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OUR VISION STATEMENT

To become a vibrant, benevolent congregation that serves God's creation both locally and globally.

A congregation that offers meaningful and inspirational ministries and worship for all ages that honor and praise God while maintaining the feel of an intimate family in Christ.

Also, a congregation that provides opportunities for all to be involved in ministries and programs that foster the development of gifts in all people needed to sustain and expand God's mission.

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Jubilee Year Update: Celebrating Amid a Pandemic!

And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. – Leviticus 25:10

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary from November 2020 through November 2021, we will provide an article in the Ramblings each month to highlight upcoming events and provide any required details to help the congregation join in the festivities. Again, we remind you that if you have adult children who grew up in the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection community, please keep them informed. Also be reminded that we have established a 50th anniversary landing page on our web site (<https://www.lcresurrection.org/50thAnniversary>) that has the calendar for the entire year.

Don't Miss Out On The LCR Cookbook!

Have you ordered your LCR 50th Anniversary cookbook? Don't be left out on one of the best books published from LCR! It is not just a cookbook. It is a window into the blessed Lutheran Church of the Resurrection family! The cookbook will be delivered in early November, what a wonderful Thanksgiving hostess gift or great and thoughtful Christmas present, and just \$15 each! Orders need to be placed by **June 15**. Place your order at karen@lcresurrection.org.

A Big Father's Day Weekend!

Simply by coincidence of the calendar and not specifically from planning, Father's Day weekend will be very special in our Jubilee Year. We'll kick-off the weekend with the Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers concert on **Friday, June 18** at 7:00 p.m. (see page 3). This sacred gospel, a cappella internationally acclaimed. The performance will be followed by a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall. This weekend, Pastor Streng will preach at all of our worship services and we will have fellowship time after the 5:30 p.m. Saturday worship service with Erv and after the 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship service with both Marie and Erv. We'll have many reasons to celebrate the Father's Day weekend!

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Jubilee Year Update (continued)

Jubilee Year Events in July

Looking ahead to July, on **July 10/11** weekend, we will have a visit from Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander, our former Director of Congregational Ministries and Associate in Ministry from 1997-2012. Diane will preach at all of our worship services and be available for fellowship on Saturday evening and after the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Our 50 West Craft Beer Festival will take place on **Sunday, July 18**. There will be one worship service this weekend and it will be held on site at the brewery. There will be good food and family fun for all at the 50 West brewery.

Meal Packing Event

The meal packing event with Northern Kentucky Hunger Relief has been rescheduled a second time. It is now set for **Saturday, September 11**. Please mark the date on your calendars.

We never anticipated a pandemic when we were planning this Jubilee Year. Our plans have been altered but thus far, we are gratified that we have been able to revise our plans so that none of our events have been cancelled. We are grateful for the congregation's understanding, support, and participation.

The Long Range Planning Committee

Loraine Everett, John Fireovid, Kathy Meyer, Brent Vogel, and Pastor Zorn

News from the ELCA



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

-Julie Pahutski, Mission Interpreter

This story recently appeared in the *Living Lutheran* Magazine. As LCR ponders a future without a mortgage payment, this congregation's innovative efforts resonated with me.

The congregation of Capitol Hill Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, is "so open and always willing to take risks for the sake of the good news. It isn't always easy, or comfortable, but we trust that the Spirit is in the process, even if it doesn't turn out how we hope or envision," said Minna Bothwell, its pastor.

Recently taking a risk led the congregation to help people who were struggling with unpaid medical bills.

It began in January 2020 when the congregation voted unanimously to increase the percentage of its annual budget for mission giving from 3.5% to 9.5% in order to "reclaim mission giving as a priority."

After hearing the story of a member who struggled with unpaid medical bills, the congregation discovered a unique way to set people free from such debt. This led them to RIP Medical Debt, a nonprofit that helps the most vulnerable of those suffering under the weight of medical debt.

Research shows that in 2019 more than 130 million Americans faced financial hardship due to medical bills.

RIP uses funds from donors to wipe out medical debt starting from the neediest cases, focusing on those who live twice below the poverty line. Every dollar donated forgives \$100 of medical debt. A \$100 donation translates into \$10,000 debt forgiven.

