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Message from the Pastor

This has been a difficult four and a half months for all of us as we try to live normal lives under this COVID-19 cloud. I really miss the opportunity to greet you all at the door following worship. I am sorry that I cannot visit our members in the hospital and in care facilities. I know those of you who live alone may be experiencing loneliness. Please remember that you are loved and that you are never alone.

Our staff has worked diligently to bring worship into your homes through technology. We have learned a lot since we made our first attempt to livestream worship in March when we decided to close your church building. We didn't close our church. You are the church and we will be back together. I cannot give you a timeline for re-entry, but I believe it will happen. Your new Pastor will be blessed with the opportunity to welcome you home. Keep The Faith. Peace and Comfort.

- *Pastor Denny Wright*

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Senior Pastor Call Vote Result



A special congregational drive-in meeting was held after drive-in and online worship services on Sunday, July 12th at 11:15 am. The purpose of the meeting was to decide on a Call to Pastor Jeff Frohner as Senior Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Attendance was taken via sign-in card, showing 152 members present.

David Jensen, vice-president of the church council, answered several questions concerning some financial aspects of the call, and Elizabeth Buckeridge, chair of the call committee, answered one question regarding why Pastor Jeff would want to move to Iowa. Votes were cast by paper ballot. The vote to call requires that 2/3 of those present at the meeting submit a "yes" vote. The results tallied were 142 "Yes" votes and 10 "No" votes. Therefore the Call documents will be signed by Jim Shaw, President of Council, and forwarded to the Bishop's office. We are very much look forward to welcoming Pastor Jeff and his wife Kelly to Marion and Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in the near future!

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YouTube

<https://tinyurl.com/LCRYoutube>

Worship



Sunday Worship Service (various formats) - Sundays at 10 am (watch calendar & email alerts carefully)

Wednesday Interactive Zoom Worship - Wednesdays at 6 pm

Services all have links on our website: lcrmarion.org

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

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.

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



This summer we've seen a tremendous increase in need for summer meals in the community caused by COVID-19. We have served a summer total of 13,008 meals as of 7/24. FLY served between 336–393 children a day last week, for a total of 1,823 kids in one week. Also, 6,852 juice boxes have been collected to accompany the lunches, with more to come from public appeals at Hy-Vee and Fareway.

The FLY program has 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 Aug 10–14. If you would like to sign up, please feel free to contact Jill Hansen (jill@lcrmarion.org) or call the church office.

As expenses have increased, FLY would welcome your monetary donation to help us continue to supply lunches to kids in need. 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.*



Jill says: Is this *seriously* the last one??

Marion Cares Backpack Program

If you have signed up to put together a backpack, we will have a drive-thru drop off for the finished backpacks at church on Sunday, August 2nd from 1-3 pm. If you have any questions, please send an email to Jill (jill@lcrmarion.org) or call the church.

There is also a general Marion Cares Student Support Fund that people can donate to. Those funds will help students in need with additional things they may end up needing this fall. Contact Jill for further information.

July & August Mission Envelopes

...are going to The Churches of Marion Food Pantry, which is now open with modified procedures to reduce health risks. Thanks to the help of our wonderful LCR volunteers, the Pantry is offering no-contact delivery to vulnerable clients in need. 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!*

Thanks so much for your mission giving in May & June, which added up to \$690 for the Community Health Free Clinic.

Shoe Donation / Drive

Thank you for helping children in need start the year with new shoes through the Marion Independent School District 'Start School Right Program.' Resurrection members donated 17 pairs of new shoes and \$325 to purchase shoes.

HACAP Food Reservoir



...is looking for help during the first week of August. We are seeking volunteers to help with packing food boxes at both morning and afternoon shifts.

