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*“And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘
See, I am making all things new.’”* Revelation 21.5a

The more I study scripture and the history of the Christian faith the more I am convinced that ours is an ongoing story of death and resurrection; despair and renewal. This of course finds its zenith in the story of Jesus Christ. Our sacred scripture (Bible) tells us that God creates the world good and able to thrive in mutual interdependence. Soon we see brokenness invading the goodness of God's world as human beings show their lack of trust in God. This lack of trust not only changes the address of Adam and Eve but it changes the relationship that human beings had enjoyed with God. Delight in creaturely existence has given way to fear and suspicion that God is more to be feared than loved. And so the first death, followed by a resurrection moment when God will not abandon his creation but provides clothing and the means for their continued survival.

In only a few more chapters we get the story of Noah and the great flood. Once again a creation that was meant to be good has lost its way. There is despair in the flood and renewal in Noah and the ark.

Abraham was “as good as dead,” when in his late nineties he and Sarah have a child: Death and resurrection. Or take the people of Israel who were slaves in Egypt for centuries, or the wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, or Ezekiel's valley of dry bones, or the return after exile, or the rebuilding of the Temple; over and over scripture tells the story of death and resurrection - of despair that gives way to renewal.

And so on Pentecost a small group of Jesus' followers who have been living in fear are given a public voice and proclaim Jesus as Lord to all who will hear - renewal comes through the gift of the Holy Spirit and life is breathed once again into the people of God.

I believe that is part of our calling as people of faith, to remember that ours is a God whose specialty is bringing life and renewal. A people who have come to realize that God is still and will always be at work in our world, in our church and in our lives. While the season of Easter has given way to the days of Pentecost, may we keep an eye out for the new thing that God is doing, the new opportunities that God sends, and the chance to participate in healing and restoration. Come, Holy Spirit, and bring once again the new life of resurrection! Amen.

Peace - Pastor Jeff

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Worship

~ Sunday morning services - same message, different music styles ~

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

Refresh your spirit! Join us Wednesday evenings for a casual gathering with its own message, celebrating music from a range of worship styles.

Wednesday 6:00 pm - Evening Worship

Resurrection worship services are held: **In-Person**, no reservations required, and through **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>

Updated Gathering Policy - for worship and more!

The church council has updated our gathering policy here at LCR. As of May 29th:

- The wearing of masks at LCR will be optional for those who are fully vaccinated against the Covid 19 virus.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated should still wear masks.
- We will still promote social distancing.
- Reservations for worship will no longer be required.
- Participants in our children’s programs (children and adults) will be asked to continue to wear masks.

These policies will be amended as conditions warrant. The council sincerely thanks everyone who has helped us to keep each other safe during the pandemic.

Worship: Yes - it’s important!

For Lutheran Christians, worship stands at the center of our life of faith. Through God’s word, water, bread and prayer we are nurtured in faith and sent out into the world.

Connected with and central to everything we do, worship unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue and helps us grow in faith. It grounds us in our Christian and Lutheran roots, while demonstrating practical relevance for today’s world.

While some of the approaches to worship may differ from one ELCA congregation to another, we hold certain things in common. Central to our worship life is the presence of God through word and sacrament. The **word** proclaimed and the **sacraments** - both Holy Baptism and Holy Communion - are called **the means of grace**. We believe that Jesus Christ is present in these means through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we describe worship as a “gathering around the means of grace.”

There is also a basic pattern for worship among Lutherans. We *gather*. We encounter God’s *word*. We share a *meal* at the Lord’s table. And we are *sent* into the world. But we do not think about worship so much in terms of what we do. Worship is fundamentally about what God is doing and our response to God’s action. Worship is an encounter with God, who saves us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So keep worship front and center, whether you worship in person or online, keep it as a priority in your life! (This is taken from www.elca.org/worship.)

Ministry

LCR Landscaping Team

"Working together divides the tasks and multiplies the success."

There are several areas that need caretakers. Please let us know if you would be willing to adopt an area for the growing season. You can work on the LCR grounds whenever you have time in your schedule. Many thanks to all of those who volunteer to serve the church in this way! (see map - <http://lcrmarion.org/mt-content/uploads/2021/04/landscapers-map.pdf>) If you have any questions, contact Linda Hayward - lhayward495@yahoo.com.

May & June Mission Envelopes

....will go to Community Free Health Clinic, which provides free medical, dental, vision, and prescription services for those without access to, or the ability to pay for, healthcare in our community. CHFC never charges for its services and is not reimbursed by the government. The clinic is funded through the generosity of individuals and groups in our community.

LCR sent a check to Matthew 25 for \$998 from your March & April mission giving - thank you!

