



THE BROADCASTER

MARCH 2024

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***“Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.” Joel 2:29***

***“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;” Luke 2:29***

While I write this letter, the world is experiencing a most unique day. Leap day - February 29. Every four years we add a day to our life in order to keep our calendar straight. We make a big deal about those born today, like the woman who has lived for 100 years, yet only celebrated 25 birth days. Stores offer special discounts 29% off, hoping to lure in customers.

I decided to do something a little different for Leap Day this year. I looked through every book of the Bible so see what if it had a chapter 2, verse 29. I was curious. Interestingly enough there were only a handful of 2:29's in the Bible. There were two that stood out to me.

In the prophet Joel, God makes an amazing promise to **“pour out my Spirit”** on His people. A promise that would later be fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. In Luke, the prophet Simeon has just seen the baby Jesus and realized that this child is the fulfillment of promise that he has been waiting for. Having seen the promise of God with his own eyes, he is ready to depart this world, **“You are letting Your servant depart in peace.”**

Both of the 2:29's are a great encouragement, a reminder that our God is one who keeps His promises.

And the exercise of looking through the Bible gave me a fun way to interact with God's Word. I hope that the Spirit that God has poured upon you, keeps you curious about what is in the Bible. And I hope that we don't wait until next Leap Year to check it out. Dive into God's Word, you won't be disappointed!

Pastor Steve

PRAYER FOCUS MARCH // HORIZONS

Our congregation is a partner church of Horizons. In addition to providing a daily lunch during the week, they also offer other support services to support families in need. They do it all as an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Pray for their staff that they are faithfully sharing Jesus. Pray that they would continue to have the resources necessary to serve the community. Pray for those they serve that they would be blessed by what is provided to them at Horizons.

SERVING THE LORD

MARCH 2024

ELDERS OF THE MONTH

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

USHERS— 8:00 AM

- 3 // MONTE & KAREN DICKHUT
- 10 // PAUL & RHONDA JOHNSON
- 17 // DON ROTHFUSS AND
SHANE ROTHFUSS
- 24 // JODY & JODIE MAUCK
- 31 // GREG NIXON & MARCHETTA
BRECHT

- 10:30 AM

- 3 // HUMMEL FAMILY
- 10 // LIKES & GAULDIN FAMILIES
- 17 // BAKER FAMILY
- 24 // HARRY & JENNY RUTH
- 31 // DIETRICH FAMILY

ALTAR SERVICE

RHONDA JOHNSON
MELISSA BAKER, APRIL YATES
JULIE DIETRICH

VAN DRIVERS

- 3 //
- 10 // SCOTT BAKER
- 17 //
- 24 // SCOTT BAKER
- 31 // SCOTT BAKER

If you need to call to request a ride or cancel a ride for Sunday mornings, call **222-8579 before 11am on Friday**. More volunteer Drivers are needed, either by personal vehicle or the church van.



Holy Communion will be served on the March 10th, 24th, 31st & on Wednesday night, March 6th during our Lenten worship.



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Church office hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8:00am-4:00pm, call ahead

WORSHIP HAPPENINGS

Let My People Go



The book of Exodus is the great salvation story for God's Old Testament people and gives to us a beautiful picture of God's heart of salvation for us. Join us Sunday mornings as we journey through the Exodus story.

March 3 - Stop Trying, Start Trusting

March 10 - Strike the Rock

March 17 - Mine

March 24 - A New Beginning

PEOPLE OF THE PASSION

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

Our Midweek Lenten worship continues on Wednesdays at 6:30. We will meet People of the Passion, different characters from Jesus' final days. We will also welcome pastors from Our Redeemer and St. James to share God's Word during these services. Come early and join us for a meal at 5:30 pm each week.

March 6 - Pilate the Thinker- Pastor Steve

March 13 - Caiaphas the Schemer - Pastor Eden

March 20 - The Mob the Follower - Pastor Steve

HOLY WEEK

Our Lenten journey culminates at the cross and empty tomb. Make plans to join us as we remember the events of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday - March 28, 6:30pm

A celebration of First Communion

Good Friday - March 29, 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday - March 31, 8 am and 10:30 am
He is Risen!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to gather our kids from 2 year old to 8th grade each week to learn about God's amazing love for them and find fun ways to grow in their faith.



High School Youth Night

For our next high school youth night will be invade the junior high youth group and participate in their **Nerf War**. Join us March 17, 6:30pm. Bring your favorite nerf gun, extra guns and ammunition will be provided. All high school students are invited to join us and bring a friend.

