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"He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat."
- Mark 6.31

It is rare for me to experience writers block. Usually I can just sit down in front of the computer screen and within a few seconds have something to write, a thought to explore, a question to pose. But there are times when it happens. Funny when it does because there are a hundred different things that are worthy of exploring: books to recommend, movies to critique, cultural musings and any number of theological topics; not the least of which could be a call to prayer, good works and worship! I could even paste a picture of one of my favorite paintings and take you on a 'reading' of what the work seems to be saying about us and our relationship with God and each other. No, there are usually a hundred, maybe a 1,000 different things I can share.

But I think this is exactly my problem. I've got a thousand things to do. I've got so many different thoughts, worries, joys, concerns, and expectations rolling around in my head that sometimes I'm not sure where to begin. And truth be known I've begun to confuse busyness with productivity and maybe like those disciples in Mark 6, I'm just so busy coming and going that I can't really appreciate where I am.



The cumulative effect is what medical experts would call "micro-trauma," no one thing in and of itself overly taxing - but combined they have a cumulative impact on creativity, energy, and focus. So I'm heading for the hills - the Bad Lands actually. I'm going to take a few deep breaths and let go of a lot of things in order to regain focus on those things that might truly need my attention. I think it will be good for me personally and for the parish.

I invite you to do the same. Where might you need to stop, regain some focus and reimagine what priorities are most important in your life? Maybe being a good steward of what God has given you means paying better attention to those things that matter. If we aren't careful...we can become Human doings...and forget we are Human beings!

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

Wednesday service: 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>

Jameson Allen, Worship Consultant at LCR

You might notice a new face at 10:30 Worship here at LCR in August and September. We are pleased to have Jameson Allen on board for a period of 6 weeks to serve as a consultant to our current 10:30 worship coordinators. Jameson, with Pastor Nate, will be looking at current trends and best practices in Contemporary worship and provide us with an opportunity to assess our strengths and growth areas at LCR. He'll also be leading 10:30 worship on August 7 and September 11.



UPDATE: Lutheran Church at Work in Ukraine

"The situation in Ukraine is unexpected and horrible," said Bishop Peter Mihoč of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia (Eastern district). "We are trying to respond to the dreadful conditions and serve in the name of love." Bishop Mihoč spoke on 12 July about the humanitarian work of his church at the European Parliament in Brussels. On that occasion, he shared striking insights about challenges faced by local churches in providing support to those fleeing the war in Ukraine.

In addition to providing free accommodation and food, social and health care to refugees in the Slovak Republic, the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia is sending medical supplies, food, and other much-needed relief items to Ukraine. Much of this work is done in cooperation with the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine, an LWF member church, other churches in the region, and international partners such as the Lutheran World Federation (LWF).

"Openness and closeness, empathy and practical help, in the last months have revealed themselves as precious values in Slovakia, regardless of religious affiliation or social class of those we serve," the bishop added. Mihoč concluded his remarks citing the theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "The Church is the Church only when it exists for others." The bishop promised that "the churches, today, want to be here for others, in these days especially for the people from Ukraine."

Resurrection members and friends have given over \$10,000 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.

Ministry

Mission of Hope Luncheon Program

Our next lunch falls on **Thursday, August 4th**, and we will again serve our summer menu. It is a favorite there, especially the watermelon.

The Schminkes and Hills have led the MOH team for several years. We are looking for some relief; Tom Lillevig has offered to take on some of the tasks. We would like to find another individual or couple to share the load. We promise we will not leave you abandoned but continue to help as needed. It is a worthwhile, satisfying ministry. Give it some thought!

Tech Booth Volunteers Needed

We are still very much in need of volunteers, especially for the 8:30 am Sunday service. Send a message to Cari@LCRMarion.org if you would like to learn more about running the slides, operating the camera, or working with the sound-board.

FLY Volunteers - Sign Up Now For Shifts

FLY (Feeding Lunches to Youth) serves hundreds of lunches every weekday during school breaks. During the first week of FLY this summer, 1,450 meals were served! Volunteers are always needed to make and pack lunches and distribute those lunches at ten meal sites throughout Marion. There are 30 spots to fill every day to make FLY happen. Please help!

