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Crosstalk

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends, I really enjoyed seeing so many people at the June 21st Drive-In Holy Communion Worship, and then again at our worship on June 28th!

It looks like we are on a path to re-enter our building and begin modified worship in person. It has been a long time since we have been able to sit in our sanctuary as a congregation. As you have probably learned, there will be some modifications to how we are able to worship while in the church – one change is that we will be limited to fifty people in the building at a time. Because of this, we ask that you either call in or make a reservation online to save seats for you and your family. At this time, we plan to have one service on Sunday and one on Wednesday.

As your pastor, I consider it my responsibility to protect our congregation, and I take this responsibility very seriously. While there may be a differing of opinions on what is necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19, I prefer to err on the side of caution by requiring social distancing, temperature scans, hand hygiene, and masks to be worn by everyone who enters our church. Please help me keep our congregation and staff healthy by adhering to these requirements – I don't want to take unnecessary risks because you all mean too much to me! If, for any reason, you don't feel comfortable being at church during this time, we warmly encourage you to continue to worship with us online if you are able. We have been working hard to bring you high-quality experiences with inspiring and meaningful messages and music.

Thank you for your grace and patience during this challenging time. Remember, together we are the church which is the body of Christ. Every member is important to each of us and it is every member's privilege to care for each other and to be cared for. God Bless You All. - *Pastor Denny*

Indoor Worship begins

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will re-open our church building for modified worship beginning **Wed, July 1 at 6:00 pm** and **Sun, July 5 at 10:00 am**. *Detailed information is available on page 9.* Pastors Denny and Nate share details about our building re-opening in this video - <https://youtu.be/vQCYst6Dlck>

Senior Pastor Call

Resurrection members should have received a mailing about our Senior Pastor candidate and the two related gatherings listed inside (*page 4 for details*). If you did not receive the mailing, please contact the church office as soon as possible so we can get you a copy.

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Worship



Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

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SERVICES

SUNDAYS - 10 AM

LIVESTREAM ONLINE - www.lcrmarion.org

In-Church Services - Please Make Reservations

www.lcrmarion.org/reservations

WEDNESDAYS - 6 PM

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In-Church & Online Worship Services - Sundays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 6 pm

Both live-stream services have links on our website: lcrmarion.org.

If you would like to attend worship at the church, please either call the church office at (319) 377-4689 or go online and make reservations at lcrmarion.org/reservations. You will be able to make reservations seven days in advance of each service.

If you know anyone who is having a difficult time during these uncertain days, please let them know about these services. They are very uplifting and encouraging. We are fortunate to have two great interim pastors, and these services can offer support to you or people that you know.



Virtual Coffee - Sundays at 8:30 (except July 5th)

All are welcome to join in a time of fellowship at 8:30 am each Sunday for "Virtual Coffee." The links you will need are posted on www.lcrmarion.org near the link for Sunday's worship service. They are also posted on our social media. **** We will be taking Sunday, July 5th off, picking back up on 7/12.**

Ask Your Technology Questions

We are happy to help walk you through attending online church, using Zoom for virtual gatherings and online studies, and other technical challenges to participating in church online. Send Cari an email (cari@lcrmarion.org) or call the church office (319-377-4689) to set up a time.

Community Ministry

Feeding Lunches to Youth

In June we saw a tremendous increase in need for summer meals in the community caused by COVID-19. We have tripled our meal distribution. In the first seven days we served almost 2,700 meals, compared to 900 in 2019.

The FLY program has expanded to 13 sites in response to the rise in demand. There have been changes in order to address the safety of those helping and those receiving the lunches. LCR will be responsible for staffing again on July 13–17 and Aug 10–14. If you would like to sign up, please feel free to contact Jill Hansen at jill@lcrmarion.org or by calling the church office.

