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"To all the saints in Christ Jesus…" - Philippians 1:1

to all the SAINTS as we forward move! PHILIPPIANS 1.1

Paul gives us a beautiful reminder that the work of ministry belongs to the whole community of faith! Stewardship is not about budgets and expenses; it is about how we faithfully use all that God has entrusted to us - our time, our talents, our resources, and our love for one another. All the saints have a part to play in sharing Christ's love with the world. Acts of kindness, prayer, volunteering, financial generosity, encouraging a neighbor, all matter and every act of faithful living helps our congregation and the church as a whole grow stronger in Christ. In other words - YOU MATTER.

I want you to notice that we've combined the familiar refrain from "On Our Way Rejoicing" ('as we forward move!") as a reminder that we are not standing still. We are people on a journey, called to move forward together in faith, hope, and service. Our faith is meant to be acted out in the world and your response to our Stewardship appeal is one of the ways that we move forward together.

The Stewardship packets are being mailed out, and if you choose to receive this information online it is now available on our website as well. I need you to read through the information. Look at how the saints at LCR are living out the gospel. In fact, find yourself in the stories and pictures.

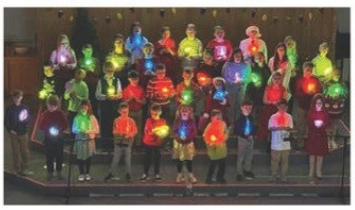
I am asking that you return the "2027 Commitment" form by **Sunday, November 22nd** to the church office or in the offering plate. Even if you are unable to place an amount at this time, please return the form. Our success is knowing that everyone has seen the information and understands our common ministry rather than any particular amount being recorded.

To all the saints, well done! Let's move forward with Jesus as our guide.

Peace! Pastor Jeff





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https://tinyurl.com/LCRYouTube

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

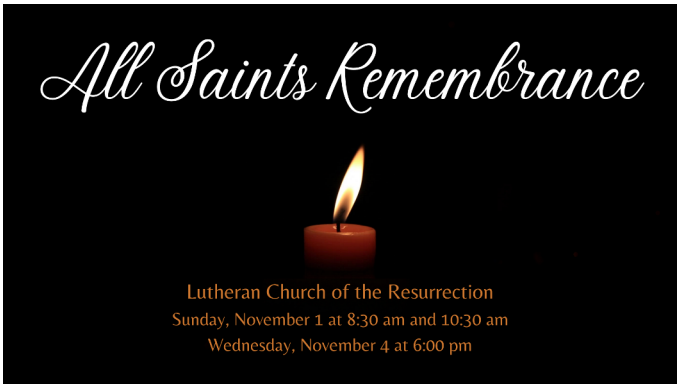
Livestream Worship links are available on our website and social media sites.

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(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/181uDRkYnTRyGMmuwI3ZiDQ44ay4

All Saints Remembrance

Sun, Nov. 1st | Wed, Nov. 4th
Sharon Hill, Steve Olson,
Marjorie Dryden, Linda Fottral,
Gary Young, Bernadean Spilde,
Larry Wogahn, LaVon Witte,
Larry Edwards, Dennis Possehl



Youth Choir Takes Flight

On **Sunday, November 8th**, a newly formed youth choir will sing with the worship band at the Contemporary Service. The choir will consist of five 7th-9th grade students including: Thomas Fredin, Claire Gochenouer, Lydia Legore, Madelyn Lovseth, and Margaret Tomlinson. "We hope the choir will be able to sing again in April, and become a regular participant at church services," director Ralph Kendrick stated. If you have a student in one of these grades that loves to sing, please get in touch with Ralph through the church office or by email - worship@lcrmarion.org.

DR. ROBERT CARGILL



Friday, November 6th - "Intro to Biblical Archaeology" at 7:00 pm
Join us for a catered dinner by Pita'z at 5:30 pm - Free Will Donation.

Saturday, November 7th - Keynote Presentation at 10:00 am
"Digging Deeper - Archaeology and the World of the Bible"

Sunday, November 8th
Dr. Cargill will be speaking at both services (8:30 am Traditional & 10:30 am Contemporary)
There will be a Chili and Cinnamon Roll Brunch at 11:30 am, followed by Dr. Cargill's final remarks.

