



# THE BROADCASTER

FEBRUARY 2021

## LCOSJ EVENTS

at a glance



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### Mondays & Thursdays

10am—2pm

**Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

**1 John 3:18**

This month our world will celebrate love. We will express our affection for one another with cards, notes and gifts. All of those are good things and an important way to build a relationship. However, God calls us to a deeper kind of love - a love "with actions."

You see God didn't just love us with smooth talk and empty promises, but He acted upon His Word and sacrificed His life. He took action on our behalf.

As His people, that love now fills us. This means that God calls us to more than just smooth talk and words of flattery, but to a lot that takes action. That's what **I AM grace overflowing** is all about. It's about putting the love of God into action.

Each week the congregation receives a challenge. The challenges are easy enough for everyone to do, yet some are difficult enough to push us outside our comfort zone. These challenges are opportunities to put God's love into action.

By participating in these challenges you not will be following God's call to action, but you will be living out the faith that God has given you. I hope that everyone will take these challenges seriously and give them a shot. As we do this together God's love will move in mighty ways in our midst.

**I AM grace overflowing - Pastor Steve Hayden**

**PRAYER FOCUS**

### FEBRUARY // HORIZONS SOUP KITCHEN

We are a partner church supporting the ministry of Horizons. Their ministry of feeding the hungry and sharing the Gospel continues to expand. Pray that the community would continue to support these efforts and pray that through the dedication of their staff and volunteers, many would come to know the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

# SERVING THE LORD

MONTH YEAR

## ALTAR SERVICE

Lynda Keller

## VAN DRIVERS

7 // Jim Waack

14 // Kim Rosevold

21 // Scott Baker

28 // John Schonarth

If you need to call to request a ride or cancel a ride for Sunday mornings, call **222-8579** and leave a message at extension #408 for the Van Driver.



Holy Communion will be served on the 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays in February at the both Services

## Lenten Sermon Series

beginning February 24th

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“I AM . . . “

**Continues on Sunday mornings**

# SERVING THE LORD

## The Lutheran Church of St. John

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Church office hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm, call ahead

## MEN'S CLUB

The members will celebrate “Ladies Night” at their meeting on February 15 at 7:00pm. St. James. Doug Allen will begin the evening with a brief devotion and Pastor Rempfer will lead the topic “This is the Life”. Daily devotions are provided online at <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions/default.asp?date=20201201> by Lutheran Hour Ministries.

*mary&martha*

The Mary & Martha members will meet via email and planning to meet in person on March 2, at 6:30pm. The members collected items for Sunset Home residents for Christmas. They will collect their MITEs for LWML and LWML-CID mission projects.

## LADIES AID SOCIETY



The Ladies Aid Society members will meet via phone and email this month. They will send their MITE donations to LWML-CID and LWML mission project grants.

## New Church Website and Online Directory:

We have switched to a new, more modern website at [www.lcosj.org](http://www.lcosj.org). We are also excited to offer a new on-line church directory for God's people at The Lutheran Church of St. John! This tool is designed to help us stay better connected by providing updated contact information, photos and more to authorized users. It is our prayer that this new tool will enhance our ability to be a place of grace overflowing. You should have received an email with all the information you need to log-in, update your information and access the directory. If you did not receive an email or need help with accessing the directory you can contact Jim Totsch at 217-779-8603. Help will also be available before and after worship on February 7 and 14. Help us be grace overflowing by participating in our directory.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



## Sunday School Has Resumed

In-Person Sunday School and Confirmation Classes have resumed on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

An Adult Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9:30am will continue the of Prayer.

## CRADLE ROLL

There are eight children enrolled in the Cradle Roll. Children receive materials until age 3, that parents can share with them about God's love.

**No Additions in January**

**No February Birthday**

--Wilma Tieman, Nursery Roll Coordinator

## EASTER TRUNK OR TREAT

The Board of Education is sponsoring this special event on March 27 from 4-5:30pm. We need volunteers to decorate their trunks with a Easter/Spring theme. Watch for sign-up information.

## JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHT - BRING IT ON

Our 6th-8th grade students are invited to join as we kick off our junior high youth night on February 10, 6:30pm. We will play a real life version of "Among Us," hang out together, and spend time in God's Word. We hope you will join us.

