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Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you.
Matthew 28.7

On your mark, get set, GO!

On Sunday April 5th we will gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and savior. The sanctuary will be filled with the shouts of "Alleluia," the music will be triumphant, and the cupcakes (thank you Madelyn) will be delicious. In some ways Easter feels as if it is the final act in the play. All is well! Christ is Risen. Death has lost its sting. Alleluia!

And of course, the resurrection is at the heart of our proclamation. It is 'the' moment in which sin, death and the devil are put on notice that God will not allow anything to separate us from his love. And yet, the Gospel from St. Matthew reminds us that Easter is not really the end, but only the beginning of a lifelong journey with the risen Lord. Look carefully at the scripture above, the angel gives no time for dilly dallying at the tomb; but instead offers an imperative - Go! "Go quickly and tell his disciples! "He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.'

This I think is an important part of the Easter message. Jesus is always ahead of us. Jesus is to be seen most clearly not in some memorial to an empty tomb; but in our going out to tell, proclaim, teach and heal in his name. Easter Sunday will be glorious. I look forward to seeing all of you as we worship and give praise for what God has done. Nevertheless, Jesus doesn't command that we gather at the tomb, but that we go to our own Galilee. That is, we go home, we go to work, we go to school, we continue to do the things we have always done; but this time we do them with the promise that Jesus is there with us, ahead of us, encouraging us to let the good news flow through us into the world.

And it is in our everyday lives that we are told we will see HIM. We'll spend some time at the tomb on Easter, then let's go and be the church together.

Peace! Pastor Jeff

Please join us for
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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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>

Membership at LCR - Sign up today!

Please join us for two opportunities to consider becoming a Member of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. As a member of the congregation you help LCR continue it's mission to "Welcome, Connect, and Serve" while committing to grow in faith. You need only attend one of our gatherings: Sunday April 19th at Noon in the Sanctuary or Sunday April 26th at Noon in the Sanctuary. Please sign up for either session at lcrmarion.org or by calling the church office. Feel free to contact Pastor Jeff if you need some alternative dates.

How Goes the Battle?

When I was a teenager I went to the doctor for a routine physical. As I sat on the examining table, the doctor asked, "How goes the battle?" Though this was many years ago, the question stuck with me... At times, life can seem like a battle.

This spring we will begin singing a new song in the Contemporary Worship service called 'You've Already Won.' Here is the chorus:

*I'm fighting a battle, You've already won
No matter what comes my way, I will overcome
Don't know what You're doing, but I know what you've done
I'm fighting a battle, you've already won*

In John 16:33 Jesus says, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." In other words, we shouldn't be surprised when battles come our way.

Romans 8 promises us that Christ is at the right hand of God, interceding for us and that no trial shall separate us from the love of Christ. Through Christ's love, we are more than conquerors, capable of overcoming any battle through His strength.

As believers, we can find peace and rest in the promise found in Matthew 11, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

The answer to the question, 'How goes the battle?' Depends on how the battle is being fought... in our own strength or on our knees. - *Ralph Kendrick, Contemporary Band & Children's Choir Director*

MINISTRY

MORE Mission of Hope Meals!

This year LCR is expanding the number of meals we provide to Mission of Hope from every other month to EVERY month. You can help! Sign up at LCRMari-on.org (or scan the QR code >>) to donate foods like ground beef, canned baked beans, onions, etc. You may also donate monetarily - please mark your gift "Mission of Hope Meal."



Camp Ewalu Spring Work Day

Join volunteers, families, and church groups on **Saturday, May 2nd** to help Ewalu get ready for the summer season. Projects are available for all skill levels, including: setting up villages, cleaning cabins, splitting wood, trail maintenance, and planting the camp garden. You can also take time to meet staff and explore the camp. Let us know you're coming for Work Day by contacting Diane Parker at 563-933-4700 or office@ewalu.org.

Saturday volunteers may also take advantage of free overnight lodging on **Friday, May 1st**; tell Diane when you RSVP. If you can't attend on this particular weekend, you can volunteer at other times by contacting Paul Frantsen at 563-933-4700 or property@ewalu.org

SCHEDULE for Saturday, May 2:

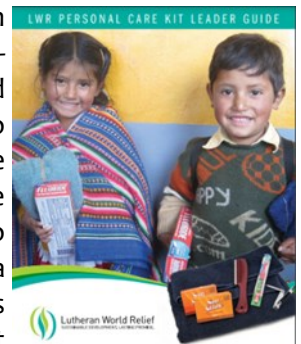
8 am Sign-in & Breakfast | 9 am Work Projects |
12 pm Lunch | 1 pm Work Projects | 4 pm Departure



During March, we collected towels, bars of soap, and toothbrushes for Lutheran World Relief 'personal care kits.' Last year, we were able to assemble over 300 care kits! This year, we will have a church-wide assembly event on **Sunday, April 12, between worship services**. Come and help us assemble kits!!

