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“Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” Matthew 22.17

In the middle of the month this little text above will be a part of our Gospel reading on Sunday morning. It is a famous story about leaders who are trying to trap Jesus in a no-win argument. If he says yes pay your taxes to Caesar, he risks losing the support of those who understood Rome's taxation as both oppressive and complicit in a foreign occupation. If he says no, you shouldn't pay taxes, he risks being arrested on the spot as an instigator against Rome and bringing down swift retribution. Jesus' answer of course is one of his best-known sayings: “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar's.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.” (22.20-21).

As we enter into the full force of an election cycle (are you as tired of the political ads as I am!), I think this story from Matthew's Gospel can provide some important grounding. Not all authority is the same. Political authority is not the same as moral or spiritual authority. And yet, in the Small Catechism's explanation of the Lord's Prayer, Martin Luther acknowledges good government as part of our prayer for “daily bread.” Good government is a precious gift; but our political leanings should not be the only voice that we consult as we discern candidates and issues. We also have the voice of Christ, who compels us to live lives that reflect his kingdom and his values - to give to God the things that are God's.

We won't always agree on the things of Caesar; but on the things of God revealed in Christ we can be most certain. Christians exercise good citizenship when our voting is informed by more than just political ideology (the world of Caesar); but by what God has shown us in Jesus.

Peace! Pastor Jeff, and I approve of this message!

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 its mission to ‘Welcome, Connect, and Serve,’ while committing to grow in faith. You only need to attend one of our gatherings: **Sunday, October 11th at 11:45 am** or **Sunday, October 18th at 11:45 am**. Please sign up for either session at LCRmarion.org or by calling the church office. Feel free to contact Pastor Jeff if you need an alternative date.



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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

Livestream Worship links are available on our website and social media sites.

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>

Music Outreach at Summit Pointe

A group of talented LCR musicians shared hymns and praise music with about 20 residents of Summit Pointe Senior Living Center on the afternoon of Saturday, August 29th. Ralph Kendrick was joined by Ellie Fredin on piano, Thomas Fredin on cajon, and Addy Shaldecker on vocals. The students spent several minutes talking with the residents afterwards and smiles filled the room.

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

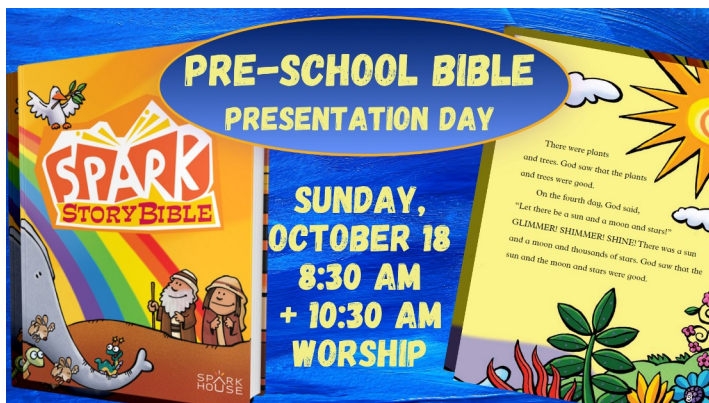


To all the Saints... as we forward move! - Philippians 1.1

This is who you are! You are one of the beloved saints who God has called to be in partnership with him as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus! This is the message that St. Paul gave to the Philippians as he reminds them: "for all of you are my partners in God's grace. (1.7). In the coming weeks our Stewardship campaign will remind us of what it means to live as partners in God's mission.

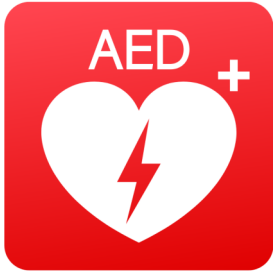
Stewardship is not about what the church needs - it's about how God invites us to participate in God's mission with joyful, trusting, and generous hearts. We don't give for the sake of a budget. Our giving is an act of worship that helps us to remember who we are and what God is doing in our midst.

To all the Saints, as we forward move, may our hearts be open to how God is calling us to participate in the mission of LCR!



