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One of the greatest honors I have as one of your pastors is participating in the Confirmation program. Confirmation is an opportunity for young members of our congregation, typically 8th graders, to affirm the promises that were made for them at their baptisms.

Who's promises are they affirming? They are affirming the promises of God in Christ to be present with them as they begin their faith journey as adult members of the church.

In Luther's Small Catechism - one of the texts our Confirmation students study - Luther suggests that in Baptism we are not making promises to God, God makes promises to us! It is more than a ritual cleansing with water. Indeed, it is...

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

In Holy Baptism we affirm that God is at work in our lives beyond our doubts, fears, and desires. Baptism is not our work, it is God's gift and we celebrate with our Confirmation students that God's gifts are active in their lives.

It is my honor to present the 2024 Confirmation class:

Jace Edaburn, Madi Feltes, George Hu, Ainsley Johnson, Jackson Koehn, Brynn Larson, Noland Merck, Weston Schultz, Toby Soenen, Remy Walker

Join me in praying for these young adults and their families. We recall that we are all fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and fellow workers in the Reign of God. We are blessed to share a faith community with our newest class of Confirmands, and they are blessed to have this community as a place to explore and remember the promises of God! - *Pastor Nate*

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WORSHIP

~ two 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

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 through our homepage and sign up where it says “Engage” or “Connect.” Alternately, you can contact us at the church office and we will sign you up: 319.377.4689 or office(at)lcrmarion.org.

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/181uDRkYnTRyGMmuwl3ZiDQ44ay4>

3rd Annual Fall Speaker Series

Mark your Calendars, November 2 and 3, 2024

Your Living Legacy Fund at work!

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Matt Skinner, professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary will be our featured presenter for our 3rd Annual Fall Speaker series. From his website: “When people read scripture together, they learn about the foundations of their religious beliefs, yet they also learn about one another and the God they follow. The conversations we have around the Bible can transform us, informing our hopes and propelling us to serve and love the wider world.” Dr. Skinner is an accomplished academic, co-host of a popular podcast, and ordained teaching elder in the Presbyterian church. He will have a feature presentation on Saturday and be our guest preacher and presenter on Sunday morning. More info available at [Matthew L. Skinner](https://www.matthewl.com). Please consider donating to the Living Legacy Fund to continue to support these important opportunities: <https://lcrmarion.org/livinglegacy.html>



Personal Care Kits

Thanks to all who helped with this ministry through Lutheran World Relief. <https://lwr.org/kits/personal-care-kits>



MINISTRY



LCR Community Garden

...is a partnership with the Linn County Master Gardeners. In 2023 we produced nearly 800 pounds of fresh vegetables for the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. This year we have doubled the size of the garden at the east of our garage. Our goal is to provide ONE TON of produce this year!

Volunteers are needed and welcomed to help with large and small tasks to reach this ambitious goal. If you want to be part of this project, contact Larry Edwards (lwedward(at)hotmail.com) and we'll keep you up on current volunteer needs.

Pancake Breakfast

We will celebrate our great year of Sunday School on **Sunday, May 5th from 9:30-10:30 am**. We're serving pancakes with lots of "extras." If you are able to volunteer on Sunday and/or bring food to share, please sign up at the link below. Thank You!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-48900672-lcrpancake#/>

May & June Mission Envelopes

Your mission giving will go to Community Free Health Clinic in Cedar Rapids. CFHC provides free medical, dental, vision, and prescription services for those without access to or the ability to pay for healthcare in our community.



Start School Right Shoe Drive

During May, we will be supporting students in need through the 'Start School Right' program. The money that you donate will be used to purchase shoes to be distributed to students in need of shoes for recess and gym class for the start of the 2024-25 school year. You can give using cash/check, [online](#), or Venmo - please mark your donation, "Shoe Drive." Our goal this year is to collect \$1,800, which would purchase an estimated 60 pairs of good-quality shoes. Thank you for all the ways you help those in need!

Start School Right is operated by members of the Marion Independent School District staff and community volunteers who come together to meet the needs of children in the community.



Feel Like a Visit or Call?

Many of our members and friends have switched to taking part in worship services online. While this type of participation is a wonderful option, sometimes it seems like we've lost some of that important one-to-one contact. If you've been feeling a little too remote from your church family, please let us know and we'll send one of our friendly visiting ministers to come and catch up with you at home, or give you a call whenever is good for you. You matter to God and you matter to us! Call or email the church office: 319-377-4689 or [marcia\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:marcia@lcrmarion.org)



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR

Sunday School

MAY:
5 - LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
12 - MOTHERS DAY EVENT

We will be back
in June with activities
in the gathering
space!