Please sign up online -
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49aeac2aa1fc1-foxbox>

LCR Ministry

Seeking Livestream A/V Technology Volunteers

As we continue with online worship, we are looking for teams of volunteers who would be willing to be trained on how to livestream our worship services. Because the technology booth does not allow for proper social distancing, we are looking for groups of at least two people to work in the booth - ideally, three - who are quarantining together and would be available on Sunday mornings. We will also need a camera operator who will be located on the sanctuary floor. We hope to have enough teams to have a monthly rotation.

Teams will consist of the following people in the technology booth: One person who runs the projector feed (this will not be a big change from running MediaShout in the past) and monitor volume levels on the soundboard, one person who will run the livestream feed (we are currently using OBS (Open Broadcaster Software), and one person who will monitor the livestream feed to ensure our system is working as expected. In addition, we will need a camera operator who will work from the sanctuary floor. We will train you and provide written instructions! If you are interested, please email carri@lcrmarion.org.

Water Bottle Ministry

With our doors not being open for water fountain and bathroom use this summer, we've installed a Little Free Water Pantry filled with water bottles at the edge of our entryway canopy, plus a recycling bin for the empties. The water bottles are very popular with our park friends, so we could use your donations. You can drop water bottles off at the church during regular office hours, or send us a check or give through PayPal ("water bottles" in the comments) and we'll use it to purchase more water. Thanks for your help with this caring summer ministry!

Ken Meisinger recently had ankle surgery and will need help with cleaning & laundry in August (at least). He can pay for assistance; please contact the church office or Ken directly.



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.



**Our dear friend Tammy was ALL IN
for the children of Resurrection!!**

*There was no crazy thing Tammy wouldn't
do for our kids. We were so blessed
by her ministry among us.*

Adult Faith & Outreach

Connect Thursday

Let's connect! Join Pr. Nate and Aaron Schutte on Thursday, August 6th 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)

We'll meet online by Zoom meeting on Wednesday, August 12th at 7:30 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86454969262?pwd=dzRpZDNad3IxOVFMMMDZpaURvd3d1QT09>
Meeting ID: 864 5496 9262
Password: Brewing

by phone, call: 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 864 5496 9262
Password: 574566

Christ In Our Home

Devotionals for July, August, and September are available at the church. Let us know if you want a copy and we'll 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.

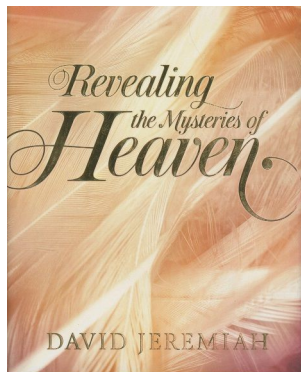
Small Group Church Usage Conditions

The church is now open for small group meetings under the following guidelines:

- Groups have to sign up for the space in advance each time.
- Groups will be no more than 10 people.
- Group members will need to stay in the fellowship hall and use fellowship hall bathrooms only.
- Practice social distancing and wear masks.
- Groups must use the NE side entryway door (pastors' door).
- Please bring your own water bottles, snacks, etc. instead of using the café or kitchen for coffee.

Groups are still welcome to use the patio or grassy area for meetings, too.

Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven



Duane Rinderknecht suggests....

This is a resource from which you could really benefit! Turning Point Ministries broadcasts awesome sermons by David Jeremiah on Sundays at 12 noon and 8 pm.

Pastor Jeremiah's current preaching series is "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven." There is also a book version of this series which answers many questions you've probably wondered about, but didn't even know the bible provides an answer to. Reading this book is informative AND inspiring. You positively will not regret the time spent reading it! You can receive this book from Turning Point Ministries for a gift of any amount. Call them at 855-993-1792 or visit <https://www.davidjeremiah.org/>. Contact Duane if you have any questions about this wonderful material (319-899-9607).

