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“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14.26

There will be no big “Pentecost” sales at McGrath auto dealerships this year. Neither Al-dis, or Hy-Vee or Fareway will have a “Pentecost” day flyer filled with weekend specials and promotions. No, our culture will pretty much ignore Pentecost as some obscure church day as it hasn’t been exploited by rampant consumerism or mass marketing. And that’s ok with me, as long as we in the church don’t forget the power and promise of this day.

On June 8th we’ll read the familiar story from the Acts of the Apostles (2.1-21 ),we’ll celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at 10:30 worship, we’ll ask everyone to wear red and even have a special give-away for everyone who comes to worship. However, if that is the extent of our reflection then we will have missed out on one of the greatest promises given in the scripture.

You see, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, not just a one-time historical event, but to send the Spirit - the Spirit of Jesus - to be present with us throughout our lives. It is the Spirit that, like a wind, lifts us up, moves us forward, nudges us, encourages us, admonishes us, calls us, gathers us and enlightens us. The Spirit is the presence of Jesus - who still stirs the heart of the church and of God’s people. So this year, let’s be on the lookout for how the Spirit is at work. Let’s pray for the Spirit to manifest itself in our midst as a church and in our lives as a people. Let’s be open to bold movements and to quiet whispers that strengthen the faith which lives in us. The culture around us might not be aware; but the Spirit of Jesus is afoot and that gives us hope and purpose.

Peace! Pastor Jeff

~ Mothers Day ~



**City of Marion Pavement Patching Project 2025** - Please be aware that work will begin in June on 35th Street, south of the roundabout, and then on 29th Avenue, east of the roundabout. Our driveways may be blocked; please re-route. Thanks for your patience!

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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>

## “Clothe Yourself with Love”

We have been using this little passage of scripture from Paul’s letter to the Colossians as our sending verse on Sunday mornings in Easter. “Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony” (Colossians 3:14). Kelly Mason in “Living Lutheran” asks the following questions about this verse. Why not take a moment right now to reflect with her...

1. What does it mean to “clothe yourself with love”?
2. How do you experience God’s love in your daily life? How might you become more aware of that presence?

She offers this prayer From “Bread for the Day:”

God of grace and mercy, help us open our hearts, reconciling with those we are in any conflict with.  
Remind us that since you loved us first, we are also called to love one another.

And she concludes with this affirmation:

I choose love as the foundation of my actions, knowing that love creates unity in my relationships and community.

## Variety Is the Spice of Life

Every morning I take our dog Goldie for a walk around the neighborhood. Springtime brings an array of blooming wildlife and singing birds. Occasionally, I will spot a monarch butterfly - one of over 100 species of butterflies in Iowa. It is said that creation is a reflection of the Creator. I believe the variety we can see through nature points to a God that appreciates variety. In terms of music, Psalm 150 implores us to praise the Lord with all manner of instruments including trumpets, flutes, strings, lutes (guitars) and cymbals.



This spring and summer, I plan to augment our contemporary worship ensemble with many of the instruments noted in Psalm 150. There are many talented musicians in the Cedar Rapids/Marion area excited to use their talents to the glory of God. On June 1st, for example, the contemporary service will feature LCR member and trombonist David Anderson. David is a band teacher in the Linn-Mar district. On June 15th, we will welcome back flautist Mikayla Langhurst, who played with our ensemble in early May. Later this summer I hope to include a saxophonist and a cellist on two separate Sundays. Please continue to check in with LCR’s social media pages and newsletters to stay abreast of the schedule for Contemporary Worship. This summer, I am looking forward to meeting you, and singing together as we ‘make a joyful noise unto the Lord!’ - Ralph Kendrick, Contemporary Worship Director



# MINISTRY



## Feeding Lunches to Youth

*FLY lunch distributions will start on **June 5th**.*

F.L.Y. feeds hundreds of students in Marion weekly during summer break. This year, there are 10 sites. You can sign up to help pack the lunches at Marion Methodist Church (5050 Rec Dr, along Highway 13), and you can also sign up to pick up, deliver, and distribute the lunches at the sites. FLY delivers lunches every weekday throughout the summer.

**You can sign up to volunteer at this link:**

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/901580700045/false#/invitation>



## May + June Shoe Drive

This summer we are 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 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.