"What if we took seriously our call as Christians to set people free from the things that are burdening and oppressing them—instead of judging them?" Bothwell asked. "If the church isn't willing to step into these places of suffering and pain—in a very real way—then it will continue to exclude and dismiss the people that Jesus consistently sought out and called to be his disciples."

The congregation started its campaign with the goal of raising \$15,000, but after broadening their focus beyond their church, they ended up raising \$42,000. To date, the Capitol Hill funds have helped retire \$1.4 million dollars of medical debt—targeted mostly for people in Iowa and Missouri. RIP will continue to purchase debt as it becomes available across the Midwest.

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will welcome **Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers**

Friday June 18 at 7:00 pm

The concert is free. Bring a friend!



The Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers is a jubilee-style, a cappella, sacred gospel quartet from Covington, KY. Over Thirty-four years ago, Ric Jennings formed a five-voice quartet (one lead and four harmony vocalists) out of the renowned Ninth Street Baptist Church Men's Choir. Since the beginning, this community-based quintet has sung in churches, at special gospel programs, anniversaries, song services and other sacred music events. In any setting, the Brotherhood's performances inspire feelings of fellowship and recreate the jubilant atmosphere of their home church.

In addition to continuing the traditional role of the gospel quartet, the Brotherhood reaches out to a global audience with both spiritual and secular songs. They have become an annual hit in Spain, and have traveled to Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Canada and Russia (courtesy of the CEC ArtsLink, Library of Congress and the Russian Embassy). While all the members have kept their day jobs, the Brotherhood is a unique group that is both locally known and semiprofessional. Their music is rich and complex and arises out of a shared inner-city experience that stresses faith, learning and communicative arts

Current members are Eric "Ric" Jennings, Eric Riley, Stace "Babydeac" Darden, Sam "Watson" Norris Jr, Mike Wright and Luther Scruggs

We thank Dell Ann and Bob Sathe for sponsoring this Jubilee Year event.



WITH SYMPATHY

To the family of **Dave Karsten**, on the death of his mother, **Marcy Karsten**
 To the family of **Mark Meyer**, on the death of his brother, **Dave Meyer**
 To the family of **Sue Goldberg**, on the death of her mother, **Carolyn Klinger**
 To the family of **Kathy Grant**, on the death of her mother, **Mary Connolly**
 To the family of **Doris Jancha**, on the death of her brother, **Bill Gamble**
 To the family of **Jessica Bartolin**, on the death of her father, **Larry Bartolin**

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Kaley McCarty
Will Hess
Richard Jouett
Grace Miller
Christopher McKenzie
Jacob Pera
Braden Perry
Noah Pessell
Kenny Wagner
Angelina Wehrman

BIBLE PRESENTATION

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Matthew Altenau | Rachel Kelly |
| Morgan Andres | Joseph Mendralski |
| Carter Budzynski | Fritz Nixa |
| Kyle Chesnut | Andrew Pritts |
| Sofia Durtsche | Kristina Pritts |
| Eli Gates | Kylie Smith |
| Rohn Gjestvang | Nora Vance |
| Genevieve Jouett | |

NEW MEMBERS

HASTINGS, Jeff & Natalie. Jeff is a VP at 5/3 Bank in data analytics. Natalie founded Limelight PR, where she leads as Chief Enthusiast. They have two children, CJ, 14 (Nagel-8th) and Graham, 11 (Mercer-5th). They love to travel especially to their house in Nicaragua.

HAZENFIELD, Donna. Donna is retired. Donna often attends worship with her son, Joel Licklider. **MURRAY, Linda.** Linda was Pastor Nicole's elementary school teacher. They have reconnected and Linda was seeking a church family. She resides in Chicago.

ORR, Christine. Christine is a Teacher's Assistant at St. Ursula Villa. She is a life-long Episcopalian who discovered LCR in the digital world.

VOLKERT, Kim. Kim is an Administrative Assistant at Priority One Service, Inc. She resides in Maryland and is active in the local Fire Department in Maryland. Kim likes to cross-stitch and read. Kim is a long time friend of Diane Ross.

