

"Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6.6-7

We are a story people. Stories not only define who we are, but they help to prepare us for our life in the world. Most families have stories that they share over and over again. Sometimes they are funny and bring a smile to our face and other times they are more grim reminders of lessons learned and obstacles overcome. One of my favorites growing up was the story of when my Grandpa put a pinwheel on the Palm tree in the back yard for the Fourth of July. The Palm tree caught fire, the fire department was dispatched and my Grandma was beside herself! What a story!

As people of faith, we find our story in the pages of scripture. And like any volume of family history the stories instruct, define, amuse, and perplex. All that being said, these stories at their core are here to remind us of the faithfulness of God. We don't read scripture in order to find a manual on human behavior. Quite frankly often times human behavior in the pages of scripture is quite appalling. No, we turn to scripture to hear the story of God's love, of God's reckless abandon in searching out the lost and the promise of salvation. Yes, of course, there are admonitions and instructions on many things; but the central story is about God and for us Christians we read all of scripture through the lens of what God has done in Jesus Christ.

This fall I want to personally invite you to enter into the story. We'll be showing "The Chosen," which is a unique cinematic production focusing on those who encountered Jesus (read more in the pages ahead). I'll be leading a short "Biblical Potpourri" Adult Study on Sunday morning at 9:45 am (between worship) and repeating the lesson on Wednesday night after worship, where we'll look at one theme/verse in each of the 66 books of the Bible. And during our Stewardship campaign we'll invite you to become a part of the story that God is continuing to tell here at LCR.

I Love to Tell the Story! And I hope you do as well. We are a story people, and God has much yet to write on the pages of our hearts and in the tale of LCR!

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Peace! - Pastor Jeff



~ Sunday morning services - same message, different music styles ~ Sunday 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Sunday 10:30 am - Contemporary Worship

> casual evening gathering with its own message, music from a range of worship styles Wednesday 6:00 pm - Evening Worship

In-Person Worship - No reservations required. Livestream Worship - 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

LCR Covid Gathering Policy - The wearing of masks at LCR is now optional for those who are fully vaccinated against the Covid 19 virus. Those who are not fully vaccinated should still wear their masks. Participants in our children's programs (children and adults) are 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.

The CHOSEN - coming to LCR!

Don't binge watch Netflix... Join us at LCR to watch The Chosen! The Chosen is the first crowd-funded multi-season series about the life of Jesus. Each episode is about an hour long. You can come to the "watch party" at church on Sundays or view it online at home. After each showing at church we'll offer a little study and conversation about what we've seen. The study guide will also drop on our website each Sunday after we premier an episode at church. The first showing will be on RALLY DAY at approximately 12:30 pm (right after the Potluck, BBQ, Games, and Kona Ice!). Then we'll show an additional episode each Sunday at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. *September schedule listed below.*

Sunday September **12** - 12:30 pm Sunday September **19** - 4:00 pm

Sunday September **26** - 4:00 pm Continuing into October..... OR you can watch online at home at - https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen

a note to parents: One Christian family rating service recommended that this series may be best for children 12+. There are images of violence and some adult situations that are inherent in the Gospel stories. Each family is free to make their own decision and we welcome everyone to our showings.

Welcome to the LCR family!

Kent Keating, Choir Director; Hank Welter, Technical Arts Lead; Nick Bushkovsky. Organist/Accompanist. Next month we'll have a little more information about these new staff members. In the meantime, please give them a warm welcome to LCR. *We are currently seeking* a **Contemporary Worship Leader**. If you know of someone who would be a great fit for our congregation, please pass along the following link. Help us get the word out! https://lcrmarion.org/job-opportunities.html





September & October Mission Envelopes

...are going to ELCA World Hunger, which serves communities in need around the world and here in the US. We provide community meals, water wells, animal husbandry, health clinics, and microloans. Your gifts to make it possible for the us to support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Walkers

Thanks to Erin Gochenouer for taking our extra donated walkers away to be shared with the Christian non-profit Joni and Friends.

