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# Crosstalk

*Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. (1 Corinthians 13:8-12)*

I remember the moment Christian was born. I remember his first Christmas, his first steps, his first full night of sleep. I remember it all. Sometimes I forget that he's grown up now. Several weeks ago I heard him use some unsavory language and I attempted to set him straight - just like I always have.

Christian is not what I'd call a rebellious kid. He doesn't argue with me, and he doesn't generally tend to talk back to me once I use my Dad voice. However, this time he did have something to say to me when I told him to watch his mouth. It was simple, it was true, and it was painful: "Dad, in two months I'll register for the draft."

I heard every word. He's not a child anymore. He doesn't want, nor does he need my supervision or my approval. He is an adult now.

His entire life I raised him to believe in himself and his own abilities. I gave him all the lectures you can give a kid about self-sufficiency and taking responsibility for his actions - and somewhere along the way he took it all seriously and became exactly what I'd hope he'd be - and, for my sins, he doesn't really need me anymore. A fact that is simple, true, and painful.

Now our relationship needs to change. He gets to make own mistakes and he gets to take the credit for every one of his accomplishments. Obviously I still get to be his Dad. I can love him without condition, I can be there for him when he needs me, and I can still help pay for college. But I don't get to control him anymore.

Truth be told, I don't want to control him anymore.

As he transitions into adulthood, our relationship will go through transitions as well. But the love will remain the same. And that's all I need.

As I contemplate the tendency in scripture to portray God as a parent, I am beginning to understand that our ancestors who wrote and passed down scripture for so many centuries wanted us to know that our relationship with God goes through many stages, however the one constant is unconditional love.

Sometimes we are obedient to the will of God, sometimes we struggle to love the world as God loves us. Yet, we are loved. Sometimes we care for our neighbors in need of food, drink, clothing, companionship and compassion. Sometimes we are selfish and self-centered. Yet, we are loved. Sometimes we have the faith of children, sometimes we strain under the weight of doubt and uncertainty. Yet, we are loved.

Relationships change. Our relationships with each other change. Our relationship with God changes. The love doesn't change. Ain't it grand?

Peace! *Pastor Nate Montover*

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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](mailto: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

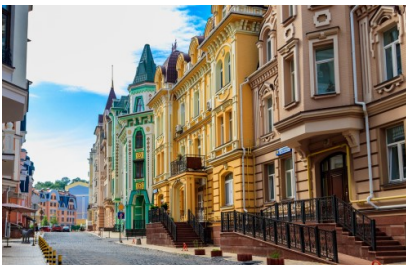
The Church Council would like to thank everyone at LCR for their love of neighbor and goodwill as we've navigated this time of Covid-19. We encourage individuals to mask as they feel appropriate; this includes everyone in children's programs.

## 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 is being 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. These groups are 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***

***\$9,900 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

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## **FLY Volunteers** - *Sign Up Now For Shifts*

FLY (Feeding Lunches to Youth) has started serving for summer 2022! FLY serves hundreds of lunches every weekday during school breaks. Volunteers are needed to make and pack lunches and distribute those lunches at 10 meal sites throughout Marion. At LCR, we have traditionally signed up to help on Mondays. Please sign up at this link: <https://signup.com/go/HsqYzdH> There are 30 spots for us to fill **every Monday** starting June 6th. If Mondays don't work out for you, but you would still like to volunteer, please sign up at this link: <https://signup.com/group/692762300036>.

## **Fathers Day Breakfast**

Breakfast is served! Join us on **Sunday, June 19th** from 9:30-10:30 am for a breakfast celebrating dads and all the special men in our lives. We will have egg bakes, potato dishes, fruit, pastries, juice, and coffee. If you can help us by bringing some food, please sign up online (link below), or contact the church office. Thank you to the Church Council for hosting this special event!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-fathers>

## **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/>

*Our March/April Mission envelopes to Matthew 25 totaled \$905. Thank you!*

## **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](mailto:office@lcrmarion.org) or 319-377-4689. Thank you!

## **Start School Right Shoe Drive**

LCR is holding a shoe drive for Start School Right, an organization that works to meet the back-to-school needs of children in our community. In order to give Start School Right the best ability to purchase shoes in the sizes that are needed, we are holding a monetary donation drive. Our goal this year is \$1,800, or 60 pairs of shoes. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated; we are just over \$1,900 right now!

Donations can be made on our website: <https://lcrmarion.org/giving.html>. Click the yellow "donate" button and select "Use this donation for: Shoe Drive." Or, use Venmo @lcrmarion (Resurrection Lutheran). You can also send/bring cash/check to the church office - simply designate the check/cash for "Shoe Drive." We estimate that \$30 will purchase a pair of shoes, but any amount helps! Thank you for helping those in need in our community.

## **Mission of Hope Luncheon Program**

It's time for our popular summer menu at Mission of Hope: we serve grilled brats and hotdogs, baked beans, watermelon, chips, and desserts.

