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*“So that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.”*

*1 Thessalonians 1.7*

## Lead by example!

In the Christian year there are certain days that are set aside for the faithful to remember those who have gone before us: Saints, martyrs, teachers, missionaries, preachers etc... On June 9th we are called to remember, “Columba, 597 AD (died); Aidan, 651 AD (died); and Bede, 735 AD (died) - renewers of the church. These three men lived in the British Isles, during tumultuous times. While all three had a remarkable impact on the church, it is Aidan that always comes first to my mind.

A fellow monk returned from a missionary expedition in Northern England, where he had made no progress in bringing people to the faith. He insisted that the people there were “a savage and unteachable race.” Aidan responded: “Perhaps you were too harsh with them, and they might have responded better to a gentler approach.” Apparently, such insight resulted in himself being the next to be sent!

But here’s the difference, Aidan was known for his kindness and gentleness. He was known to lead by example, being generous with that which he possessed and being quick to walk with those who did not know the Gospel and to encourage those who did. He was not one to flaunt his many talents but used them for the greater good. And it was by example that the faith found a fertile and lasting place in the lives of those who others believed to be ‘a savage and unteachable race.’

We too live in tumultuous times, and I think it would be too easy to dismiss those with whom we disagree as ‘savage and unteachable.’ It seems to me that we could learn from Aidan, to be gentle and kind. To be generous and willing to walk with both those with whom we agree and those we don’t. That we too can become renewers of the church by modeling a faith that flows from minds that are set firmly on Jesus, through hearts that are full of compassion, into actions that speak louder than words ever can.

Never underestimate how God might use you to bring faith, hope and love in the world. You too are a ‘renewer of the church!”

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 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](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](mailto: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>

## This Little Light of Mine...

"Excuse me sir, will it bother you if we use this piano right next to you?" I asked.

"Actually, it will," the man responded grouchy.

I had just arrived with the LCR Children's Choir at the Hiawatha Care Center and noticed that the piano was placed very near to the tables where the residents were eating. I asked the ladies at the next table if we could move the piano next to them, and they happily agreed.

A few songs into the program, I noticed that the formerly grouchy man had turned his chair completely around so he could see the kids joyously singing. After the program, he raised his voice to encourage the group. "That was really great! How old are you all, how long have you been singing?" A few of the children accompanied me as we went over to his table. We learned a little bit about his story and about the other residents who were sitting with him. A few students started playing the piano and the mood of the entire dinner became jubilant as we made our way from table to table.

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus told the crowd, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven." On May 9th, the children's choir let the light of God shine, and the darkness did not overcome it. In fact, the darkness was won over by God's light.

God has given each of His followers a light.

As the old Sunday school song says, "let it shine, let it shine, let it shine."

- Ralph Kendrick, Contemporary Band & Children's Choir Director



# MINISTRY

## Habitat for Humanity Work Day

LCR will be one of area churches to work on a Habitat for Humanity Home this summer on **Tuesday, June 30th**. Materials and tools will be provided for the day and lunch provided at noon. Experienced crew leaders will guide you in your tasks throughout the day. If you're not handy with tools, you can assist with the lunch! Please sign up so we know how many to expect: Marlin Oeltjen | marlino1943(at)gmail.com



## Blood Drive - Thursday, June 18th

Help save lives in our community! Choose your appointment time by contacting Bob Wolter, on our website, or at link on the June calendar page.

## 'Start School Right' Shoe Drive

We are collecting monetary donations in support of the Start School Right Shoe Drive. Marion Independent School District uses the donated funds to purchase sturdy athletic shoes for students in need. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation, "Shoe Drive."

## Mission of Hope Meals - every month

We'd love to have your help. Sign up at LCRMari-on.org to donate staple foods like ground beef, canned baked beans, onions, etc. You may also donate monetarily - please mark your gift "Mission of Hope Meal."

## May & June Mission Envelopes

...will benefit the **Community Health Free Clinic**, which provides free medical, dental, vision, and prescription services for our neighbors in need.

<https://www.communityhfc.org/>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**SIGN UP TO HELP AT**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD Nights**  
**@LCRMARION.ORG**



Donations of hot dogs, individual bags of chips, soda, bottled water and kids drinks also appreciated!