**As of 5/26, LCR givers have donated \$1,550!**  
**Thank you.**



## Blood Drive

Resurrection and Faith Lutheran churches invite you to participate in our blood drive by donating on **Thursday, June 19th from 2:00 to 6:30 pm**. As you kick off your summer activities, why not start by supporting our community! To book your appointment online, click [HERE](#) or you can sign up with Bob Wolter: [hawk4vr\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:hawk4vr(at)gmail.com)

Remember to  
eat and hydrate  
before donating!



## LCR Raised Bed Garden

In May we made our first 2025 donation to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry - radishes! We had a good work day, spreading wood chips and mulching existing plantings. We also planted our vine crops, zucchini, cucumbers, and peppers. Contact Larry Edwards if you would like to help out in our bountiful garden.



## May & June Mission Envelopes

...are going to the **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. CHFC never charges for services and is funded through the generosity of caring people in this area. <https://www.communityhfc.org/>



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY @ LCR



**LCR VBS + DAY CAMP**

2025 VBS: July 8-11; 9:00 - 11:30 am  
VBS is for those entering Pre-K - 1st Grade for Fall 2025  
2025 Day Camp - August 4-8; 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Day Camp is for those entering 1st - 5th grade for Fall 2025  
Registration opens March 1

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Day Camp and VBS are awesome! But they are only awesome because we have awesome volunteers ... join our team this summer! Email [childrens@lcrmarion.org](mailto:childrens@lcrmarion.org) for more information.

VBS (younger kids) is July 8-11  
Day Camp (older kids) is Aug 4-8



**Sunday In the Park**

Flying Squirrel Shelter at Pinicon Ridge Park  
Central City  
Starting at Noon; Come As You Can  
June 22, July 20 and August 17

All ages welcome!



We celebrated the end of the school with both WNL and SS in May. Our Sunday School students were treated to a fantastic pancake breakfast from the Council and our WNL kids finished out the year with ice cream and a bounce house! Thanks to everyone in the church who loves these kids so well! ❤️



**Summer Verse Challenge**

Students of any age!

Join us for Summer Verse Challenge! Each Sunday morning there will be a new memory verse to pick up from the gathering space. Spend the week learning and memorizing the verse and then come in and share the verse with whoever is in the gathering space and pick up your prize! Each time you learn a verse you are also eligible to enter for a grand prize, drawn monthly. You don't have to participate every week, and close counts for little ones doing their best to participate 🤔



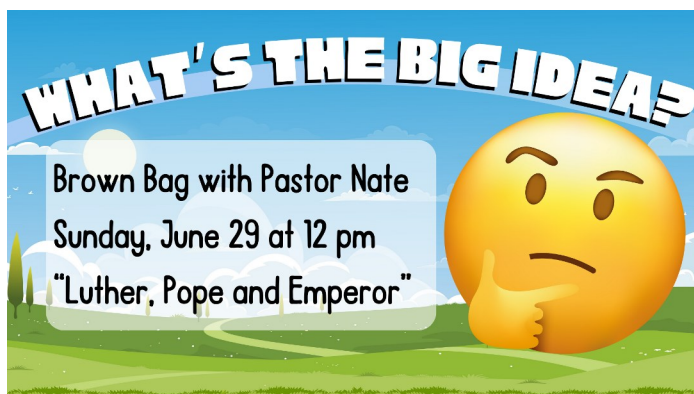
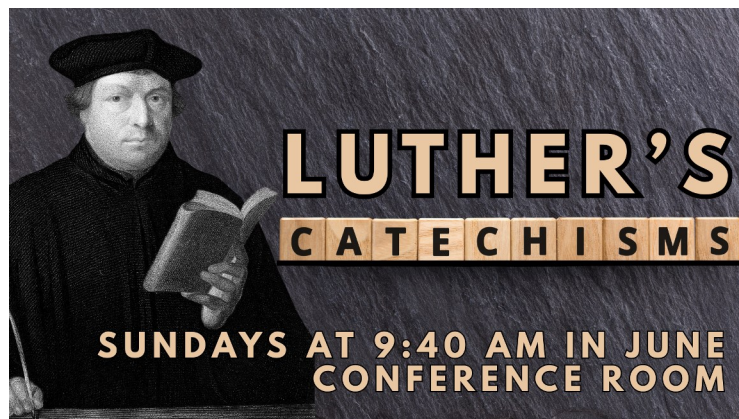


# ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

## Luther's Catechisms

Sunday Morning Adult Study in June  
9:40 - 10:30 am in the conference room

Join Pastor Nate and we'll examine Luther's Small and Large Catechisms to gain an appreciation for the fundamentals of the Lutheran approach to Christian doctrine.



