Weekend**

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Living Legacy is proud to present

Dr. Grace Wolf-Chase to LCR on October 10th to 12th.

**Friday October 10th:** Join us for a time of fellowship with the Street Food Fighter Food Truck here at LCR starting at 5:30 pm. (Come have dinner, order a snack, or just enjoy some dessert).

7:00 pm Dr. Grace will present: "A (40 minute) Tour of the Universe in Time and Space!"

**Saturday October 11th:** Join us at 10:00 am for our main presentation: "Immeasurable Universe/Infinite God: Where Faith and Science meet." There will be a Question and Answer time following her presentation.

**Sunday October 12th:** Dr. Wolf-Chase will be our featured speaker at both worship services. Chili and Cinnamon Rolls at 11:30 AM, followed by Dr. Grace's final remarks at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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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**.

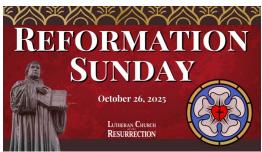
You can receive **email alerts** from LCR about worship and other news.

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(at)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

#### Reformation Day Worship - Sunday, October 26 - Wear Red!

Every year the last Sunday in October is celebrated as Reformation Day! It was on October 31, 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg Germany. The color of the day is red to remind us of the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit that calls, gathers and enlightens people in every generation. Reformation day is not so much a day to lift up being Lutheran, as it is a day to celebrate the freedom we have in Christ and the amazing grace that is given to us. The mottos of the Reformation were: Christ Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Word Alone



#### **God Our Provider**

In 1 Kings:17, Elijah asks a poor widow to bring him some bread. The widow explains that she barely has enough flour and oil to feed her family one final meal. Elijah prophesied that the oil and flour would never run dry. By faith, the widow brings Elijah a loaf of bread and miraculously, the flour and oil continue to provide food for the family. This is one example of many in the Bible illustrating God's ability and desire to provide.

Though I have only been at LCR for 5 months, I have seen several examples of God providing for this church. Most recently, I was meeting with some other worship leaders and received a text from someone stating they couldn't play on a particular Sunday in October. This was the 5th individual I had contacted to play either bass or drums on our worship team during that month. A few minutes later, a musician at the meeting who I hadn't met before came up to me and said, "If you ever need a bass player at your church, let me know." In October, this new friend, Chris, will play bass at a few LCR services.

A few days later, Chris and I met for coffee. I learned he was starting a local non-profit to host worship events outside of the church. Chris was looking for an acoustic guitar player for a worship event, and I offered my services. The Lord does indeed provide! - Ralph Kendrick, Contemporary Music Lead

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

LCR will hold our annual "Blessing of the Animals" on **Sunday, October 5th at 1:00 pm.** 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**



# **BLOOD DRIVE**

#### **Marion Lutheran Churches**

Tuesday, October 21 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Fellowship Hall** 3500 29th Ave

To book an appointment, please contact Christy Pratt at parishnurse@faithlutheran.org or Bob Wolter at hawk4vr@gmail.com.



Group Code: 2389 Last Date to Donate Elsewhere: 08/26/25





#### LCR Raised Bed Garden



ONE TON GOAL in sight! As of 9/23, our Marion Food Pantry donation has **exceeded 1,800 pounds**. There will be vegetables to harvest until it freezes. Thanks to several members who have brought their excess garden produce as a contribution to our efforts.

Watch for worker needs when we put the garden to bed for winter. We'll need workers to: remove all plant material, drain the water barrels, do some fencing, haul and spread compost to top off existing raised beds, add peat to existing beds, build and fill four new raised beds, and add wood chips as needed for weed control. We anticipate doing this in the last half of October. Stay tuned...



#### **Socks & Undies Drive**

We are collecting new packages of student-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'

Deadline is <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 12th</u>. Thank you for all the ways you support those in need!



#### **Decorate a Trunk or Donate Candy!**

Help us welcome our neighborhood kids by <u>decorating & hosting your trunk</u> in the spookiest way possible (Sunday, October 26th) OR by <u>donating a bag of candy</u> to feed the CANDY MONSTER!!! Thanks so much for taking part in this silly and fun season.



#### **Sep & Oct Mission Envelopes**

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



# Wednesday Night Live and Sunday School are BACK!

We started off the year with two weeks of fun in each program, our WNL kids returned to the Wednesday worship for a great message from Pastor Nate, and our SS kids started their unit about Queen Esther.















# LCR WEDNESDAY YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUN NIGHT AT BASS FAMILY FARMS

Wednesday, October 8 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Come during your program time, or for any portion of the evening! WNL - 6:00 pm; Confirmation - 7:15 pm EDGE - 7:30 pm

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Students should come directly to Bass Family Farms (near Mt. Vernon).

