



THE BROADCASTER

JULY 2026

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*“On that day, when evening had come, he said to them,
‘Let us go across to the other side.’”*

Mark 4:35

It was the summer of 1989, I had just finished by junior year of high school. And I was about to cross over the other side.

I was with a small group on a bus in West Berlin, Germany and we were pulling into Checkpoint Charlie. Heavily armed communist soldiers boarded our bus, demanding our passports. After several tense moments and a heart full of fear, we were able to make our way across to the other side and enter into East Germany.

For the next week my small group traveled through East Germany doing service projects and meeting with members of the church. This was my first mission experience. But it would not be my last. It had such a profound impact on my life and my faith that mission experiences such as this have become a significant part of my ministry.

Jesus invited His disciples to **“go across to the other side.”** He was referring to the Sea of Galilee and on the other side were people who needed Jesus. But they were also different and things were scary. Yet Jesus called them to the other side to share His love and went along with them.

This month 24 individuals will be called to go across to the other side. I will lead two different teams to Guatemala where they may be anxious, uncomfortable and feel out of place. But there on the other side, they will have an opportunity to share the love of Jesus and God can work in their lives in profound ways.

They are not alone. Jesus will go with them on their journey. And He will be with you too, when He calls you **“across to the other side.”**

Pastor Steve

PRAYER FOCUS

JULY // MISSION GUATEMALA

This month we send two teams to serve with Hope for Home Ministries in Guatemala. Pray for their final preparations and gathering of donations that everyone would be ready for this trip. Pray for safe travel and good health. Pray that they will be faithful in sharing God's love with all they meet. And pray that God would work in each person, transforming their lives through this experience.

SERVING THE LORD

JULY 2026

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 8:00 AM MARK DAVISON
- 10:30 AM KIRK GAULDIN

USHERS— 8:00 AM

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

USHERS — 10:30 AM

- 5 // HUMMEL FAMILY
- 12 // MAUCK FAMILY
- 19 // BLOYD FAMILY
- 26 // SOLTWEDEL FAMILY

GUATEMAALA MISSION TEAM SEND-OFF

- Team 1—July 10 at 4:45pm
- Team 2—July 24 at 4:45 pm



Holy Communion will be served on Sundays, July 12 & 26.



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.

SERVING THE LORD

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WORSHIP HAPPENINGS

Wednesday Worship

Our weekly Wednesday service will take a break until August. Watch for details later this summer about our restart.



Important Worship Dates—Coming Soon

Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates and special events in our Sunday worship.

- August 9—3rd Grade Bible Distribution
- August 16—Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 23—Guatemala Mission Trip Sharing
- August 30—Worship in the Park
- September 13—Kick-off to the Serving Challenge
- October 4—Service Sunday

Town Hall - Building Our Future

Last month we had two opportunities for the congregation to join us to discuss the proposed goals from our leadership retreat. Over 65 people attended and shared feedback on the direction of our congregation moving into the future. If you missed the meeting you can find a recording by searching our YouTube page or scanning the QR code below. We also encourage you to share a short survey to gauge your support. Surveys are available on the information table. Here is a short version of our proposed goals to be accomplished in 2027

1. Increase to 225 in average worship
2. Host monthly fellowship/outreach events
3. Create a new picture directory
4. Engage more food pantry families
5. Add a new staff person



Please pray that God would continue His work in our midst.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Discovery Den wrapped up a great year.

Mark your calendar for **August 16** when we will celebrate Rally Day and kick off another great year in the Discovery Den. On that day we will also celebrate the Blessing of the Backpacks. We hope you can join us.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Night

Watch announcements and emails for information about summer youth activities. Thanks to our youth for that amazing support you provided at our Galaxy VBS.

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.

GALAXY Vacation Bible School

Thanks for all the support for our recent VBS. We had 62 children registered and averaged over 50 kids each night. The week ended with 130+ gathered to hear the kids sing and celebrate a great week of fun. In addition the kids packed 100 food bags for Open Hands and raised over \$300 for Care Net. What a great week of sharing God's infinite love. But the mission continues for all of us to love one another!

