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August was a wonderful month full of activity at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection! One of the highlights of the month was our Day Camp program. Day Camp is a special time when our children experience the love of Christ not only through the lessons and activities, but also through the community that surrounds them. We are grateful for every child who participated, and for the enthusiasm, joy, and energy they brought to each day!

Jessi Lau, our Director of Children's Ministries, does an amazing job coordinating volunteers, church staff, and the staff from Camp EWALU, and she directs an amazing program. The smiles you see on the faces of our kids is directly related to the faith-filled, fun, and safe program we have come to expect and cherish. A special 'thank you' goes to our parents and guardians for entrusting their children to us and for helping make the week possible. We are also deeply grateful to all of our volunteers and staff who gave their time, energy, creativity, and care to make Day Camp such a success. Your service is a wonderful example of Christian love in action. Most of all, we thank God for the opportunity to share the Gospel with our children and to see them grow in faith, friendship, and confidence. We look forward to another great Day Camp next summer! - Pastor Nate

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FYI:
Sunday School begins
September 20

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](mailto: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>

Out With the Old, In With the New

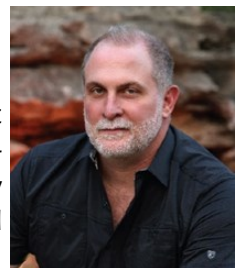
"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" - Matthew 25:23

After installing the new speakers in our sanctuary, I hauled the old speakers up to the church attic for storage. After depositing them on the floor, I looked around. Though our attic is extensive, it was beginning to look crowded. After making a few inquiries, I found that much of the musical equipment stored there was no longer being used for ministry. Subsequently, I spent much of this summer selling old or unneeded equipment on Facebook. As of this writing, nearly \$2,000 of equipment has been sold including old microphone stands, speakers, percussion instruments, and amplifiers. This money has been reinvested into rechargeable batteries and charging stations for the microphones used in all three weekly services. We have also purchased an amplifier simulator our contemporary musicians can use, allowing us to remove large physical amplifiers from our small stage. Any remaining funds will be used for small purchases like headphones for our sound booth, enabling us to improve our livestream mix, and cases to safely store some of the new equipment. Sifting through the old equipment did net a surprising bonus - two functioning direct interface boxes. One of these boxes helped me to run sound from the sanctuary into the fellowship hall (something that hadn't been working for several years). It is rewarding to see the past generosity of the church being repurposed into equipment that can benefit our future growth.

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

Fall Speaker Series 2026: Biblical Archeology

October 9, 10, 11 - Dr. Robert 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, the History Channel, Discovery, and Nat Geo, where he contributes and consults on a number of programs. There will be opportunities to hear and visit with Dr. Cargill on Friday evening (10/9), Saturday morning (10/10), and at both worship services on Sunday morning (10/11).

MINISTRY

Sep. & Oct. Mission Envelopes

ELCA World Hunger walks alongside congregations throughout the United States, Lutheran churches worldwide, and trusted partners. *God provides daily bread; together we help ensure it reaches every table.* Find out more at...

<https://www.elca.org/how-we-serve/relief-and-development/world-hunger>

Central Furniture Rescue

...is looking for a few friendly, dependable individuals who would enjoy volunteering as 'Front Desk Ambassadors.' You would be: answering phones; greeting donors, volunteers, and visitors; taking messages, answering basic questions, and helping connect people with the appropriate member of our team.

Volunteer hours are **10:00 am to 2:00 pm on weekdays**. This is to be a shared volunteer position; we are not looking for one person to cover the entire week. Training will be provided. Please contact Susan Johnston at 319-251-2008 if you could help!

Central Furniture Rescue provides furniture and household items at no cost to individuals and families who are transitioning out of homelessness and into their own places to live. Our facility is in Cedar Rapids at **2275 - 16th Ave. SW.**

Car Cruise-in Volunteers needed

Our next Cruise-In is on **Thursday, September 10th**. 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 - 9/2 & 9/3

We'd love to have your hands-on help, or you can donate staple foods in advance, or you can donate monetarily (mark your gift 'Mission of Hope Meal'). Contact the church office if you want to get involved in this ministry.

Landscapers & Gardeners needed

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

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

Day Camp Service Project

LCR Day Camp kids made **60 birthday party kits** for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry!



EDGE >>
high school
students
helped with
the final steps.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

Flat Jesus

we will be wrapping our travels with Flat Jesus in September, send your final photos in soon!