As expenses have increased, FLY would also welcome your monetary donation to help us continue to supply lunches to kids in need. So far we have spent approximately \$6,869 on supplies for the first few weeks, in comparison to \$7,483 for all of last year! If you would like to support this mission, please send a check to the church with FLY in the memo line. Thank you so much.

Shoe Donation / Drive

Help children in need start the year with new shoes through the Marion Independent School District 'Start School Right Program'

Two options for participation:

- > PURCHASE SHOES kids' sizes 1-6
- > MONETARY DONATIONS - Cash or Checks written to: **Marion Foundation**
memo note: **Start School Right Shoes**

Shoes and monetary donations can be left in the LCR entry during our Sunday and Wednesday worship times. You may also make an appointment for drop-off with Jill - contact her at jill@lcrmarion.org.

We will have a drive-thru drop-off outside the front entrance on Sunday, July 19 at LCR from 1:00 - 2:30 pm for your convenience and for those who are socially distancing.

Thank you in advance for your help in providing for children whose families need some assistance.

Marion Cares Backpacks

Marion Cares will be holding our annual 'Backpack to School' drive again this year. Instead of our usual blue supply lists, this year we'll have virtual sign-ups (signupgenius.com) for adopting students to shop for beginning July 12th. Each church will have their own private link with specific students to be adopted by their congregation. Individual congregation members will sign themselves up using this link. Backpacks will need to be dropped at LCR absolutely no later than Sunday, August 2nd.

If you would like to sponsor a backpack but aren't comfortable getting out and shopping we have an option for you: let Jill know you are interested in providing funds for a backpack and she or Jessi will go out and purchase the supplies. Jill will let you know the cost and you can write a check to LCR for the amount. Please be sure to let Jill know if there is a specific amount you would like to spend. It's like having your own personal shopper! Contact jill@lcrmarion.org.

July & August Mission Envelopes

....will go to The Churches of Marion Food Pantry, which is now open with modified procedures to reduce health risks. The Pantry is currently offering no-contact delivery to vulnerable clients, thanks to the help of our wonderful LCR volunteers. Food donations are accepted at the pantry at 9 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some of the items the pantry is most in need of include canned meats, canned fruit, peanut butter, and ramen noodles. Your donations are so appreciated and needed!



Further information about the Pantry is listed on The Churches of Marion food Pantry Facebook page.

Senior Pastor Call

Dear Church Family - The call committee and church council are excited to be moving forward in the call process for the next senior pastor of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Saturday, July 11th at 9:30 am

Broadcast of the Virtual Meet & Greet of the Senior Pastor Candidate

As part of the meet-and-greet, the call candidate will be given an opportunity to answer questions that will help the congregation get to know Pastor Jeff and feel informed about the call process.

> The meet & greet recording will be available to view on the 11th at <http://lcrmarion.org/cc2020/>.

> Limited seating will be available at the church at 9:30 am for those who cannot access the meet & greet at home. Please call 319-377-4689 by Monday, July 6 to reserve seats for the in-church broadcast. For those who attend in person, we will have safety measures in place, including temperature checks prior to entry, social distancing, and requesting that all participants wear masks.

Sunday, July 12th at 11:15 am

Special Congregational Drive-In Meeting: Vote to Call the Senior Pastor Candidate

The vote to call the senior pastor candidate will be held in the church parking lot as a drive-in meeting.

>> We will also livestream the vote - log in to <http://lcrmarion.org/cc2020/> to view.

Members in attendance will be able to listen to the meeting via your car's AM radio. When the congregation is assembled, ushers will distribute ballots and sign-in cards to your vehicles. After announcements, the "floor" will be open for questions for the call committee or church council. You will be able to text your questions to a moderator, or you can come up to the portico to ask your question. Following the Q&A period, we will ask voting members to cast their ballots, which will be collected by ushers along with sign-in cards. The votes will be tabulated and the results announced. We ask you to stay until the meeting has concluded.