FIRST COMMUNION

Elliot Gates, son of Justin & Alicia Gates
Matthew Altenau, son of Dan & Amy Altenau
Kylie Smith, daughter of Mike & Emily Smith

BAPTISM

Ryan Louis Smith was baptized on May 15. Ryan is the son of Mike and Emily Smith.
Imani Lyn Joseph was baptized on May 2. Imani is the daughter of Aarion and Michelle Jospheh. Imani is the granddaughter of Dan and Laura Sue Syvertsen.

CONFIRMATION

Evan Howard Chesnut, son of Brian and Emily Chesnut
Grant Michael Hess, son of Brian and Anne Hess
Naomi Kathryn Hess, daughter of Brian and Anne Hess
Andrew James Klimkowski, son of Ron and Jessica Klimkowski
Courtney Layne McCarty, daughter of Kimberly McCarty
Matthew Carlton Pera, son of Marc and Jenny Pera
Benjamin Malcolm Petru, son of Eric Petru
Mackenzie Ray Sweeney, daughter of Steve and Kathy Ray
Maria Grace Timmers, daughter of Mike and Tricia Timmers
Trey Ward, son of JB and Mary Ward

WANTED: RINGERS FOR LCR'S JUBILEE!

Do you like music? Want to try something “new”? Praise the Lord? Laugh? Socialize?

The Resurrection Ringers do all of the above!

After our Covid “hiatus”, we are resurfacing with plans to be a part of LCR's Jubilee Celebration in the fall. We need new ringers and substitutes for the coming year. Ringing brass bells or tone chimes (we have both) is like a piano keyboard with letters: A through G. Music experience is greatly helpful, but so is a willingness to learn.

There will be a social “meet and greet” for ages 9 yrs. and up on **Tuesday, June 22** at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own meal and beverage. Desserts will be provided.

This will be a time to reconnect and catch up for some of us, but hopefully it will be a time to meet and get better acquainted with others. New members – this is a great way to get involved at LCR and meet others! If you have a friend who is not from LCR – no problem – bring them if they are interested.

A “ringing” workshop will be offered every Tuesday for the month of July if there is an interest at 6 -7 PM.

Regular practices will begin every Tuesday beginning Aug. 3 from 6 – 7:30 PM. and will continue indefinitely.

If you can only commit to part of the year; we can try to work around that as well as discuss schedules. We try to ring once a month as a rule. We can try to partner a more experienced ringer with someone who would like help and support.

Contact Judy Von Busch – jhvb71@gmail.com or 513-474-6763 with any questions.

Outreach Committee Report - Ministry Support Empowers Extended Mission and Love

Thank you LCR members and friends for your continued generous support of LCR Outreach efforts. We hear many stories of gratitude for ways our touch impacts the hearts of those we support. Our congregation's efforts are appreciated!

Outreach distributions

This month the Outreach Committee met and distributed over \$19,000 through LCR's bi-annual Outreach grant program and through the LCR CARES II Funds. These donations supported 12 ministries and allowed them to strengthen their missions of serving others.

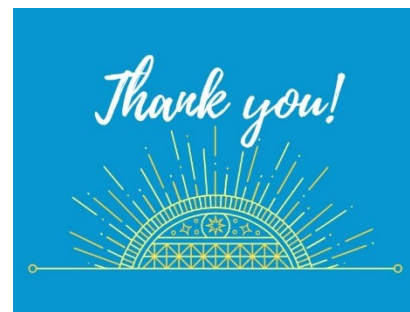
Ministry highlight – LCR Appalachian Ministry Team

In May, the LCR Appalachian Ministry Team delivered three truckloads and a trailer of food, plants and chicks to Manna from Heaven, the Appalachian food ministry LCR supports in Kentucky. The food donations were made possible through the generosity of Master Provisions Food Bank and filled two 26-foot trucks. In total, the ministry team delivered:

- 25,900 pounds of food
- 200 flats of tomato seedlings
- 200 flats of pepper seedlings,
- 1,200 lbs of restaurant food and
- 100 baby chicks.

