



THE BROADCASTER

OCTOBER 2025

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***"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people belonging to God."***

1 Peter 2:9

Those words from Peter will be used to celebrate Confirmation later this month and to remind our youth that they are "Chosen." This year we have 9 students being confirmed (you can find their names on p. 2) and we will gather as one unified church to celebrate that day, October 26.

That unified worship is appropriate considering that verse. It calls us "chosen people" not a "chosen person." We are a "holy nation" not a "holy individual." Faith is not an individual exercise, but calls us into community with one another.

This summer we helped build the community of our youth with the National Youth Gathering. Of the 19 who attended from here, 6 of them will be confirmed this month. We try to foster ongoing community with youth nights and continuing to engage our youth in worship and service.

We pray that it sticks. We pray that God will finish the work he started in their lives and they will continue to grow in their faith. It doesn't always work out that way though. Research shows that half the students we confirm will no longer be active in worship when they graduate high school. I'm thankful that in among our current seniors—100% of that confirmation class is still active in worship. Let's continue to encourage our youth and build them up so they remain a part of the community and never forget that they, like us are "Chosen!"

Pastor Steve

PRAYER FOCUS

OCTOBER // FORGIVING CHALLENGE

Sometimes the hardest person to forgive is yourself. The *Forgiving Challenge* is an excellent opportunity for us to point people to the freedom and forgiveness available in Jesus. Pray that many would participate in the challenge by reading the book and participating in a small group. Pray that it unites and energizes our congregation. Pray that many would be open to an invitation to join us.

SERVING THE LORD

OCTOBER 2025

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 8:00 AM

- 10:30 AM JOSH CRABTREE

USHERS— 8:00 AM

5 // JOEL & ERIN DICKHUT

12 // MIKE & LYNDIA HAPPEL

19// DESTANY SCHAFER AND
SHANE ROTHFUSS

26 // GREG & CONNIE SCOTT

USHERS — 10:30 AM

5 // RICK & APRIL YATES

12 // LIKES & GAULDIN FAMILIES

19 // MAUCK FAMILY

26 // CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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, October 12 & 26.



SERVING THE LORD

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WORSHIP HAPPENINGS

Unified Worship



Mark your calendars for October 27. We will have one unified worship service at 9:30 am on October 27 in celebration of Reformation and the confirmation of nine of our youth in the faith.

FORGIVING CHALLENGE

Join us for this 40-day journey that will lead you to more freedom than you ever thought possible. Sunday sermons, daily reflections and small groups will provide you the opportunity to experience Jesus' forgiveness in a whole new way. Our journey kicks off on **Sunday, September 14**. Come - be free!

Forgiving Challenge Small Groups

Sign up today for one of our small groups. This is a powerful time to remain connected to each other and grow deeper in the things we are learning. Sign up at church or [follow this link](#).

Monday, Sept. 15, 7pm - at the home of Bill and Lynda Keller
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10 am - led by Pastor Steve
Wed, Sept 17, noon - online Mom's group, Alyssa Hummel
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 5:30 pm - led by Jason Watkins
Saturday, Sept. 18, 8 am - Men's group led by Pastor Steve
Sunday, Sept. 21, 9:30 am - led by Peter & Alyssa Hummel



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School children meet at 9:30am in the Discovery Den. This month kids will be reminded that they are known by God for *"the Lord sees the heart"* **1 Samuel 16:7**. We hope you can join us to learn how wonderful it is to be known by God! Kids from 2 year old through 6th grade are invited to join us for a great year of learning.

There will be no Sunday School on September 7, but be sure to join us for fun and games at Worship in the Park starting at 10:45am.

Confirmation

This month the confirmation year kicks off for our 7th-8th graders. We will meet every Wednesday from 5:30-7pm.

Confirmation Sunday

Students who have completed two years of confirmation instruction will celebrate their confirmation on Sunday, October 26 during our one Unified Worship Service at 9:30am.

Junior High Youth Group

Our junior high youth will be partnering this year with the youth from St. James. All 6th-8th graders are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 10 from 5:30-6:30pm. Our first gathering will be hosted by St. James. Come join the fun and bring a friend.

High School 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.

CRADLE ROLL—There are 5 children enrolled.

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

No Additions/Removals. No Birthdays in October

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Men's Club

The Quincy Area Men's Club will get together for devotions and meeting on October 20th at 7:00 pm at St. John's. Pastor Steve will present the topic of "The Bible on Trial" #1. All men of the congregation are invited to join them anytime for fellowship and devotion.

Lutheran Women in Mission

Mary & Martha members will meet on Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm in the Oasis.

Ladies Aid Society members will meet on Wednesday, October 1st at 1:00 pm in the Oasis. The members will be recognizing LWML Sunday with extra treats on Sunday, October 5th.

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

Prayer Chain

We have an active prayer chain with a team of people that pray for needs that arise throughout the week. If you have a prayer need during the week you can contact the church office to have that placed on the prayer chain. If you would like to join us in prayer, also contact us at the church office. Members of the prayer chain receive prayer requests on occasion and are asked to include those in your daily prayers. Contact Marilyn or Pastor Steve if you have any questions.

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

September 30, 2025:

Income:	\$ 31,669.33
Total All Expenses:	\$ 42,136.28
Expenses over Income	\$ (10,446.88)

OPEN HANDS

OPEN HANDS FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10am—2pm. In August we served 239 households that included 796 individuals of which 300 were children.



The **Mobile Food Pantry** provided food for 101 families (included 252 individuals at Bella Ease on Friday, September 19th. The Mobile Pantry will be at Country Club Apartments in October and at Lampe Apartments on October 21, 2:00-3:00pm. If you would like to serve at a future Mobile Pantry, please contact Stevie in the church office or email openhands@lcosj.org.



DIAPER DRIVE

Open Hands diaper collection continues until Oct. 19th. Sizes 4 & 6 are the greatest need, but all sizes are appreciated. In addition to diapers, we also need donations of Baby Wipes and Pull-ups. Thanks for helping us care for the youngest members of our community.

Volunteer Opportunities

As a child of God, each of us is gifted with talents and abilities that God calls us to share with each other and use in service to His kingdom. Such service is a great privilege. In order to best match your gifts with the opportunities in the congregation, we have a brief survey we invite you to take. The survey is available online by [following this link](#) or using the QR code. Thanks for taking the survey, we look forward to serving together.



BIBLE STUDIES

FORGIVING CHALLENGE

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to gather at the home of Bill and Lynda Keller as they host a small group for the *Forgiving Challenge* beginning Monday, September 14 at 7pm.

IN HIS IMAGE

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group meets on Tuesday at 9:30am in the Oasis. They will continue their study of Jen Wilkin's book "None Like Him". All ladies of the church and friends are invited to join.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

After the day of Pentecost the word of God spread and the church experienced radical growth. Join us as we explore Acts on Wednesdays at 10 am. We will participate in the *Forgiving Challenge* until October 19.

MEN OF FAITH - JAMES

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to join us Saturdays at 8am for our weekly men's Bible study. Join us for some food and time in the word. After finishing the book of James we will participate in the *Forgiving Challenge* starting September 21.

NURTURING YOUR FAITH—LIFE TOGETHER

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

In this series, which includes videos from Dr. Dale Meyer, we will dig into the letter of 1 Peter. We discover instructions on Christ-centered conduct and the need to live like Jesus for others. This class will meet in the Family Life Center starting September 21. There will also be a *Forgiving Challenge* small group meeting in the Oasis.

ONLINE OFFERINGS

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