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**A Few Things You Should Know  
About Your Next Senior Pastor**

*Hello Friends!* I hope this article finds you well and at peace! I thought I'd take a few minutes and write to you about your next Senior Pastor. The Call Committee has been working hard to find the right person to lead the congregation, and they have been fortunate enough to begin actual interviews with candidates. I have no idea who your next pastor will be but I do know what you should expect from your next pastor, so here are a few thoughts...

1. I guarantee that your next Senior Pastor will be a person. Seems rather obvious, but you can take it from me that sometimes people forget that church staff, and especially pastoral staff, are fully formed human beings with hopes and dreams and feelings. Whoever your pastor is, he or she will need to be greeted and welcomed as a person who has gifts and talents as well as flaws and quirks. It will be up to you as individuals to remember that reality and treat your next pastor accordingly. Give that person the freedom to express their gifts and talents, and be quick to forgive flaws and quirks.

2. I guarantee that your next pastor will be new here. Again, this might seem obvious but it is worth it for us to remember that our next leader will also come to us in the form of an expected guest who will need to be actively welcomed into our community. Take it upon yourself to be a wonderful host.

3. I guarantee your next pastor will love you. This is a wonderful congregation brimming with gifts and faithful disciples who are committed to the ministry of LCR. Your next Senior Pastor will be blessed to have you as parishioners.

Your next Senior pastor will be blessed with a fantastic staff. Your next pastor will be blessed with a fantastic community. You will be a blessing to this person. That is a simple fact.

Let us pray together for our next Senior Pastor. Let us pray for this person. Let's pray for this expected guest. Let's pray for the person who will come to lovingly serve you. I guarantee that your next pastor is praying for you!

Peace, *Pastor Nate*

**EWALU Summer Camp**

EWALU representative Dana Isaacson will be at LCR on *Sunday, February 9*. She will be in the gathering space all morning to answer questions about the Christian camp experience.

The LCR General Fund EWALU scholarships this year will be \$75 for Mini-Camp, Ranch Mini-Camp, Junior Ranch Day Camp and Ranch Day Camp. Scholarships for full week overnight programs at EWALU will be \$150. More information can be found on the green sheets marked 'EWALU 2020' in the Gathering Space.

**Please notify Jill Hansen if you would like your child to receive a scholarship.** She will need child's full name, program they are participating in (Foresters, Pioneers, Mini-Camp, etc.), and the week they will be attending (Week 1, Week 2, etc.).

These scholarship amounts do not include the Giving Tree Fundraiser, which will be held this spring. Students requesting scholarships will receive additional funds from the fundraiser, so please keep that in mind when paying the deposit.

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EWALU 'early bird' discount deadline is March 2nd this year, with a second early registration discount date of April 20th.

We also have full scholarships available for families who may not otherwise be able to send their children to camp due to cost. Please contact Jill with any questions:

**jill@lcrmarion.org**

# Worship

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**February 2 & 5 - *Light for the Gentiles***

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

*Bible readings - Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 2:22-40*

**February 9 & 12 - *You Are the Salt of the Earth***

Preacher: Pastor Nate Montover

*Bible readings - Matthew 5:13-20*

**February 16 & 19 - *Be Reconciled to Your Brother or Sister***

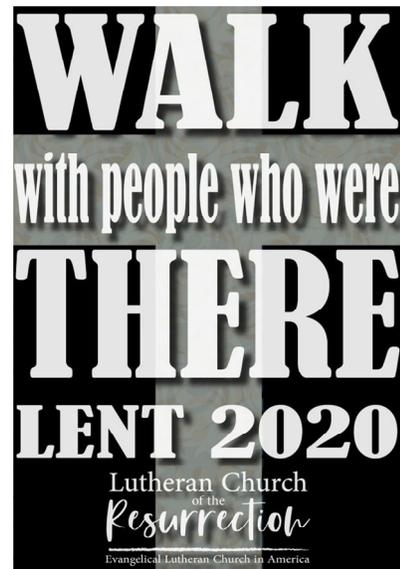
Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

*Bible readings - Matthew 5:21-37*

**February 23 & 26 - *Transfiguration of Our Lord***

Preacher: Pastor Denny Wright

*Bible readings - Matthew 17:1-9*



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## New Organ Update

Some members of our congregation have asked a few questions about the possibility of obtaining a new organ for our church. We will try to answer those questions as clearly as we can at this early stage in the process.

**Q: “Why do we need a new organ? The one we have sounds just fine.”**

A: The organ seems to have a mind of its own (if that was possible), in that some keys work at one time and then refuse to work at another time - not always the same key. Our organists are so adept at adjusting to the sudden changes that most of us do not recognize a problem. In fact, the organ has totally stopped during one practice session.

