



# THE BROADCASTER

APRIL 2026

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*at a glance*



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*“The Lord is my strength and my song*

*He has become my salvation”*

*Psalm 118:14*

If you have ever been in my office you may have noticed a wall of pictures—coloring pages and drawings of all types and abilities. They are just a few of the treasures children in the church have shared with me. It usually begins after worship on Sunday as they hold out a picture. Then I comment how pretty it is and what a good artist they are. That is usually followed by the words, “It’s for you!”

Those are special words. “It’s for you.” The time, effort and love that went into that piece of art was made just for me. It reflects not just that picture but the relationship we share and it’s so special.

This week God speaks those same words, “It’s for you.” The washing of the feet and final meal they celebrated on Maundy Thursday—it’s for you! Jesus praying in a garden and hanging on a cross—it’s for you! Laying in a tomb and defeating the darkness—it’s for you! The empty tomb and victory over death—it’s for you!

The Psalm that is in the middle of the Bible says it so well, “the Lord is **MY** strength and **MY** song, He has become **MY** salvation..” Yes it is true that God so love the world that He gave. But it’s not just for everyone or anyone, “it’s for you!”

This Holy Week and Easter, may you receive once again the gift given and poured out for you on the cross.

Pastor Steve

## PRAYER FOCUS

### APRIL // EASTER

The events of Holy Week are not only the most important events of our faith, but also provide a great opportunity to invite others to worship. Pray for our Holy Week and Easter services. Pray for all the work being done and the volunteers who make it all possible. Pray for the invitations that will be extended that many would come to hear the Good News of Jesus, filling our church with Alleluias!

# SERVING THE LORD

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## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 8:00 AM MARK DAVISON
- 10:30 AM JOSH CRABTREE

## USHERS— 8:00 AM

- 5 // JODY & JODIE MAUCK
- 12 // MONTE & KAREN DICKHUT
- 19 // MIKE & LYNDA HAPPEL
- 26 // GREG & CONNIE SCOTT

## USHERS — 10:30 AM

- 5 // BAKER FAMILY
- 12 // HUMMEL FAMILY
- 19 // DIETRICH FAMILY
- 26 // MAUCK FAMILY

## ALTAR SERVICE

Volunteers are needed to help with Altar duties (Change Paraments, care of linens and flowers). You can sign up on the bulletin board by the office or contact Marilyn in the office. Email at [secretary@lcosj.org](mailto:secretary@lcosj.org).



Holy Communion will be served on Sundays, April 5 and 26. Also on Wednesday, April 8.

Please note that these are the 1st & 4th Sundays this month.



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## WORSHIP HAPPENINGS

### Holy Week Worship



This week we journey with Jesus through the streets of Jerusalem, to the Upper Room, the cross and finally the empty tomb. We hope you can join us on our journey and consider inviting a friend.

April 2, 6:30 pm

**Maundy Thursday** & celebration of Early Communion

April 3, 6:30 pm

**Good Friday** Tenebrae worship

April 5—**Easter Sunday**

8 am—Traditional Worship

9:30 am—Easter fellowship in the Oasis

10:30 am—Easter Praise Contemporary Worship

Don't drive at night? St. James offers a service at 12:15 pm on both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. You are welcome to join them if this time is more convenient.

### Special Guest

Joe Bender, the son of our former Pastor Bender, will be sharing God's Word with us on Sunday, April 12. Joe is finishing his final semester at the seminary and will be receiving his first call into the ministry on Call Day at the St. Louis Seminary on April 28. Join us on April 12 in support of Joe.

### Wednesday Worship

Our weekly Wednesday worship service in the Oasis resumes after Easter on April 8. This service and every first Sunday of the month includes a celebration of the Lord's Supper. This worship is a different message from Sunday in a relaxed and laid back atmosphere. It's a perfect pick-me-up for the middle of your week.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your kids are invited to join them in the Discovery Den on Sundays at 9:30 am. Kids from 2 year old through 6th grade are invited to join us for a great year of learning. In the month of April, the kids will be reminded, "I am Set Apart." Each week they will learn about different ways that God cares for them and cares about them. This is a great way for kids to know their value. Come learn about God's love.

## YOUTH GROUP

### Junior High Youth Night

All of our 6th-8th graders are invited to our next Junior High Youth Night. We will meet on Wednesday, April 15 at St. James cafeteria. Friends are invited to join us for an evening of fun activities.

### High School Youth

All High School Youth are invited to join the youth from St. James for a round of Disc Golf on Sunday, April 19. Meet at Moorman Park in the parking lot of the mini golf course at 3pm. If you have a disc of your own you can bring it, otherwise there will be enough to share. Friends are invited to join us.