Fond Farewell

....to our Choir Director, Tyler Hagy

After four years serving as the Choir Director here at LCR, Tyler Hagy has accepted a new position nearer to his home. Tyler is a gifted director who will be missed. Although saddened to see him leave, we wish him the very best in his new position at Zion Lutheran Church in Iowa City. Thank you, Tyler!

Music Staff Updates

LCR is currently searching for both an Organist and Choir Director. We encourage members and friends of the congregation to help us get the word out and identify gifted candidates for these positions. Please contact the church office with any leads you might have or to have a position description sent to any interested party.

"The Lord will provide" Genesis 22.14

Feeding Lunches to Youth



FLY begins this summer on 6/7. The program is going back to having sponsor churches responsible for one day of each week, rather than an entire week. LCR will be responsible for providing volunteers on Mondays beginning June 7th. The FLY board anticipates delivering lunches to the following sites: Bowman Woods, Chapel Ridge, Eagle Ridge, Wilkins Elementary, Marion Village, Novak Elementary, Squaw Creek, Valley View, Vernon Middle School, and a new site - Lindale Manor. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to help prepare lunches and people to deliver and distribute the lunches. If you are interested in participating in the FLY program, please email jill@lcrmarion.org or sign up at <https://signup.com/go/KNANZWw>. THANKS to all who support this important community feeding program!

Summer Ministry Opportunities:

Catherine McAuley Center is partnering with 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace' to build 20 children's beds for refugee families as they re-settle in Iowa. Help us on Saturday, June 26 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Their warehouse is in Hiawatha (1723 Hawkeye Dr.) Call 319.731.0445 to get involved.

Matthew 25 Transform Week - June 21-25

Help make repairs and provide maintenance to homes in Cedar Rapids' west side. No special skills or experience are needed. Some of the projects will include: painting/siding homes, window/door replacement, cleaning debris from homes, plumbing or other repairs, porch repair/carpentry, mulching/planting, smaller roof patching. You can sign up for one, two, or all five days! Call 319.362.2214 to sign up.

Horizons "Meals on Wheels" is returning to daily hot meal deliveries to our homebound clients beginning June 1st. We are in need of at least 70 volunteer drivers in the Cedar Rapids, Hiawatha, and Marion area. Contact Kami Zbanek Hill for more information: 319.398.3943



LCR Sunday School



We had so much fun wrapping up our short year of in-person Sunday School with a few days outside! Thank you to all the families that joined us online and in-person, and to the teachers who made this year possible!

We would love to keep in touch with you this summer through our Summer Verse Challenge. Each week we will have a new verse to learn, with prizes in the gathering space every Sunday morning. Head to the church website for more details!



You can email Sunday School coordinator Jessi Lau with questions at any time.



Save the Date: 2nd grade bibles will be gifted in worship on June 6th & 9th.



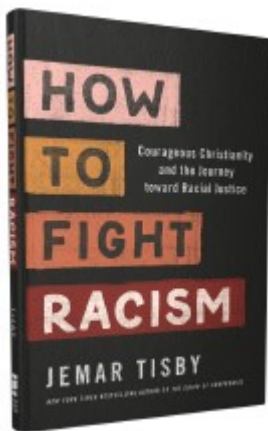
Wednesday Night Live is done for the summer but families are encouraged to check out our Neighborhood Nights on the last Saturday of each month from May to September.

Our May service project was sorting items for the Food Pantry. The kids had been unable to do their annual shopping trip after their Lent meal in 2020. Instead, Jill went shopping and brought the food to the kids to sort here at church. Special thanks to everyone who donated extra food for the kids to sort. We had a pickup load and more that went to the Food Pantry!

Have a wonderful summer!!



Adult Faith & Outreach



Please join us for a study on the book, “How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey toward Racial Justice” by Jemar Tisby. We will host sessions at LCR on Sundays at 9:35 am, or on Wednesdays at 7 pm - you can choose to attend at either time. The discussions will range about an hour in length, and will run for six

consecutive weeks, beginning June 6th & 9th. Please register at LCRMarion.org to receive a copy of the book. Questions? Please send a message to office@lcrmarion.org.



SE Iowa Synod Anti-Racism Network

The anti-racism network seeks to be an online space to share resources, ideas, and have discussions to enhance racial justice efforts throughout the Southeastern Iowa Synod. We welcome everyone who seeks to overcome racism in the communities in our synod. If you're on Facebook, join the group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ARSEIA>

Wednesday Scripture Study

There is no better way to prepare for worship than to be in conversation with the scriptures. Your thoughts and insights will help enlighten Pastor Jeff's weekly sermons and prepare you to get more out of worship. We meet each Wednesday at 11:00 am. This is an in-person study at the church, so we will social distance in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

Check out these brief, thought-provoking videos online. You can access them at -

<https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>



Many thanks to our Pentecost decorators!



