



THE BROADCASTER

JANUARY 2021

LCOSJ EVENTS

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Mondays & Thursdays

10am—2pm

And God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that, always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

2 Corinthians 9:8

Happy New Year!

We can all guess what 2020 will be known for. How about 2021? While last year has taught us we can't even venture to guess what the New Year will bring, we do certainly have hopes and aspirations of what it could be.

The same is true in the life of our congregation. Our plan and even more our prayer, is that 2021 will be the year of **I AM grace overflowing**.

As our world begins to return back to normal, we look forward to the opportunity for God to give us a new beginning. God is laying out a New Year that provides us with new opportunities, new challenges, a new normal and thankfully, one in which God is waiting to give us new grace.

I AM grace overflowing is our attempt to leverage God's grace, take advantage of those opportunities and follow Him boldly into the New Year. My prayer is that it will inspire you to live the mission that God has given you, enliven the faith of your family, and bring new energy to the life of our congregation; all of it made possible by the grace of God that overflows to us.

All of this will kick off on Sunday, January 17 with a sermon series exploring the I AM statements of Jesus. Along the way we will give you some helps and some challenges to help you be grace overflowing to the world. I invite you to join us for this exciting journey and challenge you to be part of our kick-off on January 17, hopefully in person, but livestreaming when that's not possible.

I AM grace overflowing - Pastor Steve Hayden

PRAYER FOCUS

JANUARY // I AM GRACE OVERFLOWING

Starting in January we kick-off a year long emphasis in our congregation called I AM grace overflowing. This emphasis is designed to inspire our members to live out our mission of grace overflowing. Pray that many will participate in this exciting opportunity. Pray that through our

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MONTH YEAR

ALTAR SERVICE

Marilyn Humphrey

VAN DRIVERS

- 3 // Jim Waack
- 10 // Kim Rosevold
- 17 // Scott Baker
- 24 // John Schonarth
- 31 // Jim Waack

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 and 4th Sundays in January at the 8am Service



New Sermon Series beginning January 17th

“I AM . . . “

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 meet at St. James on January 18 at 7:00pm. All men and young men are welcome to join them for devotion and the topic will be “Working for the Man Upstairs”. 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. 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 projects.

MISSIONS—The LWML-Central IL District grant is for MOST Ministries Filters for Drinking Water – \$5,000 . MOST Ministries will serve the poor by installing water



filters in homes and churches throughout the world. The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Grant #18 for \$50,000 of the 2019-2021 biennium is “Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction.” This building project will house a new sanctuary, a central office for the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), seminary classrooms, dormitory space, and a preschool. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-18. Be a part of this Mission work by donating to the MITE box on the Information Center.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School Remains Paused

In an effort to keep everyone safe and slow the spread of disease in our community, Sunday School and Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will remain paused at the present time. We look forward to a restart soon. Sunday School materials are available for the kids each week on the Discovery Den Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/discoverydenLCOSJohns>. If you missed the birthday party for Jesus in December, you can watch it on the Discovery Den page. An Adult Bible study looking at Ecclesiastes is also available on the church YouTube page.

CRADLE ROLL

There are ten 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 December:

January Birthdays:

Lucy Jo Mauck 3 yr. old on Jan. 15, 2018

Two Removed

Daisy Sue Dickhut 3 years old on Dec.10
Margaret Grace Watkins 3 years old on Dec. 17

--Wilma Tieman, Nursery Roll Coordinator

Covid Update

In an effort to keep people healthy, maintain a safe environment and follow the recommendations of our leaders we will continue to keep safety precautions in place. We continue to worship with masks and advance registration. All other activities are currently being held only by Zoom or on hold. As we move beyond the holiday surge of cases we hope to return to in person Sunday School and Adult Bible study in the next few weeks. Then we will add other Bibles studies and activities as conditions allow. Thanks for our cooperation and please reach out to us with any questions.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Midweek Worship

Join us starting January 13 for A Brush With Grace. During the month of January we will look at stories from the life of King David that display grace at work. 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.

Installation of Church Leaders

On Sunday, January 17th, we will formally install our Congregational Officers and Church Leaders at both services.

Coming later this month:



New Church Website - We will be switching to a new, more modern website later in January. Look for the new website address in the announcements soon.

On-Line Directory – You will be receiving an invitation to join our new church management system (Easy Tithe Plus) in the near future. You will be asked to establish an account on the system which will give you access to your Church information and the on-line directory. Look for an e-mail invitation from the Church and a letter in the mail explaining how to establish your account and add your family's pictures to the on-line directory.

Blood Drive



Mark your calendars to donate blood on Tuesday, March 2, 1pm—6pm in the Family Life Center. Antibody tests will be included with your donation to save someone's life.

ONLINE OFFERINGS

Giving online is easy! Click on the image on www.lcosj.org to make your donation or give offering online!



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 or you can call 217-653-3545 or the church office.



Festival of Lights Donations

We collected roughly 1,760 items give or take! We also received a \$20 cash donation from a car that came thru on December 22nd. Thank you to those who donated, helped collect the items, and sorted items on Tuesday

CARE GIVING

CLOSET OF GRACE

The Closet of Grace is taking appointments again beginning January 27th for "shopping" https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050544a5a729a6f94_clothing. We are currently running out of storage space. We are ONLY accepting donations of gently worn children's clothes and coats, however call ahead please. Make sure they clean, no pet hair and stain free. Do not leave items outside as they will be discarded.

Volunteers are need to sort clothing items so that we can re-open the Closet for shopping at the end of the month. Contact Erica or Marilyn if you can help.



SUNDAY WORSHIP
SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE
STREAMING LIVE ON
YOUTUBE OR FACEBOOK.

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.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible study group meets via Zoom for now on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am We will start a new book study on January 19 with "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.

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.

Online Bible Studies and Devotions

The LWML and LHM provide online Bible Studies, Devotions and Podcasts that you can download for free. <https://www.lwml.org/bible-studies-quarterly> or <https://www.lhm.org/resources/default.asp>.

SIGNUP FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

You can find worship signup links at 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. If you decide at the last minute, you do not have to call the office on Sunday morning.