MINISTRY

AED TRAINING



Sunday, October 11

Two Sessions (attend one)

9:45 am

11:45 am

Anyone is welcome to become familiar with using the AED at these sessions!

This FREE training will teach you how and when to use our Automated External Defibrillator to treat individuals experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. John Madland will walk us through the steps on **Sunday, October 11th**, at 9:45 or 11:45 am.



SOCKS + UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Supporting the Marion Cares Trunk or Treat

DONATE NEW, STUDENT-SIZED SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR BY OCTOBER 11!

If you would like to give monetarily, please mark your donation "Socks & Underwear"



Marion Cares provides new socks and underwear to students in need. You can help by bringing **new** student-sized socks and underwear, or by [donating monetarily](#). Please mark your donation "socks & underwear." Donations are due by **Sunday, Oct. 11th**.



LCR BUILD DAY

FRIDAY, OCT. 30, 8:30 AM - 4 PM

SIGN-UP AT LCRMARION.ORG

Contact the office or Marlin Oeltjen to get involved; there are so many different ways you can help!

More MINISTRY opportunities on insert this month.

MARION LUTHERAN CHURCHES BLOOD DRIVE

PUT GOOD INTO THE WORLD
ImpactLife

Tuesday, October 20; 2:00 - 6:30 pm
Sign up at LCRMarion.org



Marion Lutheran churches invite everybody to join us in donating 'one pint of life' so neighbors in our community may thrive. We'll hold our event on **Tuesday, October 20th from 2:00 to 6:30 pm**. You can select the best appointment time for yourself at the link below, or by contacting Bob Wolter:

[hawk4vr\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:hawk4vr(at)gmail.com)

https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/146018

TRUNK OR TREAT!



We Need Your Trunk!
Sign up at LCRMARION.ORG



Decorate a Trunk or Donate Candy!

Our fun neighborhood event will be on **Sunday, October 25th**. Watch bulletins for further info. We'll start collecting candy on **Sunday, October 11th**.

Sep. & Oct. Mission Envelopes

ELCA World Hunger walks alongside congregations throughout the United States, Lutheran churches worldwide, and trusted partners.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

We're BACK

Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live are back to regular programming!

SNACK SUPPORT!

Our Wednesday Night programs (Childrens Choir, WNL, Confirmation and EDGE) like to enjoy pre-packaged snacks! If you would like to contribute to one of our programs, bringing snack is a great way to support our activities! Bring pre-packaged snacks into the office and let them know they are for us.



SAVE THE DATE

Oct 18 -Pre school Bible presentation
Oct 25 -Trunk or Treat
Oct 28 -WNL Glow Party

still need to register for programs? Scan Here!



ADULT DISCIPLESHIP



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 are meeting between services in the conference room, **on Sundays at 9:40 am.**

Solar Panel Information Session

For those who missed our August gathering, Bob Erlandson is again offering his presentation on what a solar panel project could look like for LCR. We'll meet on **Sunday, October 25 at 9:45 am** in the fellowship hall. He will cover estimated costs & benefits and other information about this technology. Audience questions and discussion are very welcome.

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(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; **Thursday, October 8th at 2:00 pm**; meet at Mary Kay's home

Email: mkpink6(at)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(at)yahoo.com; "Christianity and World Religions" by Adam Hamilton

note: Our current study will be completed in November. Our group will need to decide on a new study at the December meeting. Prayerfully consider what the group would like to start in January.

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>

Fall Speaker: Biblical Archeology

Please check this month's newsletter insert for the new dates and a timeline of Dr. Robert Cargill's visit. Thanks to the Living Legacy Fund for arranging and underwriting these events.



for kids 4 and under

**Sundays during 8:30 & 10:30 services
* across from main hallway bathrooms ***

FELLOWSHIP

Gatherings Topical Discussion

Come and enjoy fellowship, a light snack, and coffee at noon on the **2nd and 4th Friday** of the month. We'll have a new question to discuss each time we meet.

Oct. 9th - What is a special gift you received when you graduated or got married?

Oct. 23rd - Where were you when President Kennedy was assassinated?



Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are always welcome.
jonmaryhajek
(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

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. Contact is: marlino1943(at)gmail.com



Donations marked "Nepal Flood Relief" will be forwarded to Lutheran World Relief, which is working to support those affected by the flooding disaster.