Some special notes from the LCR constitution regarding the call process:

- Voting members are confirmed members who have communed and given a contribution of record in the current or previous year.
- This pastoral call can be issued only with the approval of at least 2/3 of the voting members present at a meeting called for that purpose. Those voting members present constitute a quorum.
- Voting by proxy or by absentee ballot is not permitted.

We thank you for your prayers during this process, and we ask for your continued prayers as we move forward. Blessings to you! - *Resurrection Call Committee*

*Drive-In
Worship
June 21st*



*Thanks to
our great
volunteers!*



Adult Faith & Outreach

Connect Thursday

Let's connect! Join Pr. Nate and Aaron Schutte on Thursday, July 2nd from 8:00 - 9:00 pm. We have time for reflection, conversation, and insight into how the Bible applies to our daily lives. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!
LINK: <https://tinyurl.com/connectthursday>
Meeting ID: 795 2102 3878
Password: THGRP8

Coffee with Pastor Nate

Pastor Nate has been posting a series of video chats on our web- and social media sites that are funny, informative, and inspiring! Be sure to check them out.

Brewing Up the Bible (BUB)

Brewing Up the Bible will be online on Wednesday, July 8th at 7:30 pm. Watch your Friday E-News and social media for the link.

Christ In Our Home

New devotionals for July, August, and September are available at the church. Let us know if you need one and we can arrange a way to get it to you.



Small Group Opportunities

While we are unable to meet in person, we encourage you to stay in contact with your small groups. Some people are doing this via email, by telephone, or even online. Tools that we have been experimenting with include WebEx, Zoom, Skype, and Duo. Most of these apps support both telephone (audio only) and video feeds. Please email cari@lcrmarion.org if you would like help setting up a virtual meeting.



Stand In Unity

In response to recent events, the LCR staff has been thinking about ways that we, as a church, can Stand In Unity with our African American brothers and sisters. Our hope is to work toward ending racism, to lift up the oppressed and marginalized, and to shape our thoughts and actions in such a way that stereotypes, discrimination, injustice, and inequality can be eradicated from society.

As the first step in this journey, we have set up a webpage with a few resources: <http://lcrmarion.org/standinunity>. We hope to continue to add resources to the site. In addition, we would like to start some studies or discussion groups.

If you are interested in helping us on this journey, please contact the church office: office@lcrmarion.org.

Pledge to commit to Anti-Racism



Take the ELCA Anti-Racism Pledge.

As church we are called to confess the sin of racism, condemn the ideology of white supremacy, and strive for racial justice and peace. Beyond statements and prayers, we are called to also act and respond to injustices. We invite you to commit to one or more of the actions in the ELCA's pledge.

Confirmation

Confirmation Is Coming!

Now that summer is in full swing the education staff has been looking forward to planning our fall programs. Obviously we are faced with new challenges, but we are choosing to approach this as an exciting time and we are certain we will find creative solutions to the limits we will more than likely have on gatherings at the church. At the top of my personal list of concerns is our Confirmation program and I'm looking forward to sharing with you some of the changes we will be making in our program. We will be doing our best to decrease the amount of unnecessary requirements, and we will be increasing our opportunities to learn the faith by putting faith into action. At the same time we will be decreasing the amount of time that large groups are gathered in the church in order to respect the need for social distancing.

To put it simply, my vision is to concentrate on four goals:

1. Teach the faith
2. Serve the community as servants of Christ
3. Have fun
4. Gather in a way that keeps our kids safe.

I want kids to develop a deep knowledge of the traditions of the church and the content of scripture. I want their Confirmation program to aid them as they find their place as servant leaders in our community. I want them to want to come to Confirmation, and I want the Confirmation program to inform their adult discipleship. In order to make this happen, and at the same time respect the new reality of social distancing, we will make the following changes to our program:

1. Confirmation will now be a program for 7th and 8th graders. We will continue to have programming for 6th graders, but we will not be asking families to commit to three years of Confirmation any longer.