At LCR, we have traditionally helped on Mondays. If Monday works for you, sign up at:

<https://signup.com/go/HsqYzdH>

If you would like to volunteer on a day other than Monday, sign up at:

<https://signup.com/group/692762300036>

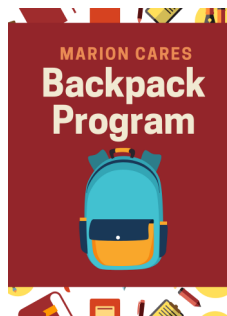
July & August Mission Envelopes

...are going to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry, an ecumenical group of 11 Marion and Cedar Rapids churches organized in 1982 to meet the emergency food needs of area families. Participating churches supply funds, food, and distribution volunteers.

May & June envelopes for the Community Health Free Clinic totaled \$885. Thank you, Resurrection givers!!

FLY Juice Box Drive

Thank you to everyone who participated in the FLY juice box drive! We dropped off a load of your juice boxes to FLY, and we were also able to send a check for **\$505** to the FLY program from your generous donations. Thank you for supporting those in need!



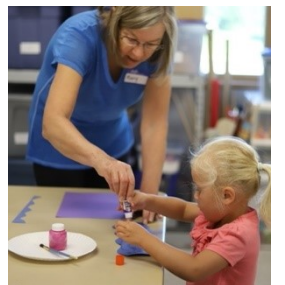
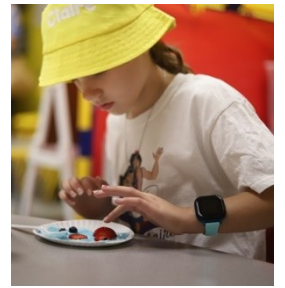
Marion Cares Backpack Program helps students in need each year by supplying backpacks with school supplies. Thank you for your wonderful response to our recent request. In addition to many filled backpacks, you donated **\$1,553** to help our local students!



Thank you for helping us support the Freedom Foundation in Cedar Rapids by donating household supplies for local veterans. You brought in so much stuff!! Plus, **\$585** was given to buy additional goods. Thanks also to those who made creative cards of thanks for the men & women who have served our country.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

We had such a great time at VBS this year! We explored our bible themes about being anchored in our creator through science, music, art, games, and cooking. A big thanks to all of our volunteers for their careful planning and time spent with our campers!



REGISTER NOW
ELEMENTARY DAY CAMP
FOR THOSE ENTERING 1ST-6TH GRADE
AUGUST 8-11

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

Summer isn't over yet... Join us for more outdoor fun at our August Neighborhood Nights on **August 27** and be on the lookout for more info about our Fall Programming Kick-off in September!

Adult Faith Development

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 breakfast get-together is **Saturday, August 6 at 7:30 am**. Join our Facebook page to stay informed about our gatherings, or just to post a pic of that next big fish you catch! <https://www.facebook.com/LCROutdoors>

Biblical Potpourri - *done for the summer!*

On Sunday mornings we have finished our look at all 39 books of the Old Testament. It has been a great way to gain some basic insight into the Biblical narrative and the context of each book. The people have spoken and so starting in September (9/18) we'll take on the New Testament with the same format.

JAM Bible Study

Hi JAM Gals, A reminder that JAM will **NOT be meeting in July or August**. Starting in September, JAM will studying *"Why? Making Sense of God's Will"* by best-selling author Adam Hamilton. He brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, Hamilton addresses how we can comprehend God's plan for the world and ourselves. There are some copies of this book in the conference room, or they may be ordered from the Christian Book Store or Amazon. It will be good to get together again in September. - *Blessings, Linda Hayward*

Loaves, Fishes, and Faith

Our bible study is **on hiatus** in July and August, but we are still meeting for lunch on Tuesdays. Call Mary Jo for info on where we're meeting: 319-721-3775. We'll resume our regular meetings this fall.