New Beginnings (for widows & widowers)

We'll check out the new Tommy's Restaurant on 1st Avenue in Cedar Rapids. Meet us there on **Thursday, October 15th at 5:00 pm**. Address is 3939 1st Ave SE (the old Outback Steakhouse).

If you need a ride, be sure to get in touch with Bob or Joan and we'll arrange transportation for you. Please sign up in advance by contacting the church office or online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-66123935-newbeginnings>



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

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

LCR Book Club

We'll meet on **Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 pm**. Our book will be "The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club" by Helen Simonson.

It is the summer of 1919 and Constance Haverhill is without prospects. Now that the war has ended she has been asked to give up her home and her job. She is sent as a ladies companion for a family friend who is convalescing at a seaside hotel.

Constance becomes swept up in the social whirl...

Copies of the book can be picked up in the church office. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome. jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com

Book Club looking ahead...

Our group will be reading "1776" by David McCullough for our November book. The Marion Library has hundreds of free books to hand out, so stop by and grab one when you get a chance. note: There are free YA and grade-school books also.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY ACTIVITY

HIDE + SEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
12:00 - 2:30 PM

6TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS



We will have mac + cheese and chicken nuggets for lunch; if you'd like, bring a snack or treat to share!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday, November 8 from 6-8 pm

6th - 8th Grade Students

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation operates on a two-year rotation; one year covering Lutheran theology and the small catechism, and one year on the bible. This year we are focusing on the bible! Our students are starting in the Old Testament and will be studying the following sections during October:

October **7th** - Session 3: Moses & the Exodus
October **14th** - Session 4: Joshua, Judges & Ruth
October **21st** - Session 5: Kings & the United Kingdom
On October **28th** we will finish out the month with a

GLOW PARTY!

EDGE YOUTH

We've had an amazing start to the high school programming year! More than two dozen students have come together in recent weeks to enjoy bonfires, games, song, and dance. We've discussed our relationship to God and the marvels we notice in Creation both big and small. Fifteen people attended the ecumenical United Invite worship service for teens at NewBo.

In October we will continue having weekly gatherings and discussions each **Wednesday night** beginning at **7:30 PM** and concluding at 9:00 PM. Doors to the YAC open at 7 PM. We also meet at **9:40 AM on Sunday mornings** for High School fellowship in the YAC, where we enjoy snacks, play games, and discuss the day's lectionary. There is room for you at the table, please join us!

To stay in the loop about upcoming high school ministry opportunities at LCR, and to learn details about our off-site Halloween party and end-of-the month retreat opportunity, please make sure you REGISTER...



[www.lcrmarion.org/ministries/
youth-ministry/](http://www.lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/)

contact Hannah:
youth(at)lcrmarion.org



7/12 Sunday Fellowship - 9:40-10:25 am in the YAC

We gather between worship services on Sunday to make treats, play games, and talk about life. **7th to 12th graders** are welcome to join us during any of our Sunday morning meetings.

PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently:

Marcie Vogel, Samantha Kacena

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

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

(family and friends) Katerina, Chuck Williams, Tom [Forest], Becky Carroll, Kimmit Renken

Those living in care facilities:

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

Those who mourn:

Terry Van Gilder and family on the death
of his cousin, Scott Long
Karla Koenen and family on the death
of her mother, Janet Pedersen

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.

Wee Wisdom Preschool has had the best start
to the school year. We are making friends
and enjoying exploring our classroom.

Thank you so much to everyone who
purchased from our Amazon Wish List.
We are really enjoying our new items. >>

In October, we are looking forward to a
field trip to Bart's Farm Pumpkin Patch!