This organization refurbishes wheelchairs and walkers and ships them overseas to provide life-changing mobility to people with disabilities.



Remember that LCR has a Medical Lending Library that you can borrow from at any time. It includes walkers, crutches, shower seats, toilet risers, commodes, nebulizers, etc. Give the church office a call before you buy anything new!



Ramon, Dana, Kirsten, Tom, Cari <<

Community Corn Harvest

Thanks to volunteers who came to Dows Farm one day last month to help with the Community Corn Harvest. The group picked 43 dozen ears of corn and delivered them to The Churches of Marion Food Pantry for distribution. Big thanks to Les Beck who did so much to support the harvest through the SILT project!

Marion Cares Backpacks

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Marion Cares Backpack Program. We *filled a whole truck* with backpacks collected at LCR and dropped them off at



Marion Cares! Extra thanks to Kelly Frohner, who shopped and put together lots of backpacks with donated money, and to Erin Koehn for delivering them all to Marion Cares. In addition to these backpacks, over \$600 was collected and given to the Marion Foundation to purchase supplies for additional families in need.

Mission of Hope Lunch Program



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Mission of Hope luncheon on August 5th. The group came together to prepare and serve a "summer picnic" meal of brats,

hot dogs, chips, watermelon, and treats!

Tech Booth Volunteers

We have an ongoing need for volunteers for Sunday morning and Wednesday night worship services. If you would like to learn how to run the slides, soundboard, or camera, send a message to Cari@LCRMarion.org. Individuals or groups of two or three are welcome for this task. As you are trained we can pair you with other volunteers as needed.

Les >>





SEPTEMBER:

12 - RALLY DAY 19 - **First Day of SS** 26 - Unit 1 - Isaac & Bebekah

OCTOBER:

3 - UNIT 1 - ISAAC & REBEKAH
10 - UNIT 1 - ISAAC & REBEKAH
17 - UNIT 1 - ISAAC & REBEKAH
24 - UNIT 2 - BABY MOSES
31 - UNIT 2 - BABY MOSES

NOVEMBER:

7 - UNIT 2 - BABY MOSES
14 - UNIT 2 - BABY MOSES
21 - NO SS - THANKSGIVING BREAK
28 - UNIT 3 - CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER:

5 - UNIT 3 - CHRISTMAS
12 - UNIT 3 - CHRISTMAS
19 - UNIT 3 - CHRISTMAS
26 - NO SS - CHRISTMAS BREAK

I am looking forward to an awesome year with students in both Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live!

Programing will start for both groups after Rally Day and will run through the school year. Join us each week as we build friendships, talk about Jesus and hang out in our bibles! I am so excited to share this year with your children. We will operate primarily in-person as we start this school year, but still respect each family's individual decision to participate however they feel comfortable. Please reach out if I can help bring this experience home to your children.

With Love, Jessi Lau

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SEPTEMBER: 15 - FIRST NIGHT 22 - REGULAR WNL 29 - REGULAR WNL

OCTOBER:

6 - GAME NIGHT 13 - REGULAR WNL 20 - REGULAR WNL 27 - HALLOWEEN PARTY

NOVEMBER:

3 - GAME NIGHT 10 - Regular WNL 17 - Regular WNL 24 - **No WNL - Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER:

1 - REGULAR WNL
 8 - REGULAR WNL
 15 - CHRISTMAS PARTY
 22 - NO WNL - CHRISTMAS BREAK
 29 - NO WNL - CHRISTMAS BREAK



Adult Faith Development

Biblical Potpourri - Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Nights

Starting on <u>September 19 and 22</u>, Pastor Jeff will be offering a "Biblical Potpourri" as he takes us on a journey through scripture, looking at one verse/theme in each of the 66 books of the Bible! This will be a great way to begin to understand the Bible as a whole and dive into some of those lesser-known parts of scripture. Come for every session, or just drop in as you are able - there's always a place for you. We'll meet at 9:45 am on Sundays (starting 9/19) and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays (starting 9/22).

