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## Who are we at LCR?

“By this everyone will know that you are **my disciples**, if you have love for one another.” *John 13.35*

As a part of our Lenten observance I have invited folks to join with me in reading the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles as a spiritual discipline. I love scripture! And I’m always amazed how the Holy Spirit opens new insights even from passages that I have studied over and over again. This year it was Luke’s sense of mission that struck me. In Luke 8 we find the women (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna “and many others”) who are providing for Jesus ministry and travel with him. Then in Luke 9 we get the specific sending out of the twelve disciples for the sake of God’s mission through Jesus. When we get to Luke 10 we have the 70 that are sent out in pairs to proclaim the Reign of God! There is movement here in Luke’s Gospel that is centered on sending, participating and being a part of what Jesus is doing in the world. For Luke you can’t separate one’s faith from one’s actions.

How do we at LCR participate in this unfolding call to participate in what Jesus is doing? In other words, what is our identity - or perhaps more pointedly, do we remember who we are? I’ve asked our staff to think about what it means to be a neighborhood church - that is people who are sent out to be about the work of Jesus. I’ve asked our church council to ponder a bit about the ‘identity’ of LCR - do we know who we are, what God has called us to be about and how we live out that purpose.

If we are to be a vital and sustainable congregation we need to remember that we have been called to share the Good News of the reign of God. In other words, we need to be reminded that ministry is not about me, about getting my way, about protecting my turf, or about holding on to some “golden age.” It is about being sent into the world. It is about bringing people together in order to send them out as followers of Jesus. Ministry is about putting faith into action for the sake of the neighbor.

Do you believe that Jesus called those women to be a part of what he was doing? Do you believe that Jesus called the twelve disciples to go out and proclaim the Kingdom of God. Do you believe that Jesus sent the 70 to go ahead of him into the towns and villages? Do you believe that Jesus has called us here at LCR to share in this same Good News? I do!

Gathered in love, we are sent to serve. This simple message is still at the core of who we are.

*Peace! Pastor Jeff*

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# Worship

**8:30 am Sunday - Traditional Worship**  
**10:30 am Sunday - Contemporary Worship**

Sunday services are now being held...

**in-person** - reserve your spot on SignUpGenius (link on our website) or by calling the church office

**livestream** - links available on our website (lcrmarion.org) and on our social media sites

You can sign up for email alerts from LCR about worship and other news. Scroll to the bottom of our homepage and sign up under “E-Newsletter” or email us (office@lcrmarion.org) and we’ll sign you up.

**Text Notifications** - Worship services and other events are subject to change with circumstances.

If you would like text notifications of schedule changes / cancellations, call the church office

(319.377.4689) and give us your name & cell number ~OR~ you can sign yourself up at -

<https://share.hsforms.com/181uDRkYnTRyGMmuwI3ZiDQ44ay4>

**6:00 pm Wednesday - Evening Song Zoom Worship - resumes Wednesday, April 7th**

## Mid-Week Lenten Worship - OPEN TO THE SPIRIT !

Each Wednesday in Lent we are gathering for worship here in the Sanctuary and also Live-Streaming to the whole community. Worship begins at 6:00 pm and will last for approximately 40 minutes. If you would like to join us for in-person worship, reservations are required (35 in-person seats are available).

Please note that Wednesday Night Live, Confirmation, and EDGE Youth continue during Lent this year, although there are no Lenten meals. Reservations are needed ~or~ you may live-stream

**March 3:** Open to Listen! (Mark 12.13-17)    **March 10:** Open to Love! (Mark 12.28-40)

**March 17:** Open to Generosity (Mark 12.41-44)    **March 24:** Open to Risk (Mark 14:3-9)

## HOLY WEEK

The week before Easter is called Holy Week. Our Lenten preparations and repentance deepen as we focus on the events of Jesus’ life from his entrance into Jerusalem until his death on the cross and burial in the garden tomb. Palm/Passion Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the story of the crucifixion is also read on this day. On Maundy Thursday the church gives thanks to Jesus for the giving of the Lord’s supper - Holy Communion. Maundy Thursday ends with the ‘stripping of the altar’ which reminds us of Jesus’ arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. Good Friday is the most solemn of all days in the Christian church, we pause to remember his suffering and death - which is good in as it is the means of our salvation. Easter Sunday, the day of Resurrection is the beginning of 50 days of feasting and joy as we remember Christ’s victory over death.

