



Christ is risen...now what?

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

This past January in Pennsylvania, Bethel Park High School football coach Brian DeLallo, anticipating 6 inches of snow to fall that night, sent the following message to his players. “Due to expected severe weather, Monday’s weightlifting workout has been cancelled. Find an elderly or disabled neighbor and shovel their driveway. Don’t accept any money - that’s our Monday workout.”

And here’s the thing, most of his players took him up on it. They went out and made a difference in their community. They connected with their neighbors. And everyone who was a recipient heard the same message, “this is what our coach asked us to do.” I can’t think of a better way to understand what we are doing here at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. We have been sent out by Jesus to be his people in the world and folks should know why we do what we do - because this is what our Lord asked us to do.

Now here is the takeaway for me. This would not have happened if these boys weren’t all connected to a common cause, a common purpose, shared a common goal. And this is why worship and being together is so important for the life of the church. Yes, of course we come together to offer praise and thanksgiving to God; and it is in our coming together to hear the Word, to share the Sacrament, to play, to laugh, to mourn, that we form a common identity. Worship shapes us - its purpose isn’t to entertain us. Christian education challenges us - its purpose is not merely to inform us. Fellowship strengthens our common bonds of affection - so that we can share that same affection with others.

Knowing who and whose we are; we are then sent out into the world to be light and salt. The story of Easter doesn’t end at the tomb; that is only the beginning. The disciples are then challenged to bring this message of love, the promise of the Gospel into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the whole world.

Those boys in Pennsylvania learned an important lesson, being a part of the team was much more than just playing football - it was about being a part of the community. So it is for us who follow Christ. We are called to be a part of something bigger than any one of us. We are called to live out and proclaim the love of God not just in church; but to be the church. And when that happens, Christ continues to open tombs and to open lives.

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Peace! *Pastor Jeff Frohner*

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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>

LCR Mask Policy

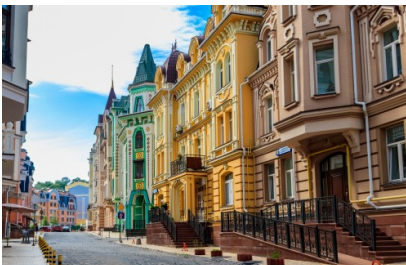
The Church Council would like to thank everyone at LCR for their love of neighbor and goodwill as we've navigated this time of Covid-19. We encourage individuals to mask as they feel appropriate; this includes everyone in children's programs.

Ukraine Update from the Lutheran World Federation

"The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is responding to the Ukraine crisis through a four-pronged approach, combining targeted humanitarian support with global advocacy, prayer, and capacity-building of its member churches in the region. LWF has established a regional coordination hub to scale up emergency and longer-term support to refugees who have crossed borders into Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania, as well as those who have fled the fighting but remain internally displaced inside Ukraine. Unaccompanied children, women and girls, people with disabilities, and the elderly are the most affected and at-risk populations.

All LWF's work will be carried out in close coordination with member churches and their agencies in Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania, which are deeply rooted and trusted by the affected communities. They are therefore uniquely placed to provide quality care, mobilize support, and ensure social cohesion that is sensitive to both the religious and cultural context."

Thank you for your support of LWF through LCR and your continued prayers for peace.



AID FOR UKRAINE

Resurrection members and friends have given over

\$8,600 to the Lutheran World Federation. Thank you!

Check and cash donations can be dropped off at the church

- please write "Ukraine" on the memo line.

You can Venmo to @resurrectionlutheran

- add the comment "Ukraine."

[You can also donate online using our "Donate" button](#)

- select "Ukraine" in the dropdown.

You can stay up to date on Lutheran World Federation Activities

by following their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lutheranworld>

Ministry



So Many Volunteers!

We had a beautiful, inspirational Holy Week and Easter this year. None of it would have happened without an abundance of helpers. Thank you for your kind hearts!

(cupcakes created by Madelyn & Steve Olson)

Thrivent Grant Opportunity

Thrivent members, we have an opportunity for you! Every Thrivent member is eligible to apply for 2 Thrivent grants per year. These grants could be used to sponsor a meal of **Neighborhood Nights**. If you need help to apply, we can provide guidance. Contact us at office@lcrmarion.org or 319-377-4689. Thank you!



May & June Mission Envelopes

...are going to Community Health Free Clinic in Cedar Rapids. The clinic 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 services and is not reimbursed by the government. They are funded through the generosity of individuals like you! Find out more at <https://www.communityhfc.org/>



Take Away Hunger

On Sunday, April 3rd, Resurrection volunteers packed about 10,000 meals for those in need. Thank you for helping to provide so many nutritious meals through Take Away Hunger!

