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It's time for Confirmation!

Confirmation is our opportunity to help young people claim their identity as adult leaders in our church. Confirmation is an opportunity for young adults to affirm the promises that were made at their baptisms. In some cases, the promises are from parents, family members, caregivers and sponsors. Those promises reflect a commitment to a community of faith that will serve as a homebase for ministry, and a spiritual support network.

In addition, and most important, Confirmation is an affirmation of the gift that God gives to us all in baptism. Confirmation provides an opportunity for young people to reimagine and embrace the love of God that sustains us all on our life's journey.

Our Confirmation program will begin on **Wednesday, September 11th at 7:15 pm** with our parents/caregivers/student meeting where we will go over our schedule and the objectives for this year. Our focus for our 7th and 8th graders this year is the Bible. We will develop skills needed to understand the historical context of the Bible and we will spend our time reimagining Biblical stories from the standpoint of adults, with a heavy emphasis on learning how our ancestors in the faith understand the will of God for our lives, and how we can apply their wisdom and insight to our own experiences.

Registration
 ↓ **Now Available** ↓
 Sunday School
 Wednesday Night Live
 Confirmation
 EDGE

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Students in 7th and 8th grade are encouraged to attend Confirmation classes held weekly on **Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:00 pm** immediately following Wednesday evening worship. You can register online now at LCRmarion.org.

Pray for us as we begin another year of Confirmation, and know that we will be praying for you!

Peace - Pastor Nate

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Neighborhood Nights 8/24/24



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>

STEINWAY PIANO PURCHASE - Thank You!!

The LCR Steinway was delivered on Tuesday, August 20!
We expect the "Grand Debut" of the Steinway on **Sunday, September 8th** - Rally Day!



Exciting News - The Churches of Marion Food Pantry receives ELCA World Hunger Grant

The ELCA World Hunger Ministry has just announced that The Churches of Marion Food Pantry has been awarded a one-time grant of \$1,000. Kelly Frohner applied for this grant in the Spring which was designed to supplement existing food-based ministries in areas where typical federal funding was no longer available.

The ELCA World Hunger Ministry writes: “With so many families experiencing increasing need in the face of economic strain, it is an honor to partner with ministries like yours that serve as a beacon of hope. We are grateful for the opportunity to accompany one another in sharing daily bread with communities across the U.S.” We continue to lift up the work of the Churches of Marion Food Pantry and all our LCR volunteers who give so much time and commitment to this ministry.



Wee Wisdom, a ministry of LCR, is now accepting new enrollments for the 2024-25 school year for 3-5 year-olds. Find out more information about Wee Wisdom and sign up at this link: <http://www.weewisdommarion.org/>

MINISTRY

“Start School Right” Shoe Drive

The churches that donated to our 2024 drive for kids at Marion Ind. schools were: Cornerstone, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, First Presbyterian, St. Mark's, St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Joseph's Catholic, Ascension Lutheran, and Marion Christian. We had a grand total of \$5,570 donated and 120 pairs of shoes. **Of that total, LCR donated \$2,715.** What a great response! This is the most the program has ever collected. Thank you so much for your giving to this vital program for our young neighbors.

Camp EWALU Quilt Auction

Comforting Hands have donated 6 quilts to Camp EWALU for their September 21st Quilt Auction fundraiser. (photos on page 10)

Our group meets on Monday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 am. All are welcome to come join us in this gratifying creative ministry! (Sewing skills are not required.) For those who can't take part here at the church, know that you can help us by donating good-condition sheets, fabrics, and sewing supplies. Contact us through the church office with any questions. Thank you for your ongoing support of our team.

- Susan Conway

LCR Community Garden

Thanks to all the volunteers for help harvesting our garden that benefits the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. We have harvested over 600 pounds of produce so far! We can always use help picking vegetables. Join us for 15-30 minutes on Tuesday mornings. And, if you have extra vegetables from your garden, you can drop them off at the garden by **7:30 am on Tuesdays** to include in our totals.

