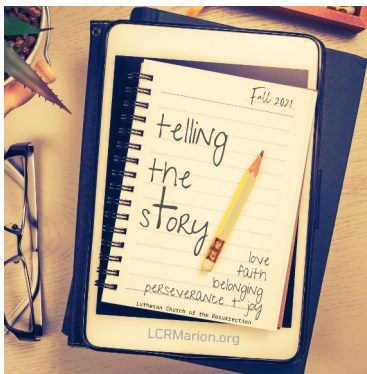




The Never-Ending Story...

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2.41-42



We have been called to be a part of the greatest story ever told! It is of course the story of God and how God has been at work in the world - culminating in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is also the story of how Jesus continues to call, gather and enlighten God's people in the church. When I read the account of that first Christian Pentecost, I am always amazed at the number... "and that day about three thousand persons were added." What was it in Peter's message that compelled those people to become a part of the church?

You can of course read Peter's speech yourself; but I can paraphrase it in one word - Jesus. It was the hope that Jesus was indeed the one that had been longed for and that this Jesus overcame death. That is, in him we have an assurance that God is not only with us, but that God is for us, that just as Jesus was raised from the dead so we have been brought into a new life - a promise of salvation for the world to come and for the world that is right now.

Today people still are anxious to hear this good news and you are a part of that story; in fact, this is your story. The Good News we have in Jesus is not just about eternity - it is - but it is about how God is in our midst helping us to find the salvation of everyday life which is filled with the joy that Jesus promised and what the apostle Paul called 'the peace that passes all understanding.'

So the story continues in you, in us, in all that we are about at LCR. I encourage you to immerse yourself in this story, to live it, to make it the center of how you see the world and go about your day. Take a cue from those early followers, hear the apostles' teaching, connect with the fellowship, break bread together, and let us keep one another in prayer. You might not always feel like a 'major character,' but without you, the story is not as rich, lively or complete.

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

casual evening gathering with its own message & music from a range of worship styles

Wednesday 6:00 pm - Evening Worship

No reservations are required for **In-Person Worship**.

Links are available on our website and social media sites for **Livestream Worship**.

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>

The CHOSEN - Screening here at 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 be on our website with a link to the video. Our schedule for October is:

October 3, 4:00 pm LCR Sanctuary Episode 4 “The Rock on which it is built”

October 10, 4:00 pm LCR Sanctuary Episode 5 “The Wedding Gift”

October 17, 4:00 pm LCR Sanctuary Episode 6 “Indescribable Compassion”

October 24, 4:00 pm LCR Sanctuary Episode 7 “Invitations”

NO SHOWING ON OCTOBER 31, due to a Special Event at LCR



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.

Blessing of the Animals @ LCR - Bring your critters great and small!

On Sunday, October 10th at 1:30 pm, LCR will have it’s first annual “Blessing of the Animals!” Held near the feast day of St. Francis, the blessing of the animals allows us to give thanks to God for all of creation, especially for those critters that are close to our hearts. There will be a short gatherings after which every animal (and their owners) can receive a blessing and special pet tag commemorating the day. We’ll gather on the lawn outside of the Fellowship Hall: cats in carriers, please, closest to the playground; dogs on leashes closest to the Skateboard Park side of the grass; exotic animals closest to the Senior Living Center, and any and all farm critters on the asphalt surrounding the grass. This is a great opportunity to invite your neighbors to come and experience the joy of LCR!

REFORMATION SUNDAY - October 31st

Reformation Sunday is the last Sunday in October and this year it lands on Reformation Day itself! On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on the church door in Wittenberg, thus ushering in the Reformation. These questions for debate stirred the entire Western world and are heralded as the beginning of the Lutheran Church. We’ll have a festive worship at 8:30; the Rite of Confirmation at 10:30 Worship; a celebratory potluck at Noon; followed by a special conversation about what being Lutheran really means by our resident Lutheran Scholar, Pastor Nate Montover, at 12:45 pm. Join us for this special day!

Ministry

Take Away Hunger

Huge thanks to everyone who participated in Take Away Hunger on 9/26. Together, Resurrection members and friends put together just over 2,000 meals in just 3 hours! Great job, everyone! Special thanks to Mary Jo & Roger Carlson for organizing and coordinating.



Comforting Hands Quilters

On Sunday, Oct. 3 and Wednesday, Oct. 6, come to the church and learn more about the Comforting Hands (Quilters) Ministry. There will be a display of some of the quilts we have created. Anyone can be part of our group - you do not have to be a seamstress! There are a number of other jobs that are involved in making a comforter, for example: threading a needle and tying layers of material together. You are all welcome to join us in ministry and fellowship on Monday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am.