Trust Fund

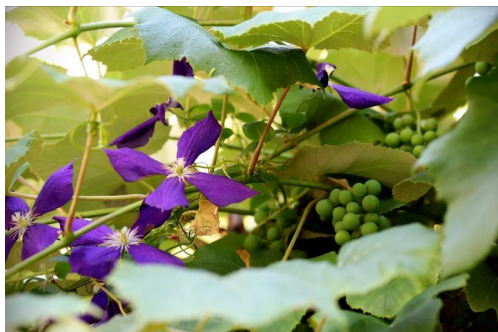
LCR Trust Fund Update

Over the last year we've been working behind the scenes to revitalize the LCR Trust Fund that was originally created in 1987. The purpose of the Fund is to enhance the work of the Church by providing ministry, education and stewardship opportunities for the Church and members that is in addition and apart from the general operation of the Church.

The LCR Trust Fund is designed to be used for planned giving. "Planned giving" refers to the giving of a major gift from accumulated assets during one's lifetime or beyond. It is often called legacy giving and relates to estate planning and the preparation of a will. This could include gifts made through trusts, estates, life insurance or through beneficiary designation of an IRA. This fall we are hoping to offer an adult education class on wills, estates, and trusts for anyone interested in getting more information on how planned giving can work for you and your family.

The Trust Fund is best known as the home of the Biderman Scholarship fund that awards scholarships to LCR high school seniors each year. Since this fund was established in 1996, we have provided \$80,700 in scholarships for 152 LCR high school seniors. The Benevolence fund has provided support to various outreach partners totaling \$25,450. We also now have two other available funds: Education (Continuing Education for staff and religious education for members) and Seminary Scholarships. Financial information about the Trust Fund is included every year in the annual report.

If you are interested in finding out more about how to give to the Trust Fund or how to request dollars from any of the funds listed above, contact the Trust Fund committee by contacting Joan Meyer at 393-6972 or meyer784@msn.com.



*Plan for
tomorrow!*



Seminary Scholarships - LCR Trust Fund

The ELCA is currently experiencing a widening gap between clergy retirements and ordinations. Each year the retirements increase and the ordinations decrease. Candidates are becoming ministers later in life and financial concerns are making it a challenge for younger students who want to pursue the ministry but already have significant undergraduate debt.

Recognizing that there is a growing shortage of ELCA ministers and that good candidates are pursuing other vocations due to the cost of seminary, the LCR Trust Fund has established a Seminary Scholarship Fund. It has been funded by donations from members interested in encouraging and mentoring members who have an interest and gifts in church ministry.

This fund is available to assist any current or past member of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection who is preparing for ordained ministry or to pursue a full-time religious vocation in the ELCA.

Contact the Trust Fund by contacting Joan Meyer at 393-6972 or meyer784@msn.com for more specifics on applying for this scholarship or to support this scholarship fund.

Confirmation

Hello everyone!!

I hope you are all well and at peace! I want to take a moment to let folks know what the Confirmation process will look like for the upcoming year, and provide an update about the Service of Confirmation for those who have completed Confirmation. I'll begin with a request. If you know of someone who needs to be included in our Confirmation email list, would you let me know? Also, will you contact me (nmontover@gmail.com) and let me know if your child will be attending so that I can update my list? Thanks for your help! Now, on to the program....

First: In order to limit the burden on our families, Confirmation is now a two year program for 7th and 8th graders. All learning opportunities will be available on-line, and we will have small groups meet at the church on Wednesday evenings. The small groups ARE NOT a requirement.

I have a request: Will you let me know if your confirmation student will be planning on meeting in person at the church for our small groups? We will begin small groups on *Wednesday, September 9th*. The guidelines for meeting in person at the church follow the guidelines originally set by Linn County. As of July 23rd, we are limited to meetings of 10 people or less. If we have 2 consecutive weeks of declining cases of COVID in Linn County, we can have up to 50 people in the church. Since we have other youth programs meeting on Wednesday we will need to plan accordingly and it will be helpful to know how many people to prepare for on Wednesdays.