Thanks, Ann Godar



Rally Day - Sunday, September 8

Volunteers are needed from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Sign up to bring food for our delicious breakfast or to serve, set-up, or clean-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-50603226-rally#/>

Sep & Oct Mission Envelopes

... will go to ELCA World Hunger. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Find out more - <https://www.elca.org/hunger>

Feeding Lunches to Youth (FLY)

Thank you to EVERYONE, of every age, who helped feed the kids in our community every single day of Summer 2024! Thank you for your monetary donations also.



one of our FLY delivery crews!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR



Day Camp 2024 was a huge success! We had a great time with our team from Riverside learning about how to cultivate our faith!



REGISTER NOW!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE is open to 4-6th grade students and runs from 6:00-7:00 on Wednesday nights starting September 11th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is open to Pre-k - 5th grade students and runs from 9:40 to 10:25 on Sunday mornings starting September 15th.

Scan here
to register!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Youth: Students in 6th-12th grade are invited to be helpers in Sunday School classrooms.

Adults: Sunday School is in need of regular classroom teachers. Worries about scheduling conflict? No problem! Reach out to Jessi and we will pair you up with another teacher with schedule conflicts to balance absences with. No experience necessary, we love having adults from the congregation join in our children's programming!

Contact Jessi for more info!

ATTENTION!

COMING SOON...

Questions? [jessi\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:jessi(at)lcrmarion.org)

OPEN ART STUDIO

Tuesday
September 24
6:00 - 7:30 pm

FOR STUDENTS!!!

Third grade students and younger should be accompanied by an adult

LCR FAMILY DAY

at the **BIJOU**

NOW SHOWING
"PRINCE OF EGYPT"
RATED PG

All Ages Welcome!
Sunday, September 22

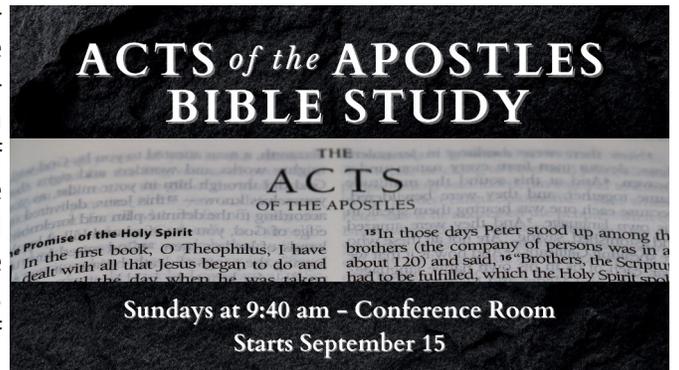
Bijou Movie Theatre - Mt. Vernon
House opens at 1:30 - Movie starts at 2:00
Contact Jessi to reserve your **FREE** tickets!

UNLIMITED POP AND POPCORN AVAILABLE - \$4/PERSON

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

ACTS - AD 33 - Adult Bible Study

This fall, in preparation for having Dr. Matthew Skinner (a renowned Biblical scholar with an expertise in the Acts of the Apostles) joining us as our 3rd Annual Living Legacy Fall Speaker, we will study this unique book of the New Testament on **Sunday mornings at 9:45 am**. Beginning with the Ascension of Jesus and ending with Paul's final visit to Rome, the Acts of the Apostles gives us an early glimpse into the life, struggles, and foundations of the earliest followers of Jesus. It is meant to be more than just an historical record, but a witness to how it is the church must always be open to the work and teachings of the Holy Spirit. Join us each Sunday in the Conference Room, beginning **Sunday, September 15th**



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.

Pastor Jeff's One-Minute Devotionals

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

Resurrection Small Groups - both Daytime and Evening Opportunities

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

Email Harriet: [keyboreder1\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:keyboreder1(at)gmail.com)

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](mailto:lhayward495(at)yahoo.com)

Donna Dennis - mixed group; **2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:30 pm**; meets at the church

Email Donna: [donnakdennis88\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:donnakdennis88(at)gmail.com)

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

Email Dan: [dtegtmeier\(at\)iowanorthern.com](mailto:dtegtmeier(at)iowanorthern.com)

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](mailto:mkpink6(at)gmail.com)

Gatherings @ LCR



We will start up Gatherings again in September on **2nd and 4th Fridays at noon**. Everyone is welcome and light refreshments are offered.

Gatherings is a place and time to hear and share stories, and connect with others in our community. It is a place where you can feel safe to say what you really think or feel without being judged or rejected.