Lifetree Cafe

Lifetree Cafe will be back starting on <u>Friday</u>. <u>September 10</u> from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Initially we are planning to have it on the second and fourth Fridays of each month but more details will be discussed at the first meeting. For those who are not familiar with Lifetree, it is not a Bible study or book group. Rather, we introduce a pertinent topic, provide some basic information, and then have both large and small group discussions. As the motto says: "You're welcome just as you are. Your thoughts are welcome, your doubts are welcome. We're all in this together. God is here, ready to connect with you in a fresh way." We will provide some pre-packaged snacks or feel free to bring your own. The current LCR policy is that masks are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated. *Please join us.*

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle

Ladies, after a year and a half break, is it time for us to start up again? Let's plan on getting together on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>September 8</u> at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. If you are receiving Gather Magazine, bring it with you. We can look over the bible study together. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions, call Anne Rosenberger at 377-1604.



Mary Kay Pinckney Small Group

Mary Kay's small group for women is resuming on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 19</u> at 6:30 pm in her NE Cedar Rapids home. Our book study will be "Crash the Chatterbox" by Steven Furtick. You can contact Mary Kay for details at mkpink6@gmail.com.

P.E.P. Israel Travelogue

Our 55+ fellowship group is resuming this month with a review of Pastor Jeff's trips to the Holy Land. We'll gather on Sunday, September 19 at 6:30 pm. Contact Sharon Hill if you have any questions: 319-895-8644.



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 <u>each Wednesday at 11:00 am</u>. This is an in-person study at the church, so we are social distancing in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

Check out these brief, thought-provoking videos online, any time. You can access them at - https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional

7 Reasons to Become a Stephen Minister

#1 - Make a real difference

in the lives of people who are hurting.

Stephen Ministers walk alongside people going through life challenges like grief, divorce, a medical crisis, job loss, and more. They offer care, support, and encouragement, connecting hurting people with Christ's healing love during some of the hardest times in their lives.

#2 - Help our congregation

ensure that no one suffers alone.

Caring for one another is a hallmark of the Christian faith. As a Stephen Minister, you will play a crucial role in helping our congregation carry out that mission so that, even if we can't take away their pain, those who are suffering know our church truly cares.

#3 - Learn what to say & do - and what <u>not</u> to say & do - to care effectively for people who are suffering.

Stephen Minister training teaches highly practical caregiving and relational skills that equip and empower you with everything you need to effectively care for others. In addition to preparing you for caring ministry, these skills can help you deepen and enhance relationships in all facets of your life - with family, friends, coworkers, and others.

#4 - Be involved in meaningful

ministry that uses your spiritual gifts.

Serving as a Stephen Minister gives people an opportunity to put their spiritual gifts into action - gifts such as faith, mercy, compassion, and encouragement. Ministry that draws on your gifts is personally fulfilling and touches people's lives in powerful ways.

#5 - Deepen your faith as you

see God at work through your ministry.

Providing care while trusting in God is at the core of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers regularly say how their faith is strengthened through the training experience, by learning to use distinctively Christian caring tools, and as they witness God at work in the lives of care receivers.

#6 - Be part of a group of caring Christians who sup-

port each other as they care for those who are hurting. One of the blessings of being a Stephen Minister is being part of a community of people who care, all of whom lift one another up as they strive together to provide the best possible ministry. The strong relationships you'll form are both rewarding and a great source of support.

#7 - Join a worldwide tradition of caring ministry.

Congregations all over the world use Stephen Ministry and have trained hundreds of thousands of Stephen Ministers who have gone on to care for millions of hurting people. It's this ongoing tradition of "Christ caring for people through people" that you'll join as a Stephen Minister.

Sign up now - classes begin October 4th! Contact Mary Hajek or Scott Immerfall

Rally Day!

We'll have two exciting services on <u>Rally Sunday</u>, <u>September 12</u> - 8:30 inside and 10:30 outside. There will be a Sunday School Open House, including the Kona Ice Truck! In addition, there will be a Ministry Fair all morning, so you can discover where to serve at LCR or in our community. Join us at 11:30 am for BBQ Posse and Mystery Potluck, and at 12:30 for the first episode of "The Chcsen," a mini-series about the life of Jesus.

