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“Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’” Mark 8.27

We are about to exit the “dog days of summer.” Spanning from July 3rd to August 11th, the ancients thought the closeness of the star Sirius to the sun at sun rise intensified the summer heat. Sirius is the dog star, in the constellation of *Canis Major*, the big dog; and thus we get those bemoaned “dog days of summer!” Historically these humid hot days tended to be less productive, too hot to get much work done and so they were days for contemplation and less strenuous activities.

Such moments often provide the time we need to form deeper questions. The armchair philosopher can manifest itself as we begin to wonder out loud about any number of things. I rather think it was a hot summer night when Jesus posed the question above as he was preparing to turn toward his passion in Jerusalem. “Who do people say that I am?”

Was this a teaching moment, or did Jesus, being fully human, simply want to know if what he was doing was making a difference. Did people understand his message and have any idea of who he was and what his presence meant? Was he tired, and hot, and feeling a bit philosophical himself? “Who do people say that I am?”

What about you? Who do you say that Jesus is? This is the question for all disciples across the ages, and it is an important one to ponder. As we get ready for Fall, a new school year, an election cycle, a season of harvest and production, this question quick turns to another, how does Jesus impact who I AM. Take a moment and assess what it means to confess that you are a follower of Jesus. Ponder, in these ebbing summer days, who Jesus is and how that impact who you are and what you aspire to become.

Peace, from your fellow Summer Philosopher!
Pastor Jeff

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< Peeking ahead to
September 13th

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>



Next Gen Prepping to Lead Worship on August 30

Mark your calendars, our high schoolers (and one recent grad) will lead worship at the contemporary service on **Sunday, August 30th**.

Members of the ensemble include:

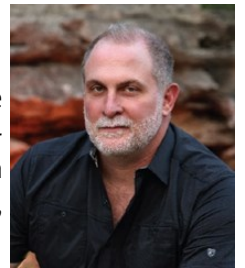
Ellie Fredin, keys / Thomas Fredin, drums / Addie Shaldecker, vocals /
<< Noah Thompson, euphonium / Margaret Tomlinson, vocals /
Elliott Zrudsky, vocals

The group has been hard at work practicing this summer. They will be assisted by Pastor Nate on bass guitar and Ralph Kendrick on acoustic guitar. We are looking forward to having our youth lead us deeper into the presence of our Lord on this special Sunday!

- Ralph Kendrick, Director of Contemporary Band, EDGE Band, and Children's Choir

FALL SPEAKER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR: BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

October 9, 10, 11 - Dr. Robert Raymond Cargill is the Roger A. Hornsby Associate Professor in the Classics at The University of Iowa. He is a scholar of Jewish and biblical studies, archaeologist, author, and digital humanist. His research interests include second temple Judaism, literary criticism of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and New Testament, Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls, Pseudepigrapha and Apocrypha, and issues concerning contemporary politics, science, and religion.



A specialist in public-facing scholarship, you can see him regularly on CNN, History, Discovery, and Nat Geo, where he contributes and consults on shows like Nat Geo's "Writing the Dead Sea Scrolls," CNN's "Finding Jesus" and "Jerusalem: City of Faith and Fury," History's "Bible Secrets Revealed," "Jesus: His Life," "Colosseum," and "Ancient Empires," and most recently Netflix's "Mysteries of the Faith." He is a regular contributor on "History's Greatest Mysteries with Lawrence Fishburne," "The UnXplained with William Shatner," "Mysteries Unearthed with Danny Trejo," and "Holy Marvels with Dennis Quaid," all of which appear on the History Channel. He also served as script consultant and an on-screen contributor for the series "Jesus: Crown of Thorns" streaming on Fox Nation.

MINISTRY



Our Children. Our Families. Our Community.

Thank You! Because of your faithful giving, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection was able to partner with Marion Cares in the "15-for-15 Housing Initiative." LCR donated \$1,000 to help match a \$15,000 grant from the Marion Civil Rights Commission. The money goes to help families with emergency funding to stay in their home. *During the 2025-26 school year, over 100 students in the Marion Independent and Linn Mar school districts experienced homelessness.*

FLY SIGN UP TO
VOLUNTEER



**PACK AND SERVE LUNCHES TO THE
MARION AREA YOUTH DURING SUMMER
VACATION.**

WWW.FLYMARION.ORG

The FLY program is making and delivering lunches to local youth. Volunteers are needed to **prepare and pack lunches** or to **deliver the lunches** to one of the sites. You can sign up for whatever weekdays work for you!

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/532062376019/false#/invitation>



During the month of July Resurrection members and friends donated 25 filled backpacks for local students, and monetary donations enough to fill 31 more backpacks!
Thank you so much.

July & August Mission Envelopes

...benefit the Churches of Marion Food Pantry.

<https://www.facebook.com/marionfoodpantry/>

Help Day Camp
students make
BIRTHDAY
kits
for the
Food Pantry!

