



# March 2022

## Special Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Wednesdays in Lent</b> 5:30 Galileans 7:00 Conf. 7th & WNL 7:00 Resurrection Choir 7:00 EDGE & Conf. 8th	<b>1</b> 1:00 Loaves, Fishes, Faith  <i>evening Council Teams</i>	<b>2</b> 7:00 Imposition of Ashes 11:00 Scripture Study 1:00 Rebecca Mary Martha Circle <b>5:15 Soup Supper</b> <b>6:00 Ash Wed Worship</b> 7:00 Lenten Café	<b>3</b> 1:00 Living Legacy mtg. 6:00 Woodcarvers 6:30 Ringers rehearsal 8:00 Mast Small Group (off-site)	<b>4</b> 1:15 Train Dominoes	<b>5</b> 10:30 V. Brandt funeral service 3:00 baby shower
<b>6 1st Lent</b> 8:00 Fellowship Time 8:30 Traditional Worship <b>9:30 Welcome Breakfast for Pastor Nate</b> 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Contemporary Worship <b>11:30 Food Pantry Open House</b> 4:00 "The Chosen" S2E2	<b>7</b> 9:00 Comforting Hands Quilters 6:00 Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed Tegtmeier Small Group (off-site)	<b>8</b> 1:00 Loaves, Fishes, Faith  	<b>9</b> 11:00 Scripture Study <b>5:15 Soup Supper</b> <b>6:00 Ash Wed Worship</b> 7:00 Lenten Café	<b>10</b> 6:00 Woodcarvers 6:30 Donna Dennis Small Group, Ringers 8:00 Mast Small Group (off-site)	<b>11</b> 12:00 Gatherings @ LCR 1:15 Cribbage Group <b>6:30 PEP 55+ Movie Night</b>	<i>set clocks FORWARD one hour</i>
<b>13 2nd Lent</b> <i>no Sunday School today</i> 8:00 Fellowship Time 8:30 Traditional Worship 9:30 Fshp Time, Biblical Potpourri 10:30 Contemporary Worship 4:00 "The Chosen" S2E3	<b>14</b> 9:00 Comforting Hands Quilters 1:00 JAM Bible Study  <i>spring break &gt;&gt;&gt;</i>	<b>15</b> 1:00 Loaves, Fishes, Faith 6:30 Church Council, LCR Book Group	<b>16</b> 11:00 Scripture Study <b>5:15 Soup Supper</b> <b>6:00 Ash Wed Worship</b> 7:00 Lenten Café	<b>17</b> 6:00 Woodcarvers 6:30 Ringers rehearsal 8:00 Mast Small Group (off-site)	<b>18</b> 1:15 Train Dominoes	<b>19</b>
<b>20 3rd Lent</b> 8:00 Fellowship Time 8:30 Traditional Worship 9:30 Fshp Time, Biblical Potpourri 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Contemporary Worship 4:00 "The Chosen" S2E4	<b>21</b> 9:00 Comforting Hands Quilters  <i>&lt;&lt; Biderman Scholarship applications due 3/20</i> <i>Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby Time Trials</i>	<b>22</b> 1:00 Loaves, Fishes, Faith	<b>23</b> 11:00 Scripture Study <b>5:15 Soup Supper</b> <b>6:00 Ash Wed Worship</b> 7:00 Lenten Café	<b>24</b> 6:00 Woodcarvers 6:30 Donna Dennis Small Group, Ringers 8:00 Mast Small Group (off-site)	<b>25</b> 12:00 Gatherings @ LCR 1:15 Cribbage Group	<b>26</b>
<b>27 4th Lent</b> 8:00 Fellowship Time 8:30 Traditional Worship 9:30 Fshp Time, Biblical Potpourri 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Contemporary Worship <b>1:00 First Communion class</b> <b>1:00 Candy Bar Bingo</b> 4:00 "The Chosen" S2E5	<b>28</b> 9:00 Comforting Hands Quilters  <div style="background-color: #f4a460; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Peeking ahead: New Member Sessions April 24 or May 1</b> </div>	<b>29</b> 1:00 Loaves, Fishes, Faith	<b>30</b> 11:00 Scripture Study <b>5:15 Soup Supper</b> <b>6:00 Ash Wed Worship</b> 7:00 Lenten Café	<b>31</b> 6:00 Woodcarvers 6:30 Ringers rehearsal 8:00 Mast Small Group (off-site)	<u>OUTSIDE GROUPS</u> Boy Scouts - Mon, 6:00 pm Homeschool Writers - Tue, 2:00 pm Girl Scouts - Sun, 4:00 pm AA - Sun, 6:30 pm	