Cedar Valley Car Cruise-In

On <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 9</u>, you are invited to come and admire others' cars or bring your own classic vehicle to show off! Simple foods & beverages are available as well. The "Cruise-In" starts at 5:30 pm.

LCR Book Club

We'll get together <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 21</u> at 6:30 pm (3rd Tuesday). Our book this month will be "Circling the Sun" by Paula McLain. Copies are available for pick-up in the church office. Contact sherrillamorrison@gmail.com to get on our email list; all are welcome!

Neighborhood Nights

Join us the evening of <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 25</u> as we bring the community together with a FREE event including a baked potato bar with chili, yard games, and a movie on the north lawn. *All ages are welcome, so invite your friends.*

Cribbage Group

Cribbage meets on the <u>2nd and 4th Friday</u> from 1:15-3:15 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!

Wood Carvers

Our talented wood carvers meet <u>each Thursday</u> <u>evening</u> at 6:30 in the Art Room. If you want to learn a really satisfying handicraft, join us some evening and we'll get you started. Experienced carvers are welcome to bring their current project.

Confirmation

Greetings Friends!

We are excited to have our students back for Confirmation this year, and we are honored to celebrate with all those who will be Confirmed on Reformation Sunday (October 31).

For those of you with children in 7th or 8th grade, our Parents' Meeting will be held on <u>Wednesday</u>. <u>September 8</u> at 7:15 pm, following our Wednesday evening worship service. Feel free to come with your student. We'll meet in the sanctuary, and get an opportunity discuss the plans for this year.

For those of you with kids who are being confirmed this fall, I'd encourage them to join in with the High School Youth Group. EDGE meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm and the first meeting of the year is on Wednesday, September 8. When I'm finished with the Confirmation meeting I'll stop by EDGE to say hello! At some point in September we should have a quick parent's meeting to discuss the Confirmation service. I'll send a separate email in the next several weeks to discuss the plans for our Confirmation service.

Be well and enjoy what remains of the summer! *Pastor Nate*



EDGE Youth group

...is open to students in 9th thru 12th grade from any church. We meet each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, beginning <u>September 8</u>. Feel free to join us any time! Our director is Katie Kascel; you can reach her with questions at katie@lcr marion.org.

https://www.instagram.com/edgeatlcr/?hl=en https://vimeo.com/lcrprogramming

New Member Gatherings

Have you been connecting with our church family in recent months? If so, we are pleased to have you with us! We're also hoping that you would like to establish a closer bond by becoming a member of our congregation. We would love to have you alongside us as we pray for our church; share our time, talents, and resources; and spread the word about how we live out our faith in Jesus Christ here at Resurrection.

We'll meet just once, as a group, and then Pastor Jeff will follow up with you individually. No big hoops to jump through! Two sessions have been planned, but you only need to attend one. During our meeting time, Pastor Jeff will talk about Christianity in general, the Lutheran church in particular, and LCR specifically. Our gatherings will last about 11/2 hours. Sessions will be on Sunday, Sep. 19 at 12:30 pm or Sunday, Sep. 26 at Please 12:30pm. send us an email (office@lcrmarion.org) to let us know which gathering you can attend. If neither of these dates works for you, let us know that you will need an alternative date & time and we'll contact you to arrange something. Also note if you'll need childcare during our meetings.

Thank you for your presence amongst us, may the good Lord bless you always!

Associate Pastor Forum

Please join us as we start on our journey of calling a full-time Associate Pastor. This will be a time for the council to answer any questions you might have about the need, position, and process. Plus, we have an exciting opportunity to share!! We will meet <u>Sunday</u>, <u>September 26</u> between services at 9:30 am.

Fall Fund Appeal

The LCR Fall Appeal Team is preparing for this year's appeal. With the Covid-19 pandemic complications last year, the packet material was made available in electronic form as well as in print. About 100 households signed up to get the packet via e-mail and the benefit for LCR was reduced printing and mailing cost. This year we encourage more members to sign up for e-mail delivery (saving more paper & trees). Watch for details in 9 our newsletter and weekly announcements.

