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Stephen Ministry

This month we will be commissioning 8 new Stephen Ministers. They have completed 52 hours of training. Please pray for them and congratulate them. They are:

**Rebecca Birr, Susan Conway, Curt Duwe,
Tom Lillevig, Kathy Peterman, Tom Peterman,
Rachel Sutton, Joyce Zach**

They will be joining our other Stephen Ministers in supervision.

Our Stephen Ministry started with its first class in the fall 2017. They were commissioned in March of 2018. Our Stephen Ministers have provided care to 23 individuals. If you would like to know more about receiving care from a Stephen Minister, contact the church office. We have Stephen Minister ready to care for you!

You as a congregation play an important role in Stephen Ministry. It is YOUR ministry; it belongs to all of us at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, not just to the pastors, Stephen Leaders, or Stephen Ministers.

Your support is important in a number of ways. Stephen Ministry needs your prayers - for the Stephen Leaders & Ministers, for the care receivers, and for the healing that God is working through each caring relationship.

Our Stephen Ministry also needs your support to help foster a more caring environment at our church. As you meet, greet, and talk to people, take time to listen and care for those around you. Remember to have the Stephen Ministry in the back of your mind. **You are the eyes and ears of Jesus.** When you see someone going through a difficult time, tell him or her about our Stephen Ministry and connect the person with a Stephen Leader (through the church office). AND when you encounter a difficult time yourself, be receptive to this caring ministry.

Thank you so much. - *Mary Hajek*

A Message from the Pastor

We have now entered the Season of Lent. The word Lent originally meant “spring.” The Spring Equinox is the 19th of March. That is the official beginning of spring. The word lent comes from the lengthening of days which is what happens in the spring. The days get longer and the nights get shorter in the northern hemisphere. Lent is a time to reflect on our baptism, and a time of rebirth and renewal. I pray that this season is a time of preparation for you and your family for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

- *Interim Pastor Denny Wright*

Our new Stephen Ministers:



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Stephen Leader
Mary Hajek:
319-899-6454

Worship

March 1 - The Temptation of Jesus, Pastor Denny Wright

Bible reading - Matthew 4:1-11

March 4 - John the Baptist, Pastor Nate Montover

March 8 - Came to Save, Pastor Nate Montover

Bible reading - John 3:1-17

March 11 - Temple Cleansing, Pastor Denny Wright

March 15 - The Woman at the Well, Pastor Denny Wright

Bible reading - John 4:5-30

March 18 - Simon Peter, Pastor Nate Montover

March 22 - Sight to the Blind, Pastor Denny Wright

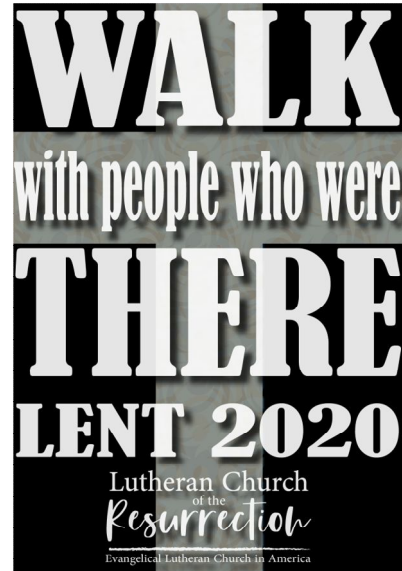
Bible reading - John 9:1-41

March 25 - Peter's Denial, Pastor Denny Wright

March 29 - Raising of Lazarus, Pastor Denny Wright

Bible reading - John 11:1-45

April 1 - Nicodemus, Pastor Nate Montover



First Communion classes

....will be held for all those 4th graders (or older) who would like to participate in taking their first communion on Maundy Thursday this year (April 9th). Our classes are scheduled from 6:00-7:00 pm on *Wednesday, March 25* and *April 1*. These two classes are for kids AND a parent or guardian. Speak with Pastor Denny if you have any questions.

New Members

The Matt & Kristin Petersen family was able to take part in our new member luncheon in February. We will be accepting them as members in worship on *Wednesday, March 11*. Another new member luncheon will be offered later this year for those who were not able to take part recently. Please let the church office know if you're interested and we'll send you a notification prior to the next gathering.

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

....has accepted a call at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. She will begin her service there in March. You can read more on her 'update' page posted on the entryway bulletin board and by the café.

Thrivent 'Choice Dollars'

The Thrivent Choice program encourages members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable grant funds. Members make this recommendation by directing their Choice Dollars to enrolled non-profit organizations, including churches. The deadline for your designation is *Tuesday, March 31*. Please contact your Thrivent representative to direct your portion.