## Brown Bag Study: Luther, Pope, Emperor

Join Pastor Nate on **Sunday, June 29th at 12:00 noon** as we explore some big ideas! Bring your lunch to the fellowship hall and we'll provide the coffee.

## 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 - Day and Evening opportunities

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

Email Lareen: clgull57(at)yahoo.com

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

Email Linda: lhayward495(at)yahoo.com | current study "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23"

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

Email Donna: donnakdennis88(at)gmail.com

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

Email Dan: dt egtmeier(at)iowanorthern.com

Mary Kay Pinckney - Our women's group will resume in September.

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



## Gatherings @ LCR -

'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. Gatherings meet on **2nd & 4th Fridays from noon to 1:00 pm** - topics to be announced. Everyone is welcome and beverages & snacks are offered. Feel free to contact our organizer Tom with any questions: [lillevig\(at\)outlook.com](mailto:lillevig@outlook.com)

# FELLOWSHIP

## BBQ Seasoning Make & Take

Come and make a BBQ seasoning mix on **Sunday, June 15, from 9:30 - 10:30 am and 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**. All materials will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

## Car Cruise-In

Car Cruise-In will be on **Thursday, June 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, **starting at 5:00 pm**. *This is a great event to invite friends and neighbors to!*



## LCR Book Club

We'll get together on **Tuesday, June 10th at 6:30 pm**. Our book this month is "What The Wife Knew" by Darby Kane. This is a twisty domestic thriller about Dr. Richmond Dougherty, very dead thanks to a suspicious fall down the stairs. Accusing fingers point at his young bride, now a very rich widow. Contact Mary to get on our email list; new people are very welcome.

jonmaryhajek(at)gmail.com

## Wood Carvers & Knitters

Carvers and knitters/crocheters meet weekly at the church on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm**. Bring your latest projects to work on. Woodcarvers meet in the red room and knitters/crocheters in the church lounge. *If you've never tried yarncraft or carving before, now is the time to learn!* Feel free to jump in any Thursday you can, we'll show you how it's done.

carving - john1400(at)q.com

knitting - PamKacena(at)yahoo.com

## Cribbage Group

Join us on **2nd & 4th Fridays at 1:15 pm** for two or three games of cribbage. We are happy to teach you if you've never played before. Non-members are always welcome.

## Sunday In the Park

We are excited to welcome you to Pinicon Ridge Park on **Sunday afternoons this summer - June 22, July 20, and August 17**. We'll set up at **noon** at the Flying Squirrel Shelter. Pack a picnic lunch or dinner and come whenever you want. We'll have some outdoor games to play and you can rent a kayak/canoe or bring your bike to hit the trails. The shelter has picnic tables and restrooms, and there is an inclusive playground nearby. Not just for kids - everyone is welcome to the great outdoors!

## Neighborhood Nights

The coolest neighborhood party in town is back! Invite all your friends to LCR on **Saturday, June 28th at 5:00 pm** for a free dinner, excellent live music, and fun bounce houses and games. *Volunteers are welcome, too; check weekly bulletins and emails for sign-up info.*

## 50th Anniversary

Join us on **Sunday, June 22nd** to help Jim & Linda Cornally celebrate their Golden Anniversary! They'll be in the fellowship hall **after the 8:30 service**, happy to visit with all their wonderful church friends.



## Painting Group

Love to paint? Want to learn? Join us on the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm** in the art room. This group is open to adults painting in a variety of mediums - acrylic, watercolor, oils, etc. If you have questions, or if you haven't painted before, please contact Evelyn: ebeck(at)jimonmail.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!

volunteerLCR(at)lcrmarion.org



# CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Service (Affirmation of Baptism) will be held at the **10:30 service on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**. Special thanks to the Thompsons and the Christophersons for volunteering to host the reception after the service. We will have a cake and refreshments, and a photographer will be here to take photos of kids and families.

We'll have a students and parents/caregivers meeting on **Confirmation Sunday, June 8th at 9:45 am** for a quick walk-through of our 10:30 am service.

