

Children's Ministry

Broken Beauty Ornaments for Iowa Storm Relief

[LCR kids have been busy this summer! This report was posted online by Amy Lovseth.]

On August 10, our community was hit by a derecho, an inland hurricane with winds over 100 mph, with little to no warning. It took over 50% of the tree canopy of the Cedar Rapids area and destroyed many homes, businesses, and even severely damaged our local library.

After a week without power and many days of cleaning up snapped tree limbs, leaves, and other debris, our family decided to make something beautiful from the broken branches. We worked with our neighbor to cut maple branches from our own backyard. They are hand-painted by Julia and Emily (age 9), Madelyn (age 6), and cousin Kara (age 9). Ornaments will be sealed with a clear coat and come on colorful baker's twine, ready to hang! To order - <https://tinyurl.com/derechoornaments>

If we get more orders than these artists can keep up with, we have a WHOLE LOT more branches, along with an army of young artists we can invite to join us, so order away! 100% of the proceeds from these unique ornaments will go to Matthew 25, a well-established organization that has been assisting and rebuilding Cedar Rapids neighborhoods since 2006.

Thank you for your love, generosity, and prayers for Iowa during this time. We hope you enjoy your 2020 ornament as a reminder that among the broken, there is still beauty to be found.



Larry Edwards saws



Barry Lovseth drills

Welcoming Pastor Jeff: Getting to Know You

We would love to help Pastor Jeff get to know the members and friends of his new church family. We'd like to encourage you to give Pastor Jeff a photo of you or your family, along with a letter of introduction. If you attend one of our drive-in services in September, please feel free to bring your photo & letter, and drop them off during service. You can also mail it to the church (mark the envelope "for Pastor Jeff," and we'll set it aside for him, un-opened), or email office@lcrmarion.org, and we'll print it out and put it in an envelope for him.

Farewell to Pastor Denny

On Thursday, September 3, we'll hold a 'drive-through party' for our Good and Faithful Servant, Pastor Denny Wright. Pastor Denny & Winnie will greet people under the entryway overhang from 6:30-7:30 pm, and people may drop off cards for him if they wish. If you aren't able to attend the party, please feel free to send a card to the church office (3500 - 29th Ave.) and we'll get it to him.

Blood Drive Results

A note from Megan Dee, Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center:

Results are in from our June blood drive and they are FANTASTIC! 42 donations were collected! Congratulations on this highest total since 2012. Marion Lutheran Churches donors really stepped up right at the best time. I have never seen our inventories this low, especially with the typical 4th of July drop right around the corner.

Thank you SO much for your dedication amidst everything that is going on. We have never faced a challenge to the blood supply such as this, and we have only been getting through it thanks to amazing donors stepping in to save the day. Thanks to your three churches, up to 168 patients will have more precious time with their families. Your caring members & friends were there for so many people in our community right when they needed it the most. You are truly life savers!

Looking ahead, I have the next Marion Lutheran Churches Blood Drive confirmed for Thursday, October 22. Hopefully we will be back to some kind of normal by then! Knowing that we can count on all of you makes us at MVRBC sleep easier at night and helps keep our faith that everything will turn out all right. Thanks again for all your amazing support.

Marion Senior Living Community Lasagna Dinner 2020

This time of year MSLC usually begins selling tickets to our annual lasagna dinner fundraiser. But, due to the coronavirus and derecho, we've had to re-think our event. This year we'll be selling gift certificates to Zio Johno's Spaghetti House. The certificates cost \$5 each and do not expire. They can be used at any Zio Johno's location in Cedar Rapids, Marion, North Liberty, & Iowa City. You can get your certificates (make great gifts!) from board member Dick Grimm at 319-440-2123. Thank you so much for your faithful support of Marion's quality housing community for low-income seniors.

Ewalu Quilt Auction 2020

Camp Ewalu's traditional Fall Festival & Quilt Auction will be held in October this year rather than September. Mark your calendar now for the week of October 10-15th. Quilt viewing & bidding and recorded worship services will take place on a secure online silent auction platform. Watch Ewalu's quilt auction webpage and their Facebook posts for further info.

Addy and her sunflower >>