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 the pastors' weekly sermons and prepare you to get more out of worship. We meet **each Wednesday at 11:00 am** in the fellowship hall. (*no gathering 8/10*)

Introduction to Lutheran Theology

Pastor Nate Montover leads 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!

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals - Check out these brief, thought-provoking videos online, **any time**. Access them at <https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>

*'It's a New Day'
Reconciliation event
in July was musical,
meaningful, and
delicious!*



Property

Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign!

Often the first impression people get about a church is the sign out front. Some might say that signs are not important; but this would be a mistake. An attractive and functioning sign out front communicates that the people are passionate about what is happening within the church itself. The church sign communicates identity of who we are, what we are about, and becomes a regular means to engage thousands of folks who pass by our location each and every day with the Good News.

Have you noticed that our sign is often not working? It is rapidly becoming beyond the ability to repair and - while it has served us well - we are looking at new alternatives that will better communicate to the neighborhood. Effective, clarity, attractive, long-life, and ease of use will be our criteria for a new church sign. This will be a substantial investment, as a quality church sign can run from \$20,000 to \$80,000. Rest assured that we'll keep you posted.

- Barry Lovseth, Vice President & Property Team



1942 Birthday Celebration

The whole congregation is invited to help LCR's "Gang of '42" celebrate their **80th birthdays**.

This great occasion will take place in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, August 28th at 5:00 pm**

We'll be serving a spaghetti dinner and desserts.

We're looking forward to seeing EVERYBODY!
...even if you're not 80 this year.
You won't want to miss this event!

Donna & Harry Walton, Linda Schminke, Mary Possehl, Jim & Janet Dettbarn, Wayne Mase, Georgia Lehrman, Larry Edwards



Fellowship

LCR Book Club

We'll get together **Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "*Between Heaven and Texas*" by Marie Bostwick. A quirky Texas town and a young woman about to discover her destiny. Welcome to Too Much, Texas, where the women are strong-willed and the men are handsome yet shiftless. You can pick up a copy of the book in the church office. Contact sherrillamorri-son@gmail.com to get on our email list; new people are very welcome!

Neighborhood Nights

Join us for **FREE FOOD** and **FREE FUN** on **Saturday, August 27th**. Our dinner will be hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips/drinks. There will be bounce houses and other outdoor activities available for your family and friends to enjoy.

Car Cruise-In

Join us on the second Thursday of the month (**August 11th at 5:30 pm**) as we host an informal gathering of car enthusiasts. Come and admire the cars and enjoy the evening. Pizza and beverages will be available for a donation. See you there!

Cribbage

We play cribbage on **2nd and 4th Fridays at 1:15 pm**. Join us even if you've never played before; we will gladly show you the ropes. Non-members are always welcome.

Train Dominoes is on hiatus for the summer.

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.

Confirmation

As promised, here are some notes from our end-of-year parent/caregiver gathering:

Our Confirmation Service will be **Sunday, October 30th**. Kids being confirmed are encouraged to attend a Sunday morning youth session this fall, which will take place during our regular education time between services. We'll work on Faith Statements and review for Confirmation Sunday. In addition, we'll have a ton of fun and prepare for life as faithful adults.

For our 7th and 8th graders, Confirmation will resume on Wednesday nights starting **September 14th**. We'll gather in fellowship hall following the Wednesday night worship service and our meeting times will generally be from 7:15-8:00 pm.

Peace, Pr. Nate

call or text: 563-320-3995
email: nmontover@gmail.com

EDGE Youth

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

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



Neighborhood Nights

Neighborhood Nights was a sweet and simple idea to bring people together - in our congregation, our neighborhood, and our city. When we began these nights last summer, we saw families from our congregation coming to campus on the last Saturday of each month, enjoying food, games, and a movie together. But this summer, we are seeing a shift that we had hoped for all along; hundreds of new families and faces coming to our campus for the generosity and hospitality that they heard happens here. Families first experience with our church family is happening in the form of free dinner and bounce houses. Council members are serving up burgers while VBS volunteers supervise the bounce house action. Members within our church family are getting to know each other for the first time by serving alongside each other on these nights. Everywhere you look, generosity is being poured out and hospitality is welcoming people in. Neighborhood Nights is something special, and we would love for you to come be part of it.



