



THE BROADCASTER

FEBRUARY 2026

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*“Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.”*

1 Corinthians 13:7

Love is in the air! Of course Valentine’s Day is right around the corner and the store shelves are stocked with chocolates, hearts and sappy cards.

In addition to Valentines day it is crunch time for the planning of all those spring weddings. In ministry, weddings go through cycles. I have gone two years and longer without performing any weddings. But I’m in a stretch where in just over a year I will perform 6 different weddings.

It is always a joy preparing for a wedding day. I get to hear the stories of how one fell in love and see all those special touches that make a wedding a magical dream come true. But even more important, is preparing for marriage. We typically spend hours together discussing the strengths of a good relationship and searching God’s will for a healthy marriage.

What we quickly discover, and is no surprise to anyone who has ever been in a committed relationship, marriage is hard work! Those vows are made for a reason, “for better, for worse.” And if the worse comes, it’s time to dig and get to work.

In the great love chapter, Paul puts it this way, *“Love bears all things.”* That’s a lot. “All things” include some pretty tough stuff. We are called to love through all of it, because God loves us in that way. That’s what the great love chapter is all about, the love that God has for us in Jesus. It is only when we are filled with that love that we can even begin to *“bear all things.”*

Valentine’s Day is great, do something fun and romantic for those you love, but, in the end, be filled with God’s love that *“bears all things.”*

Pastor Steve

PRAYER FOCUS

FEBRUARY // OPEN HANDS FOOD PANTRY

Last year Open Hands served nearly 10,000 individuals, not only providing food, but more importantly sharing the love of Jesus. Pray for our director, Stevie Bainter, that she would continue to lead with joy. Pray that our volunteers would continue to have a heart of service. And pray for those that receive food that they would see in us a reflection of God’s love.

SERVING THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2026

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 8:00 AM GREG SCOTT
- 10:30 AM RUSTIN OTNEY

USHERS— 8:00 AM

- 1 // JOEL & ERIN DICKHUT
- 8 // GAULDIN & LIKES FAMILIES
- 15 // SHANE ROTHFUSS AND
DESTANY SCHAFFER
- 22 // JODY & JODIE MAUCK

USHERS — 10:30 AM

- 1 // MAUCK FAMILY
- 8 // BAKER FAMILY
- 15 // HUMMEL FAMILY
- 22 // TURNER FAMILY

St. James Lutheran School children will sing in worship at the 10:30 am service on February 1.

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.



Holy Communion will be served on Sundays, February 8 and 22.



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WORSHIP HAPPENINGS

“Father Forgive Them”

Last fall we shared in the *Forgiveness Challenge*, we dive back into the topic of forgiveness this Lenten season with a series of messages titled “Father Forgive them—Stories of Grace.” Each week we will look at the words of the Gospel and stories of God’s grace in the lives of His people and challenge ourselves to share that grace with those in our lives. Our series begins on February 22.



Ash Wednesday—February 18

For centuries the Church has started the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. A day to reflect on our brokenness and receive God’s redemption. On Ash Wednesday and throughout the Lenten season there will be two worship options one at 12:15pm and one at 6:30pm. On Ash Wednesday each will include the imposition of ashes and celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

For Us

This Lenten season we will journey through the history and hymn “O Love, How Deep” to see the depth, breadth and height of God’s love *for us*. Each week a different pastor from our circuit will share the word. On February 25 we welcome Pastor Chris Hull, the campus pastor at Immanuel in Macomb.

Starting February 18 with Ash Wednesday and through the month of March there will be two service options, with a meal offered before each service.

11:15—Meal

5:15—Meal

12:15—Worship

6:30—Worship



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 February, the kids will learn about the depth of God's Love. Each week they will take one of the attributes of love from the great love chapter, 1 Corinthians 13, and apply that to God's love for us. Come learn about God's love.

YOUTH GROUP

Camp CILCA Youth Retreat

This year, what was formerly the confirmation retreat to Camp CILCA is now a youth retreat for both our junior and senior high youth. There will still be learning, worship, and lots of fun, but we are also adding a service opportunity for our youth as well. The retreat will be February 15-16 and the cost is \$40 per youth. If any youth still want to sign-up to join us, please reach out to Pastor Steve as soon as possible.

Junior High Youth Night

All 6-8th graders are invited to join us on Wednesday, February 11 from 5:30-6:30 for our next junior high youth night. We will have a game night together. Join us for fun, food and friendship. Students are encouraged to invite a friend.

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.

Camp CILCA Summer Camps

Did you know our church body has a wonderful camp outside of Springfield? They offer great summer programming for 1st grade through high school. Their summer camp registration is now being accepted. There are flyers available at the information center. Or you can check out the opportunities on their website www.cilca.org

CRADLE ROLL—There are 7 children enrolled.

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

No Additions: No Birthdays in February

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Men's Club

The Quincy Area Men's Club will meet again on February 16 at St. James. It's Ladies Night. 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 February 3rd a 6:30pm in the Oasis. The members will host a meal on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, 5:15—6:15pm. Free-will offering.

Ladies Aid Society members will not meet in February. They will gather together again on March 4th. Join us March 4th at 5:15 for the Lenten meal. Free-will Offering

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.



SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for "The Places We Go" on Saturday, March 21, 6:00 PM for the St. James Lutheran School—**SPRING FLING**. Watch for ticket information.

Horizon's— *Monday meals at Horizon's (224 S. 8th Street) on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, February 9 & 23. 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

January 30, 2026:

Income:	\$ 33,816.96
Total All Expenses:	\$ 47,542.63
Expenses over Income	\$ (13,725.67)

OPEN HANDS

OPEN HANDS FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10am—2pm. In January we served 219 households that included 778 individuals with 295 of those were children.



The **Mobile Food Pantry** provided food for 28 families including 33 families with 39 individuals Lampe Apartments on Jan.14. They will be traveling to Bella Ease on February 18, 4:00-5:00pm. If you would like to serve at a future Mobile Pantry, please contact Stevie in the church office or email open-hands@lcosj.org.

Closet of Grace

If you are cleaning out your shelves remember us as a place to bring your donations of winter clothes and especially COATS. Not only do people receive cloths, but our amazing volunteers wrap them in God's love.

Mission Guatemala

Our 2026 mission team to Guatemala has been formed. And it is a record number of members! We will actually be sending two different teams with a total of 25 individuals. Their first team meeting is February 1 following the late service. Please pray that God would begin the work of preparing our team for this life-changing adventure.

BLOOD DRIVE

Help us serve the community and meet our goal at our next blood drive on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

To sign up to donate, go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>



The need is great.

BIBLE STUDIES

LIFE LESSONS FROM HEBREWS

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Monday night group gathers in the home of Bill and Lynda Keller 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 begin 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. Will not meet February 11.

MEN OF FAITH

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are studying the faith of Ezra and Nehemiah as they helped with the rebuilding of Israel. All men are invited to join us as for breakfast and study every Saturday in the Oasis at 8am. Will not meet Feb. 14

BURNING QUESTIONS

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Many of us have questions about God's Word that never seem to get answered in a typical Bible Study or sermon. In January we will take your questions and search Scripture together for the answers. Come with your questions and a heart for God's Word. 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

Giving online is easy and secure! Click on the image on www.lcosj.org to make your donation online! You can make a one-time offering, or set up to make weekly, bi-monthly or monthly offerings, whichever fits your budget.