All of these items were shared with the people of Myra, Kentucky during a WONDERFUL Saturday morning distribution. Cindy Zorn, who stayed overnight and helped with the socially distanced, drive-by pick-up event reported, "It was like a family reunion finally being able to see our Manna friends in person. They expressed their sincere appreciation over and over again."

Bless our entire congregation for their ongoing support of these types of life-impacting programs.



RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC)

The month of June is Pride month!

For the second year in a row, Cincinnati's Pride parade was cancelled due to the pandemic. Cincinnati Pride said it does plan to share some online content and plan some very small socially-distanced experiences. If you're interested in what's happening, check out Cincinnati Pride on Facebook.



The term "Gay Pride" was crafted by Thom Higgins, a gay rights activist in Minnesota (1969). Brenda Howard, a bisexual activist is known as the "Mother of Pride" for her work in coordinating the first Pride march in New York City and she also originated the idea of a week long series of events around Pride Day which became the genesis of the annual LGBT Pride celebrations that are now held around the world every June.

LGBT Pride month occurs in the United States to commemorate the Stonewall riots which occurred at the end of June 1969. Police raids on gay bars were common, but in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan, New York City, members of the city's LGBT community decided to fight back – sparking an uprising that would launch a new era of resistance and revolution.

The LGBT community held a series of spontaneous, often violent demonstrations to protest against the raid and calling for the establishment of places that gays and lesbians could go and be open about their sexual orientation. In such places there should be no fears of being arrested. The riots served as a catalyst for the rights of LGBT people.

Gay Pride or LGBT pride is the promotion of the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people as a social group. Pride, as opposed to shame and social stigma, is the predominant outlook that bolsters most LGBT rights movements.

Pride month is an opportunity to peacefully protest and raise political awareness of current issues facing the LGBT community.

MULTIFAITH PRIDE CELEBRATION

There are lots of events happening during June as part of PRIDE month to take part in! One such is the Multifaith PRIDE Celebration June 3rd.

The celebration will be held outside overlooking the city of Cincinnati under a large tent at Children's Home of Northern Kentucky to celebrate the intersection of AFFIRMING faith/belief systems and our local Pride events including Cincinnati Pride, NKY Pride, L'Burg Pride, and Cincy Black Pride. Doors open at 6 PM and the celebration officially starts at 6:30 PM.

CDC and local/federal guidelines will be adhered to during this outside event. Social distancing and mask required.

The event will also be shared virtually through Cincinnati, NKY L'Burg Prides. See you there!



DOPPENBERG FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

(ie. Guatemala Taskforce update!)

-Mark Wegmeyer

Hello Fans, (*you're all fans right?*)

Now that there seems to be light at the end of the Covid tunnel, I wanted to catch everyone up on the Doppenbergs and the Guatemala mission.

For all the Facebook, Twitter, social media folks, you probably already know some of this, but for the pony express riders, like me, you might not.

As Covid struck Guatemala last Spring the *Centre of Hope* was completely shut down. The Doppenbergs continued to do what they could and began delivering food packs to the Mayan villagers. (*see previous Ramblings articles and LCR Cares funds!*) *This is still going on.*

In Fall, 20' – Lucas Doppenberg finished his studies to teach English – and the *Centre* began an online program for the students learning English. The morning program for the special needs children also went online via Zoom. The physical therapist now meets 1 on 1 with the students and their parents, teaching the parents how to help their children at home. The progress has been tremendous.

Lucas has also been very active with the Christian radio station – **presencia 101.1FM** - as one of the directors. The radio station's listening audience and donations have jumped dramatically, as churches are closed, and quarantines keep people isolated.

In November Luke returned to Canada as he and Kate were engaged to be married in May, 21' and it was uncertain if he would be able to travel to his own wedding at that time! Unfortunately, due to Covid, the May wedding was canceled, and Luke and Kate were married in a small private ceremony – hoping to celebrate with family and friends at a later date. Kate has graduated from Nursing School and she and Luke continue to work in the Niagara, Canada area, along with Luke running the *Centre* and working with the radio station, remotely.