Ministry

March/April Mission Envelopes

....will go to Matthew 25, which is an organization that empowers people to transform neighborhoods. They sponsor: Book Buddies, which helps kids with reading, School Garden Educators, which help kids learn about growing & cooking healthy foods, volunteers who help fix the houses of strangers, and free healthy meals at Groundswell 'Pay-It-Forward' Café.



Personal Care Kits

The Mary Martha Rebecca Circle is still collecting NEW light-weight bath towels and 3 or 4 oz. soaps for personal care kits. Donations may be placed in the marked tub in the gathering space. The assembled kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief to be distributed to people whose homes have been destroyed, or to those who've had to flee their homes to protect their lives. If you have questions, please contact Lareen Gull at 373-3304

Encore Café

The Encore Café is your one-stop shop for nutrition, socialization time with friends, and health education. Locations are at Lowe Park and the Marion Public Library. Check our entryway bulletin board for the daily menus and the number to call to make a reservation. Encore Café also offers a number of informational programs on health-related and other topics.

Time & Talents

Time & Talent catalogs and Response Forms were given to the congregation in February. Please take time to look them over, decide how you wish to serve this year, fill out the blue response sheet, and turn it in to the church office by April 8th. This can also be done online at lcrmarion.org/downloads/time-and-talent/.

Medical Supplies Library

Resurrection has a number of medical supplies that can be checked out for use when the need arises. In addition to our walkers, crutches, toilet risers, shower seats, we also have a knee scooter, a nebulizer, and other valuable items. Rather than buying new, contact the church office and we'll see if we can supply you with the thing/s you need.



Feeding Lunches to Youth

The FLY Board has decided that our spring break sites will be Squaw Creek, Marion Village, and Valley View, and possibly one more site in the Marion Independent District.

FLY board members have been making HACAP deliveries to four Marion Independent schools every Friday, with about 80 bags going home in just the MISD schools alone! HACAP sends bags of food home with area students on the free/reduced lunch program to make sure they have food over the weekends.

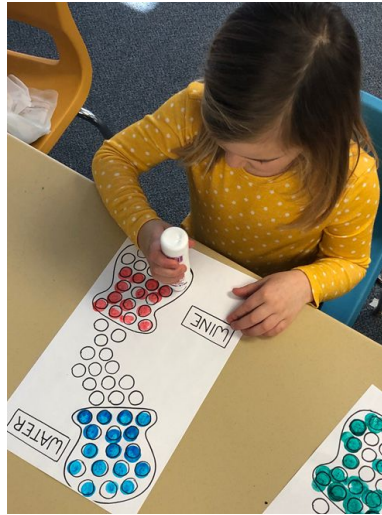
FLY will also be purchasing car flags and magnets with our logo on them to better help children and families identify volunteers' vehicles when they deliver the sack lunches.

FLY is in need of supplies, so we are collecting brown paper sack lunch bags at LCR. Please look for the tub in the Gathering Space to leave your donations of #4 size brown paper bags.

If you have any questions regarding FLY, please contact Jill Hansen - jill@lcrmarion.org.

9:15-10:15 am **Sunday School** *preschool through 5th grades*

We spent the month of February studying the story of Jesus at the Wedding in Cana from the Gospel of John. Students found awesome ways to engage with this text in lots of hands-on ways and learned about what it means to receive free gifts from Jesus.



Sunday School Director - Jessi Lau / jessi@lcrmarion.org

Wednesday Night Live

**3rd-5th Grade Students
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm**



WNL students made 27 fleece-tie blankets for the Cedar Valley Humane Society, to send home with pets adopted from the shelter.

March Calendar

March 4th - WNL Lent Meal from 5:15-6:45 pm
No regular WNL until April 15th

**WNL Director
Jill Hansen
jill@lcrmarion.org**

Adult Faith Development

Our Sunday adult classes meet from 9:15-10:15 am, offering a variety of topics.

If you're interested in facilitating a class, contact Donna Dennis or Dan Tegtmeier (phone numbers below)

Sunday mornings at 9:15

We will offer three choices on Sunday mornings, beginning March 1.

Discipleship series - Twelve Ordinary Men / leaders TBA

The men our savior chose as his disciples were very ordinary men.

But under Jesus' teaching they became a force that forever changed the world.

Discover series - God's People: Then & Now / Duane Rinderknecht (319-899-9607)

Are the Jews still God's people? Come and learn their history and how the world views them today.