**Q: “Organists are hard to find these days. What happens in the future?”**

A: Organists ARE hard to find, no doubt about it. It would be much more difficult to hire a new organist IF we have an organ that seems to be dying. We also have 2 dedicated people playing now and one of our members can step in if needed.

**Q: “How much is a new organ going to cost?”**

A: Good question! We are exploring various installations around our area and have discussed costs with two organ company representatives. We are dedicated to obtaining a sound working organ at a reasonable price. We recognize our building is not suitable for a pipe organ and also not suitable for some of the larger electronic organs. We don't have a \$\$ figure as yet - that will be determined by the final selection.

**Q: “I’m interested in making a donation for a new organ. How do I do that?”**

A: There is an Organ Fund account in place. If you wish to make a donation, be sure to make a note directing it to that fund. Further information on the Fund will be coming when we have made a selection of a new instrument.

**We are open to further questions** anyone might have. Please contact one or more of the Organ Committee members who will try to answer your question or will try to find more information if that is needed.

*Committee members:* Matthew Lang, Cari Redondo, Laurie Stock, Marlin Oeltjen, Barb Hazelton, Marcie Vogel

*Our two organists:* Ruth Armstrong, Cheryl Irland

# Ministry

## January/February Mission Envelopes

...will go to FLY (Feeding Lunches to Youth). There are students who rely on the hot lunch program in their schools for the main meal of the day. When there is no school, there is no meal for them. There are 6 congregations who take part in this meal program by: making sandwiches, sacking the lunch bags, delivering the lunches, passing out the lunches, and returning the leftovers.

## Personal Care Kits



The Mary Martha Rebecca Circle is now collecting NEW light-weight bath towels and 3 or 4 oz. soaps for personal care kits. Other items for the kits have previously been donated or will be purchased by the

Circle. 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.

## Nursery Position

Resurrection Lutheran is currently hiring one part-time nursery attendants for Sunday mornings from 7:45 to 11:45 am. We are looking for responsible, caring, and faithful people to serve with our precious little ones, infant through age 5. These are paid positions, \$18.75 per hour. Applicants must be 21 or older. Job descriptions and applications are available on the entryway bulletin board; please return to Evelyn Beck in the church office.

## Time and Talent

We will be doing new Time and Talent volunteer opportunity sign-ups in February. Please take time to think about how you wish to serve at LCR in 2020.

If you are currently in a ministry and have a need for more volunteers, or want to add or change something, please contact Marcia ASAP ([marcia@lcrmarion.org](mailto:marcia@lcrmarion.org)).

If you have an idea for a new group or activity that you would like to see happening at Resurrection, we can put that on the Time and Talent sheet too, hopefully finding other people who would like to take part, too.



## Feeding Lunches to Youth

The FLY Board met on Monday, February 3rd and it was decided the Spring Break sites will be Squaw Creek, Marion Village, and Valley View, with another possible site in the Marion Independent District being added.

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 the FLY logo on them to better help children and families identify volunteers' vehicles when they deliver the sack lunches.

Applications for the FLY internships will open on February 5th with a closing date of March 1st.

***FLY is in need of supplies and I have offered to do a collection of 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 me at [jill@lcrmarion.org](mailto:jill@lcrmarion.org). - Jill Hansen

for preschool  
through 5th grade

# Sunday School

Sunday School  
meets from  
**9:15 until 10:15**  
on Sunday  
mornings.  
We're currently  
learning  
about the  
New Testament.

**First Graders show  
off their work >**

Sunday School  
Director  
Jessi Heidelbauer  
jessi@lcrmarion.org



## ♥♥ Wednesday Night Live ♥♥



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



### February Calendar

- February 5th** - Large Group/Small Group
- February 12th** - Valentine's Day Party
- February 19th** - Service Project Night  
Dog Blankets for the Cedar Valley Humane Society
- February 26th** - Ash Wednesday, NO WNL

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

# Adult Faith Development

Our Sunday adult classes meet from **9:15-10:15 am** and change every seven weeks, 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 for abiding in the Word on Sundays *through February 23*.

*Discipleship series* - Pastor Denny guides us through a biblical how-to: Making Sense of Scripture. (*lounge*)

*Discover series* - Bob Erlandson helps us discover the lessons to be learned as we dive deep into Revelations.