Families welcome; children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and younger

must be accompanied by <u>an adult</u>.



# **ADULT DISCIPLESHIP**

#### Women Of the New Testament: Rediscovering their voices

St. Luke may have been dripping with irony when he told 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 meets in the conference room on **Sundays from 9:40 - 10:30 am**.



#### **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

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



#### **Resurrection Small Groups**

Mary Kay Pinckney - women's group; Sunday, October 19th at 6:30 pm; Cedar Rapids home

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

<u>Dan Tegtmeier</u> - mixed group; **first Monday evening of each month;** meets at group members' homes

Email Dan: dtegtmeier(at)iowanorthern.com

Donna Dennis - mixed group; 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm; conference room

Email Donna: donnakdennis88(at)gmail.com

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; first Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm; conference room

Email Lareen: clgull57(at)yahoo.com

JAM Study Group - women's group; 2nd Monday of each month; conference room

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

# New Member Conversations

Come and visit with
Pastor Jeff about
membership at
Resurrection on
Sunday, Oct. 26th
OR
Sunday, Nov. 2nd
Please let the
church office know

you plan to attend:

office@lcrmarion.org or call: 319-377-4689

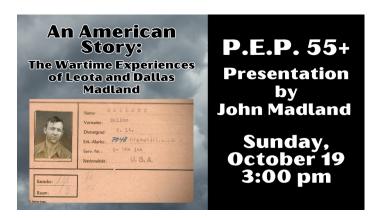


Coming in November >





# **FELLOWSHIP**



#### PEP 55+ An American Story

On **Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 pm,** John Madland will share "An American Story - The Wartime Experiences of Leota & Dallas Madland." John's dad was a B-24 pilot who was shot down over Germany on August 4, 1944. He was a Nazi POW for about 9 months prior to the end of the war in Europe. The presentation covers his father's training, combat, and POW experiences. Beverages and light refreshments will be provided.

#### **LCR Book Club**

We'll meet on **Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 pm** to discuss "James" by Percival Everett, an action-packed re-imagining of 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,' both harrowing and funny, told from enslaved Jim's point of view. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com

#### **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)imonmail.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



#### Chili & Cinnamon Roll Brunch

Bring your best chili and or cinnamon rolls to share for our annual fall brunch. Please sign up in advance at lcrmarion.org, and then think you who could invite to this delicious get-together :-) At 12:15, Dr. Grace Wolf-Chase will share a few parting thoughts about God and the universe.

#### Gatherings @ LCR

'Gatherings' is a place and time to hear and share stories and connect with others in our community. We have fascinating conversations on a different topic every time. Join us 2nd & 4th Fridays from noon to 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome and beverages and light snacks are offered. Email Tom with questions:

lillevig(at)outlook.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 and non-members are always welcome.

#### **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

# CONFIRMATION

In October, Confirmation students will be diving in to the **Ten Commandments**. As we work our way through the Commandments, we'll have the kids talk with parents and guardians about faith in their own families.

#### Commandments 1, 2, 3

Family Focus:

Discuss how you keep God first in your family

#### Commandments 4, 5, 6, 7

Family Focus:

Talk about honoring parents and respecting others

#### Commandments 8, 9, 10

Family Focus:

Practice speaking kindly about others



~ see page 4 for details ~



# 7TH-12TH GRADE

#### **Sunday Fellowship**

9:40-10:25 am in the YAC

7th to 12th graders gather **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 meetings.

# **EDGE YOUTH**

We've had a great start to our programming year at EDGE! On Wednesdays, doors to the Y.A.C. are open to all high schoolers at 7:00 PM to gather to do homework, play games, or hang out. A meal is always served and fun and fellowship follows beginning at 7:30 PM. Closing prayer and weekly prizes conclude the evenings at 9:00 PM.

10/1 - Bonfire Night

10/8 - NO EDGE ONSITE | Join us at Bass Farms! Cost \$8

10/15 - Drumming Circle

10/19 - EDGE Movie Night! Bring a snack and enjoy "Wicked: Part 1" with your friends!

10/22 - Bonfire Night

10/29 - EDGE Halloween Party

10/31 - 11/2 - ELCA Youth Gathering Expedition (open to 8th-12th grades)



#### **ELCA YOUTH GATHERING EXPEDITION**

8th - 12th Grade Students

October 31 - November 2, 2025

Elkhorn, Wisconsin - Lutherdale Bible Camp - \$200 cost

Please contact Hannah (Youth@LCRMarion.org) to register by 10/15

Join us as we put our Faith in Motion at Camp Lutherdale in Elkhorn, Wisconsin! The ELCA Youth Gathering Expedition is a unique opportunity to spend time with one another and other ELCA youth groups from across the nation! Throughout the weekend, youth will explore where God might be calling them and form lasting bonds with those around them.