## Neighborhood Nights needs you!

Our first Neighborhood Nights event takes place on **Saturday, June 27th**. Will you donate your time on the 27th for this fun community ministry? Sign up >>



We're also asking for donations of hot dogs, single-serve bags of chips, and/or cans of pop.

Hot dog donations go into the kitchen freezer; chips and soda can be dropped off in the office.

No time to shop? Donate to LCR to help offset our costs (mark 'NN' as the memo). *Thank you for your generosity as we serve our neighbors!*

## Gardeners & Landscapers Needed

Will you help with the LCR Garden this growing season? Last year we provided over ONE TON of fresh produce to The Churches of Marion Food Pantry! Many thanks to everyone who helped last year. We need volunteers for both the **landscaping team** and the **garden team** throughout the summer and early fall. There are numerous ways to help!

## Car Cruise Volunteers needed

Our Cruise-Ins are held on the second Thursdays of each month. Volunteers should come at 4:30 pm to help with set-up. Then you can help serve and clean up / tear down, typically by 6:30 pm. If you'd like to help at a Car Cruise, here is the link to sign up -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-63440684-carcruisein/>

**save the date for VBS!**

**V**olunteers

**B**ring

**S**uccess

**We need  
YOU!**

VBS and Day Camp need your help! Mark these dates in your calendar and reach out to Jessi ASAP to get on the volunteer list so we can begin planning!

**VBS for PK-1<sup>st</sup> Grade**    **Day Camp for 1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>**  
**July 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>**                      **Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>**

contact jessi lau via email at [childrens@lcrmarion.org](mailto:childrens@lcrmarion.org)

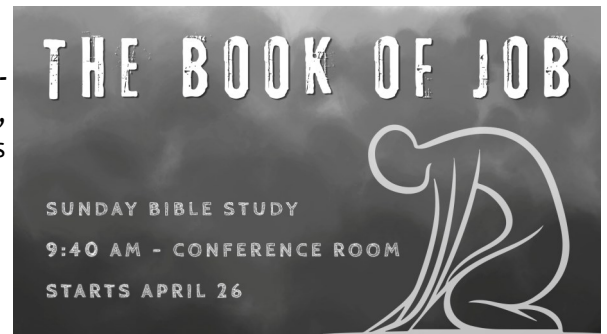
# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## Book of Job

Pastor Nate is leading us in a study of the Book of Job **between services on Sunday mornings**. Job is tested through extreme suffering, including the loss of his wealth, children, and health, yet he maintains his piety.

## Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

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



## 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 - *New people are welcome at any of our groups!*

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

Email Linda: lhayward495(at)yahoo.com; "Christianity and World Religions" by Adam Hamilton

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

Email Lareen: clgull57(at)yahoo.com | conference room

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

Email Donna: donnakdennis88(at)gmail.com

Mary Kay Pinckney - women's group; **NEW day, time, location - TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH at 2:00 PM; church lounge**

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

Paving the  
Path Forward  
Planning for the future at LCR



At our in-person gatherings, you have a chance to tell us what you love about LCR, what might make the LCR experience even better, and how the functionality of our space can make our dreams for the future of this ministry a reality. (see calendar for online option)

**Music input:** Wednesday, June 3 @ 7:30 pm

**A/V Tech input:** Thursday, June 4 @ 7:30 pm

**Adult Ed input:** Sunday, June 7 @ 9:30 am

**Welcome/Hospitality input:** Sun, June 7 @ 12:00 pm

## Mission of Hope Lunch



## BOTTLED WATER DONATIONS FOR LCR'S FREE WATER PANTRY

Help keep our neighbors hydrated!  
Drop off water at the church office.



# FELLOWSHIP

## Fathers Day Activity

Make the most awesome BBQ seasoning ever for your dad, your grandpa, or yourself at this creative culinary opportunity **between services on Sunday, June 21st.**



## Car Cruise-in

Come see awesome classic vehicles on **Thursday, June 11th, starting at 5:00 pm.** This is a free activity for all ages so invite friends and neighbors, too! There will be pizza, beverages, and snacks for sale.

## LCR Book Club

We'll meet on **Tuesday, June 9th at 6:30 pm** to discuss "Lone Wolf" by Jodi Picoult.