On **Thursday, June 2nd**, we'll need 3 people to cut up watermelon and one or two people to help Ed grill. We'll start about 8:00 am at church. We'll then need 2 or 3 people to help transport and unload, and about 6 people to help serve. Serving at the Mission runs from noon to 1:00 pm.

As always, we'll need cookies and bars. If 6 people could make 2 dozen each, we'll be good! Please bring them to the kitchen either Wednesday evening or Thursday morning by 10:00 am. We have some new bakers signed up this year so don't feel you have to offer every time. Please phone Sharon Hill if you can help or have questions: 319-895-8644.

## **Blood Drive**

Our Marion Lutheran Churches Blood Drive will be held on **Thursday, June 23rd** from 2:00-6:30 pm. You can pick your appointment time now by contacting Bob Wolter at 319-377-5126 or [hawk4vr@gmail.com](mailto:hawk4vr@gmail.com). *New donors are always welcome.* Thank you for saving lives right here in our community!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR



Join us this summer for family activities that build a bridge between your life and what we are learning in worship!

Dear LCR Families,  
This summer, I am inviting you to take a few moments each Sunday in the gathering space before or after service to guide your family through an interactive activity that lines up with our sermon each week.

It's like Sunday School, but will only take a few minutes and is designed for you to do as much or as little as you want. My prayer is that we can provide an environment where kids feel like they are central to what is important on a Sunday morning, and that they can continue to build their faith through the summer months! I will be present in our Super Summer Sundays space most weeks and would love to answer any questions you have.

Lots of Love,  
Jessi



## VBS & DAY CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JULY 12-15, FROM 9:00AM TO 11:30AM**

**ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP**

**AUGUST 8-11, FROM 9:00AM TO 2:00PM**

## REGISTER ONLINE NOW

\*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.

\*\* Day Camp is offered for those currently in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Both the WNL and Sunday School students had a great time finishing out the school year. Sunday School enjoyed smoothies and basketball on the patio and WNL had a great time skating with the confirmation kids and bouncing in the bounce house on a beautiful evening!

A HUGE thank you goes out to all our children's ministry volunteers for the commitment, joy, and safety they provided our students this year!



# Adult Faith Development

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## New Member Welcome

We have a great group of new Resurrection members joining us on **Sunday, June 12th**. Make sure to come and get acquainted with them. You can wear your nifty LCR name tag and find out how many things you have in common with our new friends.

## 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!

## 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, June 4th** 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. We can't wait to hear your fish stories! <https://www.facebook.com/LCROutdoors>

## 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**. Access them at <https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>



# Fellowship

## Friday is Game Day @ LCR

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, June 21st** at 6:30 pm. Our book this month is "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Ann Tyler, a story that chronicles the loves and lives of three generations of the Whitshank family in Baltimore, Maryland. You can pick up a copy in the church office. Contact [sherrillamorrison@gmail.com](mailto:sherrillamorrison@gmail.com) to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!



*Car Cruise-In is back! Every 2nd Tuesday*



*WNL & Confirmation kids take the limbo challenge!*



# Confirmation

We had our final meeting of the 2021-2022 program year on May 18th. We gathered caregivers/parents and students for an end of year review, closing out the year with what we have covered, and what's coming next. We also looked forward to our Confirmation Worship service for the 8th graders that will take place on October 30, 2022.

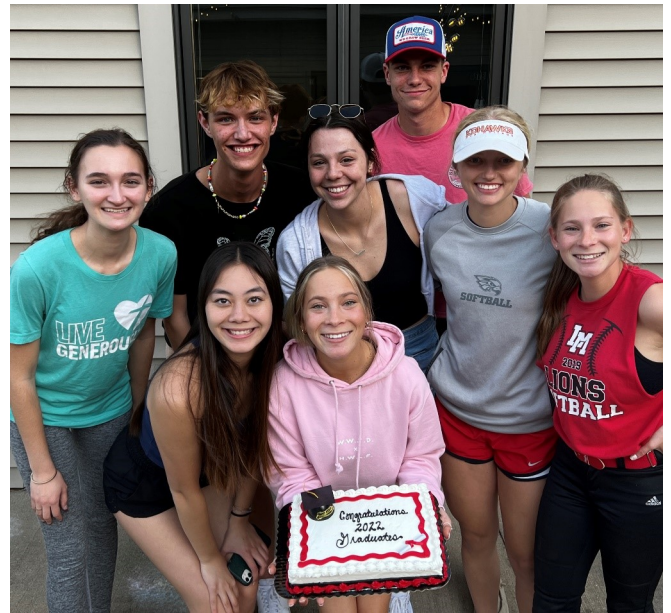
A huge word of thanks to Jen Christopherson and Shannan Fleming for organizing our recent skating trip, and thanks to everyone who came and had an awesome night. It was great to get an opportunity to get to know everyone better!