### Ash Wednesday & Lent Worship

For the next six weeks, come along with us as we reflect and celebrate that we have been claimed by Jesus! We'll have imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 am and at 6 pm worship.

### First Communion class

4th graders and others will be able to receive communion instruction over two sessions on March 27 and April 3.

### Welcome Breakfast for Pr. Nate

Our new council will host a pancake breakfast to get Pastor Nate started off deliciously!

### Soup Suppers

Throughout Lent we'll have simple soup dinners available here at the church so you don't have to be in a mad rush when you get home on Wednesdays.

### Lenten Café

Don't just drop the kids at youth programming on Wednesdays and take off! Stay and enjoy complimentary premium beverages and snacks, and space to either gather and visit or just sit and enjoy some downtime. We'll have cards, games, puzzles, and wifi.

### Marion Food Pantry Open House

Bring a can or two of food and meet us at 11:30 am (864 - 12th St). Learn how the pantry works from our current Resurrection volunteers.

### "The Chosen" Season 2

Learn about the life of Jesus through this absorbing and accessible series. Watch it here at the church or in your own home.

# Pastor Nate Montover

After 2.5 years of serving at LCR as a part time Interim Pastor, on March 1 I'll begin to serve among you as your full time Associate Pastor.

Typically, I wouldn't begin any article with such simple, even boring words. There are no "eyebrows" to that sentence. Nothing in those words are fun, or exciting, or even compelling. But I can't help but begin my time among you reminding myself, and you, that my role here has changed dramatically.

When I joined you all back in 2019 the assumption was that I'd be here no more than one year. I didn't bring pictures of my family to hang on the wall in my office. I left the bookshelves empty. I didn't check LCR email, and I know that I probably owe many of you an apology for missing communications with you. Truth be told, I didn't think I'd be around long enough for that to matter. But here I am.

*I'm terrified to check my LCR email!*

Over the last 2.5 years I have come to appreciate your many gifts and the vibrant history of a beautiful congregation. As a part time Interim Pastor I have been able to appreciate you from a safe distance, and in that time I have come to know you as a wonderful community of believers. My time here as your interim has become a happy accident in many ways and it's time for me to bring a new intentionality to my work at LCR.

- ◇ I'm excited to begin actively visiting people and providing pastoral care.
- ◇ I'm excited to begin work with our Contemporary Worship team and planning for our future.
- ◇ I'm excited to work with Pr. Jeff to develop engaging adult education events.
- ◇ I'm excited to work with the members of LCR as we engage our community through our Social Concerns ministry.
- ◇ I'm excited to support and develop small groups and outreach groups that will strengthen our connections to one another.
- ◇ I'm excited to continue to work with our Confirmation and youth programs.
- ◇ I'm terrified to check my LCR email.

There is so much good work to do at LCR and I'm grateful that you have trusted me to fill this position. As an Associate Pastor I understand my role to be supportive in nature. I look forward to working with Pr. Jeff, and supporting the vision he brings to our congregation. The relationship between the Senior and Associate pastor is one of mutual support and respect. The role of the Associate Pastor, as I see it, is to work together with the Senior Pastor to implement a common vision for the public ministry of our congregation. The Senior Pastor has a unique role, especially as it applies to creating a common vision and mission for a congregation so that our public ministry reflects what our Confessions call "good order." In order for such a relation to remain healthy it is vital that the Senior and Associate pastors are able to foster a relationship of trust and respect for the different functions of their office. I am grateful that my extended time as an interim Associate has allowed me ample opportunity to develop a great working relationship with Pr. Jeff built on the foundations of mutual trust and respect.