2. Our Wednesday gatherings will focus on fellowship and service, and our education work will include videos so that students can learn at their own pace from home. Obviously we will reinforce lessons when we gather, but we will no longer expect students to attend lectures.

3. We will establish our requirements, and parents will determine when and how students will meet those requirements. Martin Luther believed that parents are the pastors of their households, so parents will ultimately decide when students have met their requirements. Service project requirements will be met by attending Wednesday night Confirmation because many of those meetings will include service projects that help our community.

I understand that there will be many questions about these changes and I will be communicating more as the summer progresses. However, in the final analysis I want Confirmation be a joy, not a burden. I want kids to be excited at the prospect of coming on Wednesday nights, and I want our parents/guardians to look forward to the Confirmation experience as well.

I look forward to seeing you as we begin meeting once again at the church! Pray for us, and know that we are praying for you! *Peace, Pr. Nate*

Stephen Ministry

Need Someone to Talk To?

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one (over the telephone for now!), confidential care for those who are struggling through a difficult time – experiencing grief, divorce, job loss, chronic illness, or other life crises. Trained Stephen Ministers are compassionate lay people with the skills for distinctive Christian caregiving. To get more information about receiving care or becoming a Stephen Minister, contact our Stephen Leaders through the church office.

Building Re-Opening

First modified worship services in the building will be Wednesday, July 1st at 6 pm and Sunday, July 5th at 10 am. Online worship will continue to be available.

* If there is a local surge in COVID-19 cases, the church may decide to postpone building re-opening.

* After re-opening, if circumstances warrant, we may need to pause in-building worship.

Our first priority is to love our neighbors by protecting the health of our church family and staff. The guidelines outlined below are considered a work-in-progress, subject to change as the situation evolves and we learn more about the best way to keep our church family safe. This proposal addresses how we will start the process of re-opening the building. We hope to be able to increase our capacity and offerings as conditions improve.

Modified Worship

- We will offer 2 blended worship services each week; Sunday morning at 10 am and Wednesday evening at 6 pm.
- Services will be limited to 50 people, with space between family groups. Social distancing will be observed.
- Reservations for services can be made during church business hours (M-F, 9 am - 4 pm) or online - lcrmarion.org/reservations.
- Holy Communion will not be offered every week. We will offer opportunities to take communion at home during our online services, and look for opportunities that we can occasionally offer it safely in person using individually sealed kits.
- Music will be led by a small group of musicians, but we will not have the congregation join in singing.
- There will be no passing of the peace or shaking hands.
- We will not pass the offering plate or re-use bulletins.
- The children's area in the sanctuary will not be available. The nursery will not be available. The small conference room will be available for nursing mothers.
- The café will not be available.

Additional Safety Measures

- Please self-evaluate for symptoms of illness, and rest at home if you are sick.
- If you are high-risk, we encourage you to continue to worship at home.
- Masks will be required. If you forget your mask, we will have a few available at the church.
- We will be doing forehead temperature scans prior to entering the building.
- We will encourage as much one-way foot traffic as possible, and put practices in place to limit contact with door handles and surfaces.
- Families will be dismissed from the sanctuary, and asked to exit the building directly, and continue to socially distance outside.
- Cleaning kits will be made available in high-traffic areas of the church, and in each bathroom.
- The church has been deep-cleaned, and we have implemented additional cleaning procedures.



LCR hosted a Drive-Thru Food Drive on May 31st and people contributed a ton of food for FLY (far left) and The Churches of Marion Food Pantry.

THANK YOU for your giving hearts!

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in June:

Ken Meisinger, Evelyn Beck

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members) Nancy Poppe, Laura Lovseth, Jan & Bob Berridge, Sherrill Morrison, Andy McRoberts, Mike Rosz, Deanna Harding, Dennis Conway, Lyle Bischof, Cheryl Irland, Marilyn Canady, John & Barbara Wilkinson, Clark Gull, Marlys Claussen, Paul Bendixen, John Howe, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken, Arvis Hahn.