Comforting Hands

Since the beginning of the year, our group has given away 49 quilts! Quilts were given to: Waypoint (20), Hoover Community Refugees (15), and the VA hospital in Iowa City (14). Everyone is welcome to take part in our creative ministry. Join us any Monday morning from 9-11 am and we'll find a task for you.



Personal Care Kits - International

The Rebecca Mary Martha Circle is grateful for all the donations they received. They originally had a goal to complete 50 kits, but with your support, they put together **DOUBLE** that number! *Thank you so much for your generosity.* Thanks also to the volunteers who turned up to pack and ship all the boxes.



Last Day of WNL: May 18th

Last Day of Sunday School: May 15th



Sunday School Students got to help with Take Away Hunger, and WNL closed out the Lenten season doing a Seder Meal with Pastor Nate and celebrating First Communion with several of our older students!

SUMMER 2022 DATES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN PRE-K OR KINDERGARTEN*

JULY 12-15

ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP

FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5TH GRADE

AUGUST 8-11

*VBS is offered for those currently in Pre-school and Kindergarten. However, if your student is entering Preschool in the fall, and they are potty trained, they are welcome to attend VBS. Please reach out to Jessi to ensure registration.



REGISTER ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE, OR CONTACT JESSI AT JESSI@LCRMARION.ORG IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS!

Adult Faith Development

Introduction to Lutheran Theology

Pastor Nate Montover is leading an adult 'Introduction to Lutheran Theology' class at 9:30 am on Sundays in the fellowship hall. Stop in any Sunday that is convenient for you - you'll be surprised what you learn!

New Member Gathering

Have you been attending LCR for a while? Join us at our spring information event on May 1st. You can learn a little bit about the church and we can get acquainted with you. Contact the church office to let us know you'll be attending or to get more information: 319-377-4689 / office@lcrmarion.org

LCR Outdoors

Does the spring sunshine tempt you to start dreaming about fishing lures, bows and arrows, shotgun shells, and camping? If so, you'll love LCR Outdoors!

LCR Outdoors is a small group ministry that connects folks who feel a spiritual pull to the outdoors, and the adventure that waits for us in wild places. Our next gathering is a Saturday morning breakfast with no agenda beyond eating biscuits & gravy and telling fishing and hunting stories. We'd love to have you join us on Saturday, May 7th from 7:30-8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. No cost, no donation, but if you'd like to bring a breakfast dish to share that would be great.

Join our Facebook page to stay informed about our gatherings, or just to post a pic of that next big fish you catch. I promise, we'll always believe your fish stories! <https://www.facebook.com/LCROutdoors>



Gatherings @ LCR (formerly Lifetree Café)

...meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 pm. For those who are not familiar with Gatherings, 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. We have coffee ready and provide some pre-packaged snacks for those who want them. Our subject on May 13th is "The Psychology of Prayer" and on May 27th, "Love Ya, Mom: Celebrating Mothers." Please join us!
NOTE: 5/27 will be our last Gathering this spring. We'll resume our meetings in September.

Wednesday Scripture Study

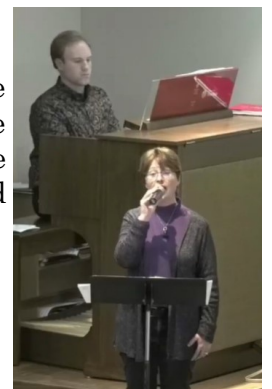
There is no better way to prepare for worship than to be in conversation with the scriptures. Your thoughts and insights will help enlighten Pastor Jeff's weekly sermons and prepare you to get more out of worship. We meet each Wednesday at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Biblical Potpourri - Sunday mornings & Wednesday evenings

Pastor Jeff is taking 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 its lesser-known parts. Regular attendance is not necessary - come whenever you can! We meet at 9:45 am on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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>



Stephen Ministry

Myths & Misconceptions About Referrals to Stephen Ministry

Myth: We should just ask potential care receivers, “Would you like a Stephen Minister?” and allow them to say yes or no. Any more than that might seem pushy or intrusive.

Reality: For many hurting people, the natural reaction to the question above would be no. A caring and effective approach is to assertively suggest they receive care from a Stephen Minister, saying something like:

- “I’d like to connect you with a Stephen Minister. I think it would be helpful to you at this time in your life.”
- “I think you would benefit from the kind of care and support our Stephen Ministers offer. Let me connect you with one.”