Comforting Hands donated eight quilts to EWALU's Fall Festival & Quilt Auction in August. The quilts we donated raised \$1,250 for the camp! See them here - <https://lcrmarion.org/blog/comforting-hands-ewalu-quilts.html>

Blood Drive

Resurrection will join with our friends from Faith and Ascension churches on Thursday, October 14 to collect blood donations for people in need at our local hospitals. You can sign up for an appointment time (from 2:00 to 6:30 pm) by contacting Bob Wolter at 319-377-5126. If you've never given blood before, this is a great time to start!

New Resurrection Organ

In September, our woodworking crew - Marlin Oeltjen, Dennis Heppler, Jim Dettbarn, and Bob Erlandson - volunteered their time to build an organ dolly, saving us \$5,000! This will provide a beautiful riser on which to place the organ. It will also allow the organ to be placed at a slight angle when needed, in order to better see the choir director and for the congregation to see the organist.

We are still planning an October installation! We'll keep you updated as we learn more.

- *The Organ Team*



Tech Booth Volunteers

We have an ongoing need for volunteers for Sunday morning and Wednesday evening 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.

September & October Mission Envelopes

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

A big THANK YOU to everyone who gave to The Churches of Marion Food Pantry using their mission envelopes in July and August. Together, our church raised \$1,055. Thank you for caring for those in need in our community!



A Note From Jessi:

I have been thrilled to share the church with your children as we have started Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live! I cannot believe how much they have all matured since the world went dark, and I am just delighted to be reacquainted with their personalities. I hope they have enjoyed being back - and if you haven't joined us yet, the invitation is open. We would love to have you!

With Love,
Jessi Lau

Phone - 319-540-6916
Email - jessi@lcrmarion.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE DATES

OCTOBER:

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

Reminders:

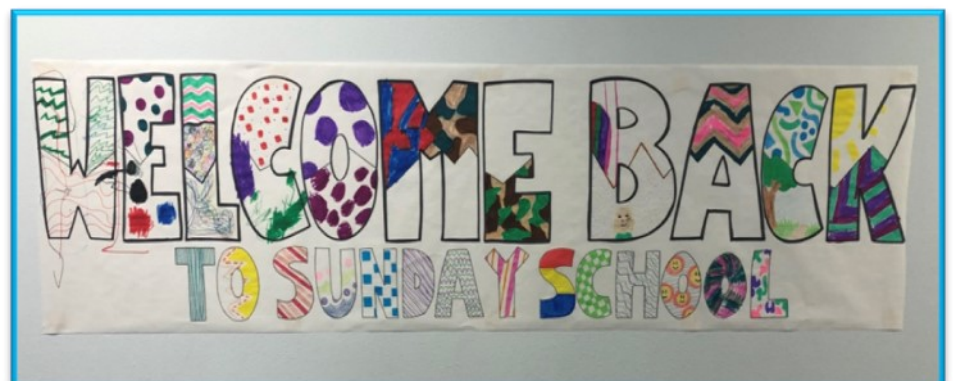
Sunday School runs from 9:40-10:25; parents are invited to join our adult education class during this time or hang out in the café for fellowship!

Wednesday Night Live runs from 6:00-7:00 on Wednesday nights.

All students attending Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live must be signed in and signed out by a parent or guardian.

Please Note:

The exterior doors to the YAC and the circle drive will be locked on Sunday mornings for the safety of all students. Please enter the building from using the main front door to access Sunday School!



:-) ! Nursery now open for your little ones ! (-:

Children infant through 5 years old are welcome to play with our loving caretakers on Sunday mornings while you are in worship OR volunteering in Sunday School, the tech booth, or elsewhere.

Adult Faith Development

Biblical Potpourri - Sunday Mornings and Wednesday Nights

Pastor Jeff is 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 is 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're meeting at 9:45 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Lifetree Cafe

.... is back on Fridays from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Initially we are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. 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 have coffee ready and provide some pre-packaged snacks for those who want them. Please join us October 8 and/or 22!

Current LCR policy is that masks are optional for those who have been fully vaccinated.

Challenging Behaviors

Raising and supporting kids can be a tough, but fulfilling job. Have you ever struggled to get your child to calm down when they're upset? Been unable to help them when they're melting down in the cereal aisle? Jen & Symon Sanborn would like the opportunity to share with our LCR family some tools to help you connect with your child in supportive and thoughtful ways. Look for more information in the coming weeks to see about signing up for these groups.



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 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>

Small Group Studies - October information for two of our small groups;

check all our current small group offerings at <https://lcrmarion.org/ministries/adult-ministry.html>

Mary Kay Pinkney's small group for women will meet on Sunday, October 3 at 6:30 pm in her NE Cedar Rapids home. Our book study is "Crash the Chatterbox" by Steven Furtick. You can contact Mary Kay for details at mkpink6@gmail.com.