Lutheran World Relief - Health Kits make a big impact!

For 80 years, Lutheran World Relief has reached our neighbors in need around the globe. Often Health Kits are the first gift given to refugees who have been displaced by war and natural disasters. This past year, in a significant expansion of that legacy, LWR health kits now also reach our neighbors right in our own backyards. When disasters strike - from hurricanes in the Southeast and wild fires in the West, to floods in Texas - your love given through LWR Kits is the first to arrive. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our LWR Health Kits project - you bring hope at home and across the globe!



March & April Mission Envelopes

...will benefit **Matthew 25**, in Cedar Rapids, an organization that builds thriving communities by focusing on healthy food, quality housing, and educational opportunities for all ages. Find out more at - <https://www.matthew-25.org/>

Save the Date...

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build day is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 30th**. Besides build volunteers, we'll also be looking for a crew to serve lunch.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

Sunday School

April 5th NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Easter)
April 12th Sunday School
April 19th Sunday School
April 26th Sunday School

Wednesday Night Live

April 1st NO WNL (Holy Week)
April 8th Regular WNL
April 15th Regular WNL
April 22nd Regular WNL

REGISTER NOW!

Vacation Bible School July 7th -10th

Students registering for VBS must be entering Pre-K-1st Grade in Fall of 2026 and must be potty-trained

Elementary Day Camp August 3rd -7th

Students registering for Day Camp must be entering 1st-5th Grade in Fall of 2026

Register online at
www.lcrmarion.org/ministries/youthministry

CHECK IT OUT!

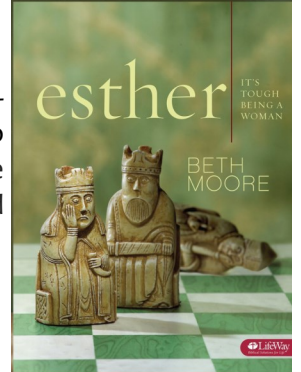
Our 1st-6th grade Sunday School students have been working on a 4 week long project doing a visual re-telling of the events of Holy Week. Check out their displays in the education hall!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

“Esther - It's Tough Being a Woman”

For our Lenten Discipline, LCR women are undertaking Beth Moore's study of Esther. It is a 10-week study that walks us through the Old Testament Book of Esther. It includes a 1-hour video of Beth's teaching and homework. This study is led by Kelly Frohner and Heather Grice. We meet in the YAC on **Tuesdays through April 7th**. Morning sessions are from **9:00-10:30 am** and the evening option is from **6:30 - 8:00 pm**.



Matthew - a Gospel for the Church

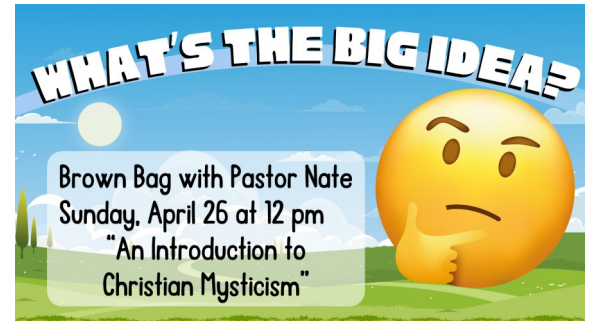
The Gospel of Matthew is placed first in the New Testament not because it was written first, but because of the importance given to this Gospel in the life of the church. Within this Gospel we have the Sermon on the mount and a clear call to think of the ethical considerations of being connected to Jesus. Join us each Sunday as we walk with Matthew and explore the impact this Gospel still has on Christians today. We'll meet between services 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

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, March 15th at 6:30 pm**; Mary Kay's CR home

Email - [mkpink6\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:mkpink6@gmail.com); "Grace: A Bible Study on Ephesians for Women" by Keri Folmar

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

Email Donna: [donnakdennis88\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:donnakdennis88@gmail.com)