MAY:
REGULAR WNL - 1
LAST DAY OF WNL - 8

Wed Night Live

Mark your calendars for
another music night with
Pastor Nate on **May 15th!**
Anyone is welcome
to bring an instrument
and play along! **6:00 pm**



LCR VBS + DAY CAMP

2024 VBS: July 9-12; 9:00 - 11:30 am

VBS is for those entering Pre-K - 1st Grade for Fall 2024

2024 Day Camp - August 5-8; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Day Camp is for those entering 1st - 6th grade for Fall 2024

Registration opens on Easter Sunday, March 31

Register now for VBS and Day Camp:

Day Camp and VBS are open to everyone, members of this church and beyond! Please note that 1st graders are welcome to attend either program (or both!), however, the full-day Day Camp program features content more relevant to their age group.

Mothers Day Craft Event

Join us in the fellowship hall for another craft event on May 12! We will be painting rocks that you can share with the women in your life or that you can share with the church to brighten our garden spaces!



Pancake Party!

The church is throwing a big pancake party to celebrate the end of Sunday School! Join us for Sunday School on **May 5th** to get in on the fun. 1st - 5th students can meet in their classrooms so we can go together to breakfast. Pre-K and Kindergarten students can attend the breakfast with their families.

Questions? Reach out to Jessi via email:
[jessi\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:jessi(at)lcrmarion.org) or by calling the church office.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Our regular adult bible study meets weekly on **Sunday mornings at 9:40 am** in the conference room. Our current study is 1st and 2nd Samuel. The lives of Samuel, Saul, and David, presented so graphically - with all their faults and triumphs - serve as a mirror into our own lives. As we discover how God works in and through these people of the Old Testament, it helps us identify how God is still at work in our lives as well.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The books of 1 & 2 Samuel,
studying Samuel, Saul and David

Sundays at 9:40 in the
LCR Conference Room



Pastors 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.

Resurrection Small Groups - both Daytime and Evening Opportunities

Mary Kay Pinckney - women's group; **one Sunday evening each month**; meets at leader's NE CR home;

Email Mary Kay: mkpink6(at)gmail.com (Group will meet in May & June and take July & August off.)

JAM Study Group - women's group; **second Monday each month at 1:00 pm**; meets in the conference room

Email Linda: lhayward495(at)yahoo.com - "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton

Dan Tegtmeier - mixed group; **first Monday evening of the month**; meets at group members' homes

Email Dan: dtegtmeier(at)iowanorthern.com (Not meeting May 6th, but will resume June 3rd.)

Loaves, Fishes, & Faith - women's group; **weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm**; meets in the church lounge

Email Mary Jo: maryjo.carlson3775(at)gmail.com (Mary Jo) - "Women of the Bible" by Jean Syswerda

Rebecca Mary Martha Circle - women's group; **first Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm**; meets in conference room

Email Harriet: keyboreder1(at)gmail.com (RMM will go on hiatus after May 1st and resume Sep. 4th)

Donna Dennis - mixed group; **Thursday, May 9th and 23rd at 6:30 pm**; meets at the church

Email Donna: donnakdennis88(at)gmail.com

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

Check out these brief, thought-provoking videos online, **at any time** <https://tinyurl.com/PrJeffDevotional>

Gatherings @ LCR

...is a place and time to hear stories, share stories, and connect with others in our community. Gatherings is a place where you can feel safe to share what you really think or feel without being judged or rejected. We meet at **noon on Friday, May 10th and 24th**. Light refreshments are offered and topics are announced in advance. Contact Tom with questions: lillevig(at)outlook.com



FELLOWSHIP

Pancake Breakfast

We'll celebrate our year of Sunday School on **Sunday, May 5 from 9:30-10:30 am**. We are asking for people to bring food and also to volunteer. You can sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/>

[go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-48900672-lcrpancake#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-48900672-lcrpancake#/)

Contact Julie Gilmore if you have any questions.



Cruise-In

Meet us in the church parking lot on **Thursday, May 9th at 5:00 pm**. Bring your favorite set of wheels, or just come and admire the great rides. Pizza and pop will be available for a donation, starting at 5:00 pm. *This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to!*

Painting Group

Love to paint? Want to learn? Join us on the **1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month at 6:30 pm** in the art room. This group is open to adults painting in all different mediums - acrylic, watercolor, oils, etc. If you have questions, or if you haven't painted before, please contact Evelyn: [ebeck\(at\)imonmail.com](mailto:ebeck(at)imonmail.com)

Cribbage

Cribbage players will meet this month on **Friday, May 10th and 24th at 1:15 pm**. We can teach you if you've never played before. Non-members are always very welcome.