MINISTRY



Give the Gift of Warmth

Willis Dady is asking for support in gathering items to help keep our neighbors warm this winter. If you have donations of **adult** coats, hats, gloves, scarves, scarves, and blankets, you can place them in the bins or on the coat rack in the gathering space. Willis Dady is accepting clean, gently-used donations as well as new items.



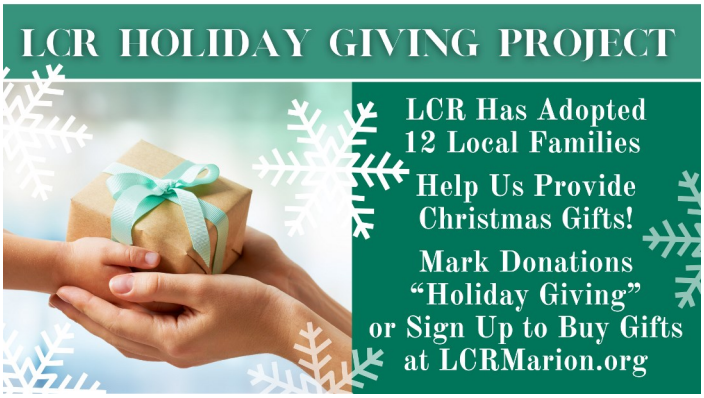
We will have a potluck brunch featuring chili and cinnamon rolls on **Sunday, November 8th**, following the second service (**11:30 am - 12:15 pm**). Please sign up to donate food and/or help with set-up, serving, or clean-up…

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-66664370-drrobert#/

Please bring your chilis or cinnamon rolls on Sunday (11/8) by 11:00 am, or earlier. Thanks for your help!

Nov. & Dec. Mission Envelopes

...will support Catherine McAuley Center, in Cedar Rapids, which welcomes adult learners and women to participate in educational and supportive services. Find out more at https://cmc-cr.org/



Holiday Giving Project

LCR has once again committed to sponsoring twelve families in need for this Christmas. You can help by either signing up online at LCRMarion.org (link will be available soon) or donating monetarily. Please mark your donations "Holiday Giving."

Thank you for all the ways you shine
God's light in our community!

October Blood Drive

October 10th was a successful day of saving lives! We were able to collect donations from 29 caring people, including two first-time donors. *Thank you so much for supporting patients in our community.* Our next blood drive is scheduled for 2/18/27.

Christmas Program Helpers

We are looking for people to help with set-up for the Christmas Concert program on **Friday, December 11 at 4:30 pm** and tear down on **Saturday, December 12 at 4:00 pm**. If you are interested please contact Laurie Stock at laurelstock1(at)aol.com or 319-361-1979.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

good times

SS and WNL have been busy during our first few months. SS students did an in-depth unit on Creation and WNL kids kicked the year off with time in Wednesday Night Worship and lots of games & crafts!









REMINDER: there are a few days in november where our regular programs will be on break!

- November 25th, No Childrens Choir, No WNL, No Confirmation, No EDGE
- November 29th - No Sunday School, No middle or high school fellowship

Christmas Program

Preparations for our Christmas Program will begin soon! If you are not on either the SS or WNL email list, let us know so you can stay up to date on roles and opportunities within our Christmas Program!

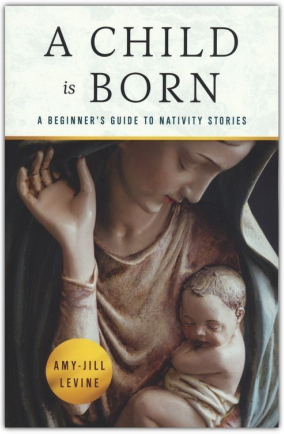
Our program will be on Dec. 13 at 4:30pm



Join us on Nov. 29th for some treats and crafting to kick off the advent season! All ages are welcome!