Organ Fund

We would like to let the congregation know that our quest for a new organ continues. We have had several large donations to the fund recently. We know that our two retiring organists have adjusted to the fact that there are keys not working, even after repair jobs. We, as a congregation, have probably not noticed that all is NOT well with the present organ.

We are very aware that organists in our area are difficult to find, but in order to attract a new organist, we want to present an instrument that any accomplished musician would want to play. New features in new electronic organs permit the instrument to be programmed to play on its own with many familiar hymns and with preludes and postludes. That is a feature that could be used if needed.

In the interim, please consider remembering the Organ Fund in any way you choose. A memorial for a loved one, a donation from a required minimum distribution plan, or a donation from your heart as a music lover! - *Marcie Vogel & Barb Hazelton*

Stephen Ministry

What Kind of Man Would Receive the Care of a Stephen Minister?

- ♦ A man like **Adam**
who was cut off from all that gave meaning to life and needed someone to remind him of God's promise.
- ♦ A man like **Noah**
who witnessed the destruction of everything around him and needed someone to wait with him for a new day.
- ♦ A man like **Abraham**
who had to leave everything he knew and loved behind him and needed someone to journey with him to a new life.
- ♦ A man like **Moses**
who faced great opposition and needed a companion to support him and speak on his behalf.
- ♦ A man like **David**
who grieved the death of a wayward child and needed a shepherd's care.
- ♦ A man like **Elijah**
who thought he was all alone and needed a still small voice to encourage him.
- ♦ A man like **Job**
who lost everything and needed someone to silently endure his pain with him.
- ♦ A man like **Peter**
who found himself in over his head and needed the strong hand of a faithful friend.
- ♦ A man like **Paul**
who knew the unending distress of a thorn in the flesh and needed someone to rejoice when he rejoiced and to weep when he wept.
- ♦ A man like **JESUS**
who knew intense disappointment, sorrow, grief, rejection, and loneliness and needed an angel of God to minister to him.
- ♦ A man like **you**.

If you like to know more about how a Stephen Minister could care for you, please contact Mary Hajek through the church office.

Fellowship



LCR will be hosting "**Cedar Valley Car Cruise-In**," an informal group of car enthusiasts, on the second Thursday of each month, starting June 10th. You are invited to come and admire the cars and/or bring your own classic vehicle to show off and enjoy some fellowship. The plan is to have some simple food available as well. The "Cruise-In" starts at 5:30 pm. (Central parking lot will be for those showing their cars - others please park on the periphery.) Invite your family and friends! *Want to help out? Contact Stephanie Meier (319-431-5919) or call the church office.*

LCR Book Club

We'll get together Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 pm (3rd Tuesday) and meet in the sanctuary. Our book this month will be "The Weird Sisters" by Eleanor Brown. Contact sherrillamorri-son@gmail.com to get on our email list.

Candy Bar Bingo

Join us after worship on Sunday, June 13 for family-friendly Candy Bar Bingo. We'll meet from 1:00-2:30 pm in the fellowship hall. There is no charge - we will be playing for fun and candy. Bring friends of any age!

Neighborhood Nights

Join us the evening of Saturday, June 26 as we bring the community together with a free event including pulled pork sandwiches and a movie (TBD) on the north lawn. While you're here, you can also check out Marion public service vehicles on display in the parking lot. *All ages welcome!*



Confirmation 2020/2021

Your kids have been fantastic. It was an honor to spend time with kids who were respectful, kind, attentive, and extremely profound in their approach to their faith. Thank you for all you have done to support their faith journey and my work teaching them.

Our 8th graders have worked on faith statements and Bible verses and they have agreed to email them to me (nmontover@gmail.com) when they are completed. We won't need them until fall. I am happy to meet with anyone who would like more time to develop faith statements. I can meet over Zoom, or in person, and I really enjoy those conversations. This is typically a conversation that lasts around 30 minutes and I am looking forward to connecting with anyone who may want a bit more conversation on faith statements.

I would also like to invite you all to our Wednesday night worship services this summer. We begin at 6:00 pm each week. You don't have to worry about registering to attend any more, it's OK to just show up.

Thanks for a fantastic year! Pastor Nate
If you ever need me, please don't hesitate to call or text: 563.320.3995

LCR History: Confirmation Photos

Our history team has been working diligently on organizing church historical facts and photos. We are trying to obtain a copy of every year of LCR confirmation class photos. We are currently missing the following years:

**1959, 1961, 1963-1967, 1969-1970, 1975,
1985-1989, 1991-1999, 2012-2014**

Please let us know if you have a copy of the above photos that we can borrow and scan, or send us a digital copy. THANKS so much for your help!



EDGE Youth Senior Night

At our last gathering, we celebrated our Class of 2021 and a great year of EDGE.
Congrats graduates, we're proud of you !