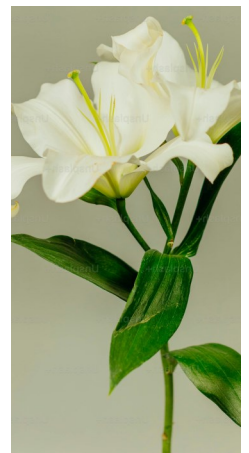
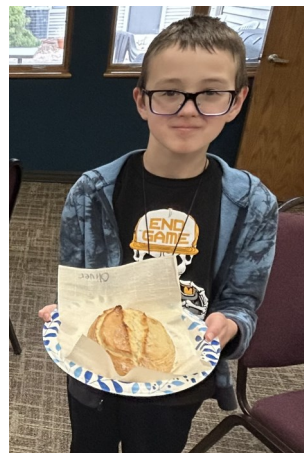
Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; **first Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm**

Email Laren: [clgull57\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:clgull57@yahoo.com) | conference room

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

Email Linda: [lhayward495\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:lhayward495@yahoo.com); "Christianity and World Religions" by Adam Hamilton

Some of our First Communion students >>



FELLOWSHIP

PEP 55+ Hootenanny!

Please join us on **Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 pm** for an old fashioned Hootenanny, more recently called a sing-along. Songs from the 50s, 60s, and 70s will be featured, along with some old-time religion tunes. Our host will be Jean Hammill. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors; light refreshments will be offered.



LCR Book Club

We'll meet on **Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30 pm** to discuss "Furious Hours" by Casey Cep, the stunning story of an Alabama serial killer and the true crime book that Harper Lee worked on obsessively in the years after "To Kill a Mockingbird." 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 you haven't painted before, contact Evelyn:

ebeck(at)imonmail.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.

Candy Bar Bingo

Free for all ages; invite friends and neighbors, too! We'll meet in the fellowship hall on **Sun, April 12th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.**



Knitters & Crocheters

Knitters, crocheters, or any kind of needleworkers are welcome to join us on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm, resuming April 9th.** We have extra yarn to share, plus knitting needles and crochet hooks if you need them. Never knitted or crocheted before? We are happy to teach you! Contact Pam for details.

PamKacena(at)yahoo.com

Wood Carvers

Wood carving is great past-time, even if you've never tried it before. We meet weekly on **Thursdays at 6:00 pm.** Come when you can and we'll show you how it's done. Contact John if you have any questions:

john1400(at)q.com

Scrapbooking @ LCR

Bring your photos, tools, and albums and join us for a day of creativity from **9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, April 25th.** You can stay all day or just for an hour or so. We'll meet in the fellowship hall and share a lunch meal; contact Donna Dennis for further info. Other creatives are very welcome to join us.

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 different topics every time. Join us **Friday, April 10th and 24th from noon to 1:00 pm.** Everyone is welcome and beverages and light snacks are offered. Email Mary with questions:

jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com

Walking Group

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

CONFIRMATION

Faith Statement Tips for Parents

Toward the end of the 8th grade year, your confirmation student will be asked to write a brief statement of faith. You can help them by...

- exploring what they believe about God, Jesus, and the church
- sharing your personal experiences of faith
- helping to choose a bible verse that reflects your student's relationship with God
- Keep it authentic and from the heart!

Confirmation Service will be 5/24/26 at 8:30 am

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.

ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

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



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE STARTING MARCH 1 AT LCRMARION.ORG DUE APRIL 15



Applications are now available for the **2026 Biderman Scholarships**, for graduating high school seniors enrolling at accredited colleges. **Applications should be submitted by April 15, 2026.** Direct any questions to the Living Legacy Fund: trustfund@lcrmarion.org



EDGE YOUTH

In March, EDGE focused on our own identities: How we see ourselves, how we feel others see us, and discussed how God sees us in both our troubles and successes. Students spent time in devotional self-reflection and made recycled magazine collages which represented their own life stories and interests. High schoolers also gathered in fellowship to watch movies and play games both during Sunday School and the 3rd Sunday Gathering. As we enter the Easter season, we will focus on Jesus' love for all people and discuss ways to live our lives in service to one another and our wider communities. *(collage-making below)*



We are especially grateful to all of those who supported the Palm Sunday Breakfast Mission Trip Fund-raiser!! With your help, we will be able to cover fuel costs, meals, and fun excursions after long days of service to others in Louisville. Thank you for your donations and prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, 4/1 | EDGE Holy Week Service

Wednesday, 4/8 | EDGE

Wednesday, 4/15 | EDGE

Sunday, 4/18 | 3rd Sunday Fellowship in the YAC | 4 PM

Wednesday, 4/22 | EDGE Earth Day Service Project

Wednesday, 4/29 | EDGE

All high schoolers are invited to join us on **Sunday** mornings for Youth Fellowship from **9:40-10:25 AM** or on **Wednesday** evenings for EDGE programming from **7:30-9:00 PM**. Doors open for a meal at **7:00 PM** on **Wednesdays**.