Train Dominoes

We'll meet in the fellowship hall on **Friday, May 3rd & 17th at 1:00 pm**. If you've never played Train Dominoes before, this is the time to learn! Call Tom Peterman if you have any questions: 319-480-9883

Walking Group

We walk **each Thursday at 10:00 am** at Lindale Mall or Lowe Park. Please make sure to get on our email list so you'll know where to meet us!

[marcia\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:marcia(at)lcrmarion.org)



Join us any time Sunday morning on May 12th for a creative rock-painting craft. We'll have our photo backdrop up, too, and carnations to take home.



Book Club

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "Killers of the Flower Moon," by David Grann, a haunting true-life murder mystery based on a monstrous crime from American history. You can sign out a print copy in the church office or find an online version. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome.

[jonmaryhajek\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com)

Wood Carvers

...meet at the church weekly on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**. If you haven't done any carving before, we are happy to get you started. All are welcome! Contact John Marion if you have any questions about the group:

319-363-6680 or [john1400\(at\)q.com](mailto:john1400(at)q.com).

Knitting & Crochet Group

We meet at the church weekly on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**. Join us any Thursday you want to, we meet in the church lounge. If you've never knitted or crocheted before, we will show you how! We have plenty of yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks. Contact Pam if you have any questions:

319-360-5165 or [pamkacena\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:pamkacena(at)yahoo.com)

CONFIRMATION

It has been my joy to work with this year's group of Confirmation students! As our year comes to an end, ten young adults will be participating in Confirmation on **Sunday, May 19th at the 8:30 am** service.

The kids are currently working on their faith statements. I'll spend about 30 minutes with 8th graders and parents/caregivers on our last evening of Confirmation, **Wednesday, May 8th**. We'll run through the Confirmation service and I'll be available to answer any questions. Jessi will be with our 7th graders while 8th graders and parents have our meeting.

Cari Redondo has offered to take pictures of the class and each individual student (as well as family shots) on the day of Confirmation. Thanks so much, Cari!

We'll have a reception with cake and drinks between services on the 19th; special thanks to Stephanie Meier, who has taken the lead on this event. Any 7th grade parents, family members, or students who wish to help with the reception will be very much appreciated!

Blessings and thanks to parents and everyone else who has mentored and guided our young people through this stage of their spiritual journey.

Peace to you all!

Pastor Nate (563.320.3995)

Now that spring is in the air, we've been moving outside on Wednesday nights. Some kids stay warm by the bonfire and some by shooting baskets!



Come join us **each Wednesday night from 7:30-9:00 pm!** Food, fun, and fellowship for 8th-12th grade students from any school or church. Contact Katie with any questions - [katie\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:katie(at)lcrmarion.org).

Last gathering for the school year is May 22nd.

GRADUATE SUNDAY JUNE 2

We would like to recognize all our LCR graduates on **Sunday, June 2**, during worship, as well as in our ENews and CrossTalk newsletter. Please complete our online form, attach a photo, and submit to the church office by May 24th. Graduates, please join us in worship on the 2nd if you can.

Congratulations on your accomplishment!

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PRAYERS

Prayers
are
requested
for...



Those hospitalized recently:

Bernadean Spilde

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) ShariSue Tenney, Deanna Harding, Marge Pierce, Evelyn Beck, Linda Erlandson, Gene Henry, Eloise Heppler, Arlene Lang, Harry Walton, Gary Young, Ryan Corrigan

(family and friends) Karen Wennekamp, Chris Bauer, Anjie Bergman, Griffin Freese, Cindy Johnson, Gurine Lewis, Walt Davis, Cousin Kevin, Louis Williams, Marge and Kimberly Richardson

Those living in care facilities:

Marge Dryden, Marilyn Carstens (Terrace Glen)
Paul Bendixen (Hall-Mar Village)
Larry Wogahn (The Views)
Bernadean Spilde (Garnett Place)
Bill Thompson (Emery Place)

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.

Those in military service:

Todd Kopperud, Wyatt Ochs, Taylor Johnson, Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson

Those who mourn:

- Anne Rosenberger, Joan Meyer, and family on the death of their husband/father, Joe Rosenberger
- Barb Fick and family on the death of her husband, Dean Fick
- Cathy Finch and family on the death of her sister, Ann Sair
- Marilyn Carter and family on the death of her sister, Karen Cigrand
- Matthew Schornhorst and family on the death of his grandmother, "Dee" Schornhorst

Those who celebrate successful medical procedures:

Kyle Kacena, Gary Kacena, Clark Gull, Marjorie Pierce, Diane Gass, Pam Miller, Linda Christiansen

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.