*Feel free to call or text Pastor Nate with questions:  
563.320.3995*

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

**Middle & High School Sunday Fellowship**  
*9:40-10:25 am in the fellowship hall*

Middle and High Schoolers have been gathering **between worship services on Sunday** to share in a time of fellowship. Together we play games, talk about life, and make treats. You are invited and welcome to join us during any of our Sunday morning get-togethers.



**EDGE Registration is open for all incoming 9th graders! Please sign up ASAP for calendar updates via email and text. All high schoolers are invited to join EDGE.**

In May, students came together for a month full of fun and connection - we played indoor and outdoor games, created art, shared meaningful discussions, enjoyed a bonfire, and wrapped up the school year with a night of bowling. Incoming freshmen were invited to join the older students in our discussions and games, and we are so looking forward to seeing them regularly as a part of EDGE in the fall. This summer, we'll continue the fun with a few fellowship days and volunteer opportunities once school is out. *Be sure you're signed up for EDGE at [lcrmarion.org/ministries](http://lcrmarion.org/ministries) to stay updated via text and email! Watch your email for June updates!*

Our next high school fellowship meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 11th at 7:30 PM** - meet in the YAC. Bring your friends, your families, and a lawn chair to hang out and make a s'more or two! (weather permitting)

Hannah  
[youth\(at\)lcrmarion.org](mailto:youth(at)lcrmarion.org)



# PRAYERS

## Those hospitalized recently:

Ryan Corrigan, Emily Fredin, Bernadean Spilde

## Those experiencing illness or surgery:

(LCR members) , Bill Thompson, Betty & Gary Young, Betty Bendixen, Phyllis Gordon, Mary Possehl, Everett Lehrman, Eloise Heppler

(family and friends) Mary Bran, Kimberly Richardson, Melody Yost, Becky Wadsworth, Stuart Burns, Damian Pierce

## Those living in care facilities:

Larry Wogahn (The Views)  
Marge Dryden (Terrace Glen)

## Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Bessie Orness  
Family and friends of Gene Henry

## Those in military service:

Todd Kopperud, Wyatt Ochs, Taylor Johnson

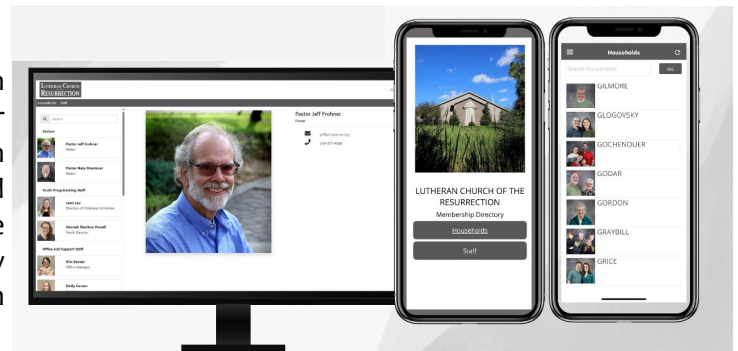
**Please let the office know about prayer needs**  
or when you wish to have a name removed.

The names of friends and family who are  
dealing with illness will be listed for 2 months.

**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.

## LCR Church Directory

Thank you to everyone who has helped make our new church directory a reality! Those who have had their photo taken or submitted a photo for the directory should have received an email with instructions for accessing the online directory and the phone app. The online directory and phone app will be constantly updated - you are always welcome to send in a new photo and update your contact information. Contact Cari with any questions: [Communications\(at\)LCRMarion.org](mailto:Communications(at)LCRMarion.org).



*A gentle reminder... please respect the privacy of our church family members. The church directory should never be used for marketing or solicitation. Never share your personal login credentials. Thank You!*