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Advent Women's Bible Study



Join the LCR Women's Bible study in kicking off Advent early and transforming your Advent season with fresh insights and inspiration from "A Child is Born!" Author Amy-Jill Levine brings her expert knowledge of Scripture and careful consideration of the Christian story to show readers how Scripture's earlier birth stories anticipate the story of Jesus's birth and how the birth resonates and gives new meaning to those earlier stories. Discover the fascinating connections between ancient birth stories and the Nativity of Jesus in this captivating four-week Advent study. The book discusses the births of Isaac and Ishmael, Samson, and Samuel to reveal how they foreshadow and enrich the timeless Christmas story in the final chapter. *Please sign-up by Sunday, November 8th.*

Study Dates: **Tuesday, November 17th & 24th and December 1st & 8th**

Morning Session: **9:00-10:30 am** | Evening Session: **6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Regardless of which session you sign up for, feel free to mix and match as your schedule allows.

Service Project: In conclusion of our study, let's spend time together in service to others!

Join us for a Service Project at LCR on **Sunday, December 20th**; time is TBD.

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, He 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.**

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

Donna Dennis - mixed group; **2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm;** conference room
Email Donna: donnakdennis88(at)gmail.com

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; **1st Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm**
Email Lareen: clgull57(at)yahoo.com | conference room

Mary Kay Pinckney - women's group; **Thursday, November 5th at 1:00 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 this month. Our group will need to decide on a new study at the December meeting. Prayerfully consider what study we should 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

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.

November 13th *- When you were a child, what did you think made a person "rich?" Has that changed?*

November 27th *- no Gatherings; happy Thanksgiving!*

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



Deanna Witkowski - Jazz Pianist

Concert, Special Worship Music, and Workshop

Known for her adventurous, engaging music, jazz pianist Deanna Witkowski will present a free concert on **Saturday, November 14th at 6:00 pm.** She will also be presenting at an American Guild of Organists workshop on **Saturday at 2:00 pm**, which is open to the public. On **Sunday, November 15th**, she will be our guest musician at the **8:30 am** service. *(see page 10)*

LCR Book Club

We'll be reading **"1776"** by David McCullough for our November book. Join us on **Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30 pm.** You can pick up a FREE copy from the Marion Public Library.

McCullough tells the intensely human story of those who marched with George Washington in the year of the Declaration of Independence, when the whole American cause was riding on their success.

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

New Beginnings (for widows & widowers)

New Beginnings Group will meet for supper on **Thursday, November 12th** at Red Lobster. We'll be gathering **at 5:00 pm**. Please sign up in advance by contacting the church office or online:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-67109529-newbeginnings

If you need a ride to any New Beginnings event, be sure to get in touch with Bob Wolter or Joan Dutton and we'll arrange transportation for you.

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

(Wood Carvers will be on winter hiatus Dec. thru Feb.)

Knitters & Crocheters

...are now on winter hiatus, but don't stop stitching at home! We have lots of yarn to share and knitting needles/crochet hooks if you need them. Contact Pam any time with requests or questions:

PamKacena(at)yahoo.com

MIDDLE SCHOOL



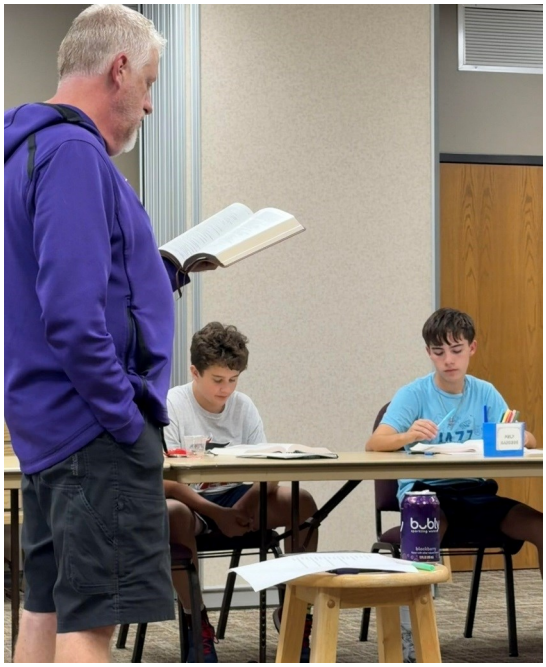
Our movie will show in the sanctuary at 6:00 pm. We will have sandwiches, popcorn and plenty to drink. Bring a treat or something sweet to share if you would like!