How to Help: donate desserts and/or pop, volunteer to set-up, serve food, tear-down, or supervise the Bounce House
[SIGN UP ONLINE](#) or contact the church office.

Share our Facebook Event:
Invite your friends and family
<https://fb.me/e/3chl3ASoN>

Put out one of our yard signs

Prayers

Prayers
are
requested



Those hospitalized in July:
Bernadean Spilde

Those experiencing illness or surgery:
(*LCR members*) Jenni Ringwald, Barb Fick, Eloise Heppler, Ed Ohl, Sherrill Morrison, Ryan Corrigan, Joan Dutton, Sally Reck, Tom McGovern, Marilyn Carstens, Kay Mase, Judi Conrad, Marlene Pasker, Julie Brandt, Gene Henry, Deanna Harding

(*family and friends*) Pam & Shay Bevans, Howard Hall, Michael Francik, Cheryl Hodgson, Megan Madsen, Karla Marcela Gonzalez Calles, Kristine Pierce, Trula Ness, Zach Oksendahl, Mickey Scofield

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, Will Fritz, Aaron Moose, Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson, Todd Kopperud

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 contact 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.

Those who mourn:

- Brenda Hildebrand and family on the death of her mother, Zona Hildebrand, on 7/7
- Bev Peterson on the death of her sister, Phyllis Pierce, on 7/5
- Paul Kearney on the death of his brother, Pat Kearney, on 7/5
- Darlene McGovern on the death of her friend Dotty Blackwell, on 6/27
- Pastor Dick and family on the death of his wife, Avona Lehmann, on 7/14
- Clark & Lareen Gull and the family of Dean Loftus on his recent death

Those who celebrate:

- Marjorie Pierce - Larry healing from Covid
- Mary & Bill Durspek - son Steve still with us one year after his double-lung transplant
- Harriet Van Gilder - Terry's 88th birthday
- Sue & Jim Anderson - both of us on the road to recovery from Covid
- Deanna Harding - son Michael doing so well now after significant health issues in spring

**Marilyn Carstens is Celebrating
her 90th Birthday**

**Thursday, August 11th
from 1-3 pm**

All are invited to an
Open House at Grand Living
(225 Collins Rd SE)

A walk-by reception
will be held in 'Studio One'
on the first floor.

Please no gifts!

Stewardship

Treasurer's Report for June 2022

| | <u>June</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>One Year Ago</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund Receipts | \$66,221 | \$408,902 | \$373,707 |
| General Fund Expenses | \$55,963 | \$381,106 | \$316,448 |
| <u>Cash Balances</u> | <u>06/30/22</u> | | <u>06/30/21</u> |
| General Fund | \$190,359 | | \$134,897 |
| Clearing Accounts | \$ 52,435 | | \$195,307 |
| Property Reserve | \$ 30,000 | Building | \$ 20,000 |
| Building Residual | \$ 20,780 | | \$ 19,213 |

We love
our VBS
volunteers!



General Fund Summary

Thank you for your generous gifts in support of our 2022 LCR budget. Giving was at 104.7% of pledges at the end of June.

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 in the gathering space.

* **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, July 19, 2022. June Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: 104.7% of pledged giving during the month of June. Large expenses for the month were building general maintenance, general insurance, and EWALU scholarships.

Pastor Jeff: Jameson Allen will be with us as a guest worship leader and contemporary worship consultant 8/7-9/11. His stipend will be \$2,000. Pastor Jeff will be on vacation in August.

Pastor Nate: Absent (vacation).

Governance & Property: No meetings

Outreach: Car show coming up on 7/30 (volunteers in place). Cruise-ins have been successful.

Stewardship: No meeting. See Treasurer's report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Signatory Addition (currently only 2 signatories) The council will appoint the secretary (currently Stephanie Meier) to be added as a signatory to all accounts affiliated with Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

Bishop Amy Current met with council via Zoom at 7:15 pm. She has spoken to the vast majority of councils in the synod over the past couple years.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2022.

Agenda items should be submitted by 8/8/22. 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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