(family and friends) Maurice Wilkinson, Sonja Ambrose, Denise & Bob Osborn, Brian Dawson, Vic D., Gail Hawthorne, Judy Brewer

Those living in care facilities:

Lee Schoon, Vera Olson, Martin Winch (The Views); Pat Rose, Larry Wogahn (Bickford Cottage); Ernest Jones (Crestview)

Those in military service:

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



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.

Those who celebrate:

- Brenda Krause on the birth of a new grandson, James Dean Krause, on 6/23. Parents are Eric & Kari Krause.

Those who mourn:

- Family & friends of Bev Kriegel, who passed away on 6/13.
- Shirley Engelbart on the death of her son, Jeff Law, on 6/14.
- Family & friends of Dean Anderson, who passed away on 3/15.
- Arlene Lang & family on the death of past member, Sandy Schaeffer, on 6/7.
- David Gochenouer and family on the death of his father, George Gochenouer, on 6/29.

Those in transition:

- End civil unrest in our country and bring us peace

Prayers for those serving on the frontline:

Our hearts are with all those who are working hard hours in challenging, stressful environments to help others. We have a list of submitted names of members and friends who could use your prayers to get them through this uncertain time. If you are willing to serve in this way, go to http://lcrmarion.org/prayer_team/ and type in this password - LCRPrays. Please let us know if you or someone you care about would like to be included on our prayer chain: office@lcrmarion.org

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 May 2020

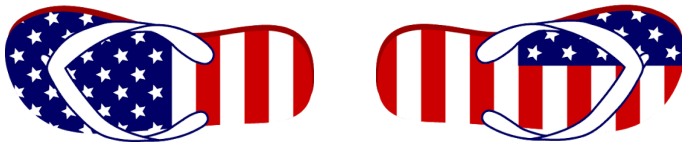
	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$53,572	\$257,201	\$241,667
General Fund Expenses	\$41,333	\$229,155	\$245,703
Cash Balances	<u>05/31/2020</u>	<u>05/31/2019</u>	
General Fund	\$114,971*	\$15,291	
Clearing Accounts	\$ 60,836	\$43,848	
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$ 61,516*	\$31,154	

*includes PPP Loan

2020 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through 5/31	\$46,661
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through 5/31	\$48,217
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$44,643
% of pledges received	92.6%

LCR applied and received a small business PPP loan in April. In our general fund we have received \$ 61,547 to be used to help LCR cover payroll needs for April & May. \$4,848 has been received in our Growth & Outreach fund to cover April & May Payroll needs. LCR will be applying for forgiveness of the Paycheck Protection Program loan in June.



Church Council

The Council met on June 16th. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$114,971 at the end of May due to the PPP Loan.

New Business

- Online 'Connect Thursday' offering will now be held just once a month
- 8th graders who would have been confirmed in May are now considered voting members
- Updated Confirmation program for 7th & 8th graders presented
- Parking lot needs to be seal-coated

Team Reports

Stewardship: Considering a seminar for planned giving.

Outreach: Staff members are inventorying our tech infrastructure to plan updates. Overall tech plan will need to be budgeted.

Governance: Will compare proposed amendments to our constitution to synod by-laws.

Next meeting - 7/21/20

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

General Fund Summary

After five months of 2020:

- ◆ Receipts are 105% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through May
- ◆ Expenses are 93% of the 2020 budget, pro-rated through May.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided: \$12,500 to the ELCA & Synod and \$945 to Matthew 25 from our mission envelopes.

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 online giving.

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

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Resurrection's new Water Bottle Ministry is now a **'Little Free Water'** ministry, thanks to Marlin Oeltjen's masterful construction skills. Youth and families who are playing in the park & skate areas can now come over and grab a refreshing water during these hot summer days!



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