*On an icy winter night, a terrible accident forces a divided family to come together and make a fateful decision. With conflicting motivations and emotions, what will this family decide?*

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

## Knitters & Crocheters

Knitters, crocheters, or any kind of needleworkers are welcome to join us on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm.** 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



## Honoring America Concert June 28th @ 4:30 pm

Congregation members who like to sing - please consider joining the LCR Choir for a celebration of our nation's 250th birthday. Along with a chamber orchestra, we'll be singing patriotic favorites including 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic' and 'America the Beautiful.' You don't have to be a choir 'regular' to sing with us for this celebration! We'll be rehearsing on **Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM** in the sanctuary, starting **June 3rd**; rehearsals last only one hour. If you love to sing, we'd love for you to join us!! Let's 'fill the loft' for this celebration!

## 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. Contact - marlino1943(at)gmail.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

## 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! juliegilmores26(at)gmail.com

## Gatherings @ LCR

We're going on hiatus for the summer. Please join us again on Friday, September 11th.

# SUMMER @ LCR

# EDGE YOUTH

## Flat Jesus

*from LCR to anywhere!*

The best way to remember that Jesus is always with you is to actually take him with you! Join us on June 7th to make your own flat Jesus, or download one below. We will be sharing our flat Jesus adventures in the gathering space all summer long!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, June 14 at 7 pm

6th - 8th Grade Students

**SAVE THE DATE**

## POOL PARTY!

Friday, July 17  
Marion Pool @ Willowood Park  
7:15-8:45 PM

Everyone is Welcome!  
Students 6th grade and younger  
must be accompanied by an adult



We've had a wonderful academic year at EDGE! Each Wednesday evening, students gathered with curious minds and open hearts ready to grow in Christ together. We've seen our youth grow in faith through worship, fellowship, games, service, and meaningful conversations. As we look ahead to the coming year, we are excited for new friendships, new opportunities to serve, and continued spiritual growth together. Thank you to our volunteers, families, and church community for your support in creating a welcoming place where young people can belong, believe, and become all God has called them to be.

*High School Families, please stay tuned for text alerts and emails for more information about summer service and fellowship opportunities!*

### End of Year Party

Wednesday, June 3

7-9 PM - Come when you can!

### EDGE Band Gathering & Pizza

Wednesday, June 10th

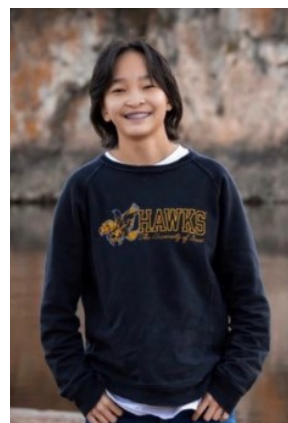
Come at 7 PM

### 🎵 Calling All High School Musicians & Singers! 🎵

Do you sing, play an instrument, or have a love for music? We're starting a **new youth church band**, and YOU are invited! All skill levels are welcome to join us. Bring your instrument and ability or simply your voice and enthusiasm. This is a place to grow in music, faith, friendship, and creativity together. Come jam, learn, and help build something exciting from the ground up. **Please connect with Hannah, Ralph, or Pastor Nate if you want to learn more. See you in the YAC on Wednesday, June 10th, at 7 PM!**

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

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



**Jenna Butz is our  
2026 Biderman  
Scholarship  
recipient!**

Best wishes to Jenna as she moves on to the University of Iowa.

- Living Legacy Fund

# PRAYERS

## Those hospitalized recently:

Harry Walton, Marilyn Carter, Janice Burns

## Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Jean Hammill, Laurie Stock, Eloise Heppler, Larry Edwards, Peggy Downey, Pam Couser, Erv Oltmanns

(family and friends) Becky & Steve Hajek, Kaylin Marie Carlson, Paula and Mayleena, Amy Thompson, Will Springer, Uncle John, niece Michelle, Azhmore Francik, Duane English, cousin Katie

## Those living in care facilities:

Bernadean Spilde (Garnett Place), Larry Wogahn (The Views), Mary Durspek (Terrace Glen), Everett & Georgia Lehrman (Grand Living)

## Those who mourn:

Betty Young and family on the death of her husband, Gary Young  
Susan Johnson and family on the death of her mother, Trula Ness

**Pastoral Care** - With rules about confidentiality at our hospitals, we will not know that you or your family member is sick or in need unless you contact the church office.

**Please let the office know about prayer needs** or when you wish to have a name removed.

The names of friends and family who are dealing with illness will be listed for 2 months.

