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New Worship Schedule Begins

Beginning on Sunday, May 30, and continuing through August 15, our two contemporary worship services will be merged into one service at 10:15 am. The 8:15 First Light service will continue to meet at the same time. On Sunday, August 22, we will resume our fall schedule of 3 Sunday worship times, and Sunday School will begin on that day as well.

The other major change happening in June was detailed in the May Crosstalk. **Beginning on June 2nd, we will offer Wednesday night worship at 5:30 pm, instead of on Saturday nights.** There will be fellowship time in the café both before and after this Evening Song service. Once or twice this summer there will be meals following the service. At 7 pm, the Alpha video course will meet in the conference room (see page 4 for details).

A few other notes about the new Wednesday Night service: communion will be offered every other week starting on June 2; special music from soloists, the Older Hymns, and our men's quartet will be a regular part of worship; a new team of youth and adults will join Matt Wheeler in leading the singing; a worship leader will assist the pastor as they do at 9:45 each week; a staffed nursery will be provided; and baptisms will be offered on non-communion services. The service will run about 45-50 minutes, like our present 9:45 service.

Thanks for Your Gifts

We have seen a generous outpouring for the charity:water project. The same will be true for Joy Waughtal's upcoming mission experience in South Africa. (See page 5 for details). Our General Fund expenses go up in the summer as we invest in our youth going to bible camp, on a mission trip, and here at home for pre-school VBS in June and day camp in August. In addition, the Building Fund will pay out \$15,000 for the resurfacing of the parking lot from June 7-11.

All of these worthwhile and important expenditures will severely deplete our General and Building Funds. A special letter will go out in early June with more details (see page 14 for a brief synopsis). We hope many of you who are gone on summer weekends will come on Wednesdays to worship and support LCR through your giving. We will need it, and thanks in advance for your support.

Peace,

Pastor Dennis

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WORSHIP

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind...” Matthew 22:37*

Worship in June finds us reading through the Gospel of Matthew and using the familiar analogy of a family. More than any other Gospel, Matthew highlights the connections between the Old Testament promises and prophecies and Jesus. Matthew shows how God’s chosen family, the people of Israel, grows to include other nationalities through the life and ministry of Jesus.

REMINDER: *Evening Song Worship has moved to 5:30 Wednesday evenings. If you were out of town or had other commitments on Sunday, come on Wednesday for a midweek spiritual rejuvenation. The theme and message on Wednesday are the same as the preceding Sunday.*

June 02: Family Tree

Matthew sees Jesus as the fulfillment of the Jewish scriptures. These scriptures describe the Jews as God’s chosen people, set apart. Through baptism we are incorporated/adopted/brought into this family and take our place in the family tree.

June 06 & 09: Family News

In church, we often call what we do “sharing the good news.” What is this good news of the gospel of Jesus that we share? Our text in Matthew 10 has Jesus telling us very specifically what this good news is, and what we are to do with it. Jesus says that the good news is that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

June 13 & 16: Family Identity

In the middle of the Gospel of Matthew Jesus is asking his disciples, “Who do you say that I am? What do you think I’m here to do?” Like many voices around us they guess that Jesus is a great teacher or prophet. Today we see Jesus reveal exactly what the plan is.

June 20 & 23: Family Dynamics

God’s grace, goodness and blessings are poured out on everyone without regard to what we have done to earn it. Yet something inside of us wants life to be fair. If envy is what we feel when God is gracious and forgiving to people who don’t deserve it, then it may indicate that we don’t understand God.

June 27 & 30: Family Matters

Healthy families have a way of supporting and caring for each other as a matter of priority. Jesus instructs us to do the same with our spiritual family; all of God’s children.

Average Worship Attendance			
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
May	516	496	514
Year to Date	558	550	574

COUNCIL

Church Council Minutes

The Resurrection Church Council met on Tuesday, May 18 at 7 pm. The secretary's, treasurer's, and pastors' reports were reviewed and approved. The General Fund balance on Purpose champion reports were shared from the Worship, Outreach, and Youth/Young Adult Committees.