Second: Parents/guardians will determine whether or not requirements have been met for your student to be confirmed. We will not track sermon notes, and we hope to provide plenty of service projects so that there will be no need to wonder if the requirements are met. We want this to be a spiritually uplifting experience and we feel that happens best when we focus on discipleship instead of compliance!

I would love an opportunity to meet via Zoom with parents and guardians in order to discuss the program and I'd like to suggest we do that on the Wednesday evening before Confirmation begins. Would 6:30 pm on *Wednesday, September 2nd* work for everyone? If that date/time works I will send a Zoom invite as we get close to the date.

Finally: Our hope is that we can gather in the church for our service of Confirmation for those kids who completed Confirmation this year. As always, we will have to wait to see how things progress, but our hope is to have Confirmation on **Reformation Sunday, October 25th, 2020**.

Thank you so much for your patience and your help. I look forward to another wonderful year - even if it is a bit complicated! - *Pastor Nate*



Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in July:

Ken Meisinger, Marilyn Nuehring

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

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

(family and friends) Bill Stroschein, Katie Anderson, friend Cody, Maurice Wilkinson, Debbie & Tim Pefferman, Ernie Jones, Gail Hawthorne

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

Those who celebrate:

- Holly Boehmke & Nate Zangerle on the baptism of their daughter, Zsa Zsa Zangerle, on July 12th

Those who mourn:

- Matt Evans, Madeline, and Noah & Samantha on the death of Tammy Evans on July 13th
- Family & friends of Brigitte Meyer-Jenniges, on her death on July 6th
- Eileen Smith, on the death of her sister, Florene Kopecky, on July 15th
- Ed & Sharon Hill, on the death of Ed's brother, Gladstone "Hap" Hill, on July 16th

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

To my LCR friends, As you've probably heard, I've moved to Florida to be near two of my children. I feel so bad I wasn't able to tell everyone goodbye, but I will certainly miss you all and treasure the friendships I made at Resurrection. - Shirley Engelbart

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 June 2020

	<u>June</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>06/30/20</u>		<u>06/30/19</u>
General Fund	\$115,537*		\$16,300
Clearing Accounts	\$ 58,260		\$44,198
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$ 60,412*		\$32,468

*includes PPP Loan

General Fund Summary

After six months of 2020:

- ◆ Receipts are 103% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through June
- ◆ Expenses are 93% of the 2020 budget, pro-rated through June.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided: \$15,000 to the ELCA & Synod.

2020 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through 6/30	\$54,495
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through 6/30	\$59,692
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$51,768
% of pledges received	86.7%

LCR applied and received a small business PPP loan in April. In our general fund we 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 applied for forgiveness of the Paycheck Protection Program loan in June.



Church Council

The Council met on July 21st. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$115,537 at the end of June due to the PPP Loan.

New Business

- Discussed church closure rules (14-day reduction)
- Transition plan for Pastor Jeff
- Synod Assembly in August
- Theater Room will now become 'Content Creation' room

Team Reports

~ *skipped to focus on worship issues* ~

Worship Improvements

- Aim for 1 traditional and 1 contemporary svc.
 - technical roadblocks must be overcome
- Capital campaign and sponsorships will be employed to purchase needed tech equipment.

Next meeting - August 18, 2020

Agenda items should be submitted by 8/15. Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office.

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.

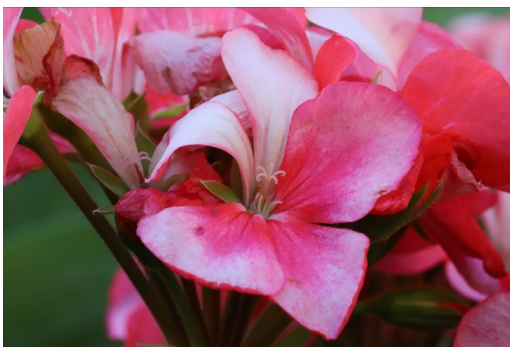
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