Prayers

Prayers are requested for...



Those hospitalized in August:

Donna Walton, Ken Meisinger, Kay Mase, Larry Edwards, Everett Dryden

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(Resurrection members) Karen Proffitt, Arlene Lang, Joyce Zach, Sheryl Knodle, Linda Christiansen, Linda Erlandson, Sherrill Morrison, Judi Conrad, Janice Berridge, Julie Brandt, Paul Bendixen, Marilyn Carstens, Eugene Henry, Deanna Harding, Bernadean Spilde

(family and friends) Darlene Edwards, nephew Dennis, Ryan Corrigan, Betty Hannagan, 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

Pastoral Care - With rules about confidentiality at our hospitals, <u>we will not know</u> that you or your family member is sick or in need <u>unless you call</u> the church office.

Those who celebrate:

- Mary & Bill Durspek on their son Steve leaving the hospital at last.
- Congratulations to Paul & Betty Bendixen on their 60th wedding anniversary on 8/27. Cards are welcome! 3400 Alburnett Rd. #211, Marion IA 52302

Those who mourn:

- Family and friends of Wayne Brandt at his graveside service on 8/7.
- Amy Olson and Dan Fishel at the memorial service for their mother, Sara Fishel, on 8/14.
- Family and friends of the Grafft family, on the death of their son Alex, on 8/21.

Please also pray for the nurses, doctors, and staff of local medical facilities due to the increase of Covid-19 infections.

Online & E-mail Prayer Lists

If you are willing to serve our community through prayer, go to http://lcrmarion.org/prayer_team/ and type in this password: LCRPrays. OR you may join our email list by sending your email address to: office@lcrmarion.org

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.

Please pray for communities affected by the earthquake in Haiti and communities that lie in the path of wildfires in the western United States.

Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response are both taking donations to support their relief efforts in both locales. You can give online at: https://lwr.org/donate-emergency OR https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response Call Emily in the church office if you would like to give by mail or phone.

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for July 2021

<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
\$47,000	\$420,707	\$345,173
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Venmo For Giving

You are now able to "Venmo" money to LCR to give to the church's general fund, or for special projects (juice box drive, backpacks, organ fund). Venmo is a smart phone app that allows users to send money to others. Find out more here: <u>https://venmo.com/</u> Find us @lcrmarion (Resurrection Lutheran). You can designate what you would like your donation go toward in the 'notes' area.

Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, August 17th, 2021. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$129,646 at the end of July.

Pastor Jeff: Positions filled - organist/pianist, choir director, and technical arts lead. The position of contemporary worship leader remains open. Fall Adult Education plans are underway. A Welcome Session for new members will be held in September.

Pastor Nate: Fall planning underway, including Confirmation.

Treasurer: Large expenses in July for building repair and the organ purchase were made from associated clearing accounts.

Stewardship: July total monthly giving to General Fund (GF) was \$46,103. Total July GF expenses were higher than July GF income, but below July expense budget.

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2021 LCR budget. Giving is at 105.4% of pledges At end of July.

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** - Click DONATE button On our website for online giving.

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

* **Venmo** - Smartphone app for sharing money @LCRMarion

Property: No August meeting was held. HVAC repair is underway.

Governance: No August meeting was held.

Outreach: BINGO will resume September 19 from 1:00-2:30 pm. Encourage wearing *free* Hospitality t-shirt for volunteers. Last Car Cruise-in for 2021 is September 9.

Old/New Business: Committee will be formed to review/edit Time and Talent. Good response to new COVID protocols.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 at the church. Agenda items should be submitted by 9/10/21. Copies of Council minutes and Treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

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Colin Gillund built us 4 sturdy new patio benches for his Eagle Scout project!



EWALU counselor Nora led our kids in a spirited camp song!

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Rooney invites you for FREE food, yard games, & movie on 9/28



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