**Donate boxes of cake mix
and/or tubs of frosting!
Bring to church on or before
Wednesday, August 5!**



Our day camp students will be making birthday kits for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. We are looking for donations of boxed cake mixes and tubs of frosting. Please bring your donation by Wednesday, August 5.

Neighborhood Nights needs you!

Our Neighborhood Nights event takes place on **Saturday, August 29th.**

- Please donate your time during this evening of fun. Sign up on the website or contact the church office.
- You can also donate cans of pop, bottles of water, juice packs, or single-serve bags of chips.
- Donate monetarily to help offset our costs (mark 'NN' in the memo area).

Thank you for your generosity!

Car Cruise-in Volunteers needed

Our Cruise-Ins are held on the second Thursdays of each month. Volunteers come at 4:30 to set up, then you run the concessions 'til about 6:00 pm.

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

Mission of Hope Meals - every month

We'd love to have your help, or you can donate staple foods in advance. Find out what's needed at LCRMarion.org. You can also donate monetarily; mark your gift "Mission of Hope Meal."

Landscapers & Gardeners needed

Landscaping Team - You can work whenever it fits your schedule! Landscaping contact is Julie Gilmore

LCR Garden - Help harvest on Tuesdays from 7:30 - 8:15 am. Garden contact is Ann Godar.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

Flat Jesus

has been everywhere! check out his adventures!

Registration
for all
childrens &
youth
programs
opens online
on Aug 7th!



SCAN ME

SAVE THE DATE

- Sept 9th – Youth Programs Parent Meeting & Kickoff Party
- Sept 13th – Worship on the Wapsi
- Sept 16th – First Day of WNL
- Sept 20th – First Day of Sunday School



Keep sending your
Flat Jesus Photos to
childrens@lcrmarion.org!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Beyond the Bible:

The Apocryphal Book of Tobit

Sundays at 9:40 am
Conference Room
Starting August 9



Beyond the Bible: the Apocryphal Book of Tobit

Beginning **Sunday, August 9th**, Pastor Nate will lead us in an intriguing study of the Book of Tobit, from the Apocrypha. Join us between services in the conference room.

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

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

Email Lareen: clgull57@yahoo.com | conference room

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

Email Donna: donnakdennis88@gmail.com

Mary Kay Pinckney - women's group; **Wednesday, August 26th at 2:00 pm**; will meet at Mary Kay's home

Email: mkpink6@gmail.com; "Grace: A Bible Study on Ephesians for Women" by Keri Folmar

JAM Study Group - **We are taking a summer break in August and will resume on Monday, September 14th.**

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

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.

LCR Nursery

~ professionally staffed ~

**Sundays during 8:30 and 10:30 services
for children ages 4 and under**



Across from main
hallway bathrooms

Flat Jesus meets a troll in Clinton



New Beginnings Mini-Golf & Dinner

Friday, August 14th - Those who want to play miniature golf should meet up at the Mini Pines golf course, which is part of Twin Pines Golf Club. We'll start playing at **3:30 pm**. Cost for seniors is \$8. We'll gather at **5:00 pm** for dinner at Pines Pizza & Pub. The restaurant is right across 42nd Street from the mini-golf course. Feel free to join us even if you don't take part in the golf. You can RSVP on the church website.

Car Cruise-in

Come see awesome classic vehicles on **Thursday, August 13th, starting at 5:00 pm**. This is a free activity for all ages, so invite friends and neighbors! There will be pizza, beverages, and snacks for sale.

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 - extra date August 7th

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

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! juliegilmore526(at)gmail.com



LCR Book Club

We'll meet on **Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm**.

Our book will be "My Friends" by Fredrick Backman. *Most people don't even notice them - three tiny figures sitting at the end of the long pier in the corner of the most famous painting in the world. Most people think that it is just a depiction of a wide expanse of sea. But Louisa, soon to be eighteen and an aspiring artist herself, knows otherwise. She is determined to find out the story behind these three enigmatic figures.*

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

Wood Carvers

We meet weekly on **Thursdays at 6:00 pm**. Come when you can and work on your current project. If you would like to learn carving, we'll show you how it's done! Contact John if you have any questions:

john1400(at)q.com

Knitters & Crocheters

Join us on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm**. We have yarn and tools to share if you need them. If you haven't knitted or crocheted before, we would be happy to teach you! Contact Pam for details.

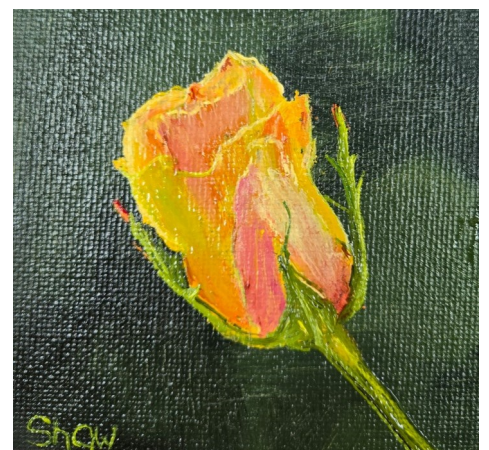
PamKacena(at)yahoo.com

July Anniversaries

Altar flowers were given in July to celebrate the wedding anniversaries of Ron & Bonnie Conrad (60 years) and Larry & Marcia Edwards (61 years). Contact the church office if you would like to commemorate an important event or person in your life with beautiful flowers in our sanctuary.