Somewhat unexpectedly, it was necessary for Geoff to travel to Canada in early April, 2021. It was decided that Rita would accompany him, in order for both of them to get Covid vaccines in North America, as they would probably never be able to get vaccinated in Guatemala. After Covid tests and a horrendous episode at the U.S./Canada border – involving Customs fines – they were still required to quarantine for fourteen days! Not exactly how you would expect to re-enter your own country as a missionary!

Since then Geoff has been working driving a truck, non-stop. (and you know Geoff – that means literally non-stop!) The four Doppenbergs will leave Canada in a couple weeks, travelling to Texas for some missionary training for Luke and Kate. They will all make a quick visit to Cincinnati on June 19 – 20, before returning to Guatemala.

Once home, Luke will return to Director of the *Centre* and the Christian radio station and Rita will complete her degree in Nutritional Studies. Geoff will be focusing on expanding the smokeless stove production and Kate will focus on development of a Medical Clinic in the *Centre of Hope*. You will be hearing about both of these fantastic projects in the near future, as part of the LCR "dream project" proposals.

For now I think that's most of the highlights, stay tuned for more developments as the Doppenbergs return to Guatemala and the *Centre of Hope*.

ADAPTING AFTER TRAUMA AND STRESS

TOOLS
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THRIVE



We all face trauma, adversity, and other stresses throughout our lives. When people think of trauma, they often think of things like abuse, terrorism, or catastrophic events (big 'T' trauma). Trauma can also be caused by events that may be less obvious but can still overwhelm your capacity to cope, like frequent arguing at home or losing your job (little 't' trauma). Trauma of any kind can be hard on your mental health but working on becoming more resilient can help you feel more at ease.

TIPS FOR HEALING



Process your thoughts. During and after experiencing trauma, it's common to go into survival mode and not have energy to wrap your head around what happened. It may feel safest to bury painful feelings and avoid confronting them, but acknowledging what happened and how it has impacted you is an important part of healing. When you feel ready, take time to think about how you've been affected (and be proud of yourself for pushing through).



Connect with people. The pain of trauma can lead some people to isolate themselves, but having a support system is a crucial part of wellbeing. Emotional support helps us to feel less alone or overwhelmed by what's going on or has happened in our lives. Talking to someone who has gone through a similar experience or someone who cares about you can be validating - and help you feel more able to overcome the challenges you're facing.



Don't compare your experience to others. We often question our own thoughts or experiences, and you may convince yourself that what you experienced wasn't a big deal because "others have it worse." Everyone experiences trauma differently, and no one trauma is "worse" than another. If it hurt you, then it hurt you - and your feelings and experiences are valid.



Take care of your body. Stress and trauma impact your body and physical health just as much as your mind. Listening to your body and giving it what it needs will help you heal. This includes eating a nutritious diet, getting enough sleep, staying hydrated, and exercising regularly. Moving your body is especially helpful in trauma healing¹ - aim to do it every day, even if it's only a few minutes of stretching.



Know it will take time. There is no set timeline for how you "should" heal. Remove the pressure of needing to bounce back quickly and focus on taking it one step at a time. Remember: recovery isn't linear, and it's normal to have bad days and setbacks. It doesn't mean you're failing - it's just part of the process.



Give yourself grace. Dealing with trauma and stress is no easy feat, but it's still common to get frustrated with yourself and what can sometimes be a slow recovery process. Try to catch when you hold yourself to unreasonable standards - instead of angrily asking yourself "why am I acting like this?!", think about how impressive it is that you keep going, despite what you have faced.



Don't feel ashamed to ask for help. It's easy to compare how you're feeling to how you *assume* others who have been through similar experiences are feeling, and you may get down on yourself because it seems like everyone else is doing just fine. What others experience and how they cope doesn't matter in your journey - if you feel like you need (or want) help, it's important to get that as soon as you can.

FAST FACTS

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Among people who took a screen at mhascreening.org in 2020, past trauma was the second most reported cause for mental distress among screeners after loneliness.²

3x

People who have been through trauma are 3 times more likely to experience depression.³

53%

Of people who took a screen at mhascreening.org in 2020 who scored with moderate to severe symptoms, over half (53%) reported past trauma as one of the three main contributors to their mental health problems.⁴

TAKING A MENTAL HEALTH SCREEN IS ONE WAY TO WORK ON YOUR MENTAL HEALTH. VISIT [MHASCREENING.ORG](https://mhascreening.org) TO CHECK YOUR SYMPTOMS.



