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Message from the Pastor

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." - Jeremiah 29.11

The story of God's people is always one of hope. It is a story that is filled with movement, sometimes through the harshest of times, toward the promises that God has given. Think about Sarah and Abraham as they moved forth in faith toward the horizon that God had put before them. Or what about Ruth as she left her homeland of Moab and connected herself in love to her mother-in-law Naomi. We could talk about Amos who was called to deliver the word of God even though he was a 'dresser of trees!' And of course there are the followers of Jesus who left the known that they enjoyed and moved forth in faith to "follow Him."

Here at LCR we are also a people of hope and we too are on a journey. And the journey often turns in unexpected ways. For instance, on my first morning in the church office I inadvertently set off the alarm! The alarm company called and I identified myself and they said they "would take care of it on their end." A few minutes later I had the pleasure of meeting two of Marion's finest "Officers in Blue!" They, of course, were very kind and all was resolved - no felony charges were pressed! But the point is, often times on the journey there are folks that enter our lives, situations we would have never expected, and, with that, opportunities that present themselves. I have already, in the first hour, introduced myself to the local law enforcement!

In the midst of it all; God is faithful. The Lord not only provides for us but often brings opportunities for us to grow in the faith, to be generous in spirit, and to learn from each other. I'm sure as I settle in as your new pastor here at LCR there will be lots of other surprises down the road (kind of hoping no more involving the police!). Nevertheless, whether it be pandemics, damaged buildings, fierce storms, or inadvertent alarms - let's covenant with each other to have our eyes, ears, and hearts wide open, looking for how God is at work in our midst, calling, gathering, and enlightening us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Let's pray for one another in grateful anticipation that God is at work. It's so good to be in your midst.

Peace! - *Pastor Jeff*

**See newsletter insert for information on welcoming
Pastor Jeff and saying farewell to Pastor Denny**

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Pastor Denny

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” We have been anticipating the arrival of a new Senior Pastor for the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection for fifteen months. We have experienced a lot of twists and turns during those months. Some of those turns were painful. Some were quite encouraging with the arrival of Pastor Nate to our staff. We also added Cari Redondo. I don’t know her title, but she has fulfilled it famously.

I want to thank the Redondo family for all the work they have put in to provide for Drive-In worship, Wednesday Worship, Streaming Worship, and our attempts at ‘face mask to face mask’ worship. Cari has done a remarkable job, and Ramon and Ray have done a lot of the physical work and specialized tasks needed to pull this off. If I could hug them, I would!



Also thanks to all the staff members I have had the privilege to work with. We have been through two destructive events this year that have caused us to not interact with each other or with you, the congregation, the way we have been accustomed to. Wearing masks, social distancing, and drive-through worship with Holy Communion have been a poor but necessary substitute to keep us safe.

Welcome Pastor Jeff with great enthusiasm. You have been good to me. - *Pastor Denny Wright*

Worship

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

Sunday Services - 8:30 am Traditional Worship / 10:00 am Contemporary Worship

Sunday services will be held both drive-in and livestream.

If there is stormy weather, we'll hold livestream services only.

Sign up for email alerts at the bottom of our website homepage (www.lcrmarion.org) or by emailing office@lcrmarion.org.

Wednesday Interactive Zoom Worship - Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Links for all our services can be found on our website: www.lcrmarion.org

Virtual Coffee ??

We're not sure about our Sunday morning ZOOM coffee gatherings at this time. Please watch our website, social media, and email alerts for further information.



Ministry

Feeding Lunches to Youth

Volunteers are still needed! Many thanks to all those who have been helping at FLY. Over 20,000 lunches have been delivered this summer - many, many more lunches than have ever been served by FLY before.

Due to storm damage, both school districts in Marion have delayed the start of school. Because of this, FLY will continue to deliver lunches through Friday, September 11. Volunteers from ALL SPONSOR CHURCHES are needed. Please sign up to help at this link -

<https://tinyurl.com/FLYsignup>

As expenses have dramatically increased, FLY welcomes 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 LCR with 'FLY' in the memo.

The FLY (Feeding Lunches to Youth) program is designed to help kids have a nutritious lunch every weekday during the summer months. Summer can be a challenging time for families who have school lunch assistance, and unfortunately, this year, even more families are facing financial uncertainty and hardship.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact jill@lcrmarion.org. THANKS SO MUCH for your help with this ministry.



We love all our FLY volunteers!

Churches of Marion Food Pantry

The pantry was damaged during the derecho. Because of this, and because of the large donations that were coming in, the city temporarily re-located the pantry to a storefront in the Marion Square Plaza, rallied hundreds of volunteers and thousands of pounds of donations. **From August 15th - 20th, the pantry served an estimated 1,000 households. During a "typical" week, the pantry serves 100 households.** The Marion Chamber has documented this incredible week on their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/MarionIAChamber/>

Thank you again for your incredibly generous gifts of time, food donations, and monetary donations that allow the pantry to continue serving!!