St. James Lutheran School Rummage Sale

Friday, July 10, 8am-6pm and Saturday, July 11, 8am-3pm. Clothes, décor, books, furniture, classroom treasures & more at unbeatable prices. Donations accepted on Wednesday, July 8, 9am-2pm or 5pm-7pm. 900 S. 17th Street, Gymnasium. Sponsored by Proceeds go to support St. James Lutheran School.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Rummage Sale

Friday, July 10, 3-7pm and Saturday, July 11, 8am-Noon. 2701 College, Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by Ladies Aid. Proceeds go to support LWML Mission Projects abroad & locally.

CRADLE ROLL—There are 6 children enrolled.

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

One Addition: Lucia Margaret Ehrhart

Birthdate: April 26, 2026 Baptized: June 7, 2026

Birthdays in July: Mara Smith, 1 Year on July 21

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Men's Club

The Quincy Area Men's Club will not meet in July.

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 not meet in July. They will meet with Ladies Aid members on August 4th for dinner and Fall Rally planning.

The Ladies Aid Society meeting on Wednesday, July is cancelled due to the high heat index of 105°.

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.



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.



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

June 30, 2026:

Income: \$ 46,235.64

Expenses \$ 37,308.55

Income less expenses: \$ 8,927.09

OPEN HANDS

OPEN HANDS FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10am—2pm. In June we served 209 households that included 776 individuals and 309 of those were children.



The **Mobile Food Pantry** provided food Harrison Hills on June 23 to 37 families including 119 adults & 47 kids. If you would like to serve at a future Mobile Pantry, please contact Stevie in the church office or email openhands@lcosj.org.

Closet of Grace

As you pull out your clothes for the summer season, we can provide a good home for those clothes you don't need anymore. Clothes can be dropped off anytime the church is open. Kids clothes are always needed. Not only do people receive clothes, but our volunteers wrap them in God's love.

VFW Block Party & Mobile Pantry

The VFW 5129 is holding a Block Party on **Saturday, July 11**, at 6th & Payson. **2pm-5pm** Car Show & Mobile Food Distribution. **5pm:** Food & Raffles, **6pm-1am:** Karaoke. Proceeds to help build a Veterans Memorial. Our Mobile Food Pantry will be there to share God's blessings with those in need. Contact Stevie to volunteer. Memorial Donation Sheets are available on the Information Counter. See Jason Watkins if any questions about the proposed Memorial

Mission Guatemala

This month we will send our teams to serve at Hope for Home ministries. Team one leaves July 10 and team two on July 24, each for a week. You can follow their trip on Facebook or our daily blog at <http://gracetoguatemala.blogspot.com>

Specific prayer requests are available at church.

BIBLE STUDIES

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Monday night group which meets at the home of Bill and Lynda Keller will be taking a break for the summer months.

UNSHAKABLE

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group meets on Tuesday at 9:30am in the Oasis. They will continue the book study of "Unshakable" by Donna Snow. This study looks at eight Biblical characters whom God shook to the core, then used to point people to the hope of salvation. Learn their history, peer into their struggles, and see how God moved in their lives to teach us vital spiritual lessons today. All ladies of the church and friends are invited to join.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday morning study is taking a break in July. When we return in August we will be wrapping up our study of Acts and the work of God's Holy Spirit in the lives of His people.

MEN OF FAITH

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible study is taking a break in July. When we return on August 8, we will jump back into Nehemiah as we learn about godly leadership.

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The importance of the resurrection cannot be overstated. Without the resurrection there is no faith. This study is the theme for our Synod Convention this July. Come on in on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Grab some coffee and donuts as we dive into God's Word together.

Game Night

Come join us for our game night the last Sunday of every month. We will gather again **Sunday, July 27** at 6pm. 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.