**Total cost is \$200.** \$25 is due to LCR to cover the cost of transportation and Friday's dinner/Sunday's lunch. \$175 is the cost to stay at Camp Lutherdale for the weekend of October 31st to November 2nd. Meals, beds, transportation, fun, and joy are provided!

Contact Hannah for the link to register or with questions. Registration deadline is October 15 and spaces are limited. <a href="mailto:youth(at)|crmarion.org">youth(at)|crmarion.org</a>



# **PRAYERS**

Those hospitalized recently: Wally Lechtenberg

#### Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Bernadean Spilde, Clark Gull, Betty & Gary Young, Betty Bendixen, Eloise Heppler

(family and friends) Melody Yost, Julie Biddle, Kim Richardson, Lynn Burrell, Tom St. John, Rodney St. John, Darrell Ketelsen, Bob Sierp, friend Cindy, Donna Condry, Tim Pefferman, Tim Zrudsky

#### 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 living in care facilities:

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

#### Those who mourn:

Kelly Fischer & family on the death of her mother, Mary Jane Wilkey, on 9/19

#### Those in military service:

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.



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# **STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Treasurer's Report for August 2025**

	<u>August</u>	Year to Date	One Year Ago
Receipts	\$ 52 <b>,</b> 176	\$688,259	\$606,535
Expenditures	\$ 66,831	\$589,048	\$529,173
Cash Balances	<u>8/31/25</u>		<u>8/31/24</u>
General Fund	\$155,565		\$151,443
Property Reserve	\$ 80,868		\$ 77,447
Savings	\$365 <b>,</b> 066		\$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

#### **Wee Wisdom**

In September we welcomed our new students. We are working on building our community by completing "All About Me" posters, including family snapshots, and we had a fun family picnic on the 18th. We're also learning about the different areas of our classroom: in the Science Center, we focused on 'Our 5 Senses,' and in the Pretend Center we experienced 'Home Living.'

If you would like to help us add new books to our library, please talk to Michelle, who can order through Scholastic. Alternately, you could purchase us an item or two from our Amazon Wish List. >> Thanks so much for your ongoing support of Wee Wisdom Preschool!



# **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

The Council met on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. July Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved. (There was no August Council meeting.)

**Treasurer:** August finished 5k below budget, but year-to-date we're ~110k favorable compared to budget.

**Pastor Jeff:** Staff updates - Fully staffed heading into fall. Fall Stewardship campaign coming up - 'Ignite: Setting Hearts on Fire.' Congregation growth - Worshiped 320 between both services Sunday 9/14.

**Pastor Nate:** Junior High program - Jessi has program underway. Confirmation - Will increase to one hour time slot to accommodate fellowship and curriculum.

**Outreach:** We organized the final Car Cruise-In; are planning the chili & cinnamon rolls for Fall Speaker Sunday; and will kick off Candy Bar Bingo in early November.

**Property:** Parking lot sealing is complete. A few smaller projects may carry over into 2026.

**Wee Wisdom:** School year off to a good start with 18 children enrolled.

**Social Concerns:** Upcoming projects include the Marion Cares Socks & Underwear Drive and the MISD Holiday Giving Project.

**Living Legacy:** We are working on logistics for our 2025 fall speaker, and planning a marketing campaign for later in the fall.

Old Business: Long Range Planning Committee Update - Using LCR's mission of 'Welcome, Connect, and Send,' the committee has been working to formulate a strategic research-backed, long-term plan for projects to support our current church and future growth.

**New Business:** Council terms - Several council terms are coming to an end in December; council members will let the nominating committee know if they plan to serve again.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 21, 2025 Agenda items should be submitted by 10/13/25. Print copies of council minutes and treasurers' reports are available in the church office binder. LUTHERAN CHURCH of the RESURRECTION 3500 - 29TH AVENUE MARION IA 52302

(address service requested)





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PEP: An American Story > Oct. 19



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### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

#### AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	GHILDREN'S	FIRST COMMUNION
SCHOOL	LIVE	CHOIR	CLASSES
PRB-K - 6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE	4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> GRADE	3 <sup>80</sup> - 6 <sup>16</sup> GRADE	4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
Sundays, 9:40 - 10:25 am	Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pn	Meeting Time TBD	Meets 2-3 Sundays During Lent
MIDDLE SCHOOL  ACTIVITIES  6 <sup>TH</sup> - 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE  Monthly on Sundays	CONFIRMATION CLASSES 7 <sup>33</sup> - 8 <sup>74</sup> GRADE Wednesdays at 7:15 pm	7 <sup>TH</sup> - 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 7 <sup>TH</sup> - 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE Sundays, 9:40 - 10:25 am	EDGE HIGH SCHOOL GROUP 9''' - 12''' GRADE Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

**REGISTER NOW!** 

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