Rebecca - Mary Martha Circle will get together on Wednesday, October 6 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 319-377-1604.

Stephen Ministry

"It takes strength to face our sadness and to grieve and to let our grief and our anger flow in tears when they need to. It takes strength to talk about our feelings and to reach out for help and comfort when we need it." - Fred Rogers

Here is a testimonial from a member of our congregation who received care from your Stephen Ministry:

I thought I could handle the loss. After all, I'd been in geriatric nursing, Hospice training, and also Stephen Ministry training. I have faith in our Resurrected Lord, I feel that my husband is in His safe hands waiting for me.

But the emptiness, day after day being alone without him was more than I could manage, worse than I ever imagined.

Stephen Ministry reached out to me but I said no, I'm okay, getting by. Ridiculous! I was not getting by, not eating, no appetite without him to eat with. So alone, I lost 20 pounds, didn't care what happened to me, fell a number of times and was unable to get up, called my son to come pick me up. Finally he said, "Enough Mom, you're going to get hurt and end up in a care center. You've got to get help!"

So I called Stephen Ministry and my doctor. Doctor let me know that he would not allow me to continue this self-destructive path. I just wanted to be with John.

Stephen Ministry came to my rescue. Wonderful faith-filled weekly conversations till I could finally accept my loss and try to survive on my own.

I had thirty wonderful years and so many memories to draw on. In some ways that made it even harder. Both of us being retired for twenty-two years, we were together much of the time.

Suddenly there weren't any new memories to look forward to. Our church closed due Covid, 3-4 weeks after John's passing, so the routine of going to church together to hear the Word and for fellowship was gone too.

Not sure where I'd be if not for Stephen Ministry, that gave me an anchor, something to hold on to. I am grateful to them beyond measure. And I have no doubt someday I will join John to continue a new journey together. - *Sheryl Knodle*

Stephen Ministry is here to help you. Call the church office. - *Mary Hajek, Scott Immerfall*

Fellowship

P.E.P. 55+ Group

Our next 'People Enjoying People' event will be held Sunday, October 24 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. It is going to be a "Down Memory Lane" event. We are asking everyone to bring a treasured antique or collector's item, or anything that has special meaning. We ask that you fill out a 5"x7" card saying what it is and where it came from, etc. Or you may want to play a guessing game "What is it?" If you don't have anything to share, just come and enjoy what others bring. Refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact Arlene Lee, Eloise Heppler, or Margaret Wogahn through the church office.

LCR Book Club

We'll get together Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 pm (3rd Tuesday). Our book this month will be "Another Woman's Husband" by Gill Paul. Copies are available for pick-up in the church office. Contact sherrillamorrison@gmail.com to get on our email list; all are welcome!

Cribbage Group

Cribbage meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday 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 each Thursday evening 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.

Wedding Anniversary

Dennis & Mary Possehl will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this month. They were married at Hope Lutheran Church in Littleport, Iowa on October 21, 1961. Please help them celebrate by sending a card to: 2035 - 26th St, Marion IA 52302



Confirmation

Our first Confirmation sessions have been wonderful. The kids are really insightful and it is a ton of fun hanging out and getting to know one another.

We are meeting each Wednesday from 7:15-8:00 pm. I'd encourage you to attend the Wednesday evening worship service if that works best for your family. We are emphasizing worship and service for our students, and our hope is that having a worship opportunity on Wednesday evenings helps you coordinate your busy week!

Many of our confirmation students will have already taken part in the September "Take Away Hunger" packing event. We hope to give the kids/your families many service opportunities over the course of the coming year.

Finally, a reminder that we will not have a Confirmation session on Wednesday, October 6. We are planning this year's Confirmation Worship program that evening. Enjoy the break! - *Peace, Nate*

What is Confirmation?

- * Affirmation of your Baptism
- * Formal recognition of the transition from child to adult status in the congregation

Confirmation requirements:

- Regular attendance at our Wednesday evening gatherings
- Regular engagement with the congregation through worship and service projects
- Reasonable and respectful attention to social distancing and Covid protocols

We are happy to work with you individually if in-person gatherings are a cause for concern. You will receive weekly email updates from me with calendar updates, service opportunities, etc.

Calendar: We will not meet...

- * October 6 (Parents meeting for those being confirmed this fall)
- * November 24 (Thanksgiving)
- * December 22, December 29, January 5 (Christmas Break)
- * March 16, 2022 (Linn-Mar Spring Break)

Pastor Nate's contact info:

Lcr.confirmation@gmail.com

nmontover@gmail.com

563-320-3995 (call or text)

How can you help?