<< The Marion Pool was packed with Lutherans at our annual July outing.

Woo-hoo!!!



CONFIRMATION

confirmation is a two year program taught by Pastor Nate for students in 7th and 8th grade and covers foundations of the bible and lutheran theology. if you have questions about getting your student involved, please contact childrens@lcrmarion.org.

SAVE THE DATE

- Aug 7th -Registration for all youth programs opens
- Sept 9th -Youth Programs Parent Meeting & Kickoff Party
- Sept 16th -First Day of Confirmation

MIDDLE SCHOOL BEATS & TREATS

Sunday, August 9
12:00 - 2:30 pm

6th - 8th Grade Students

Join us for karaoke, music games & potluck!
(Please bring a snack or treat to share!)

Flat Jesus visited the Space Center in Houston!



EDGE YOUTH

Mission Trip

Our Louisville Service Trip in partnership with Youth-Works was such a success! 9 high school students spent time in service packaging medical supplies, food, cleaning yards, and leading children at day camp. Their hearts were truly focused on the people they served and those blessed by the labor they put in each day. After service-filled days, we spent time in reflection, prayer, and song. Students also had the opportunity to visit the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge, Churchill Downs, the Louisville Slugger Bat Factory, the Troll Under the Bridge Pub, Roots 101 African American Museum, and the final resting place of Muhammed Ali. We are especially grateful to the churches that hosted us during our trip: Beluah Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY and St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Urbana, IL. **Thank you for all of the ways you supported our youth in encouragement, prayer, and donations!**



Neighborhood Nights...

THANK YOU for another fabulous Neighborhood Nights gathering. Despite the heat we served more than 200 people, played yard games, and enjoyed jazz music. This event is only made possible by the generous giving of time, money, and materials. A huge thanks to all of those who donated drinks, chips, deserts, and volunteered during the event. Your generosity is certainly most appreciated by the community members we serve. Mark your calendars for our last NN event on **Saturday, August 29th** from 5-7 PM!



PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently:

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Lynn Eiben, Darlene Hatch, Pam Kacena, Janice Burns, Jean Hammill, Peggy Downey, Eloise Heppler, Larry Edwards, Pam Couser, Harry Walton, Bob Erlandson

(family and friends) Elizabeth Jones, friend Cindy, granddaughter Keely, Amy Thompson

Those living in care facilities:

Mary Durspek (Terrace Glen),
Everett & Georgia Lehrman (Grand Living),
Dennis Possehl (Meth-Wick)

Those who mourn:

Margaret Wogahn on the death of her husband,
Larry Wogahn, on 7/24

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.

LCR Solar Panel Project Information Meeting

An information session on what a solar panel project might look like for LCR will be held on **Sunday, August 16 at 9:45 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Bob Erlandson will cover the background rationale and estimated cost & benefits, and he will offer opportunities for audience discussion.

Mini-Golf
\$8.00

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



NEXT EVENT: Mini-Golf + Dinner
Friday, August 14 - Golf at 3:30 pm - Mini Pines
Dinner at 5 pm , Pines Pizza + Pub
Please RSVP at LCRMarion.org

In order to get a count of attendees, please RSVP by contacting organizers Bob Wolter or Joan Dutton directly or by using the following link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-64851540-newbeginnings#/>

STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for June 2026

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
Receipts	\$ 65,098	\$592,948	\$558,880
Expenditures	\$ 80,172	\$509,157	\$443,242
Cash Balances	<u>6/30/2026</u>		<u>6/30/2025</u>
General Fund	\$222,778		\$268,655
Property Reserve	\$ 80,868		\$ 80,868
Savings	\$ 44,661		\$ 43,337
CDs	\$332,609		\$220,901

^ 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

WEE WISDOM Preschool

for ages 3, 4, 5

Register now at
LCRMarion.org



To celebrate America's 250th birthday, patriotic quilts made by our Comforting Hands Quilters group were displayed in the gathering space during LCR's "Honoring America" concert on June 28th.

These quilts were subsequently donated to local veterans through the Freedom Foundation in Cedar Rapids.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council did not meet in July.

Next meeting will be on
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Agenda items should be
submitted by 8/10/26.

Print copies of council
minutes and treasurer's
reports are available in
the church office binder.

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(address service requested)



LCR DAY CAMP

2026 Day Camp - August 3-7

Day Camp is for those entering 1st - 5th grade for Fall 2026

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

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

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

CONTACT US!

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Monday - Friday,

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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