Approval Items: The request from Joy Waughtal to seek support from LCR for her Young Adult Global Mission position in South Africa was approved. Mission envelope gifts will be directed toward her support.

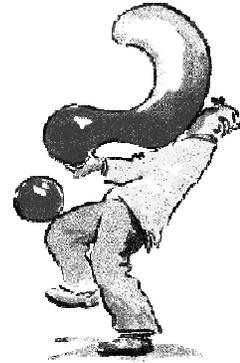
Discussion Items: The Craig Nesson forum on homosexuality and the ELCA was discussed. The Vision Team or another sub team will work on a preliminary document outlining possible LCR approaches to issues that flow from the ELCA decisions.

The Wednesday night Evening Song service was discussed. Progress is being made in staffing the service with volunteers. A fellowship time will be available before and after the service, with an Alpha class offered at 7 pm. Blair and Lyn A'Hearn will take over the leadership of the service in August.

The due date for June agenda items will be June 9. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports are available in a 3-ring binder in the office.

ALPHA

The Alpha course will be offered on Wednesday nights at 7 pm starting on *June 2*. Each week will feature a video presentation by Nicky Gumbel on a key aspect of the Christian faith, with humor and stories blended in. Small group discussion over dessert will follow the video. The topics for June are as follows:



- ◆ June 2 - "Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?"
- ◆ June 9 – Who is Jesus?
- ◆ June 16 – Why Did Jesus Die?
- ◆ June 23 – How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
- ◆ June 30 – Why and How do I Pray?

Alpha is used by thousands of churches worldwide to present the basics of Christianity. All are welcome– come join us!

Daily Bible Readings

The June readings are: 1-Matthew 8, 2-Mt.9, 3-Mt. 10, 4- Mt. 11, 5-Mt. 12:1-21, **6-Psalm 103**, 7-Mt. 12:22-50, 8-Mt. 13, 9-Mt. 14, 10-Mt. 15, 11-Mt. 16, 12-Mt. 17, **13-Psalm 32**, 14-Mt.18, 15-Mt. 19, 16-Mt.20, 17-Mt. 21, 18-Mt. 22, 19-Mt. 23, **20-Psalm 84**, 21-Mt. 24:1-28, 22-Mt. 24:29-51, 23-Mt. 25, 24-Mt. 26:1-35, 25-Mt. 26:36-75, 26- Mt. 27:1-31,**27-Psalm 22**, 28-Mt. 27:32-66, 29-Mt. 28, 30-Galatians 1

MISSION STORIES

charity: water Well Project

As of May 23, we had received **\$7,725** for the charity:water project. An additional \$1,600 will be added in from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matching funds.

We are about \$700 short of having enough for a second well. An LCR member has offered to match June gifts up to \$1,000 to reach this goal. If you were planning to make a donation, you can still do so through the end of June. Simply mark your envelope (blue mission envelope or other) “charity water.”



A Note from Joy Waughtal

I have officially accepted the offer from the ELCA to serve a year as a missionary in South Africa through the ‘Young Adult in Global Missions’ program. I am incredibly humbled by this amazing opportunity and know that the year I spend living and working in South Africa will challenge my faith and understanding of the world. I cannot wait to experience everything God has in store for me. - Joy Waughtal

If you would like to support Joy in this opportunity, use your second or third quarter blue mission envelopes. Make your checks out to LCR with “YAGM-Joy” on the memo line. LCR will send the total received on August 1 to the ELCA Division of Global Mission. A member of LCR has offered to match your gifts up to \$1000.

Update from Wartburg Seminary

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

One year of seminary education is in the books! Our first year here at Wartburg Seminary has been a wonderfully challenging, exciting, and joyous one. Our lives have been transformed in many ways. Some were unexpected, but all were under the umbrella of God’s grace.

We continue to enjoy the community that is WTS, but as spring rolls into summer we live in the reality of seminary life and that is transition. Some of course are graduating, while others leave for, or return from, year long internships, and finally others, like our class, are leaving for the summer of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) units. This is our next challenge, where David will serve as a chaplain in a medical center in Davenport; commuting daily from Dubuque.