Further congratulations to **Zaidin Boehmke** for receiving a Biderman Scholarship for college next fall.



Contact person for **EDGE Youth Group** is Katie Kascel (katie@lcrmarion.org). You can connect with us on Instagram; some of the past year's content is available at <https://vimeo.com/lcrprogramming>.



Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in May...

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members) Ken Meisinger, Janice Berridge, Julie Brandt, Steve Reck, Linda Christiansen, Mike Rosz, Clark Gull, Paul Bendixen, Marilyn Carstens, Deanna Harding, Eugene Henry, Bernadean Spilde

(family and friends) Joan Spilde, Elmer Stein, John Kindvall, Steve Durspek

Those living in care facilities:

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

Those in military service:

Taylor Johnson, Paul & Chrystal McDonough, Aaron Moose, Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson, Will Fritz, Todd Kopperud, Michael Berridge, David Berridge

Those who celebrate:

- Our 2021 graduates: Jessica Hediger, Kylie Fink, Cole Nuehring, Paiden Nicks, Anika Loftsgard, Zaidin Boehmke (Linn-Mar); Colton Ironside (Luther College)
- Ron & Bonnie Conrad on the graduation of their granddaughter, Morgan (Linn-Mar)
- Darlene & Tom McGovern on the graduation of their granddaughter, Kylee (UNI)
- Marcia Edwards and Evelyn Beck on their successful cataract surgeries!

Those who mourn:

- Dave Gardner and family on the death of Sue Gardner, on 5/22.
- Winnie Wright and family on the death of Pastor Denny Wright, on 5/12.
- Pat Beaty and family on the death of Bill Beaty on 4/30.
- Paul Bendixen and family on the death of his niece, Diane Natzel, on 5/23.
- Friends & family of former LCR member, Darrel Gire, on 5/3.

Those in transition:

- for peace among all people in our country.
- for those tackling COVID in healthcare settings.

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.

We're going to run off a few updated church directories this summer, including phone numbers and emails. These directories will only be available to active members of the church and will not be posted online.

If there is any information you do not want shared with other members, please let us know:
office@lcrmarion.org

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for April 2021

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$79,280	\$263,999	\$242,514
General Fund Expenses	\$52,580	\$226,707	\$216,137

<u>Cash Balances</u>	<u>04/30/21</u>	<u>04/30/20</u>
General Fund*	\$137,096	\$ 90,189
Clearing Accounts	\$ 83,463	\$ 63,849
Property Reserve	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Building Residual	\$ 16,713	\$ 16,713

*Starting in 2021, the General Fund includes our property funds, which pay for building maintenance and annual inspections. 'Property Reserve' & 'Building Residual' are now separate funds.

We appreciate your faithful partnership!

Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, May 18th. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$137,096 at the end of April.

Pastor Jeff: Searching to fill open organist position. Will be enlightening to see how removal of reservations will impact attendance numbers. Many positive events to look forward to: Neighborhood Nights, VBS, serving through FLY, Stand in Unity book discussion, Graduate Sunday.

Pastor Nate: Requested support for Neighborhood Nights.

Treasurer: Many in congregation have already sent in their annual giving, reflected in higher income this month.

Stewardship: Wills & Trusts meeting well received. Patio area to be used for Neighborhood Nights.

Outreach: 2nd BINGO event went well; different attendees this time. Visitor give-away bags now available; new information kiosk placed in the gathering space. We are recruiting for hospitality & tech booth volunteers. LCR will host Car Club 2nd Thursday of each month through September; we are recruiting for event & food volunteers.

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2021 LCR budget. Thanks to early giving for the year, we are currently at 116% of our expected general fund receipts.

Digital Giving

* **Simply Giving** - Join 77 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.

Property: Working on worship space HVAC insurance claim. Parking lot lights now working properly. Considerable clean-up accomplished on Landscaping Work Day. Decided patio fence no longer needed, so repair money will be re-purposed. LED replacement lights are being sought for worship space and entryway canopy.

Governance: (no report)

Old/New Business: Reassessment of policies around in-person gatherings per the CDC recommendations. As of May 29th, the wearing of masks for those fully vaccinated against Covid-19 will be optional. All others, including children and those who are not vaccinated, should continue to wear masks while gathering at LCR. Children's activities will continue to have a mask requirement for all participants, including adult staff & volunteers, regardless of vaccination status. Social distancing and online worship experience will continue.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15th, 2021

Agenda items should be submitted by 6/7.

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

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Confirmation kids enjoy
their year-end pizza party!



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LCR is holding a monetary shoe drive
for 'Start School Right' in June.
Would you be able to give \$30,
or any other amount, to help
local kids who need new shoes?
Checks can be turned in to the
church office or you can give
through our website.

5/29 - walking tacos | 6/26 - pulled pork



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