Our topic for **September 13th** will be "School Days: Good, Bad, or Indifferent?"

Contact Tom with questions: [lillevig\(at\)outlook.com](mailto:lillevig(at)outlook.com)

FELLOWSHIP

Rally Day - Sunday, September 8

We are excited for an amazing day of worship and fun as we kick-off a new year of activities at LCR!

8:30 AM - Festive Worship (Traditional)

9:30 AM - Rally Day Breakfast, Bounce House,

Sunday School Open House w/cookie decorating,

Wee Wisdom Open House

10:30 AM - Festive Worship (Contemporary)

Rep your school! Wear your favorite jersey, school gear, or colors. You can also sign up to bring food or volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-50603226-rally#/>

Book Club

We'll get together on **Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "This Tender Land," by William Kent Krueger, the story of four orphans on a life-changing odyssey during the Great Depression. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome. jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com

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

Walking Group

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

Knitting & Crochet Group

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

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

PEP 55+ Trivia Event

The first event this fall will be Trivia with Tom & Kathy and Steve & Madelyn, on **Sunday, September 15th at 3:00 pm**. PEP is open to all members 55 and over - or those even close! We always conclude with delicious refreshments and lots of visiting with old friends and new ones, too. We hope to see you in the fellowship hall on the 15th!

Our Planning Committee: Sharon & Ed Hill, Jim & Janet Dettbarn, Tom & Kathy Peterman

Car Cruise-In

Meet us in the church parking lot on **Thursday, September 12th at 5:00 pm**. Bring your favorite set of wheels, or just come and admire the great rides. Pizza and pop are available for a donation. *This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to!*

Wood Carvers

We gather 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:

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

Friday Is Game Day @ LCR

Cribbage - September 13 & 27 at 1:15 pm

Train Dominoes - September 6 & 20 at 1:00 pm

We can teach you if you've never played before.

Non-members are always welcome.

LCR Golf Outing - Four-Person Best Shot

Sunday, October 6th, starting at 1:00 pm

Indian Creek Country Club

You can build your own team, or we will put you on a team. **\$45/person** includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, and meal (BBQ sandwich). Please sign up and pay by cash or check by Sunday, September 22. If you need to borrow clubs, please let us know!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CA8AD2EA7FA7-50668862-lcrfourperson#/>
Please sign up each person individually. Note that only paid participants will be allowed on the course.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We want to thank everyone who has trained to be a Stephen Minister, Leaders, and those who were open to receiving care from this ministry.

Stephen Ministry provides a wonderful model of Christian friendship and spiritual care. Stephen Ministry itself is an independent organization with its own requirements for the use of the name and program. Our current group of Stephen Ministers have assessed these requirements and have decided in conversation with our pastors to move our program to "inactive" status. Our trained "Stephen Ministers" will still be here to provide care to our congregation; but will not be under the guidelines of the national organization and therefore will give us freedom to craft a ministry that meets the current needs of our congregation.

At any time we can renew our "active" status with the national organization, so the door is always open as we explore new ways of serving here at LCR.

I welcome any questions you might have about this change and look forward to how this dedicated group of caring individuals will continue to serve here at LCR.

In Prayer, *Mary Hajek*



A Change in Ministry Staff *Katie Kascel's last Sunday at LCR*

With gratitude for her almost 12 years of ministry here at LCR, we wish Katie Kascel all the best as she has decided to pursue an opportunity with HACAP. **Katie's last Sunday will be September 8th.**

Whether it be her leadership with Neighborhood Nights, her introducing many of us to Camp Chisomo in Malawi, her being a part of our worship team, her willingness to help with congregational events, and her work for and on behalf of the youth of our congregation; we can give thanksgiving for those positive impacts she has had here at LCR over these past years.

Please feel free to add your personal best wishes as she finishes her formal time with us as a staff member.

It is with thanksgiving to God for the good work done in our midst that we wish Katie much success in her new endeavors.



Day Camp was the << best!



Flat Jesus went to Colorado with our Youth Mission students



PRAYERS

Those hospitalized recently:

JoAn Collins, Phyllis Gordon, Marge Pierce

Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) Lincoln Robertshaw, Bonnie Conrad, Arlene Lang, Eloise Heppler, Larry Pierce, Michael Rosz, Tom McGovern, Deanna Harding, Gene Henry, Gary Young, Harry Walton

(family and friends) Nick Shafer, William Springer, David Christiansen, Jack Shields, Amy Thompson, Kimberly Richardson

Those living in care facilities:

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

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 who mourn:

- Bob Erlandson and family on the death of Linda Erlandson on July 29th.