CONFIRMATION

Our students are studying the Old Testament this fall and will be working their way through the following sections in November:

November 4th: Session 6 - The Divided Kingdom
November 11th: Session 7 - Poetry and Wisdom
November 18th: Session 8 - The Major Prophets
November 25th: NO CONFIRMATION



EDGE YOUTH

EDGE had a wonderful time in October! We opened each evening with music, studied Scripture together, listened to one another, and closed in prayer. We spent our time playing games, discussing what upsets us, the simple joys in our lives, how we best love ourselves and others, and how God leads us through times of both certainty and uncertainty. Students finished the month with an exciting Laser Tag evening at Dragon's Lair Family Adventure Center. In November, we'll discuss the saints who have impacted our lives and begin a Bible study series focused on women in Jesus' lineage: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. All high schoolers are welcome to join us for EDGE from **7:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday evenings**. Snacks and programming begin at 7:30. Come whenever you can!
High Schoolers also have the opportunity to spend time together on **Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:25** in the Y.A.C. for Sunday School & Fellowship.

There will be NO youth activities on Wednesday, November 25th.

To stay in the loop about upcoming high school ministry opportunities at LCR, go ahead and register...

www.lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/

contact Hannah with questions:
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: Nolan Grove, Sue Frohner, Pam Brown, Muriel Logan, Jerry Buck

Those experiencing illness or surgery:
(LCR members) Marcie Vogel, Samantha Kacena, Jean Hammill, Janice Burns, Peggy Downey, Eloise Heppler, Pam Couser, Harry Walton

(family and friends) Jim Henriksen, Tom, Bonnie Porter, Karen & Ken, Matt Hajek, Chuck Williams, Becky Carroll, Katerina

Those living in care facilities:
Mary Durspek (Terrace Glen)
Everett & Georgia Lehrman (Grand Living)

Those who mourn:
Jason Unruh & family for his step-father, Ray Carver
Mark Witte & family for his mother, LaVon Witte
Karen Siefert & family for her mother, Janet Monk
Arlene Lee & family for her sister, Elizabeth Fuller
Marcia Edwards and Chris Edwards & family for their husband and father, Larry Edwards
Mary Possehl & family for her husband, Dennis Possehl
Mark Fredin & family for his father, Brian Fredin

Those who celebrate:
Ralph & Lynne Kendrick for the birth of a grandson, Lincoln. Proud parents are Ashley & Steve.

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.*



Jazz Pianist - Deanna Witkowski

Dedicated to bringing communities together through jazz, Deanna Witkowski has worked as a guest music leader in over one hundred churches across the United States. Her weekly video series, "Off the Page: Sacred Jazz," shares practical resources for church musicians, and the jazz hymn arrangements that appear with her recording, "Makes the Heart to Sing," can be found in hundreds of churches. A prolific choral composer, Witkowski has won multiple competitions for her concert and sacred works.

See page 8 for Deanna's three appearances here at Resurrection.

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

NEXT EVENT: Dinner at Red Lobster
Thursday, November 12 – Meet at 5 pm
Please RSVP at LCRMarion.org

STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for September 2026

	September	Year to Date	One Year Ago
Receipts	$ 77,942	$839,001	$768,406
Expenditures	$ 88,754	$757,652	$654,650

Cash Balances	9/30/2026	9/30/2025
General Fund	$219,206	$172,071
Property Reserve	$ 80,868	$ 80,868
Savings	$379,837	$367,294

^ 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



DECEMBER



CHURCH COUNCIL

The Council met on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026. September treasurer & secretary reports were approved.

Treasurer: September revenue below projected;
YTD total revenue ~42K ahead of projected.
YTD expenditures below budget; YTD net revenue ~65K.

Master Plan Presentation from Martin Gardner:
The firm went over their data (collected from meetings, surveys, and posters) on how the congregation views our current spaces. They showed council preliminary recommendations on how we could address some of these areas. Next steps include: finalizing recommendations, adding in cost projections and digital renderings, and finalizing the master plan document. The document will be presented to the congregation upon completion.

Old Business: *Finance Consult* - Joel Grandon began the process of looking over our financial practices and workflow. He will meet with staff involved and come back to council with recommendations by early December.

New Business: *Stewardship Appeal* - Theme is "To All the Saints As We Forward Move." Digital and hard copy packets will be out at the beginning of November. This year's one-time designated gift is 'Worship Essentials.'

Next meeting: *November 17th, 2026*
Agenda items should be submitted by 11/9/26.
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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