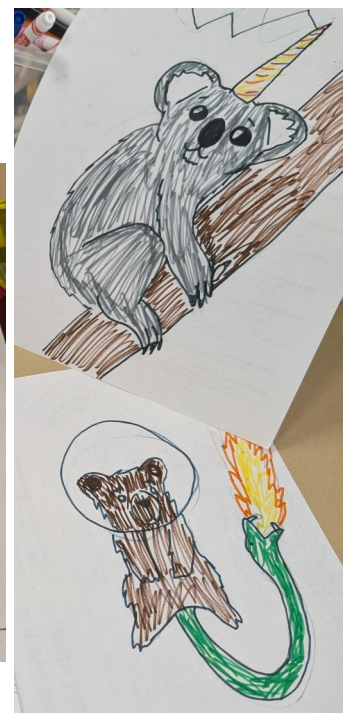
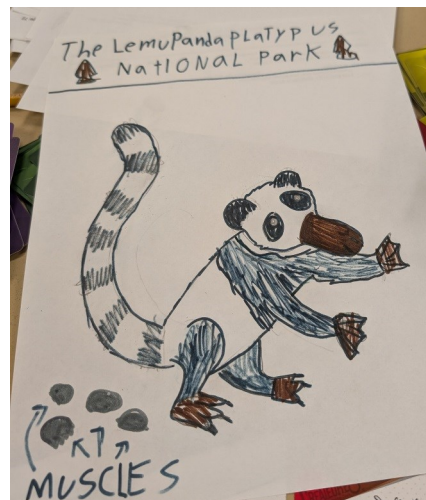
## WEE WISDOM PRESCHOOL

Michelle and Noelle can't believe how fast this spring flew by! In May our kids got very active, learning about all sorts of sports. We also had a neat bounce house to play in on our final school days, plus we celebrated our awesome year with family picnic for both classes. Huge thanks to everyone who gave us their Hy-Vee receipts. We raised over \$750 over the course of the year, so we'll have fun updating our toy inventory this summer.

We do still have some spots available for fall classes. Michelle is always happy to come in and give tours to prospective families. Please tell people you know about the great preschool program we have right here at Resurrection.

<https://www.lcrmarion.org/wee-wisdom-preschool/about-wee-wisdom.html>

*Pictures from our middle  
& high school artists!*





# STEWARDSHIP

## Treasurer's Report for April 2025

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>One Year Ago</u>
Receipts	\$ 80,408	\$378,735	\$288,893
Expenditures	\$ 71,630	\$288,491	\$254,541
<b>Cash Balances</b>	<b>04/30/25</b>		<b>04/30/24</b>
General Fund	\$253,426		\$162,884
Property Reserve	\$ 80,780		\$ 74,113
Savings	\$261,455		\$249,844

*Thank you for your faithful gifts in support of our budget.*



## Biderman Scholarship

The Living Legacy team is happy to announce that Emrie Johnson has been awarded and has accepted the Biderman Scholarship for this year. Emrie will be attending Wartburg College this coming fall.

## Digital Giving

\* **Simply Giving** - Join 82 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.

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

# CHURCH COUNCIL

*Please reach out with questions or concerns.*

The Council met on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.  
April Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved.

**Treasurer:** 11k favorability for April. Giving and expenses both under budgeted amounts. Upcoming larger expenses include concrete leveling and outdated technology updates.

**Pastor Jeff:** New members - 12 family units expected to join on June 22. *Summer Family Ministry Opportunity* 6/22, 7/20, and 8/17 at Pinicon Ridge Park. *Building Rental* - AA Group can no longer afford to meet here with building use fee increase. Motion approved to reduce fee by 50% for this long-time group.

**Pastor Nate:** *Confirmation* - Tyler Bendixen, Ally Finch, Reese Flemming, Allen (AJ) Halverson, Torie Johnson, Kara Lovseth, Ava Meier, Harper Ryther, Laci Sletteland, Kyanna Unruh are scheduled to be confirmed 6/8 at 10:30 service. Motion passes to approve these confirmands.

**Outreach:** Successful pancake breakfast and first Car Cruise-in. Summer Picnic will be 7/13 and Car Show 7/26.

**Property:** Going with Pate for concrete sealing in parking lot. Due to bid coming in over budget, will not plan to preemptively replace old furnace unless necessary. Social Concerns - Shoe drive is off to a slow start, will keep this going through June. LCR will help with F.L.Y. in July.

**Wee Wisdom:** Enrollment is only 50% of goal; as a result classes may be combined.

**Living Legacy:** One applicant (and recipient) for Biderman Scholarship

**Old Business:** *Neighborhood Nights* - Will be held in June, July, and August. *Long-Range Planning Task Force* - Julie Jensen volunteers to be council rep.

**New Business:** *Church Security Reminder* - Please remember to latch firmly and lock all church doors when finished with after-hours activities.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Agenda items should be submitted by 6/9/25. Copies of council minutes and treasurers' reports are available in the church office binder.

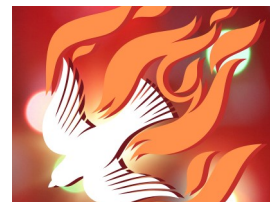
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