It's free, confidential, and anonymous. Once you have your results, MHA will give you information and resources to help you start to feel better.

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MHA
Mental Health America

Summer Spiritual/Wellness Practice on the Virtual Camino



Are you familiar with the ancient pilgrim path *El Camino de Santiago*? *El Camino*, for short, is a pilgrimage route through Spain and part of France. It is one of three major medieval pilgrim routes. The Way of Saint James, in English, is a network of pilgrimages leading to the shrine of the apostle Saint James in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition holds that the remains of the saint are buried. This path is still in use today. The path is 482 miles in total. Many walk all or part of the path as a spiritual pilgrimage or spiritual retreat. Some may remember that Larry Magnesen walked part of it and shared his experience during Lent a few years ago.

I love the idea of pilgrimage. There is deep value in connecting bodily movement with spiritual attention, prayer, and reflection. I recently discovered an app called, "Camino for Good," (available for Apple and Android users) that is a virtual experience of *El Camino*. You use a pedometer (or other means) to track your own mileage of walking, running, or biking, input your miles into the app, and it tracks it along the real *El Camino* route. You can see your progress as you go. The app doesn't only track miles, however. It is loaded with pictures and information about *El Camino* that "unlocks" and becomes available as you reach new destinations along the path, so that it really is like a virtual experience of the pilgrim way. You can

access and track miles via the website, <https://caminoforgood.com/>, too.

The actual Camino is sustained by the donations of pilgrims who walk the path. This virtual pilgrimage was created as a way to support the pilgrim path during the Covid shutdown. You can try the app for free, but will be asked to pay \$60 for the full version after the first 5 miles. The proceeds go to support and maintain the pilgrimage while the path is shut down for safety during the pandemic. You can learn more and see FAQs on their website.

If you are a runner, walker, or cyclist or if you are interested in challenging yourself and deepening your spirituality this summer, this might be just the thing! Contact me if you'd like to participate. I am creating a list of those who are participating for those who might like a walking/running buddy and to share insights and encouragement along the way.

<><Pr. Nicole



The next Enter the Silence, Awaken the Spirit contemplative service will be on **Tuesday, June 8** at 7:00 p.m. via live stream and in-person.

HELP NEEDED

This summer LCR will be providing two dinners for about 45 backtrack workers at Belterra. The dates are **June 21 and July 26**. Dinners will begin at 5:00 and they will be held in an outdoor tent. We are in need of food donations and volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up. Please email Jolie Prasser(jolieprasser@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping. This is a wonderful ministry right in our own backyard! Thank you.



The Endowment Fund

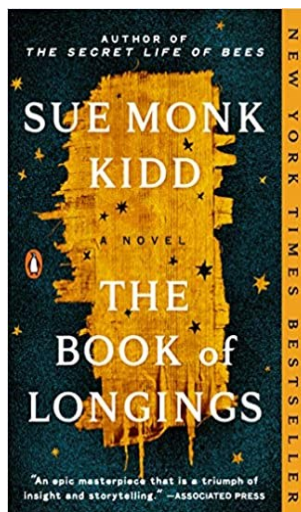
Planning Your Estate?
Please consider a gift from your estate to the LCR Endowment Fund.

Use this language to make a gift (bequest):

"I give and bequeath to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, an Ohio nonprofit corporation (located at 1950 Nagel Road; Cincinnati, OH 45255; FEIN 31-0810197) [a sum of money, percentage of my estate or description of the gift]. I request that the gift be added to the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection Endowment Fund."

The Endowment Committee can help you with any questions.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB



Are you a reader? Do you like to set aside time for summer reading? Pr. Nicole is leading a book club this summer to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's new fictional book, *The Book of Longings*.

"Grounded in meticulous research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, *The Book of Longings* is an inspiring, unforgettable account of one woman's

bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place and culture devised to silence her. It is a triumph of storytelling both timely and timeless, from a masterful writer at the height of her powers."