We have grown in tremendous ways this year as a family, but most especially in what it is like to live in the call of public ministry and the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs that are required. We continue to live in a state of God’s blessings; as Paul writes in Philippians, “both in plenty, and in need.”

No where is that more true than in the support from you, the members of Resurrection. We truly thank you for the support of money and prayers throughout this year. We could not have done it without your support and we embrace the responsibility that comes with accepting your gifts.

May God bless LCR and its members, and grant them peace, mercy, and love,

*David, Karen, Emma, Braeden,
Colin, & Kayla Murphy*

FAITHLIFE

The One Unchanging Thing

The other day I received an email that highlighted the changes that have happened in the last 100 years. In 1909 the average life expectancy for men was 47 years. Only 14 percent of homes in the U.S. had a bathtub. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads. More than 95 percent of all births took place at home. Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

This year I have been talking a lot about the changes that are going on in the world around us. These changes shape the way we understand who we are and how we relate to the world. 100 years ago people weren't concerned with how they were going to spend their retirement years because most of them didn't reach retirement age. The fact that life expectancy is almost 30 years longer these days means that we think of life differently. We value life differently.

The problem isn't that a few things are changing. I think the difficulty is that literally *everything* is changing including change itself. Changes that used to take decades to grow into a cultural norm are now happening in a year. Changes that used to take generations to take spread around the world are happening in less than

one lifetime. That means people are forced to deal with more change, more frequently leading to more stress.

I've noticed that there are a few ways to deal with all this change. One is that we can try to keep up (more or less) searching for a personal pace that allows us to grow without getting too stressed.

Another option is to pick and choose which of the changes we like and which we do not. Often we adopt those changes that we find beneficial while complaining about or fighting the changes we don't like.

Or we can just opt out; not change and not fight the change. I once read that we are all like the Amish, we just choose a different year to eventually quit adopting changes.

I'm not saying which of these you (or we as a congregation) should follow. I'm just saying we have options. Choices. We are not stuck or forced to do anything.

The good news is that God loves you no matter what you decide to do. God's love is not dependent upon your ability to discern what direction God is leading nor your faithfulness to that direction. God will not withdraw his love if you choose the wrong way or if you change your mind mid-stream. God's love does not change.

When I remember this one constant all the change doesn't seem to matter so much and I find a much more loving attitude in which help people deal with it all.

With a Peace of the Spirit
Kevin

MIDDLE SCHOOL & E.D.G.E.



HIGH SCHOOL JUNE SCHEDULE:

E.D.G.E. will not meet during the Summer



Food For Thought - a new study:

This is a new bible/book study meeting every Wednesday for lunch at different food joints in the area starting on June 17th. Email Carter to be added to the text list. We will eat lunch, have some fellowship time, and have a Bible/book study as well.

Middle School Event Upcoming:

There will be more details to come but we will be going to a giant 'Capture the Flag' event on July 31st. This will also be a time we would like to welcome in the incoming 6th graders.

Carter Moore

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If you ever have any questions or comments at any time please call or e-mail me at carterm@lcrmarion.org.

IGNITE: Young Adult

June 10th Event

We will be having a grill-out on the patio and then discussing the last 2 chapters of UnChristian. Please bring \$5 for food and drink and contact me if you can join us! We will also be discussing the upcoming events during the summer. Hope to see you all there!

Carter Moore
carterm@lcrmarion.org
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries



SS DiScipl eShip

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord, not for men."
Colossians 3:23



9:45
Workshop rotation
Sunday School

*SS Disciple Ship
Coordinator
Tammy Evans
tammy@lcrmarion.org
377-4689*



Come &
join the
fun!

Who: 3-5 year olds
When: June 1st - 4th
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Where: Begin in the Fellowship Hall
at the LCR Rainforest!

What: Through some fun stories and parables
from the Bible we will venture closer to Jesus!

If you are still interested in registering a child,
or helping out, you are most welcome!
Visit www.lcrmarion.org or call the church today!

The SS Disciple Ship Docks for a Short Time

The 9:45 Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School will take a little break to regroup and plan for more adventures through the Bible next school year. ***WE WILL BEGIN EARLY ON AUG 22*** so look for registration to begin mid summer! Thanks again to all of the wonderful shepherds, leaders, and substitutes for your help this year as we discovered what it means to Love God and Love All!