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



SCAN ME

THANK YOU!

So many people made day camp possible this year, volunteers at check in and helping with crafts and games, folks who delivered lunches for our staff and friendly faces in Bible Study, we couldn't have done it without you!

Shannan Fleming
Zavier Alexander
Johanna Tomlinson
Stacy Thompson
Paul & Ester Lau
Penny Nicks
Natalie Shaffer
Scott & Sally Immerfall
Diana Zrudsky
Stephanie Meier
Adam Lau
Evelyn Beck
Michelle Shaw
Michelle Heidelberg
Cari Redondo
Bethany Mast
Chris & Sara Legore
Hannah Sherbon-Powell
Lisa Woodruff
Ann Godar
Tammy Ryther

and many many wonderful high school volunteers!

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

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Artistry & Mystery: A Women's Study of the Book of Job with Beth Moore

The Book of Job will leave us with more questions than answers. And that is the invitation itself: to move into deeper intimacy with God through Scripture, beyond the certainty our finite minds desire. "We have crises of faith so disturbing to us that we feel we can't tell others about them, yet we desperately need to know we are not alone." – Beth Moore

We'll meet in the YAC (back of the building) on **Tuesdays from September 8th - October 6th, either at 9:00 am OR 6:00 pm** (2-hour sessions). This is a free study and there is no homework! If your schedule changes, you can come to the other session or watch the video online on your own time. Please sign up at the link below, or by contacting the church office. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-65151639-artistry#/>



Luther and Vocation

On this Labor Day weekend, Pastor Nate will lead us on a discussion of Luther's insight into the spiritual reality of work and vocation. We'll be in the conference room on **Sunday, Sep. 6th at 9:40 am**.

Wheels, Watchmen, and Dry Bones ... Oh My! Exploring Ezekiel

The Old Testament book of Ezekiel is filled with strange images, profound visions and the bold actions of this 6th century BC prophet. He brings a word to folks who imagine that God has abandoned them and their faith is no longer relevant. God however shows Ezekiel that even in the darkest of times, God is at work. Join us as we dive into this amazing - and sometimes confusing - book of the Bible. We'll meet between services in the conference room, beginning **Sunday, September 20th**.



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

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; **1st 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; **Tuesday, September 22nd 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 - women's group; **2nd Monday each month at 1:00 pm**; conference room
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.

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

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

LCR NURSERY

~ for kids 4 and under ~

Sundays during 8:30 & 10:30 services

*** across from main hallway bathrooms ***

New Beginnings
is for widow/ers

FELLOWSHIP

New Beginnings - Jokers & Marbles

We're having a game day on **Thursday, September 17th at 3:00 pm**. Jokers & Marbles is strategic race game using playing cards to move marbles around a board. Please bring a favorite snack to share and sign up online (below) or by contacting the church office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-65360231-newbeginnings#/>

Gatherings @ LCR

Please join us for an important discussion on the future direction of our group. We'll meet in the café on **Friday, September 11th at 12:00 pm**.



Car Cruise-in

Come see awesome classic vehicles on **Thursday, September 10th, 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](mailto: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. Contact - [marlino1943\(at\)gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:juliegilmore526(at)gmail.com)

SCRAPBOOKING DAY



**Saturday, September 19
9 am - 5 pm**

Bring Your Own Supplies

*Card Makers and Sewers
Also Welcome!*

LCR Scrapbookers & Crafters

You are invited to join our scrapbooking group on **Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm** in the fellowship hall. Come for all day or just an hour! Come meet a new friend or bring one with you.

Some of us bring photos and scrapbook supplies, some bring fabric and sewing machines, and others bring card-making tools. We spend a fun day together chatting and having lunch while making progress on our projects. If you have questions, please contact Donna Dennis at [donnakdennis88\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:donnakdennis88(at)gmail.com).

LCR Book Club

We'll meet on **Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm**.

Our book will be "The Women In the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck.

Amid the ashes of Nazi Germany's defeat, Marianne von Lingenfels returns to the castle of her husband's ancestors, an imposing fortress now fallen into ruin following years of war. The widow of a resistor, Marianne plans to uphold the promise she made to her husband's brave conspirators: to find and protect their wives.

Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome. [jonmaryhajek\(at\)gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:PamKacena(at)yahoo.com)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE

- Sept 9th -Wednesday Youth Programs Parent Meeting & Kickoff Party
- Sept 13th -Middle School activity at Pinicon Ridge Park
- Sept 16th -First Day of Confirmation

Middle Schoolers @ Pinicon Ridge 12:00-2:30 pm, Wapsi Bluff Shelter

Middle school activities are going outside this month! We will play some of the same games you know and love and mix it up with plenty of fun opportunities offered by the great outdoors. The whole family is welcome to join us for worship at 10:30, followed by lunch. As the lunch crowd dwindles, I will snag all the middle schoolers for our afternoon of fun. Please plan to pick your kids up at the Wapsi Bluff Shelter at 2:30, OR your family is welcome to hang out in the park and shelter while the middle schoolers gather - we have the shelter rented for the whole day! - Jessi Lau

EDGE YOUTH

We are so excited for another year of high school ministry! EDGE kicks off with an information session for high school families at **6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 9th**. Come join us for pizza and to learn about the opportunities coming up this fall! After the parent/student meeting, we'll have a bonfire from 8-9 PM.

EDGE's first full night of programming is **Wednesday, September 16th beginning at 7:30 PM**. The YAC opens at 7 PM for games and food. Come as you are, whenever you can. All high schoolers are welcome!

Please sign up for EDGE at
www.lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/

You can contact Hannah at youth(at)lcrmarion.org



Neighborhood Nights

Another huge THANK YOU to all who helped make the 2026 Neighborhood Nights events a success! We served hundreds of meals and provided entertainment to our neighbors. This ministry is only made possible by all of you who donated time, energy, and supplies. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!



CONFIRMATION

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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.

7th to 12th grade Sunday fellowship begins Sunday, September 20th at 9:40 am in the YAC.

PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently: Bob Erlandson

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Janice Burns, Jean Hammill, Peggy Downey, Eloise Heppler, Larry Edwards, Pam Couser, Harry Walton

(family and friends) Scott Long, Kimmit Renken, Becky Carroll

Those living in care facilities:

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

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.

Those who mourn:

Jon Hajek & family on the death of his sister-in-law, Bobbie Hajek
Ann Godar, Bethany Mast, and families on the death of Ann's mother, Edith Winistorfer
Jim Anderson & family on the death of his brother-in-law, Scott Hardie

Those who celebrate:

Marge & Larry Pierce on the post-surgical recovery of their granddaughter Keely
Pam Miller on the birth of a new granddaughter, Grace Ellen, to parents Emily & Allen and brother Noah

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



NEXT EVENT: Jokers & Marbles Game Day
Thursday, September 17, 3 pm at LCR
Please bring your favorite snack to share
Sign up at LCRMarion.org

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-65360231-newbeginnings#/>

STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for July 2026

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
Receipts	\$ 93,151	\$686,099	\$635,770
Expenditures	\$ 85,217	\$594,369	\$521,963
Cash Balances	7/31/2026		7/31/2025
General Fund	\$231,806		\$264,946
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

Ms. Michelle and Ms. Noelle are so excited to start a new school year! We have a few openings in our classes - let your friends know :-)



WEE WISDOM Preschool

for ages 3, 4, 5

Register now at
LCRMarion.org



CHURCH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday, August 18th, 2026.
June treasurer and secretary reports were approved.

Treasurer: With income running ahead and expenses running behind, YTD net income is ~100k above budget. We have successfully transitioned to the new payroll system.

Pastor Nate: LCR has had a wonderful summer of youth programming.

Outreach: Next Car Cruise-in will be on September 10th.

Property: Fencing for the patio area was ordered July 22nd; 4-6 weeks until installation.

Governance: Council approved the updated Wedding and Funeral Policies.

Wee Wisdom: Enrollment up to 15 families; there are still spots open in both classes.

Old Business: *Site Master Plan Update* - We are currently summarizing data. Presentations to the council and congregation to come this fall.

New Business: *Staff update* - Ruth Armstrong will be the regular accompanist for the Galileans choir. *Rally Sunday* - 'Worship on the Wapsi' will be held on Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 am.

Next meeting: September 15, 2026
Agenda items should be submitted by 9/7/26.

Copies of council minutes and treasurers' reports are available in church office binder.

Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY YOUTH ACTIVITIES
PIZZA PARTY + PARENT/GUARDIAN KICK-OFF MEETINGS
SEPTEMBER 9, STARTING AT 6 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND 7TH - 12TH GRADE FELLOWSHIP
START ON
SEPTEMBER 20



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