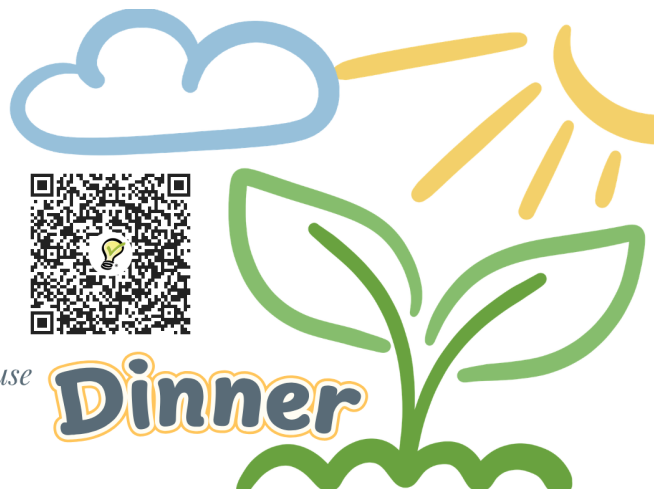
Wee Wisdom
registration



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



Dinner



NEXT EVENT: Dinner at Tommy's
Thursday, October 15 - Meet at 5 pm
Please RSVP at LCRMarion.org



STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for August 2026

	<u>August</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
Receipts	\$83,697	\$769,796	\$57,397
Expenditures	\$75,235	\$668,898	\$66,831
Cash Balances	8/31/2026		8/31/2025
General Fund	\$232,914		\$155,830
Property Reserve	\$80,868		\$80,868
Savings	\$44,661		\$43,337
CDs	\$333,984		\$321,729

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

Digital Giving

* **Simply Giving** - Join 90 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

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday, September 15th, 2026. August treasurer & secretary reports were approved.

Treasurer: Income for August was down; month of August ended ~3.5k in the red. YTD net income is running ~85k ahead.

Pastor Jeff: Fall programming is up and running. Good turnout for Worship On the Wapsi; thank you to Michelle & Paul Haas for the wonderful food. Fall speaker dates have been changed to Nov. 6th-8th.

Outreach: Great turnout for September Car Cruise-in. Chili & Cinnamon Roll Luncheon date has been moved to November 8th to align with our fall speaker.

Property: Fences have been installed. Continuing to trouble-shoot ice maker. Have been inventorying First Aid Kits and our AED device. Greg Meier will be stepping down as head of property team in January.

Social Concerns: 'Socks & Underwear Drive' underway.

Wee Wisdom: Great start to school year; 9 kids in 3-day class and 5 kids in 2-day class. Working on renewing Iowa Quality for Kids level 3 certification. We are currently working on application for Growing In Iowa grant.

Education: Great summer programming this year. Fall programming Wednesday & Sunday calendar is out. Good growth of our high school program.

Living Legacy: Financial report has been updated. Looking ahead to adding new members to our team.

Old Business: *Site Master Plan Update* - Core group will be looking at recommendations and how they align with our priorities.

New Business: *Microsoft Program* - As of October 1st, MS Publisher, which the church uses for most documents, will not be supported on Office 365. Two copies of MS Office will be purchased. *Ice Maker* - Following up with repair person; if repairs aren't possible we'll look into replacing under warranty. *Financial Consultant* - Council approved a motion to hire accountant Joel Grandon for 5-7 hours of work (not to exceed 10 hours) for a high-level overview of our financial & accounting processes. *AED tutorials* - John Madland is giving lessons on the AED procedure to staff members. He will instruct anyone else who wants to learn on Sunday, October 11th, after both services.

Next meeting: October 20th, 2026

Agenda items should be submitted by 10/12/26. Copies of council minutes and treasurers' reports are available in the church office binder.

Feel free to reach out to council members with any questions or concerns.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES			
AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION			
SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-K - 6 TH GRADE	WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE 4 TH - 6 TH GRADE	CHILDREN'S CHOIR 3 RD - 6 TH GRADE	FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES 4 TH GRADE
Sundays, 9:40 - 10:25 am	Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm	Wednesdays, 5:10 - 5:55 pm	Meets 2-3 Sundays During Lent
MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 6 TH - 8 TH GRADE	CONFIRMATION CLASSES 7 TH - 8 TH GRADE	7TH - 12TH GRADE SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 7 TH - 12 TH GRADE	EDGE HIGH SCHOOL GROUP 9 TH - 12 TH GRADE
Monthly on Sundays	Wednesdays at 7:15 pm	Sundays, 9:40 - 10:25 am	Wednesdays at 7:30 pm

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