PRAISE ISLAND

"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it give us assurance about things we cannot see." Hebrews 11:1

- Another Sunday school year has come to a close.
- What a great year! The kids learned a lot about making a difference in the world around them. A recap of our joint Sunday school projects this year include:
- Continued support of our Compassion child, Daniel
- 90 Shoeboxes sent to Operation Christmas Child
- \$500.00 sent to the ELCA Haiti Relief Fund
- Over \$460.00 raised by the Sunday school kids for charity : water.
- It is so awesome to see the Holy Spirit at work in our youth! Keep on impacting our community and our world!
- Have a great summer!

11:00 Sunday School



EWALU DAY CAMP

When: August 2nd - 6th, 2010.

Who: Kids entering K - 6th grade next fall

Where: Here at LCR with a fun field trip to Camp EWALU on Wednesday.

What: A week of faith and fellowship with the EWALU counselors including bible studies, music, art, and wacky activities.

Come join us for a week of fun and bring a friend. Registrations are available in the gathering space.

Adult and Youth helpers (7th grade and older) are needed. If you are interested in being a part of this fun filled week contact: helpinglcr@gmail.com or call Shelly Beaver at 210-1687.

Praise Island Coordinator:
Jill Hansen
jill@lcrmarion.org 377-4689

BIBLE CAMP

We have 87 youth signed up for camp this summer. These 26 youth will go to EWALU in June:



Mini campers - Hailee Buckeridge, Hannah Cahill, Mackenzie Heiserman, Hannah Swenson

Trailblazers - Brianna Bisgard, Madison Renz, Nora Read, Sophie Reider, Madeline Evans, Kirsten Loynachan, Brogan Frees, Drew Szewc, Jake Swenson, Greg Brandt, Robert Read, Blake Corporon

Native Americans - Colin Aschbrenner, Luke Sloterdyk, Selena Aschbrenner, Josh Swenson, Ryan Heidelberg

Music/Art/Drama - Taylor March, Allie Cahill, Abby Guckenberger-Munson

Rock & Raft - Abby Van Dyke, Amber Garthwaite

In addition, Keirsten Freese, Sara Jones, and Samantha Lang will be at EWALU from June 13-July 2 in the Leadership Training Program.

CONFIRMATION

Thanks for a great year of Confirmation! A special thanks to the 23 adults who serve as Small Group Guides three Wednesday evenings every month and the 30+ adults who are Mentors to the 9th grade class this summer. Your presence and help is indispensable but not nearly as important as your growing relationships with the youth of our congregation. Have a great summer.

WEE WISDOM

Shelly Beaver and Michelle Heidelberg have already begun their role as co-directors, updating the handbook and acquiring registrations for the 2010-11 school year. **There is plenty of room for more students, so please spread the word!** Interested families can contact Shelly & Michelle at weewisdom.lcr@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 377-4689. Preschool is held on Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays, either morning or afternoon sessions. Students are 3 & 4 year-old combined, and non-members are welcome!

PRAYERS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Those hospitalized in May: Ken Wendell, Curt Duwe, George Haley, Dick Harman, Gerald Bodeker, Amy DeVries & Nyle, Natalie Davis & Amelia

Those dealing with, or recovering from, illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members) Lon Andersen, Gerald Bodeker, Bob Rose, Cathy Winch, Myrtle Lindstrom, Richard Slaymaker, Jody Hediger, Thelma Borg, Brita Loynachan, Nancy Caves, Cathy Kimball, Lois Johnson.

(Family and friends of our members) Frank Meyer, Ben Rickerts, Gene Sommervold, Kale Jammerson, Gary Stenserson, Wendi & Andy Neal, Dean & Mary Christiansen, Blake Church, Jean Jackson, Ray Mueller, Kathy Carnahan, Maureen Velazques, Richard Hill, Alice & Dick Maiers, Lois Wood, Gretchen Supp, Gary Blasen, Kyle Harding, Jordan Tehon Marge & Norman Ahrendsen, Gloria Reed, RaeAnn Horda, Terry Trickey, Emily Taylor, Tina Hale, Katherine Dorman.