Volunteer Opportunities - The food pantry is looking for some strong people with trucks who would be able to haul large loads of food, with daytime availability. Please contact Cari if you are interested in learning more!

The pantry will also be looking for additional volunteers who are able to help with sorting food, making food boxes, and distributing food boxes. If you are interested, please contact Cari for more information.

Garden Produce - Is your garden overflowing with blessings? The food pantry gratefully accepts donations of fresh garden produce.

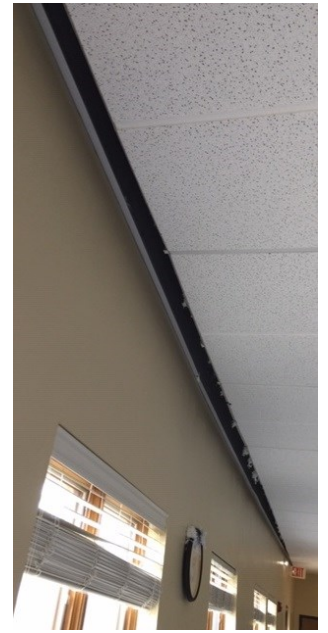
September & October Mission Envelopes

....are going to ELCA World Hunger. 11% of people in our world today are hungry. As members of God's kingdom, we are called to respond. Working through congregations in the United States and overseas, ELCA World Hunger supports sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. *Your donations are so appreciated and needed!*



HACAP has ongoing volunteer needs. Check this webpage for sign-up opportunities - <https://www.hacap.org/how-to-help/volunteer/>

August Derecho



August 10th was one crazy day at Resurrection! After the storm passed through, Pastor Nate and his son Phillip got us started picking up the fellowship hall siding and nails scattered across the parking lot. Many thanks to those who stopped by to check on us, and those who cleared away all our fallen debris.

For additional photos, check <http://lcrmarion.org/blog/derecho-2020.html>

Due to storm damage...

Until further notice, no one is allowed to access the church fellowship hall or kitchen, at the direction of city building officials. In addition, please stay off the sidewalk and lawn behind the fellowship hall. The rear wall of the fellowship hall was significantly damaged during the derecho. Please be patient with us as we go through the process of getting it repaired, and please stay safe by staying away from the area until it has been repaired and inspected for safety.

Adult Faith & Outreach

Connect Thursday

Let's connect! Join Pr. Nate and Aaron Schutte on Thursday, September 3rd 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

Brewing Up the Bible (BUB)

We'll meet online by Zoom meeting on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:30 pm.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86454969262?pwd=dzRpZDNad3IxOVFMMDZpaURvd3d1QT09>

Meeting ID: 864 5496 9262

Password: Brewing

by phone, call: 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 864 5496 9262

Password: 574566

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.

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.

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.

New Bible Study! - Book of Daniel

Are you looking for friendship, support, and growth in faith during this crazy year? As a stay-at-home mom of young children, I'm starting a small group Bible study to connect with others in faith. The first meeting will be Monday, September 14 at 8:00 pm, and we'll start with discussion of the book of Daniel. Location TBD. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Bethany Mast at bgodar@gmail.com or 515-441-0645.



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. 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.

LCR's Stand In Unity group meets next on Thursday, September 3, led by Aaron Schutte and Pastor Nate Montover. (See 'Connect Thursday' in left column for details.) If you are interested in learning more about and working on social justice issues with this group, email office@lcrmarion.org.

Small Group Building Usage

Due to the fellowship hall wall damage, we will not be able to allow the use of the fellowship hall or patio for small groups at this time. We will keep you posted as we are able to make other arrangements.

Stephen Ministry

What a challenging year 2020 is for everyone! In Stephen Ministry we are serving people in our community who need encouragement, support, and someone to listen to them as we face these challenges. If you find yourself needing the care of a Stephen Minister, we are only a phone call away. Be kind to yourself, you desire this. Call the office at LCR 319-377-4689 to request a Stephen Minister you owe it to yourself.

Since commissioning our ministers in March we have been providing care by phone or in person if possible. Our group is back to meeting and continuing our education and supervision.

For September our education will cover:

> Ministry to the Dying and Their Family and Friends - They learn specific ways to care for dying people at each separate stage of the dying process. They will use Christian tools, for example prayer and the Bible, in caring for grieving people.

> Caring for People before, during, and after hospitalization. They will learn the routines of hospital care and the needs of hospital patients. They will learn many practical do's and don'ts.

> We will also be reading the book, "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart," on how to relate to those who are suffering. This book will help them find the words and actions to bring God's loving presence to hurting people when they need it most. This book was helpful to me in talking with people impacted from the devastation of the derecho.

Peace, Mary Hajek



Confirmation

Hello Confirmation Families!