### Holy Week Schedule

**March 28th: Palm/Passion Sunday**, Sunday morning worship at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

- reservations required ~or~ you may live-stream

**April 1st: Maundy Thursday**, worship at 7:00 PM

- reservations required ~or~ you may live-stream

**April 2nd: Good Friday**, worship at 7:00 PM

- reservations required ~or~ you may live-stream

(Sanctuary is open for personal prayer and meditation from Noon to 3:00 PM - no reservation needed)

**April 4th: Easter Sunday**, 8:00 AM (Traditional); 9:30 AM (Contemporary); and 11:00 AM (Blended)

- reservations required ~or~ you may live-stream

# Ministry

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## 2021 Time & Talents

For 2021, we are going to continue using the Time & Talent sheets you filled out last February. If you want to change any of your choices, the catalog is still posted on the LCR website and there are print copies in the office. As this year goes by, please be alert for new ways to serve - I'm sure there will be many. Then in 2022 we'll issue an updated Time & Talent Catalog. Thank you so much for all the work that has been done in the last year, in familiar ways and in brand new ways! We are grateful for you all. - *Marcia Edwards* ([marcia@lcrmarion.org](mailto:marcia@lcrmarion.org))

## Sanitizing Sprayer



As we move forward with in-person worship, we are looking for volunteers who would like to be trained to use our electrostatic sprayer in the sanctuary between worship services on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to help,

please contact [marcia@LCRMarion.org](mailto:marcia@LCRMarion.org).

## Thank You Cheryl for the Gift of Music!

We want to give a great big thank you to Cheryl Ireland who has provided so much wonderful music for us during this rather 'unique' year of worship. Cheryl has decided to utilize her gifts in other ways and her last scheduled Sunday worship is Easter Sunday. Make sure you give her a big thank you for all the wonderful music she has provided.



## March & April Mission Envelopes

....will go to Matthew 25, a Cedar Rapids west-side ministry that empowers people to transform neighborhoods. We divide our work into three categories: Food, Housing, and Education.

## Tech Booth Volunteers Needed

As we continue with online worship, we are looking for more volunteers to train on the new livestream technology for Sunday morning worship services and at other times. Contact [cari@lcrmarion.org](mailto:cari@lcrmarion.org) to find out more.

## Churches of Marion Food Pantry

Feel free to bring your food donations to the church on Sunday mornings or during the week from 9 am to 4 pm. (No clothing at this time, please.) Thank you for your generous gifts of time, food donations, and checks that allow the pantry to continue serving! The Pantry is at 864 - 12th St. in Marion; it is open for distributions on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 pm.

**Volunteers:** We're always looking for strong people with trucks who would be able to haul large loads of food during the daytime. Please contact Cari at the church if you can help.

## Sunday Morning Snow Removal

As we are in the process of opening the church for worship, we want to ensure that the main entrance walks are free of ice and snow. The parking lot will have been cleared, but we need someone to be responsible for shoveling right in front of the doors and putting out de-icer so people feel safe walking in and out of the building. We are asking members to let us know that they would be willing to come early on Sunday mornings, around 7:00 am, and treat the front door and the Sunday School door (circle drive). People could be assigned this responsibility for a month, or certain Sundays of each month, or other rotations that would work for our volunteers. If you would be willing to take a turn at this task, please let the church office know.



## In-person Sunday School

In-person Sunday school options on Sunday mornings are now available! Sign up on the LCR website or email Jessi for details.



## Open Studio in the LCR Art Room!

Bring the whole family up for a night of crafting and creating with access to all of the art supplies here at church. You can work on a project as a family or each make your own creation to take home. Sign up online to reserve your spot today! Please note that these reservations are family-based, a parent or guardian must be present for the whole session.

Contact [jessi@LCRMarion.org](mailto:jessi@LCRMarion.org) with questions.