Those living in care facilities: Winnie Bulicek (*Colonial Manor of Amana*), Don Claussen (*Promise House*), Bernice Harstad (*Keystone Cedars*), Dorothy Luedtke (*Linn Manor*), Fran Veatch, Virginia Smart, Mary Erlandson (*Winslow House*), Herbert Lehrman, (*Hiawatha Care Center*)

Those in military service: Todd Christopherson, Shannon Johnson, Andrew Ruby, David Franzen, Eric Krause, Nick Pefferman, Jerrod Mohling, Ashley Parker, Nicholas Eilers, Brian Rose, Tyler Spring, Jeremy Bowden, Nick Thompson, Andy Thompson, Jason Gire, Matthew Clark, Joe Hollister, Garrett Wood, Alex Bruce, Jason Sams, Brad Kielty, Anthony Martin, Matt Carson.

Those who rejoice:

- ◆ Chad & Trish Raap on the baptism of Isabella Grace Raap on May 1st.
- ◆ Amy & Nathan DeVries on the birth of a son, Nyle Nathan DeVries, on May 2nd.
- ◆ Natalie & Brian Davis on the birth of a daughter, Amelia Grace Davis, on May 3rd.
- ◆ AJ & Sonya Haley on the baptism of Chase Allan Haley on May 8th.
- ◆ Jody & Carter Moore on the baptism of Elijah Dane Moore on May 16th.

Those who mourn:

- ◆ Amy Lovseth and family on the death of her grandfather, Arven Janke, on 4/23.
- ◆ Ronald & Shirley Larson on the death of Shirley's sister, Linda Kerkov, on 5/10.

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 3 months. If You want us to continue printing their names beyond that point, contact the office.

FELLOWSHIP

"..baptizing them in the name of the Father...Son...and Holy Spirit." - Matt. 28:19

Wednesday Nights in the Café

Come early or stay late for some fellowship in the café this summer on Wednesday nights. Starting on *June 2*, the café will be open from 4:45-5:30 and 6:15-7:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the entry bulletin board if you can help provide cookies, breads, or other snacks.

In the fall we will offer a low-cost, catered meal from 6:15-7:00 for families and adults involved in Wednesday Night Live, confirmation, adult bible study, and choirs. Pizza Ranch, Subway, Zio Johnno's, and a fourth option will be offered on a rotating basis.

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle

We'll be taking a break for the summer. Join us again in August for our summer luncheon and then we'll start back up again on the first Wednesday in September.

Monthly Bridge Group

Our next gathering is scheduled for *Friday, June 4* at 1 pm in the café. At that time we'll also discuss our plans for the rest of the summer. Call John Knodle with questions or comments (551-8162).

LCR Scrapbookers

We'll meet in the fellowship hall on *Friday, June 4* from 6-10 pm. Feel free to invite your fellow scrapbooking friends. There is no cost for this event - just bring your photos & supplies and join us. Call Donna Dennis at 854-7752 with questions.

PROPERTY

Parking lot resurfacing

The crew will be here the week beginning *Monday, June 7th*, so any visitors to the church will need to park away from the section being worked on. Doors will be kept unlocked at alternate entrances throughout the week. Thank you for your gifts to the Building Fund which will cover this expense.

Entryway mailboxes

Family mailboxes have been re-alphabetized, so take a moment to check out your new location. (btw - this might be a good time to 'spring clean' your box.) Please note that some extended families have been combined to save space. If you would prefer a separate box, let us know in the office and we'll set it up for you.

Habitat for Humanity



The Cedar Valley Habitat for Humanity chapter and the Linn County Thrivent chapter are working together on a "Building in Faith" project. The goal is building a new home for a Cedar Rapids-area family, starting in July. The Lutheran churches of our community have been challenged to raise \$10,000 toward the \$80,000 total cost. LCR has given \$1,500 from your Lenten offerings toward this project. Check out the entryway bulletin board for more details on volunteering.

