

Sun6:30 Alc. Anon. (weekly)	Mon6:00 Boy Scouts (wkly)	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Regular Wed Events</b> 5:10 Children’s Choir 6:00 Wed. Night Live 6:15 Galileans rehearsal 7:00 Choir rehearsal 7:15 Confirmation 7:30 EDGE Youth	<b>1</b> 9:00 Comforting Hands Quilters 6:30 Dan Tegtmeier Small Group	<b>2</b> 9:00 Women’s Advent Bible Study 6:30 Painting Group 6:30 Women’s Advent Bible Study 7:00 Wed. Band rehearsal	<b>3</b> Mission of Hope prep 11:00 Scripture Study 1:00 Rebecca Mary Martha Circle 5:10 Kid’s Choir rehearsal 5:30 Fellowship Time 6:00 Wednesday Worship	<b>4</b> Mission of Hope delivery 10:00 Walking Group 6:00 Woodcarvers, Knitters/Crocheters 6:30 Ringers rehearsal 8:00 Sun. Band rehearsal	<b>5</b> < reception prep > 4th through 6th	<b>6</b> <b>9:00 Scrapbookers Event</b>
<b>7 2nd Advent</b> 8:00 Fellowship Time 8:30 Traditional Worship + baptism 9:30 Fellowship, Women In Bible 9:40 Sun. Sch, 7th-12th Fellowship 10:30 Contemp. Worship <b>6:00 JOY Chr. Music Celebration</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 Comforting Hands Quilters	<b>9</b> 9:00 Women’s Advent Bible Study 6:30 LCR Book Group 6:30 Women’s Advent Bible Study 7:00 Wed. Band rehearsal	<b>10</b> 11:00 Scripture Study 5:10 Kid’s Choir rehearsal 5:30 Fellowship Time 6:00 Wednesday Worship	<b>11</b> 10:00 Walking Group 6:00 Woodcarvers, Knitters/Crocheters 6:30 D. Dennis Sm. Grp, Ringers rehearsal 8:00 Sun. Band rehearsal	<b>12</b> 12:00 Gatherings 1:15 Cribbage	<b>13</b>
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<b>28 1st Christmas</b> 10:00 Lessons & Carols 11:00 Cookie Potluck  no SS or youth fellowship	<b>29</b>  Wee Wisdom Chr. break	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  no Wednesday worship or programming	<b>1 January 2026</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b>  ~~ office closed ~		

Christmas Eve Worship

Please celebrate Christmas with us on Wednesday the 24th! We have five opportunities to worship: 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:00, and a more quiet, contemplative service at 10:00 pm.

JOY Christmas Music Celebration

A concert with all the bells and whistles. No charge to attend, but we’ll collect non-perishable food items for the Pantry. Stay afterwards for a lovely reception.

“Let There Be Light!”

Children’s Christmas Program

Our kids of every age will share the Light of Our Lord. Enjoy the show and then try out our Mac & Cheese Buffet :-)

Lessons & Carols Worship

Yes, there will be worship on the Sunday following Christmas. We’ll have a simple service at 10 am. Bring your leftover treats for our Cookie Potluck, too, and we’ll celebrate Jesus’ birth together!

Children’s Choir Caroling

We’re so proud of our wonderful new LCR Children’s Choir. Please pray for them as they share their voices of joy and praise at local care centers this Christmas season. ♥

LCR Scrapbookers

Get creative for a couple hours or for the whole day! Bring your albums and tools and we’ll share great ideas.

Portrait Session

Do you need to update your directory photo? Here’s your chance... smile!



# The Beauty of the Course

Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

<sup>2</sup>Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

<sup>3</sup>They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

<sup>4</sup>Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

The old saying is “Golf is a nice walk, ruined.”

I hope people believe that. I really do.

If enough people believe that a day spent on a golf course is wasted time then my day on the course will be much improved! I won’t have to wait for people in the group ahead of me to take 5 practice swings before hitting the ball into the woods and there will be fewer people lined up at the tee behind me making me anxious as I look for my own ball in the woods.

And although I don’t take 5 practice swings, I am known to 5 putt and I KNOW the group behind me is counting every stroke!

To all the people who believe the notion that golf will ruin your day I can say with my hand over my heart and a wink in my eye, “You’ll hate this.”

But it isn’t true. Not even close.

The simple fact is that even a day full of mulligans, shanks, and 5 putts is a gift when you are surrounded by the beauty of most golf courses.

A golf course is the perfect combination of nature’s beauty and human artistry. There is a partnership between the creator and the creature. A golf course is a perfect metaphor for the relationship between God’s creative power and human creativity. We become aware that humans are blessed with the grace to work harmoniously with God.

At a well-manicured course there is a profound difference between the safe places and the hazards. The lush green of fairway grass provides a stark contrast to the yellows and browns indicating rough grass, sand, and trees. And as beautiful as water is in any other context, the deep blue of a water hazard reminds us that despite our best efforts sometimes life is muddy and ugly and the only option is to drop another ball, take the extra stroke, and move on.

Each hole is a new vista, full of new challenges and new opportunities. Perhaps this is the most profound beauty you can find at a golf course. Every tee box is a new beginning. So what if you 5 putted your way to a 9 on the last hole? If you drive the ball 250 yards down the fairway, reach the green with your second shot (miracle of miracles!), and one putt for an eagle, I promise your previous penalties, dropped balls, and humiliation will melt away as fast as the ice in your cooler.

As the temperatures drop as quickly as the sun, I am struggling to understand how I’m supposed to wait to see that beauty again. I long to be back out on the course with good friends experiencing all the beauty of a golf course - spiritual and physical.

For now, I’ll have to wait a while. I suppose there are worse ways to spend the season of Advent, a season that embraces the need to wait expectantly for the promised Christ. Perhaps it’s in the waiting that the true beauty of life is discovered? Peace - Pastor Nate

## Quilt Magic!

Our Comforting Hands Quilters donated a number of their creations to the Camp EWALU Fall Festival & Quilt Auction in September. Five of their quilts brought in \$420 for the camp, and 20 other quilts made by individual quilters brought in \$980. Grand total donation to support Camp EWALU - \$1,575! Many thanks to our ladies for their skills and all those who contribute materials and money to assist their ministry!



LCR’s Christmas Concert will feature all of LCR’s musical groups - choirs, bands, bells, and more - plus guest musicians and orchestral music. Join us as we celebrate the JOY of Christmas on **Sunday, December 7 at 6 pm!**

FREE ADMISSION! Invite your family and friends, and plan to stay for the beautiful reception following the concert. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for The Churches of Marion Food Pantry.

[Share our Facebook Event Link!](https://www.facebook.com/share/1BUtQoRasa/)  
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It Is Well With My Soul - LCR Children’s Choir

^ Great musicians at our Contemporary service!



Wednesday night  
kids -G-L-O-W-  
at Halloween