## First Communion Classes Scheduled

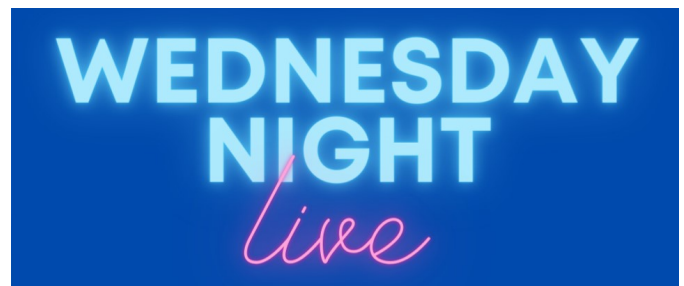
All 4th and 5th graders are invited to participate in First Communion Instruction here at LCR. If you haven't already done so, please contact the church office to register. Classes will be for student and parent/s.

The schedule is:

Session #1 - Sunday, March 7 at 1:00-2:30 PM  
A Place for you! Jesus and the family table

Session #2 - Sunday, March 21 at 1:00-2:30 PM  
Baptism and preparing for a special meal

FIRST COMMUNION will take place on Maundy Thursday, April 1 during the evening service



WNL will continue in-person assigned small groups at 6:00 pm throughout Lent. We will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like your child assigned to an in-person group, please email Jill - [jill@lcrmarion.org](mailto:jill@lcrmarion.org)

For students who want to touch base online instead, there is a Zoom check-in at 7:15 pm on Wednesday nights.



## EWALU SCHOLARSHIPS

Please let Jill know if your child will be attending camp at EWALU this summer and you are interested in having your child receive a scholarship.

The church will be offering \$150 scholarships for full week campers and \$75 for mini camp and various ranch camps. Please include your child's name, camp program (like Trailblazers, Pioneers, etc) and the week they will be attending.

It is important to have all their camp information so it gets sent up in an appropriate time and gets credited to the right camper.

Feel free to contact Jill with any questions

# Adult Faith & Outreach



## Lent Devotional Options

Please join us as we journey through Luke and Acts during the season of Lent! We invite you to deepen your experience by forming a "devotional pod," and/or by joining our Facebook Lent Devotional Discussion Group. The devotional readings are available as a printed folder or via daily text message or email. You can sign up at <https://lcrmarion.org/lent.html> to receive texts or emails and access the printable folder. Pre-printed folders are available at the church office, just give us a call.

## Devotional Pods

- Invite 2-5 people to form a "pod" (or join someone else's pod!). Invite people from church, your friends, your family. If you'd like to participate and want to be placed in a group, please contact the church office!
- Agree to pray a simple prayer each day for the members of your pod to be "Open to the Spirit."
- Commit to regularly share your thoughts and insights, and to encourage each other. Your group should decide what works best for you - you can choose a time to meet socially-distanced at the church, or over the phone, Zoom, email or text messages! Meet once a week, or every other week, or agree to share your thoughts as they come to you in a less structured forum.

## Facebook Lent Devotional Discussion Group

- Join this online "virtual discussion" to share and gain insight on the readings. Pastor Jeff will be posting thoughts and reflections in this forum as well.
- Click the link below, then click "Join Group" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lcrlent/>

## Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor Jeff leads us on a weekly reflection of the upcoming lessons for Sunday morning. There is no better way to prepare for worship than to be in conversation with the scriptures for the day. Feel free to come whenever it works into your schedule, or become a regular! Your thoughts and insights will help enlighten the weekly sermon and prepare you to get more out of worship. This is an in-person study at the church, so bring your mask and we will social distance.

## Christ In Our Home Devotionals

....for April, May, and June are now available in the church office. If you aren't able to pick one up, we can mail it to you or drop off at your house. Give us a call!



## Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

Check out Pastor Jeff's brief engaging videos online. You can access them through the church website or at this link - <https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>

## Stand In Unity

You can check our resource page anytime for outstanding print & video recommendations - <http://lcrmarion.org/standinunity/>.

## Brewing Up the Bible (BUB)

...is on hold through March. Watch this spot after Easter for further information.

# Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry has been meeting once a month for supervision and continuing education. We have ten active Ministers. At this time, five of them have care receivers. The rest are praying and supporting the team.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection chose Stephen Ministry in response to God's love and Jesus' command, "Love on another, even as I have loved you." Stephen Ministers answer this call in a special way by "being there" for people in crisis or people who need a Christian presence amid the struggles of life. Our pastors are not able to minister to every person who needs care. So Stephen Ministers try to be Jesus to people in need and everyone needs Christian care at some point in his or her life. No one is exempt from the struggles and problems of everyday living. By listening, being there, and ministering through Christian resources such as prayer, blessing, and sharing Scripture, Stephen Ministers can help in an unique way.