GRADUATE SUNDAY

JUNE 2

Graduates of High School, Tech School, Military, College - Please submit your photo and where you are graduating from to the church office by May 24

STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for March 2024

	<u>March</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 87,054	\$263,218	\$223,335
General Fund Expenses	\$ 64,991	\$192,104	\$123,504
Cash Balances	03/31/24		03/31/23
General Fund	\$301,979		\$222,573
Clearing Accounts	\$ 55,785		\$ 54,473
Property Reserve	\$ 73,280		\$ 63,280

General Fund Summary

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2024 budget!
Giving at the end of March was at 106.5% of pledges.

*** to see more photos of our LCR activities ***
<https://www.lcrmarion.org/blog.html>

Digital Giving

Simply Giving - Join 80 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+ Text** - Find out how it works on the 'Giving' page of our website.

* **Venmo** - Smartphone app for sharing money @LCRMarion

CHURCH COUNCIL

Please reach out with questions or concerns.

The Council met on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.
March secretary's report was approved.
Due to a delay in our statement from Farmers State Bank, the March treasurer's report is not complete yet.

Treasurer: General Fund pledged giving is ahead of year-to-date projections. Budget is on track for the month. The new electronic sign is fully paid off.

Pastor Jeff: Sunday, April 21 is Volunteer Recognition Sunday, and New Member classes are on 4/21 & 4/28. Council Installation will take place during worship on Wednesday, April 24 and Sunday, April 28.

Pastor Nate: Confirmation is coming up Sunday 5/19 at 8:30 worship. Motion carries to approve Jace Edaburn, Madi Feltes, George Hu, Ainsley Johnson, Jackson Koehn, Brynn Larson, Noland Merck, Weston Schultz, Toby Soenen, and Remy Walker as confirmands.

Outreach: Car Cruise-Ins are starting up. We'll need lots of volunteers to help with end-of-year Sunday School Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 5.

Property: We are gathering quotes for concrete leveling on back patio and adding exterior security cameras.

Social Concerns: 'Start School Right' shoe drive in May, FLY starts in June, Marion Cares backpack drive in July.

Governance: Updating LCR's child and youth policies. We are working with Property Team to plan improvements to the Wee Wisdom classroom. Wee Wisdom: Both 2-day and 3-day classes for the fall are full.

Old Business: Audit Committee: Council approves Chrys English to serve on Audit Committee.

Insurance Rider: ...is now in effect. New safe with drop box: ...has been purchased and will be installed.

New Business: Signatory changes: We are working with FSB to update signatories and give read-only access to our bookkeeper and office manager.

Next Meeting: May 21, 2024

Agenda items should be submitted by 5/13/24. Copies of council minutes and treasurer's reports are available in the church office binder.

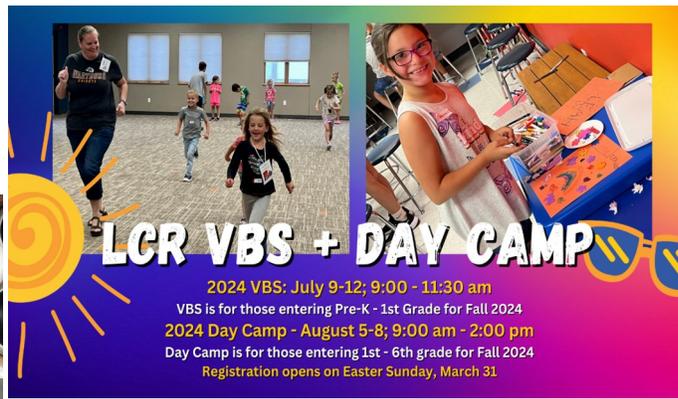
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SHOE DRIVE

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help us support
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with cash, check,
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Car Cruise-In
THURSDAY, MAY 9 AT 5:00
Pizza and refreshments available starting at 5:00.
You Are Welcome - Bring Your Friends!
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**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

Sunday, May 5
9:30 - 10:30 am

Sign Up Online
to bring food
and/or volunteer!



MAKE 'N TAKE
Rock Painting Project

SUNDAY, MAY 12
@ 9:30 - 12:30
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Everyone
Welcome!

CONTACT US!

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9 am - 4 pm
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