I invite you all to join us for a Zoom Orientation meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 2 (links below).

If you haven't heard, the church did suffer some structural damage and we are still determining whether it will be safe to have groups meet physically in the church by September 9. In addition, we are still dealing with COVID guidelines that restrict the number of people who can be in the building. We will certainly discuss all of this at our orientation meeting. I promise to keep it short and to the point!

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate the best path forward. We will be updating the church webpage and providing online registration forms as soon as possible. I hope you are all well. You have been through so much this year and we want to be here to support your families in any way possible. Pray for us and know we are praying for you!!

Peace! - Pr. Nate

Pastor Nate invites Confirmation Families to a scheduled Zoom meeting...

Topic: Confirmation Orientation / Time: Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 pm (CST)

Join Zoom Meeting - [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86291568364?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86291568364?pwd=R3hySm52ek4zeXFrc2ZSZE1LZi9lZz09)

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<< patio fence

^ Wee Wisdom spruce tree

Youth Discipleship

Our programming staff has been hard at work remodeling the old theater room into a media room that will facilitate our online content creation. We want to create high quality online materials to line up with our fall programming offerings, and this room will provide the space and tools necessary to meet our current needs for Sunday School, Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and EDGE.



<< Megan!!

^ *industrious work crew*

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.



some flowers withstood the storm

Prayers

Prayers
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for...

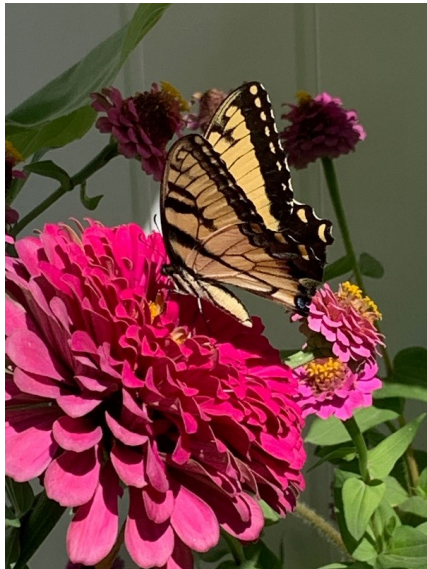


Those hospitalized in August...

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members) Mike Rosz, Marilyn Nuehring, Ken Meisinger, Nancy Poppe, Jan & Bob Berridge, Evelyn Beck, Andy McRoberts, Deanna Harding, 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) Ruth Ann Stai & the Kearney family, Sabrina Billups & Marion Billups, Bob & Denise Osborn, Crystal Osborn, Brian Dawson, Bill Stroschein, Kaytie Anderson, friend Cody, Maurice Wilkinson, Debbie & Tim Pefferman, Ernie Jones, Gail Hawthorne



Those who celebrate:

- Paul & Betty Bendixen - Prayer of Thanks that we now have our Electricity on again!

Those who mourn:

- Marcia & Erv Oltmanns on the death of her brother, Dan Schirm, on 8/16.

Those in transition:

- Bob & Jan Berridge - Concern for all those affected by the derecho storm and especially those severely affected at their place of income. Also those farmers that were hit so hard, and concern for those affected by the Covid-19 virus.

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

Those living in care facilities:

Lee Schoon, Vera Olson, Martin Winch (The Views); Pat Rose, Larry Wogahn (Bickford Cottage); Barb Schierholz (Willow Gardens); Ernest Jones (Winslow House)

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

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).

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.

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for July 2020

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$47,102	\$345,173	\$387,792
General Fund Expenses	\$37,519	\$309,795	\$386,097
Cash Balances	<u>07/31/20</u>		<u>07/31/19</u>
General Fund	\$124,794*		\$16,586
Clearing Accounts	\$ 60,410		\$34,945
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$ 53,718*		\$32,316

**includes PPP Loan*

2020 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through 7/31	\$62,866
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through 7/31	\$68,119
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$60,187
% of pledges received	88.4%

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 August 18th. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$124,794 at the end of July due to the PPP Loan.

New Business

- Evelyn & Bob E. will meet with insurance adjuster & an appraiser about fshp hall wall.
- Discussion of how to pay musicians this fall;
- Pr. Nate will meet with music group leads and then Governance Team and pastors will determine worship involvement and compensation.

General Fund Summary

After seven months of 2020:

- ◆ Receipts are 102% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through July.
- ◆ Expenses are 91% of the 2020 budget, pro-rated through July.

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.



- Discussion of hourly wages for part-time staff during the week they couldn't access the building.

Team Reports

~ *teams did not meet due to storm* ~

Next meeting - September 15, 2020

Agenda items should be submitted by 9/12. Copies of minutes and treasurer's reports are in the church office.

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Pastor Denny
&
Thank God for
our new friend,
Pastor Jeff



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