If you would like to receive regular high school ministry email updates, register for EDGE here:

<https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry.html>

PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently:

Harriet Van Gilder, Mary Huntington

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Erv Oltmanns, Eloise Heppler, Gary Young, Peggy Downey, Judi Conrad, Larry Edwards, Pam Couser

(family and friends) Mike Peterman, Will & Ken Springer, Connie Cottingham

Those living in care facilities:

Bernadean Spilde (Closer Care), Larry Wogahn (The Views), Mary Durspek, Marge Dryden (Terrace Glen), Everett & Georgia Lehrman (GL)

Those who mourn:

Roger Carlson and family on the death of his brother, Darrell Carlson, in Red Oak IA
Barb & Ed Ohl on the death of their brother-in-law, Pastor Robert Edwards, in Story City IA

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.



New Beginnings *a group for those who have lost their spouse*

Please contact Bob Wolter or the church office to sign up

A New Opportunity to Expand Your Circle of Friends

As a widower I soon became aware of how many men in our congregation are also in the same position. The loneliness that comes with losing a spouse can be hard to overcome. It seemed to me that we needed an organization that could bring us together and help us enjoy each other's company. As I started putting the idea together I mentioned this to several widows in our congregation and their enthusiastic answer was: 'When do we start? Let us know.' With this positive feedback it grew to be an organization of both men and women before the idea even got off the ground!

I see this group meeting at least once a month with the agenda for each meeting wide open. It could be eating out, playing games, picnics, going to plays, or whatever. Activities would be both afternoon and evenings. The name of the group would be New Beginnings.

Let me know if you are interested. You can contact me by email at [hawk4vr\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:hawk4vr@gmail.com).

I am going to need a lot of help to run this group. Let me know if you will be part of the team. - Bob Wolter



STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for February 2026

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
Receipts	\$ 96,279	\$211,847	\$207,647
Expenditures	\$ 87,854	\$173,017	\$148,386
Cash Balances	2/28/2026		2/28/2025
General Fund	\$182,008		\$218,867
Property Reserve	\$ 80,868		\$ 80,780
Savings	\$370,719		\$258,649

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

Digital Giving

* **Simply Giving** - Join 86 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



In March we focused on farms and the important role they play in our community. Following spring break, our classes celebrated the season of spring and learned the Easter story. We'll start April with our annual Easter Egg Hunts! We're now accepting students for the fall. Please let your friends know - we would love to set up some tours. You can share our website with them -

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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

The Council met on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. February treasurer and secretary reports were approved.

Treasurer: February finished ~35k favorable YTD due to expenses below budget and income over budget. New furnace expenses will show up on March report.

Pastor Jeff: New sanctuary speakers to be installed Monday, March 23rd. Lenten collections up to \$1,400, with that amount matched by Living Legacy. Holy Week coming up with many activities and worship opportunities.

Outreach: Next Bingo April 12. Car Cruise-Ins starting in April. Sunday School pancake breakfast will be May 3rd.

Old Business: *Site Master Plan Update* - Core Group had their first meeting. Small groups will begin meeting soon, with opportunities for all voices to offer input. *New Council Member Assignments* - Heather Grice Governance; John M. - Property; Ken T. - Treasurer/Stewardship. *Synod Assembly* - John Madland and Heather Grice will attend as congregational reps.

New Business: *Scouts Checking Account* - Motion passes to approve opening a checking account for the Scout Troop in LCR's name.

Next meeting: *Tuesday, April 21, 2026*
Agenda items should be submitted by 4/13/26. Print copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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AT LCR

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
TRADITIONAL MUSIC: 8:00 + 9:30 AM
CONTEMPORARY MUSIC: 11:00 AM

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**NEW MEMBER
SESSIONS**

SUNDAYS, APRIL 19 OR APRIL 26
AT 12:00 PM (ATTEND ONE SESSION)

easter cupcakes
by Madelyn Olson



Maundy Thursday April 2	Good Friday April 3	Holy Saturday April 4	EASTER SUNDAY April 5
Maundy Thursday Worship with First Communion 7:00 pm	Prayer Vigil Open Sanctuary 12 -3:00 pm	Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt 9-10:30 am	Traditional Worship 8:00 am and 9:30 am
	 Good Friday Worship 7:00 pm		Contemporary Worship 11:00 am

**EASTER EGG
SCAVENGER
HUNT!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
9 - 10:30 AM
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