Junior High Youth Night

Get ready to battle! **Nerf War!** Bring your favorite nerf gun to our next junior high youth night is March 17, 6:30 —8:00 pm. Extra nerf guns and ammunition will be provided. All 6th through 8th graders are invited to join us and encouraged to bring 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.

Family Fun Walk

The youth will host their annual Fun Walk and Fundraiser on Saturday, April 13. Mark your calendars and come out to support our youth as they begin raising money for the 2025 National Youth Gathering. Registration available soon.

Blood Drive

Share the gift of life and donate at our next Red Cross Blood Drive. It will take place on **Tuesday, March 5, 12:30pm—5:30pm**. Sign-up now. Visit the Red Cross website or click on **DONATE** at <http://www.lcosj.org/i-am-grace-overflowing> or scan the QR Code.



CRADLE ROLL—There are 8 children enrolled.

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

March Birthday

Eloise Grace Nierman 1 year old on March 3

One removed:

Rose Jean Dromey 3 years old on February 12

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Men's Club

The members will meet at St. John's on Monday, March 18 at 7:00pm. All men and young men are welcome to join them for devotion and the topic, "Nurturing Your Faith—Identity #2", will be led by Pastor Steve Hayden. The Les Kaufman and Ray Muegge are on the Social committee.

Lutheran Women in Mission of St. John's

The Mary & Martha group will meet at 6:30 pm in the Oasis on Tuesday, March 5th.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, at 12:30 pm for social time and the meeting will begin at 1:00 pm..

All the ladies of the church are invited to join us for fellowship, service, and fun. You can visit and see what Lutheran Women in Mission is all about.

Altar Service Volunteers

Volunteers to help with Altar duties (Change Paraments, care of linens and flowers) can sign up on the bulletin board by the office or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050544A5A729A6F94-altar1>



Volunteers are needed for June thru December.

Horizon's

Monday meals at Horizon's (224 S. 8th Street) on the 2nd & 4th Mondays, March 11 & 25. Dinner Church on March 24 has time slots available and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office. .Volunteers are needed. See Bill or Lynda Keller or Pastor Steve if any questions.

TREASURER REPORT

Expenses over income for month-to-date
2/29/2024:

Income:	\$ 45,995.58
Total All Expenses:	\$ 39,206.59
Income less Expenses	\$ 6,788.99

OPEN HANDS

OPEN HANDS FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10am—2pm. In March we served 206 households that included 721 individuals, of which 239 of those were children.



The **Mobile Food Pantry** served 36 households at Indian Hills apartments in February. This month the Mobile Pantry will roll on Friday, March 22 from 4-5 pm at Bella Ease.



Closet of Grace

Wanting to get more involved? We need donations of children & teens items. We have an abundance of adults clothes that need sorting, hung up, and put out. This can be done at any time and is flexible to fit your schedule. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the office or email open-hands@lcosj.org. Thanks in advance for your willingness to serve!

Dinner Church

As a partner church of Horizon's ministry, we have the opportunity to help them serve a meal the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. In March, we will also have the chance to help them host a Dinner Church on Sunday, March 24. This is a sit down meal that includes a time of worship. Many volunteers are needed to help host this wonderful event. This is a great service opportunity for the whole family. Please sign up outside the church office.

Meal Prep and Set-up - 2:30 - 5 pm

Servers - 4:30 - 6 pm

Table Hosts - 4:30- 6 pm

Clean-up - 6-6:45pm

BIBLE STUDIES

JOSHUA, JUDGES, RUTH

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

In March they will continue their study of these great books of the Bible. The Monday night group gathers in the home of Bill and Lynda Keller. They will not meet March 4 or 25.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group meets on Tuesday at 9:30am in the Oasis. They will continue Beth Moore's book study called "Fruit of the Spirit". All ladies are welcome to join the group.

REVELATION

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This month we are nearing the end of our study of Revelation celebrating the joy that awaits us at the end of time. Join us Wednesdays at 10 am

BACK TO THE BASICS

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This month we will wrap up our review of the basic teachings of the Lutheran faith. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Join us Sundays in the Oasis for donuts and coffee from 8:45-10:15am. It's a great place to gather with your fellow members .

Lenten Meals

Come grab a bite to eat before worship at our Lenten dinners on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:15 pm .

Mar. 6 - Mary & Martha—Your favorite casserole

Mar. 13 - Guatemala Mission - Baked Potato Bar

Mar. 20 - Youth - Pizza and Salad

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.