Feel free to get in touch with me any time during the summer ahead. Call or text any time: 563-320-3995. - *Pastor Nate*

**Pastor Nate's emails:**  
[nmontover@gmail.com](mailto:nmontover@gmail.com)  
[lcr.confirmation@gmail.com](mailto:lcr.confirmation@gmail.com)



# EDGE Youth



## Congratulations to our EDGE seniors!

We have loved the time you have spent with this ministry and we are so proud of who you have become! We are praying for you as you pursue your future studies and endeavors, and we can't wait to see what God does in your life going forward!

**EDGE will resume in September.** Our program is open to students in 9th thru 12th grade from any school or church. We meet on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year. For more information, contact director Katie Kascel at:

[katie@lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie@lcrmarion.org)

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



# Prayers

Prayers  
are  
requested  
for...



## **Those hospitalized in April:**

Arlene Schantz, Denise Witte, Ken Meisinger

## **Those experiencing illness or surgery:**

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

*(family and friends)* Bob Christensen, Howard Hall, Avona Lehmann, Dotty Blackwell, Michael Harding, Angie Emmert, Paula Burley's mom, Tom Carroll, Ken Kitzman, Jhenn Bowlsby, Judy Freese, Dennis Sutherland, Marge Richardson, Lynn Sandoval, Kirsten Corrigan's dad, Marcia Christiansen

## **Those living in care facilities:**

Vera Olson, Larry Wogahn (The Views); 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:**

- Family and friends of Paul Burrack, of Mount Vernon, on his death on 4/27
- Arlene Schantz on the death of her husband, Don Schantz, on 5/7
- Craig & Danielle Horak on the death of their daughter, Mechele Horak, on 5/14

## **Those who celebrate:**

- Ben & Ashley Kraemer and Emily & Robby Garcia on the baptism of their sons, Carson Kraemer and Grayson Garcia, on 5/1  
Grandparents are Brenda & John Kraemer.
- Ashley & Ken Hughes on the baptism of their daughter, Salem, on 5/15
- The Dryden family, celebrating Marge's 94th birthday on 5/19.
- Mike & Jennifer Reeve on the baptism of their children, Hayes and Lola, on 5/22  
Grandparents are John & Diane Aarni.
- Larry & Marjorie Pierce on their daughter Kristine's successful surgery on 5/23
- Sheryl Knodle, on her recovery from total shoulder replacement surgery
- 2022 graduates: Abigail Christiansen, Ethan Christopherson, Jessica Dolezal, Aaron Frohner, Tyler Graybill, Brady Grove, Ella Grove, Lisa Heidelbauer, Megan Heidelbauer, Tait Heppler, Connor McGovern, Christian Montover, Ray Redondo, Jordan Sanders, Nick Sanders, Emma Schminke

***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 April 2022

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$78,616.	\$276,873	\$263,999
General Fund Expenses	\$58,852	\$225,143	\$226,787
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b><u>04/30/22</u></b>		<b><u>04/30/21</u></b>
General Fund	\$176,622		\$137,097
Clearing Accounts	\$ 60,598		\$ 83,463
Property Reserve	\$ 30,000	<b>Building</b>	\$ 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 101.9% 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

Thanks to your gift of \$1,750, campers will experience the deep, life-changing power of camp, many of them for the first time. Your donation helps forge new friendships and provides the space to deepen the faith of campers who will one day be camp counselors, pastors, and parents of the next generation of campers. At **Camp EWALU**, we strive to remove any obstacle between kids and a time of discovering God under the open skies. Thank you for helping to remove the financial obstacles that many kids face. - *Frank Johnson, Executive Director*

# Church Council

The Council met on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. April Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: April giving 101.9% of total year pledged to date. April expenses included general maintenance and mission partner payments.

Pastor Jeff: 13 family units will be joining the church on 6/12 (approved by council). Pr. Jeff taking vacation weekend of May 29th and August 1-21. / Pastor Nate: no report

Property: Phone and internet upgrades coming, as well as outdoor light replacement. Team will be prioritizing projects.

Stewardship: Doing well now, but typically will see a dip in giving during summer months. Higher expenses expected in coming months due to projects (lighting, etc.)

Governance: Will be organizing and creating documents to assist in guiding legal matters.

Outreach: Great Cruise-In turnout & profit of \$207. Car show on July 30th - looking for more volunteers. Father's Day breakfast will be June 19th from 9:30-10:30 am.

Old/New Business: Beginning June 1, "LCR will provide a \$100 honorarium to any person who coordinates the 10:30 worship service per Sunday. The coordinator is responsible for choosing the music, arranging a rehearsal, and finding musicians."

*Next Meeting: In-person on June 21, 2022.*  
 Agenda items should be submitted by 6/16/22. 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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# Father's Day BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 19  
9:30-10:30 am



SHOE DRIVE

A graphic with a green border. Inside, there are colorful stars and circles. A green banner in the center says "super summer sundays". Below the banner, it says "Join us this summer for family activities that build a bridge between your life and what we are learning in worship!".

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL and DAY CAMP

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Registration opens April 22  
at [LCRMarion.org](http://LCRMarion.org)

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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