Although you wouldn’t pressure a person in to accepting care, it is good to be assertive in suggesting Stephen Ministry.

Myth: If a person says no when offered a Stephen Minister, we should simply accept that and not ask again.

Reality: If a person says no, listen and respond to his or her concerns. If the person still declines, let it go for now, but keep the door open. Without overdoing it, check back with him or her occasionally - two, three, or even more times over the weeks or months that follow - in a consistently caring way. Sometimes people will become receptive to Stephen Ministry after they’ve had more time to consider it. Or their situation may change, and they’ll feel a much greater need for Stephen Ministry. It’s extremely important to check back and keep the opportunity available.



If you or someone you know would benefit from the care that Stephen Ministry offers, please contact us through the church office.

- Mary Hajek, Scott Immerfall, Stephen Leaders

www.stephenministries.org

Fellowship

P.E.P. 55+ Group - Greenhouse Tour

On Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 pm, we will tour the Lowe Park greenhouse full of plants - something over 2,000 flowers, cuttings, and vegetables, all grown from seed. We’ll talk with volunteer Master Gardeners about various growing issues and how we address them. We will give an overview of 12 separate planting areas around the main building and our perennial nursery.

Before and after the tour you can take a walk on the paved paths to see the displays along the way. Homemade ice cream and sweet treats will be served. Bring your lawn chairs and a gardening friend (friend is optional, lawn chair is not!).

meet at Lowe Park: 4500 - 10th St. in Marion

LCR Outdoors

Do you love hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, and Jesus? Then you will love **LCR Outdoors**, our new small group ministry at Resurrection. We’ll gather for a hearty breakfast on Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 am. We’ll have biscuits & gravy and probably also bacon!

Friday is Game Day

We play train dominos on 1st and 3rd Fridays and cribbage on 2nd and 4th Fridays, both at 1:15 pm. Join us even if you’ve never played either game before; we will gladly show you the ropes. Non-members are always welcome.

Wood Carvers

Our talented wood carvers meet each Thursday evening at 6:00 in the Red Room in the education wing. 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 and work on their current projects.

LCR Book Club

We’ll get together Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 pm. Our book this month is “*Silver Girl*” by Elin Hilderbrand, a suspenseful story of friendship, love, and forgiveness set during a Nantucket summer. You can pick up a copy in the church office. Contact sherrillamorrison@gmail.com to get on our email list; new people are very welcome.

Confirmation

I hope you had a blessed Easter celebration. Now that we are past Lent, we have returned to our regular Confirmation schedule on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:00 pm in the fellowship hall. As always, we invite you to join us for worship at 6 pm, too, if that fits your schedule.

Thanks so much to all our Confirmation parents for the work you do to help your kids grow into adulthood in a community of faith!

See you soon - *Pastor Nate*

A note from our EDGE Youth director about our 8th grade students:

"Parents and Guardians, We have loved having your students attend EDGE during Lent, and we hope they have enjoyed it and are looking forward to continuing into high school!" - Katie Kascel

Pastor Nate's contact info:
Lcr.confirmation@gmail.com
nmontover@gmail.com
563-320-3995 (call or text any time)

Calling All Graduates

Help us honor your High School, College, Trade/Tech School, and Military graduates on Sunday, May 22nd by sending us their name; a photograph; and the school or program from which they are graduating. We will offer a special blessing to all our graduates during worship. We hope that as many of your graduates as possible will join us as we lift them up in prayer! Call or email the church office by May 18. Thank you and congratulations!



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EDGE



There is a group of EDGE students that come to Uptown Coffee every Wednesday morning and do homework before or between classes while I work on my teaching for the night. Each week, our barista joyfully brings their coffee to our table, greeting each by name. But recently, he made the comment, "I never know why you are all here together each week. I don't need to know, but have just always been curious." When he came back a short time later, we told him that they were part of a youth ministry and were gathering together each Wednesday morning with the purpose of just being together. He paused, put his hand on his chest, and said "That gives me goosebumps and brings tears to my eyes. There's something beautiful about the people of God gathering together in the ordinary moments of life and not just in worship settings."

The lives these students live out in the world are a testimony to the God they believe in, even over a cup of coffee.