### Annual Family Fun Walk

Come join our annual Family Fun Walk on **Saturday, April 18** starting at Bob Mays Park at 9am. You can sign up to walk with one of our youth or online. The walk is \$25 per person or \$40 for a family. Invite a friend to join you and help spread the word to support our youth.

### Scrip Sales

The youth continue to scrip to help support their activities. You can purchase scrip before and after the 10:30am service on Sunday mornings or in the church office. Watch for them by the Sunday School stairs.

### Game Night

Our first game night last month was great fun with over 20 people joining us for fun and games. So let's do it again! Our next game night will be Sunday, April 29 at 6 pm. Bring a card or board game of your own or join in the many we will have available. Bring the whole family and join in on the fun and games.

### CRADLE ROLL—There are 6 children enrolled.

Children receive materials until age 3, that parents can share with them about God's love.

### Birthdays in April

**One Removed: Eloise Nierman was 3 on March 3**

## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

### The Men's Club

The Quincy Area Men's Club will meet again on April 20th at St. James'. All men of the congregation are invited to join them anytime for fellowship and devotion.

### Lutheran Women in Mission

All the women of the Congregation are welcome to visit with either of these two service groups.

**Mary & Martha** members will meet April 7 a 6:30pm in the Oasis.

**Ladies Aid Society** members will meet at 1:00pm on Wednesday, April 1st. Thank you to all who came to our Lenten Soup Supper and helped support our LWML Mission Grants.

### Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request you would like to be lifted up by our prayer chain, complete a green prayer card and drop in the Prayer box on the Information Counter or in the office. Requested prayers are kept confidential. If you would like to be a part of lifting up the prayers of our Prayer Chain, contact the church office. You will receive an email when prayers are requested with all the necessary information.



**DON'T FORGET to Sign Up for the FAMILY FUN WALK/RUN**

**Horizon's— Monday meals at Horizon's (224 S. 8th Street) on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, April 13 & 27. Volunteers are needed and you can sign up by the office. See Bill or Lynda Keller or Pastor Steve if any questions.**

## TREASURER REPORT

Income less expenses for month-to-date

March 31, 2026:

Income:	\$ 56,651.95
Expenses	\$ 41,001.69
Income less expenses:	\$ 15,650.26

## OPEN HANDS

### OPEN HANDS FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10am—2pm. In March we served 185 households that included 662 individuals and 238 of those were children.



The **Mobile Food Pantry** provided food at Harrison Hills on March 24 to 32 families with 106 individuals. They will be traveling to Country Club Heights in April. If you would like to serve at a future Mobile Pantry, please contact Stevie in the church office or email [openhands@lcosj.org](mailto:openhands@lcosj.org).



### Closet of Grace

Soon many will be doing a little spring cleaning. As you go through clothes, don't forget to bring your donations for the Closet of Grace. Kids clothes are always needed. Not only do people receive clothes, but our volunteers wrap them in God's love.

### Leadership Retreat

In February and March your leadership met together to review our mission, reflect on our accomplishments and dream of our future. They had great discussion of how God continues to lead our congregation. For the next steps, the Board of Directors at their April meeting will use this information to set goals and plans for what to do next. Continue to pray for our leaders and feel free to share any feedback with them.

### Guatemala Mission Team

The next meetings of our Guatemala Mission Teams will be on Monday, April 6. Team 1 meets at 6pm and Team 2 meets at 7pm. Thank you for the support of our teams at the Lenten meals where over \$700 was raised toward our trips.

## BIBLE STUDIES

### GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

#### MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Monday night group is wrapping up their study of the Gospel of Matthew. They will begin a new study on April 13, it's a great time to come and join them. They gather in the home of Bill and Lynda Keller each Monday at 7pm.

### GUT-LEVEL COMPASSION

#### TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group meets on Tuesday at 9:30am in the Oasis. They will continue a book study of Luke by Lisa Harper, "Luke: Gut-level Compassion". All ladies of the church and friends are invited to join.

### ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

When God poured His Holy Spirit on the Church, they boldly shared the Word and the Church experienced incredible growth. In this study of Acts, we will see how God continues to bless the work of the Church and the spread of the Gospel. Join us Wednesdays at 10 am. There will be no Bible study April 15 or 22

### MEN OF FAITH

#### SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Men's Bible study will be taking a break until the first Saturday of May when we will continue our study of Nehemiah.

### SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The month of April we will have a couple of special guests lead us in Bible study. There will be no Bible Study Easter Sunday, but join us for a special Easter fellowship. Come on in on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Grab some coffee and donuts as we dive into God's Word together.

### ONLINE OFFERINGS

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