*Doing series* - Uncover your Spiritual Gifts to help you understand the gifts that God (*fellowship hall*) wants you to unwrap and use effectively in His world. (*conference room*)

## **Other Small Groups...**

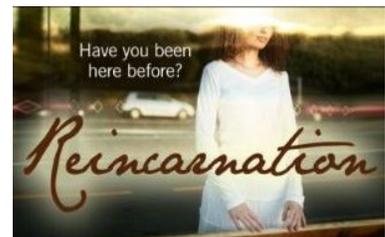
- ◆ **Rebecca Mary Martha Circle** - *Wednesday, February 5* at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall
- ◆ **Linda Schminke Small Group** - *Wednesday, February 12 & 26* at 1 pm in the conference room (319-551-6693)
- ◆ **JAM (Jesus And Me) Women's Circle** - 'The Parables' *Monday, February 10* at 1:00 pm in the lounge
- ◆ **Biblical Fellowship** - 'The Letters of John' on *Tuesday, February 18* at 2:00 pm, fellowship hall
- ◆ **Donna Dennis Small Group** - *Thursday, February 13 & 27* at 7:00 pm (319-432-4148)
- ◆ **Righteous Path of God** - 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, Dan Tegtmeier (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, February 12* 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. *February topics are...*



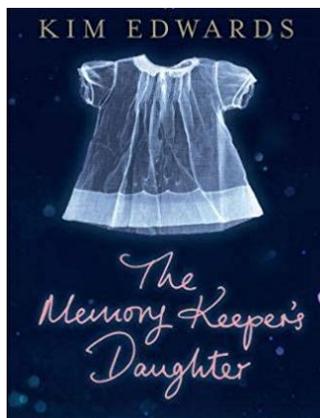
- ◆ **February 7** - Miracle of Dreams - *Does God speak to us through our dreams?*
- ◆ **February 14** - Modern Romance - *That crazy thing called love*
- ◆ **February 21** - Overcoming Life's Obstacles - *How a 10-story fall changed one man's perspective*
- ◆ **February 28** - Reincarnation - *Have you been here before?*



# Fellowship

## LCR Book Club

LCR's Book Club will meet on *Tuesday, February 18* at 6:30 pm to discuss "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards. 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, February 14 and 28* 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 John Knodle at 551-8162 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.

# Stephen Ministry

## Stephen Ministry Training Class in the Home Stretch!

The class of 8 Stephen Ministers at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is nearing completion, with five class sessions left before the group is commissioned on *March 8th and 11th*.

"Our trainees have worked extremely hard and their dedication is paying off," says Mary Hajek. "The course has involved pre-class reading assignments and in-class lecture, discussion, and role playing. Our trainees are showing growth in knowledge and skills."

A recurring emphasis of Stephen Ministry training has been confidentiality. What a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is held strictly confidential. Even the identity of the care receiver is kept confidential from other Stephen Ministers - and everyone else.

The emphasis on confidentiality is important for potential care receivers. Most people are reluctant to share their problems and situations because they're afraid of others finding out. The confidentiality of Stephen Ministry lets people know they can discuss difficult concerns with their Stephen Minister and not be afraid of other people finding out.

After the class is commissioned and new Stephen Ministers receive their first care-giving assignment, their training will continue. Continuing education is an important component of Stephen Ministry. They will meet twice a month for continuing education and supervision. It is used to enhance their skills and learn new ways to care. *We want to provide the best care possible to our care receivers.*

Please contact the office if you or someone you know could benefit from having a Stephen Minister.

## Stephen Ministry contact information

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection: 319-377-4689  
Stephen Leader Mary Hajek: 319-899-6454



# EDGE Youth Group

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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](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)

**Want a new  
perspective  
on faith?**

Join us on **Wednesday evenings at 7:30**  
or **Sunday mornings between services**  
We're working our way through  
**Hebrews & Jude**



## Confirmation

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

### **February Schedule**

**Wed, Feb. 5** - Large Group with Guide Huddle  
**Wed, Feb. 12** - Small Groups  
**Wed, Feb. 19** - Large Group  
**Wed, Feb. 26** - no Confirmation through Lent

*Coming soon....*

**Friday & Saturday, March 6 & 7**  
Confirmation Retreat (for 8th graders)

# Prayers

Prayers are  
requested  
for...