(<https://suemonkkidd.com/books/the-book-of-longings/>). The group will meet once in **June**, **once in July, and once in August**. Please contact Pr. Nicole if you are interested in taking part. She will work to find dates and times that work best for those who would like to participate.

RETURN TO FULL IN-PERSON WORSHIP

The weekend of **June 5/6** we will return to full in-person worship. We will continue to live-stream our Sunday 9:30 service via Facebook Live.

Join us for any of our services:

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—outdoors (weather & cicada permitting)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

If you have a child graduating either high school or college, email their name, school graduated from, and area of study/degree earned to Karen Leupen. Graduate recognition will be on **Sunday, June 13** during the 9:30 a.m. service.



RECORDER LESSONS!

Where: LCR

When: **July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16** from 2 – 3 PM

July 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 from 2 – 3 PM

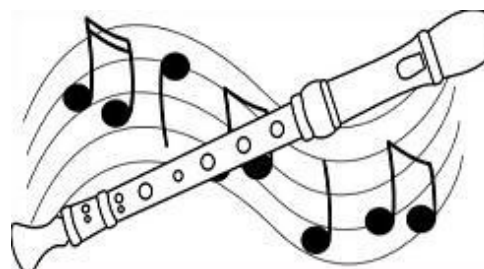
(2nd week is optional)

Who: 2nd graders up to adults – all are welcome

Cost: \$25.00 per person per week

This is a fun class for beginners or a refresher class for others. The Dollar Tree has recorders for a dollar which do fine, but others have ordered on line for a reasonable price.

Judy Von Busch 513-474-6763 or jhvb71@gmail.com
(I also give piano lessons out of my home.)





Thank you so much for adding joy and celebration to my 90th birthday! Your thoughtfulness arrived in the form of cards, emails, messages, personal greetings, and even a candle studded coffee-cake. What a blessing to be enfolded within our LCR beloved community. God be praised!!

Polly Sund

Dear Friends,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude when we think back over all your congregation did to help us continue to serve over the past year. Your kindness and generosity to IPM is such a blessing to all of us. Thank you!

-Jess Hartley (IPM)

THANK YOU for helping us build food security in 2020

IPM provided groceries for 72,873 individual visits

As a food hub for over 30 agencies, IPM distributed 6,791 meal kits

IPM Mobile Pantries helped 5,545 families access food

IPM sent Power Packs to 11,012 students and seniors

Because of you, IPM was able to meet clients where they live, learn, play and pray in 2020 and address the increased need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for coming together to help our neighbors in need.

So very thankful for the beautiful quilts that were made for Grant, Naomi and their catechism class. We are so blessed with a loving church community. Thank you for all the prayers. What a keepsake!
~ the Hess Family

Dear LCR Family & LCR Care Team:

Michael and I want to thank everyone for the many well wishes and words of comfort that we've received regarding my Mom. We are truly blessed by our LCR family.

With gratitude,

Michael & Sue Goldberg

Thank you, choir!

The Adult Choir has worked very hard for the past 11 months to record the video performances we have seen in worship. We learned new rehearsal methods, technological skills, and how to look great on camera! If you see a choir member, please thank them for their flexibility and open-mindedness so that we could have a successful virtual choir season.

Matthew Mauro D.M.A.



VBS Update -- Stay Tuned!

Plans and preparations for VBS begin annually in December or January for the coming summer. With so many unknowns still this past winter and spring, the VBS Planning Team wasn't able to begin the process. As a result, VBS will not happen this summer like it traditionally has. We are hoping to offer VBS in a different format in July. Stay tuned for more information as it comes together!

Sixth Anniversary Commemoration of The Emanuel Nine

“How good and pleasant is it when God’s people live together in unity!” -Psalm 133

A worship service promoting racial unity and remembering the lives of the saints who perished on June 17, 2015 at Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, SC

Thursday, June 17, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

at Allen Temple AME Church

7080 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237

Presider

Rev. Alphonse Allen, Allen Temple AME Church

Preacher

Pastor Henry Zorn, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Music provided by soloists from each congregation, under the direction of Dr. Marcellene Winfrey

Worship will be outdoors. Bring your favorite chair and join in an evening of community in unity.

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