MINISTRY

“...love your neighbor as yourself...” - Matthew 22:39

Crossroads Mission



Every month, more and more people are coming to Crossroads in need of food (either canned or boxed), paper products (especially diapers and toilet paper), and now spring/summer clothing for children and adults. If you leave your donation in the bin in the Gathering Space, we will see that it is taken to Crossroads. Several members of our congregation help at Crossroads during the week, and they are able to take the donations with them. And a special thank-you to the people who helped with painting the building last month.



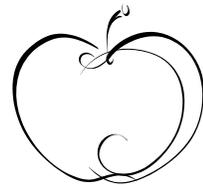
Volunteers

Every month, over 150 people volunteer their services at Resurrection in some capacity. And this is just in the summer - during the school year there are many more when you count the people helping with Sunday School, Confirmation, Wednesday Night Live, etc. Thanks so much to all of you - our church could not function if you were not willing to help. As we go into the Summer Schedule, let me know if you want to change which service you attend or the ministries you are involved with. You can reach me at marcia@lcrmarion.org or 377-4689. One place where we can use more people is in the Welcome Center. Welcome Center Hosts are at the window 15 minutes before the service and 15 minutes after. If you have the gift of hospitality, this is the place for you!!

- Marcia Edwards

Teachers

We are very fortunate to count many teachers as members of Resurrection. Thank you so very much for all you do for your students and the great impact you have on their lives. And now Bonnie Raasch has been honored by being named the Linn County Teacher of the Year. Bonnie has been a member of Resurrection since 1975 and is a very talented lady. Congratulations Bonnie; an honor well earned.

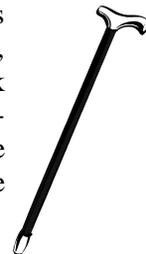


Resurrection Gardeners

Many of you remark on the beauty of the flowers and plants that surround our church. These are the result of the hard work of the Resurrection Gardeners. There is a lot of planning, digging, planting, weeding, and watering that happens to make the grounds so welcoming. Visitors are attracted to come inside after they see such beauty outside. Thank you gardeners - your efforts are appreciated.

Medical Supplies

We have had some more donations to our library of medical aids and supplies. If you find yourself in need of items such as: walkers, shower bench, toilet bar, cane, etc. please check with the church before purchasing anything. We probably have the item available for you to use as long as you have need of it.



STEWARDSHIP

“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:8

Treasurer's Report for April 2010

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$45,576	\$185,471	\$184,220
General Fund Expenses	\$51,577	\$198,659	\$190,438
Cash Balances	<u>4/30/10</u>	<u>4/30/09</u>	<u>4/30/08</u>
General Fund	\$-9,302	\$-5,544	\$80
Clearing Accounts	\$25,823	\$28,451	\$24,117
Building Fund	\$38,768	\$21,482	\$45,135

Challenging Times

In April we sent over \$7,000 from Lenten/Holy Week/Easter offerings to 6 local and regional mission partners. When this expense was added to our usual monthly expenses, our General Fund balance plunged to \$-9,302. While the Clearing Account savings balance of \$25,823 serves as a buffer for now, it will also drop dramatically in the next month as the charity:water funds (over \$6,000); camper fundraisers (~\$2,400); and mission trip fundraisers (~\$5,000) are cleared out.

What can you do to help? Keep your offerings coming in consistently over the summer, even if you are absent from worship. Sign up for Simply Giving, our electronic funds transfer way of giving. Use your “catch up” envelopes in your envelope packets. If you give once a year in December, give half of your annual gift in June. Your church will need your support more than ever this summer.

E-Statements

In keeping with LCR’s efforts to be more green, we are introducing electronically delivered contribution statements. Beginning this June, statements will be delivered as e-mail .pdf attachments to those members wishing to participate. The volunteer coordinator distribution lists will be used as the initial group of participants. If you receive worship service volunteer assignments via e-mail, you will also receive your contribution statement via e-mail. Let us know if you would prefer to continue with paper statements, or if you want electronic statements but are not a worship service volunteer. Either way, contact Bob Patterson (377-7801), Holly Glogovsky (377-9587), or the church office and we will adjust our distribution list accordingly.