Doing series - Run For God / Bob Read (bobcher@mchsi.com) This is a 12-week study that allows runners to combine faith and endurance training. At the end of our series we'll run in a 5K on May 16th

Small Groups during the week

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - *Wednesday, March 4* at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall

Linda Schminke - *Wednesday, March 11 & 25* at 1 pm in the conference room (319-551-6693)

JAM (Jesus And Me) Women's Circle - 'The Parables' *Monday, March 9* at 1:00 pm in the lounge

Biblical Fellowship - 'The Letters of John' on *Tuesday, March 17* at 2:00 pm, fellowship hall

Donna Dennis - *Thursday, March 12 & 26* at 7:00 pm (319-432-4148)

Mary Kay Pinckney - *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi*, one Sunday each month (319-431-1352)

Dan Tegtmeier - *Righteous Path of God*, 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm (319-240-8348)

Loaves, Fishes, & Faith gathering - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 11:30 am, Mary Jo Carlson (319-721-3775)

Brewing Up the Bible meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Zio Johnno's in Marion, starting at 7:30 pm. Please join us on *Wednesday, March 11* for fellowship, beverages, and study! Contact Ramon Redondo for details. (319-491-7212)



Outreach

LIFETREE CAFÉ meets Fridays at noon in our café in the fellowship hall.

At Lifetree Café we have coffee, snacks, and discussion around topics that affect our lives. Come and join the conversation! Feel free to bring friends.

March topics are...

March 6 - Can This Union Be Saved: *A Marriage Counselor's Advice for Our Divided Country*

March 13 - Reboot Your Life: *The Art of Turning Your Life Around*

March 20 - Confronting Evil: *One Man Takes a Stand*

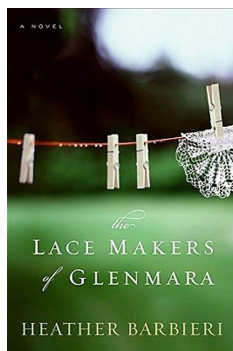
March 27 - Laughter is the Best Medicine: *A Doctor-Approved Laugh Session*

Fellowship

PEP 55+ Group - Trivia & Potluck

Join us on *Sunday, March 29* from 2:30 to 4:30 pm for a Trivial Pursuit game event, followed by a potluck. Don't be scared away because you think you're no good at trivia - we will be playing in teams so you can tap into the 'hive mind!' Please sign up on the entry-way bulletin board so we can be well-prepared. Tom & Kathy Peterman are our hosts; call 319-480-9883 if you have questions.

LCR Book Club



LCR's Book Club will meet on *Tuesday, March 17* at 6:30 pm to discuss "The Lace Makers of Glenmara" by Heather Barbieri. Library copies are available in the church office for you to sign out. Contact Sherrill at 319-329-0114 or sherrillamorrison@gmail.com if you have any questions. You are always welcome to invite non-member friends to our gatherings!

Cribbage Group

We are gathering on *Friday, March 13 and 27* from 1:15 to 3:15 pm to enjoy card-playing fellowship. Everyone is welcome, including non-members and those who have never played before. There is no fee to participate, just come and have some fun! Contact Marlin Oeltjen at 319-651-6159 if you have any questions.

Woodcarvers

Our wood-carving group meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm in the Sunday School Art Room. Anyone is welcome to join us - male or female, young or old, members or not! If you haven't tried woodcarving before, we can 'show you the ropes.' Call Jerry Schierholz with any questions: 319-270-3380

Knitters/Crocheters

The Knitters would love to see you any Thursday from 6:30-8:30 pm. We have knitting needles and yarn for making hospice blankets. We're very happy to teach people how to knit or crochet, so come meet us sometime! You may also bring your own projects to work on, including needlepoint, cross-stitch, etc. Call Pam Kacena if you have any questions: 319-360-5165.

Recent Photos



CrossTalk Assemblers help every month!



Woodcarvers in action



Barb and Jody give the 'gift of life' at our February blood drive.

EDGE Youth Group

We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm
9th to 12th graders from any school or church are welcome at EDGE
Contact Katie with questions: katie@lcrmarion.org



Zach Nkhata from Malawi teaching at EDGE during his recent visit.

Student Life Series has begun! During the season of Lent, EDGE students take the stage and teach lessons to their peers that they have prepared. Feel free to stop by EDGE during Lent and hear the teachings these students have worked on.



Confirmation

Confirmation Retreat
Friday & Saturday, March 6 & 7
~ for 8th graders ~

At this overnight event we'll help the kids develop and write their faith statements, choose their Bible verses, and prepare their mission statements for the Confirmation service on May 3rd. We'll also plan for some fun and fellowship as well!