## Covid Update

As the state of Illinois has returned to Phase 4 of the reopening and conditions have improved in Adams County, it allows us to move forward in our reopening. In addition to in-person Sunday School and Bible studies, February will see the return of meetings at church along with other activities. We will continue to adhere to capacity restrictions, wear masks and follow social distancing. Thanks for our cooperation and please reach out to us with any questions.

# WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Midweek Worship

Each Wednesday at 6 pm we gather for worship in the sanctuary. This brief service is a great way to get a little extra encouragement in the midst of a busy week. The first half of February we will continue to search for "Glimpses of Grace" as we explore stories from the life of David that display the grace of God at work.

## Ash Wednesday Worship Service

We will kick off the season of Lent with a remembrance of Ash Wednesday Worship on February 17th at 6 pm. Worship will be in the sanctuary and include reception of the Lord's Supper. Sign up to attend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050544A5A729A6F94-ashwednesday>



## MIDWEEK LENTEN SERIES

This Lenten season we will examine the ways "God Love is Shown." Each week we will focus on a descriptor of God's love that we see displayed in the life of Jesus. Signing up to attend is not required for the midweek Lenten services.

## ONLINE OFFERINGS

Giving online is easy! Click on the word "give" on the home page or this image, at [www.lcosj.org](http://www.lcosj.org) to make your donation or give offering online!



## Blood Drive

We will host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 2, 1pm—6pm in the Family Life Center. They will be taking donations of Power Red for types A Neg, B Neg, and O also. Antibody tests will be included with your donation to save someone's life. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html>



## TREASURER REPORT

For the month as of December 31, 2020:

Income: \$ 41,120.79

Total All Expenses: \$ 32,924.67

**Income less expenses: \$ 8,196.12**

### OPEN HANDS FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed to help safely distribute food items on Mondays and Thursdays. Masks are worn by the volunteers and hand sanitizer and gloves are available. Contact Erica Perry-Broekemeier if you are willing to serve at [openhands@lcosj.org](mailto:openhands@lcosj.org) or you can call 217-653-3545 or the church office.



### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Please join us in making a difference! The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national campaign to help fight food insecurity in our local communities.



The Adams County Souper Bowl of Caring Team needs your help in stocking the shelves of four local food pantries: Horizons, Open Hands of Lutheran Church of St. John, Quanada, and Quincy Catholic Charities. Food insecurity can happen to anyone at any time: our family, friends, neighbors, the person sitting beside us in church. Hunger is a real issue and our food pantries serve as a beacon of hope to those in need. Every dollar raised will be evenly divided among the four pantries, and helps us to continue our mission of feeding the hungry. Help us tackle hunger in our community. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/souperbowlofcaringadamsco?>

### CLOSET OF GRACE

We are out of storage space and **NOT** accepting donations at this time. Do not leave items outside as they will be discarded. **Volunteers are need to sort clothing items on Tuesday, Feb. 9, beginning at 9am. This is similar to the project that we have done in the past on Service Sunday. No RSVP required, bring your mask. Men are welcome too. Contact Janet Enroth or Lynda Happel if you have any questions.**

## BIBLE STUDIES

### MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Monday night group will continue to meet via Zoom. We will be studying the Book of Acts. If you would like to join this study group, contact Lynda or Bill Keller at [wkeller@att.net](mailto:wkeller@att.net).

### TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study group meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am. We just started a book study on "The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament" If you have any questions or would like to join the group, contact Lynda Keller at [wkeller@att.net](mailto:wkeller@att.net).

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

#### What's the Point?

That's the struggle that the author to Ecclesiastes has as he tries to find meaning in life. Join us each Wednesday at 10 am either live or via Zoom as we search for significance in the pages of this book. For Zoom information contact Pastor Steve or the Church office.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE STREAMING LIVE ON YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK

### SIGNUP FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

You can find worship signup links at [www.lcosj.org](http://www.lcosj.org). Select a service time you would like to attend, find the date, click Sign Up, then the Signup and Submit button at the bottom. Enter the number in your family, your name, and click Sign Up Now. Or call the church office on Thursdays.