Praying specifically and intentionally for need brings spiritual strength to ministry. That's why all Stephen Ministers pray daily for their own care receiver, and then pray for each of the other Stephen Ministers and their care receivers. Praying that their hearts will be open to receive God's love. We thank God for the healing that has taken place in our care receivers.

So we ask that you, as members of the congregation, pray for our Stephen Ministers. Pray for members who are struggling at this time, to open their hearts to receive a Stephen Minister.

- Mary Hajek



## Building Policy Update

If you are using the LCR campus outside of regular business hours, please lock all doors once all the members of your group have arrived. This will help to ensure a safe and secure environment for everyone.

# Fellowship

## LCR Book Club

We'll get together Tuesday, March 16 at 6:30 pm (3rd Tuesday) and meet in the sanctuary. Our book this month will be "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper - suspense in the Australian outback.



I'll drop off the library tote at the church office early in the month, and send an email to everyone when the books are available for pick-up. New people are always welcome in our group. Contact me at [sherrillamorrison@gmail.com](mailto:sherrillamorrison@gmail.com) to get on our email list.

Hope to see you on the 16th. Don't forget your masks and stay safe! - Sherrill

## Car Show Anyone ?

Almost everyone enjoys a good Car Show! We are hoping to have a Car Show here at LCR this summer. Can you imagine the parking lot full of classic cars, new cars, rust buckets - whatever folks want to bring and inviting the whole neighborhood to come out and enjoy? Maybe we'd have hot dogs or burgers, some activities for the kids - the possibilities are only limited by our imagination! We need a couple of folks to step up and help make this happen. It promises to be a great event that might just become an annual LCR tradition.

*Contact the church office or Pastor Jeff if you are interested in helping to make this event happen.*





I have really enjoyed our Confirmation sessions - both grades - because in these smaller groups I am able to really get to know everyone. Your kids are, without exception, really well behaved and really insightful and I'm excited to go to LCR every Wednesday to hang out and share the faith. Thank you all so much for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful program at LCR.

**8th grade students:** We have decided on a date for our 2021 Confirmation Service/Ceremony. In conversation with staff and parents we have decided to hold our Confirmation service on Reformation Sunday, October 31. As I understand things, this was the traditional date for Confirmation at Resurrection until recently. Waiting until the fall also increases the chances that we can have a meaningful in-person celebration. My hope is to gather with parents to discuss details before October.

Thank you so much for your commitment to the faith life of your loved ones. Thank you so much for your patience with me as I attempt to navigate our way through the challenges of the last year.

*Yours in Christ, Pr. Nate*



We are blessed at LCR with facilities that allow us to gather safely and practice social distancing. Confirmation students gather in-person on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, alternating each week between 7th grade and 8th grade classes. We also have on-line Confirmation videos available, posted on the LCR website - <https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/youth-ministry/lcryouthminportal.html>



## EDGE Youth

EDGE is going 'off the beaten track' for our March studies. Contact coordinator Katie Kascel for details - [katie@lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)

There are two great ways to participate in our youth ministry at this time:

\* You can track our in-person small group schedule on Instagram (@edgeatlcr)

... and/or ...

\* Teaching videos are available each week online at <https://vimeo.com/lcrprogramming>



## Biderman Scholarship Applications

Graduating high school seniors, you may now apply for the Biderman Scholarship! Applications are due on March 20th; they can be found at <https://lcrmarion.org/downloads.html> or on the entryway bulletin board. If you have questions, contact us - [trustfund@lcrmarion.org](mailto:trustfund@lcrmarion.org).



# Prayers

Prayers  
are  
requested  
for...