Parents, we would love to have as many adult volunteers as possible, so if you are able to help for the whole event, or in shifts, we will definitely find a place for you. Contact Pastor Nate: nate@lcrmarion.org

Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 pm
Discipleship Training, Prayer,
& Fun for 6th-8th graders

March Schedule

There is no Wednesday night programming for Confirmation students during Lent. However, this is an excellent time for students to catch up on Worship Notes.



Prayers

Prayers are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in February:

Virgil Boynton (*hospice care*)

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(*Resurrection members*) Lyle Bischof, John Wilkinson, Cheryl Irland, Marilyn Canady, Andy McRoberts, Barbara Wilkinson, Mike Rosz, Clark Gull, Laura Eiben, Jack Lorence, Craig Miller, Marlys Claussen, Paul Bendixen, John Howe, Roger Carlson, Deanne Harding, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken, Arvis Hahn, Bob & Jan Berridge.

(*family and friends*) Vic Daman, Judy Brewer, Christie Birr, Will Springer, Ruth Ann Stai, Grandpa Harley, niece Peggy, Avona Lehmann, Jeff Law, Brennen Still, Bill Campbell, Brian Dawson.

Those living in care facilities:

Vera Olson, Martin Winch (The Views), Pat Rose, Larry Wogahn (Bickford Cottage), Esther Burrack (Hallmark), Ernest Jones (Crestview)

Those in military service:

Taylor Johnson, Paul & Chrystal McDonough, Aaron Moose, Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson, Haley Eickstaedt, Will Fritz, Steve Fritz, Todd Kopperud, Michael Berridge, David Berridge

Those who celebrate:

- Jessi Heidelbauer and Adam Lau on their wedding on Feb. 9th.

Those who mourn:

- Sheryl Knodle and family on the death of her husband, John Knodle, on Feb. 10th.

Those in Transition:

- Our country to find peace
- Families struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues
- Those impacted by violence in the United States and abroad

Bendixen Family

Thank you all for your expressions of sympathy in the loss of our grandson, Matthias. We appreciate you thinking of us through your thoughts, prayers, cards, and memorials.

- Paul & Betty Bendixen



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 call the church office (319-377-4689).

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for January 2020

	<u>January</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$66,339	\$ 66,389	\$ 63,971
General Fund Expenses	\$49,341	\$ 49,341	\$ 52,897
Cash Balances	<u>01/31/20</u>	<u>01/31/19</u>	
General Fund	\$41,851	\$21,985	
Clearing Accounts	\$58,258	\$48,713	
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$51,795	\$38,052	

2020 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through Jan. 31	\$ 14,056
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through Jan. 31	\$ 13,533
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$ 13,771
% of pledges received	101.8%

This fund has three 'buckets': maintenance (building upkeep and repair); ministry (Director of Connections); and Mission (Camp Chisomo, Camp EWALU, Habitat for Humanity, Take Away Hunger event).

Total given to Camp Chisomo for the year is \$1,099; for Habitat for Humanity - \$1,099; and Camp EWALU - \$1,099 commitment.



Church Council

The Council met on Feb. 18th. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$41,851 at the end of January.

Election of Officers:

Jim Shaw, President
Dave Jensen, Vice President
Secretary, Aaron Cannon

Stewardship Team:

Bob Erlandson, Dave Jensen,
Jordan Lass

Governance Team:

David Gochenouer,
Aaron Cannon, Jim Shaw

Outreach Team:

Jennie Fredin, Cathy Finch,
Amy Moenk

Call Committee -

Elizabeth Buckeridge gave a presentation on the search. Discussion followed and a Council vote was approved.

Next Council Meeting -

March 17, 2020

Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office.



General Fund Summary

After one month of January 2020:

- ◆ Receipts are 137% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through January.
- ◆ Expenses are 100% of the 2020 budget, pro-rated through Jan.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided: \$2,500 to the ELCA/Synod



Those who donate through 'Simply Giving' do not receive offering envelope packets in the mail. Whenever you want to give extra for holidays or mission, you can pick up light green 'mission offering' envelopes at the Welcome Center literature rack.

Digital Giving

***Simply Giving** - Join over 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 by the Welcome Center.

***PayPal** - There is a DONATE button you can click on our website for giving.

***Give+ Mobile Phone App** can be downloaded from Google Play or iTunes.

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Lent Meals

- 3/4: Wed. Night Live - Pancakes, sausage, etc.
- 3/11: Wee Wisdom - Meatball sandwiches
- 3/18: staff, Papa John's pizza
- 3/25: EDGE Youth - Pulled Pork & Party Potatoes
- 4/1: date available, contact office

Cherub Ringers!



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