Consider sitting in on a class! We would love to have at least one parent join us every session and would like you to choose a session to attend.



...is open to students in 9th thru 12th grade from any church or school. We meet each Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Feel free to join us any time! Our director is Katie Kascel; you can reach her with questions at katie@lcrmarion.org.

<https://www.instagram.com/edgeatlcr/?hl=en>

<https://vimeo.com/lcrprogramming>



EDGE students: We love being back together again!



Climate Advocacy Group in the ZOOMosphere

Iowa Interfaith Power and Light invite you to the annual 'Called to Climate Action 2021' event on Saturday, October 16th at 10:00 am. This year, featuring KCCT's Chief Meteorologist Chris Gloninger as keynote speaker. This interfaith program promotes climate awareness, action, and leadership in Iowa. This year's iteration will be completely virtual. Iowa college student leaders who have organized this event will also share their 2021 faith statement. <https://iowaip.org/2021/09/03/called-to-climate-action-2021/>

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in September:
Steve Olson, Judi Conrad

Those experiencing illness or surgery:
(*LCR members*) Jim Anderson, Donna Henderson, Marlene Pasker, Ron Versteegh, Linda Christiansen, Evelyn Beck, Janice Berridge, Karen Proffitt, Kay Mase, Don Schantz, Arlene Lang, Linda Erlandson, Julie Brandt, Paul Bendixen, Marilyn Carstens, Eugene Henry, Deanna Harding, Bernadean Spilde

(*family and friends*) Ryan Corrigan, Carl & Marge Richardson, Dot Pospischil, Betty Cook, Betty Hannagan

Those living in care facilities:
Lorraine Mohr (Lakeview Village);
Lee Schoon, Vera Olson (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:

- Ken Lee and family on his return home from the hospital.
- Birthdays: Jan Berridge (87), Andy Carter (80), Shirley Engelbart (90)

- Anniversaries: Paul & Betty Bendixen (60), Larry & Margaret Wogahn (60), Scott & Cheri Francik (45), John & Elizabeth Buckeridge (39), Joan & David Meyer (39), Mike & Shannan Fleming (19)

Those who mourn:

- Karen & Jim Proffitt on the death of Amanda's husband, Rick, on 8/23
- Ken Lee and family on the death of his nephew, Dennis, in Virginia
- Cari Redondo and family on the death of her step-father, John Kindvall, on 9/3
- Brenda Krause and family on the death of her father, Elmer Stein, on 9/5
- Family & friends of Lisa Coffin, who passed away on 9/12. A funeral was held at LCR.
- Cathy Winch and family on the death of her father, Martin Winch, on 9/18
- Jon Hajek and family on the death of his mother, Elizabeth Hajek, on 9/27

Please pray for 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

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.

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.

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for Aug 2021

| | <u>Aug</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>One Year Ago</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund Receipts | \$51,243 | \$471,951 | \$460,569 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$48,398 | \$438,354 | \$408,265 |
| Cash Balances | <u>08/31/21</u> | <u>08/31/20</u> | |
| General Fund | \$133,163 | \$129,217 | |
| Clearing Accounts | \$125,554 | \$ 61,088 | |
| Property Reserve | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | |
| Building Residual | \$ 20,280 | \$ 42,464 | |

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: <https://venmo.com/>

Find us @lcrmarion (Resurrection Lutheran).

You can designate what you would like your donation go toward in the 'notes' area.

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2021 LCR budget. Giving was at 104% of pledges at the end of August.

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

Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, September 21st, 2021. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved. The General Fund balance was \$133,163 at the end of August.

Pastor Jeff: Good start to the year, but still lower than 2019 - Rally Sunday & Sunday School. New member meetings happening with 14 family units. Blessing of the Animals - 10/10 @ 1:30 pm. Still in need of a contemporary worship leader.

Treasurer: Ahead this month towards the general fund (income vs. expenses) by \$2,845.28. Organ account is enough to pay final balance & reserve for future maintenance/expenses.

Stewardship: Giving is 103% of pledges to date. Fall campaign is coming up - "I Love to Tell the Story".

Governance: no report.

Property: HVAC repair almost all completed. LED conversion has saved \$650 from Apr-Aug '21 vs. Apr-Aug '19.

Outreach: Car Cruise-ins raised total of \$425.55. Money to be used for staff appreciation/discretionary. Continued work to look at Time and Talent offerings and process of obtaining volunteers.

Old/New Business: Allen Organ installation will begin in October. Per contract, will take the old organ away. Associate Pastor forum 9/26 @ 9:30 am. COVID Protocols - Church signage changed to say "Masks are encouraged due to CDC guidelines."

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 via Zoom.

Agenda items should be submitted by 10/8/21.

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

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