Those who celebrate:

- Ken & Barb Becicka on the birth of a granddaughter, Jane Ann Becicka, to their son and daughter-in-law in Pennsylvania
- Tracy Hayward and family on Jolene Schulte's successful surgery and recovery.

Those in military service: Todd Kopperud, Wyatt Ochs, Taylor Johnson, Steven Anderson, Jake Anderson

LCR Car Show



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.



LCR LIVING LEGACY FUND Q&A DAYS
Want to know more about LCR's Living Legacy opportunities and impacts?
Come with your questions
September 15 + 22 @ 9:30
Gathering Space

Living Legacy Fund

Sundays, September 15 and 22 - Learn more about LCR's Living Legacy impact and opportunities! We will have people available to answer your questions at 9:30 am in the Gathering Space. Learn more about what Living Legacy provides for LCR and the global community, and find out how YOU can leave a Living Legacy!

STEWARDSHIP

Treasurer's Report for July 2024

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
General Fund Receipts	\$ 61,821	\$551,107	\$475,044
General Fund Expenses	\$ 67,222	\$458,371	\$429,457
Cash Balances	07/31/24		07/31/23
General Fund	\$339,294		\$231,028
Clearing Accounts	\$110,785		\$ 73,229
Property Reserve	\$ 76,613		\$ 66,613

Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our 2024 budget!

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

Mu Ruo, of our custodial team, resigned from her position this summer. Mu was a great part of the our staff and we are so grateful for her professionalism and ability in helping us keep LCR hospitable and welcoming.



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, August 20, 2024. July Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

Treasurer: General Fund is 102.7% of pledged giving for July. Shortfall in July was due to AC repair expenses but we are still running ahead of YTD.

Pastor Nate: Katie Kascel has accepted a new position and her last day will be September 8th. Adam Lau will serve in her position in the interim.

Outreach: We are planning the September Car Cruise-In. Rally Day Breakfast will be September 8th and sign-up is online or by calling the office.

Property: Wee Wisdom updates are complete. Garage cameras installed. Lounge carpet replacement deferred at this time. Retention pond will need to be dredged.

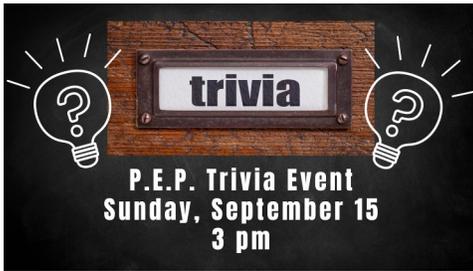
Social Concerns: The Churches of Marion Food Pantry is struggling; LCR is planning a benefit concert for September.

Old Business: New Piano has been delivered and is acclimating. Will be tuned and ready for Rally Sunday.

Next meeting: September 17, 2024
Agenda items should be submitted by 9/9/24. Copies of council minutes and treasurers' reports are available in the church office binder.

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(address service requested)



trivia

P.E.P. Trivia Event
Sunday, September 15
3 pm



Rally Day
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8



LCR FAMILY DAY
at the **BIJOU**

Now Showing
"PRINCE OF EGYPT"
RATED PG

All Ages Welcome!
Sunday, September 22

Bijou Movie Theatre - Mt. Vernon
House opens at 1:30 - Movie starts at 2:00
Contact Jessi to reserve your FREE tickets!

UNLIMITED POP AND POPCORN
AVAILABLE - \$4/PERSON



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Rally Day Breakfast

Sign up to help at
[LCRMarion.org](https://www.lcrmarion.org)

SEPTEMBER 8 FROM 9:30 - 10:30 AM



LCR GOLF OUTING

Sunday, October 6, Starting at 1 pm

Indian Creek Country Club
Prizes will be awarded!
\$45/person
(includes golf, golf cart, meal)

Sign Up by Sep. 22nd!

Sign up @ [LCRMarion.org](https://www.lcrmarion.org) by Sunday, September 22

CONTACT US!

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