## Those hospitalized in February:

Doris Anderson, Ed Ohl, Harry Walton,  
Kären Wilson, Linda Christiansen

## Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(*Resurrection members*) Steve Reck, Betty & Paul Bendixen, Marilyn Carstens, Pam Miller, Arlene Lang, Janice Berridge, Dan Tegtmeier, Lyle Bischof, Ken Meisinger, Andy McRoberts, Deanna Harding, Clark Gull, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde, Rick & Penny Siefken, Arvis Hahn

(*family and friends*) Tim Pefferman, Will Springer, Steve Durspek, Bob & Denise Osborn, Jeri Warnke, Andy Carter, Betty Hannagan, Tallie Furrow, Jeff Kindwall

## Those living in care facilities:

Lee Schoon, Vera Olson, Martin Winch  
(The Views); Larry Wogahn (Bickford Cottage);  
Barb Schierholz (Willow Gardens)

## Those in military service:

Taylor Sutton, Taylor Johnson, Paul & Chrystal McDonough, Aaron Moose, Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson, Haley Eickstaedt, Will 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.*

***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).***

## Those who celebrate...

### Those who mourn:

- Jim & Barb Hazelton on the death of his mother, Marion Hazelton, on 2/8
- Pam Kacena and family on the death of her 'Uncle Frankie' Barta, on 2/11

### Those in transition:

- those affected by the Covid-19 virus and the August derecho

## Prayers for those serving on the frontline:

Our hearts are with all those who are working hard hours in stressful environments to help others. If you are willing to serve them through prayer, go to [http://lcrmarion.org/prayer\\_team/](http://lcrmarion.org/prayer_team/) and type in this password – LCRPrays.

## Altar Flowers

Now that we're meeting in-person again on Sundays, you can help us beautify our worship space by commemorating people or events in your life through flower displays. The sign-up sheet can be found on our entryway bulletin board or you can call/email the church office. You are welcome to take your flowers home after second worship on Sunday mornings, or pick them up early in the week.

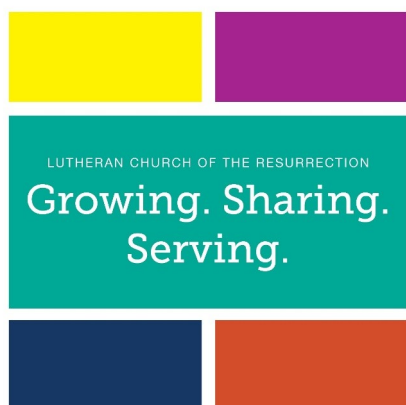


# Stewardship

## Treasurer's Report for January 2021

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 79,663*	\$ 79,663	\$ 66,339
General Fund Expenses	\$ 55,864	\$ 55,864	\$ 49,341

<u>Cash Balances</u>	<u>01/31/21</u>	<u>01/31/20</u>
General Fund	\$ 125,436	\$ 55,417
Clearing Accounts	\$ 80,267	\$ 58,258
Property Reserve	\$ 20,000	\$ 38,052 (G&O Fund)
Building Residual	\$ 18,229	



\* In January of each year a transfer from our clearing accounts is added to the General Fund. These pre-pay funds for this year were \$20,319, which is why our General Fund receipts appear high in January.

Also: We have taken our Growth & Outreach year-end balance and created two new accounts - Property Reserve and Building Residual.

## General Fund Summary

After one month in 2021:

- ♦ Receipts are 104% of our anticipated income, pro-rated through January
- ♦ Expenses are 89% of the 2021 budget, pro-rated through January.

## 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** - On our website there is a DONATE button that you can click for online giving.

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

# Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, February 23rd. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$125,436 at the end of January.

Election of Officers - Jennie Fredin (President); Bob Erlandson (VP); Amy Moenk (Secretary). Craig Miller was chosen to fulfill the open 2-year term and Council teams were staffed.

### Monthly Reports

- Amy will work with Cari to organize a repository for all Council communications documents.
- Pastor Jeff discussed musician needs after Easter.
- Weather cancellations will be decided by pastors.

### Team Reports

*Stewardship* - (did not meet)

*Governance* - An updated graduation/gathering facility procedure will be needed for spring 2021, as inquiries have started coming in.

*Outreach* - Will deliver a staff appreciation this week. Outreach Team will take over reporting of worship analytics in future.

*Property* - Facility upgrades began in February. Bids are being sought for sanctuary compressor that was damaged in the derecho.

*Communications* - (worship analytics)

Old/New Business - Jim Shaw offered to help fill any vacancies that occur.

### Next meeting - March 16th, 2021

Agenda items should be submitted by 3/13.

Copies of Council minutes and Treasurer's reports are in the church office binder.

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*Melenie Gagnon has been busy  
making blankets this winter.  
She brought 20 to the church  
that will be taken to the  
Willis Dady shelters. Thanks for  
sharing your talents, Melenie!*

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