## New Beginnings Summer Picnic

Our New Beginnings group is an opportunity for all widows and widowers in our congregation to gather for fun and companionship.

Our **June event** will be a picnic at Taube Park in Marion **Friday the 12th, starting at 4:00 pm**. We'll ask that people bring some food to share, and we're considering what games we could play. Stay tuned to weekly bulletins and the church's website and social media for further details.



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



**NEXT EVENT: Please RSVP at LCRMarion.org**  
**Friday, June 12 - 4:00 pm**  
**Picnic at Taube Park**



In order to get a count of attendees, please RSVP by contacting organizers Bob Wolter or Joan Dutton (or the church office) or by using the following link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-64058483-newbeginnings>



Join alumni and friends of Camp Ewalu for a weekend of events to celebrate the camp's 65th Anniversary and to re-dedicate Cedar Lodge after the renovation project. Save the dates: August 28-30, 2026, at Ewalu's main site. Visit their website <https://ewalu.org/65th-anniversary/> to see the tentative schedule for the weekend, which includes Minnesota singer-songwriter Peter Mayer in an outdoor concert on Friday night. Also part of the weekend: 5K trail run, color run (geared toward kids), alumni group photos, celebration worship, camp activities, coffee-house trivia, and meals. Book your lodging now! Premium and discount options can be found at the link.

# STEWARDSHIP

## Treasurer's Report for April 2026

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
Receipts	\$ 93,642	\$403,084	\$385,857
Expenditures	\$ 73,259	\$344,118	\$288,673
<b><u>Cash Balances</u></b>	<b><u>4/30/2026</u></b>		<b><u>4/30/2025</u></b>
General Fund	\$198,712		\$251,609
Property Reserve	\$ 80,868		\$ 80,780
Savings	\$ 44,327		\$ 43,013
CDs	\$329,777		\$218,442

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



As we wrap up this terrific school year, we just want to thank all of our families - we've loved our time with your kids! In May we learned about nursery rhymes and summer activities. We enjoyed playground carnival fun on our last days and had a great family picnic on the 21st. We have a few spots left on our fall roster, so please mention our program to any of your friends with youngsters, we'd love to have them learn along with us next year!

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

# CHURCH COUNCIL

*Please reach out with questions or concerns.*

The Council met on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. April treasurer and secretary reports were approved.

**Treasurer:** Income running 51k ahead YTD. April income was over budget and expenses under budget. A check was cut to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry that will show up in May report.

**Pastor Jeff:** Children and Youth staff have worked very hard to implement new programming. New toilets have been installed. Volunteer recognition taking place over next 6 months or so. Worship on the Wapsi - Sep. 13th.

**Outreach:** Car Cruise-in coming up on June 11th. LCR Picnic in July, date coming soon.

**Property:** Updated tornado safety area map with designated areas to be labeled.

**Social Concerns:** MISD Shoe Drive is underway.

**Wee Wisdom:** Enrollment is open for '26/'27 school year. We received \$600 from Hy-Vee receipts this year; please continue to turn in receipts for next year.

**Living Legacy:** Pita'z will cater Friday night meal for Fall Speaker event.

**Old Business:** Site Master Plan Update - Core Group attendance has been sparse. Plenty of opportunities for congregation to have their voices heard. Synod Assembly: Bishop Amy Current was reelected.

**New Business:** n/a

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 16, 2026  
Agenda items should be submitted by 6/8/26.  
Print copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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**"Honoring America"**  
*Celebrating Our Nation's 250th Birthday*

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR CONCERT  
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION  
SUNDAY, JUNE 28 AT 4:30 PM

*Join the Choir!*  
REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM,  
STARTING JUNE 3

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**BIGGER**

MARION LUTHERAN CHURCHES BLOOD DRIVE  
Thursday, June 18; 2:00 - 6:00 pm  
Sign up at [LCRMarion.org](http://LCRMarion.org)



**BBQ Seasoning  
Make n' Take  
Workshop**

**Sunday, June 21**



**NEIGHBORHOOD Nights**

**FREE FOOD!**      **FREE FUN!**

JUNE 27 | JULY 25 | AUGUST 29

JOIN US FOR A FREE MEAL, BOUNCE HOUSE FUN, GAMES AND MUSIC STARTING AT 5 PM

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