The same is true for my relationship with the staff at LCR. I have a great appreciation for each member of our staff, and I have appreciated the loving kindness they have shown me during my time as an interim. It is a joy to work with a team of talented and faithful people who love this congregation as part of their love for God. You are served by people who adore Jesus and the ministry of the church.

In the days ahead I look forward to knowing you in a more deep and profound way. Thank you for welcoming me (again) to your beautiful community of faith. - *Pastor Nate*



*Nate pitches in!*

# Upcoming Events

## The Gift of WATER is the Gift of LIFE

Clean fresh water is a gift that enables life to flourish. A well placed and functioning well can also bring life to a community, as it promotes safety and opens up a variety of activities. As we enjoy a simple soup supper this year on Wednesdays during Lent, we invite you to consider supporting our efforts to build a new clean well for Camp Chisomo in Malawi. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for this effort, and to drill a new well this very summer! Look for more information to come.

## Soup Suppers - a Time to Connect

Each Wednesday in Lent (March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; as well as April 6) we'll have a Soup Supper at 5:15 pm leading into worship at 6:00 PM. We'll also have an intentional time for folks to connect at the "Lenten Café" where you can enjoy some premium beverages, snacks and some time to connect with others or just unwind. The Lenten Café will be open for you to just stop in anytime from 5:15 pm through end of programming on Wednesday Night. If you are able, please sign up to bring a soup to share - <https://tinyurl.com/Soup-Sign-up>

## Welcome Breakfast for Pastor Nate

Between services on Sunday, March 6th our church council is hosting a welcome breakfast for Pastor Nate. Pancakes and beverages will be provided. If you are able to bring additional breakfast items (egg bakes; breakfast potatoes; fruits), please sign up at - <https://tinyurl.com/LCRbreakfast>

## The Chosen Season 2 - Sundays in March at 4:00 pm, here at LCR

This past fall we encouraged folks to gather together or watch on their own, "The Chosen." This spring we're coming together for Season 2! "The Chosen" is the first crowd-funded multi-season series about the life of Jesus. Each episode is about an hour long. Just as last fall, 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.

## Registration for Summer Camp Is Open!

It's not too early to start making your plans for summer camp! Camp Ewalu, which is supported by ELCA churches in Eastern Iowa and is located near Strawberry Point, offers a wide variety of programs for grades 1 to 12, plus Family Camp and Grandparent Camp. To find the right program for your family this year, go to <http://ewalu.org/summer-camp/>. Your summer adventure awaits!

## Wee Wisdom Preschool

Wee Wisdom Preschool is a licensed, non-profit, Christian preschool sponsored by Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Our focus is on the education, social, physical, and spiritual development of our students. We create an environment where every student feels free to explore, create and experiment. We offer a 2-day class for beginning students and a 3-day program for 'experienced' preschoolers. If you have youngster who is preschool age, please check out our website [www.weewisdommarion.org](http://www.weewisdommarion.org) or share it with someone you know.

## Thank you so much, LCR!

Thanks to everyone in the church who made it possible for our Lego Club to use one of the church classrooms for the past few months. Here's a photo of the kids getting ready for their final Lego presentation. The theme this winter was 'Cargo Connect.' The kids learned about shipping cargo, how to code with motorized Lego parts, and got to do some creative Lego building, too. We couldn't have done all of this if we didn't have a space to meet in! All the parents of the kids also send their appreciation and thanks. Our team - the **Bricksburg Transportation Company** - was one of several teams that took part in this FIRST Lego League, offered through Linn County 4-H. - *Kristin Petersen*