- *Katie*



EDGE is open to students in 9th thru 12th grade from any school or church. 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: katie@lcrmarion.org

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

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized in April:

Ken Meisinger, Ryan Corrigan

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Marilyn Carstens, Donna Henderson, Kay Mase, Sherrill Morrison, Judi Conrad, Marlene Pasker, Julie Brandt, Don Schantz, Gene Henry, Deanna Harding

(family and friends) Paula Burley's mom, Tom Carroll, Ken Kitzman, Jhenn Bowlsby, Judy Freese, Dennis Sutherland, Dotty Blackwell, Marge Richardson, Lynn Sandoval, Kirsten Corrigan's dad, Kristine Pierce, Marcia Christiansen, Mike Supp, Judy Olson, Jason Roze, Jim Fottral, Michael Harding, Ochs family, Avona Lehmann

Those living in care facilities:

Vera Olson (The Views); Larry Wogahn, Paul Bendixen (Bickford of Marion); Barb Schierholz (Silver Oak); Bernadean Spilde (Garnett Place); Bill Thompson (Emery Place)

Those in military service:

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



Those who mourn:

- Donna Morrissey on the death of her brother, Roger Doescher, on 3/23
- Bob Berridge on the death of his sister, Lillie Dickens, on 4/11
- Paula Burley and family on the death of her father on 4/19

Those who celebrate:

- Sue & Jim Anderson on her successful surgery on 3/24
- Bethany & Julian Mast on the birth of a daughter, Flora, on 4/2
- Mary Hajek on her brother Tom's return home from the hospital to recover
- Aaron & Kristin Cannon on the baptism of their daughter Sadie on 4/24

Please pray for...

- world peace
- local medical personnel managing ongoing 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 March 2022

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$64,186	\$198,257	\$184,718
General Fund Expenses	\$60,122	\$166,291	\$174,127
<u>Cash Balances</u>	<u>03/31/22</u>		<u>03/31/21</u>
General Fund	\$159,595		\$114,058
Clearing Accounts	\$ 56,718		\$ 65,871
Property Reserve	\$ 30,000	Building	\$ 20,000
Building Residual	\$ 20,780		\$ 16,713

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2022 LCR budget. Giving was at 92.8% of pledges at the end of March.

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 gathering space kiosk.

* **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

Thank you so much for your generosity! Your donations, plus the \$2,500 match from LCR's Living Legacy Fund, have allowed us to meet our goal to build a new well at Camp Chisomo. So far, Resurrection givers have donated **\$6,063**. Every dollar you give to Camp Chisomo goes directly to supporting the kids at the camp.

Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. March Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Audit Committee: Looking for guidance on scope of audit for 2021. ELCA recommends more extensive audit than we are currently doing. Audit team will put together a list of most concerning weaknesses in our current process.

Pastor Jeff: Consistently had 100+ people on Wednesdays during Lent and 580 people total on Easter Sunday. Tony Jones will be coming to LCR to speak this fall on the spirituality of creation.

Pastor Nate: Successful Lent season with 8th graders joining EDGE and 7th graders joining WNL. Confirmation will happen on Reformation Sunday.

Treasurer: Income vs. Budget gave us a surplus for month of March. Upcoming facility maintenance projects, as well as planned mission giving in April.

Governance: no meeting; no report

Stewardship: 92.8% pledged giving vs. total pledged. Giving up in March due to Camp Chisomo well and Ukraine relief.

Property: Projects possibly in the works - replace outdoor lights, upgrade server/phone/internet, windows in garage/siding damage, carpet replacement/floor repair.

Outreach: Dates set for Car Cruise-ins & car show, as well as Neighborhood Nights. Breakfast planned for Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day).

Old/New Business: Revised mask policy for children's programming: "We encourage individuals to mask as they feel appropriate."

Next Meeting: In-person on May 17, 2022.

Agenda items should be submitted by 5/9/22. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports available in the church office binder. **Please reach out with questions or concerns.**

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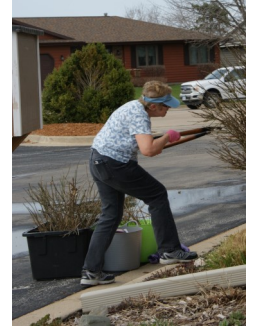


**Neighborhood
Nights**
are back!
Kick-off is
Saturday,
May 21st
at 5:30 pm



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*Our
Landscaping
Team isn't
afraid of a
little rain!*



The
Cool Cars
are back!
Thursday,
May 12th
5:30 pm



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL and DAY CAMP

Vacation Bible School
July 12 - 15

for those currently
in Pre-K or Kindergarten

Elementary Day Camp

August 8 - 11

for those currently
in Kindergarten - 5th Grade

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