**Those hospitalized in  
December:** Marlys Claussen  
(hospice) Virgil Boynton



**Those experiencing  
illness or surgery:**  
(Resurrection members)

Clark Gull, Jack Lorence, Mike Rosz, Craig Miller,  
Laura Eiben, Paul Bendixen, Evelyn Beck,  
John Knodle, John Howe, Roger Carlson,  
Lyle Bischof, Deanne Harding, Eugene Henry,  
Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken,  
Arvis Hahn, Bob & Jan Berridge

(family and friends)

Jeff Law, Brennen Still, Brian Dawson,  
Avona Lehmann, Pr. Arnold Flater, Nancy Rhiner,  
Will Springer, Carol Saddoris, Liz Lindell,  
Bill Campbell, Jim Graybill, Alissa Birr,  
Heather Roberson Ludwig, Karole Meese,  
friends Bryson and Dylan

**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,  
Kevin McLaughlin, Haley Eickstaedt, Will Fritz,  
Steve Fritz, Todd Kopperud, Aaron Moose,  
Michael Berridge, David Berridge

**Those who celebrate:**

- Stefanie Coselman and family on the baptism of Jessalyn Coselman on Jan. 29

**Those who mourn:**

- Paul & Betty Bendixen and family on the death of their grandson, Matthias Herman, on Jan. 5
- Dean Anderson and family on the death of his wife, Brenda Anderson, on Jan 16
- Jodi Heiserman and family on the death of her brother, Jared Menken, on Jan. 21
- Arlene & Ken Lee on the death of her brother, Fred Campbell, on Jan. 23
- Angie Brock and family on the death of her mother, Carla McCandless, on Jan. 28

**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

*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 December 2019

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$63,063	\$627,791	\$683,227
General Fund Expenses	\$50,300	\$614,231	\$676,465
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b><u>12/31/19</u></b>	<b><u>12/31/18</u></b>	
General Fund	\$27,491	\$13,661	
Clearing Accounts	\$77,200	\$55,416	
Growth & Outreach Fund	\$43,362	\$39,686	

## 2019 Growth & Outreach Fund

Growth & Outreach Fund Receipts through Dec. 31	\$112,570
Growth & Outreach Fund pledges through Dec. 31	\$124,070
Offerings received toward those pledges	\$111,296
% of pledges received	89.7%

This fund has three 'buckets:' maintenance (building upkeep and repair); ministry (Director of Communications position); and mission (Camp Chisomo, Marion Cares, Habitat for Humanity).

Total given to Camp Chisomo for the year is \$5,250. At the end of October, we have given Habitat for Humanity \$15,000 of a \$15,000 commitment. We have also given Marion Cares \$10,000 of a \$10,000 commitment for the year. Our building maintenance costs for the year through December have been \$33,298 and marketing costs \$45,346

# Church Council

The Council met on Jan. 21st.  
The secretary's and treasurer's reports were approved.  
The General Fund balance was \$27,491 at the end of December.

### Team Reports:

#### Stewardship -

Completed 2020 Budget.

Governance - Prepared by-laws material for the Annual Meeting.

Outreach - Connections Director Cari Redondo shared details of the LCR outreach plan.

### Discussion Items:

#### Call Committee -

Currently meeting with candidates.

#### Next Council Meeting -

Council Retreat will be held on *Saturday, February 22nd*. We'll welcome new members to the Council and review the Annual Meeting.

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



## General Fund Summary

After twelve months of 2019:

- ◆ Receipts are 92% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through December
- ◆ Expenses are 90% of the 2019 budget, pro-rated through Dec.
- ◆ Your faithful giving has provided:
- ◆ \$37,000 to the ELCA/Synod
- ◆ \$2,000 to EWALU
- ◆ \$200 to Quilters Benevolence
- ◆ \$900 to Lutheran Campus
- ◆ \$1,000 to Jail Ministry
- ◆ \$1,000 to Wartburg Seminary
- ◆ \$900 to Lutheran Services Iowa

**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.

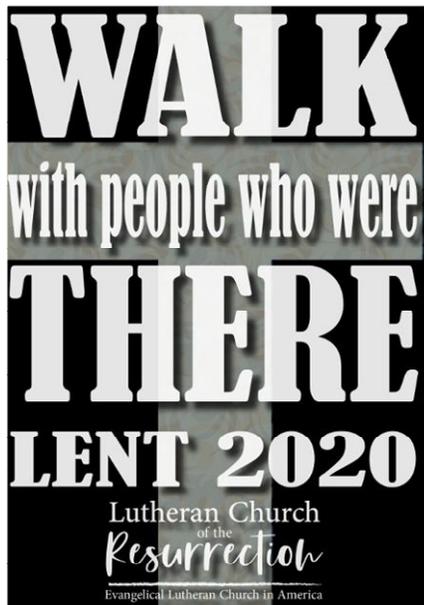
**\*Give+ Mobile Phone App** can be downloaded from Google Play or iTunes.

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