



THE BROADCASTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

LCOSJ EVENTS

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*"The Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve"*

Matthew 20:28

In 26 years of ministry I haven't kept perfect records of everything I've done. But some rough estimating I've preached over 1,000 different sermons, led over 2,000 worship services, and probably prayers tens of thousands of prayers. I have led hundreds of different Bible studies, spent countless hours teaching all ages and led hundreds on mission trips. Yet with all I've done in ministry, it is easy to identify one thing that has perhaps had a greater impact than any other—**The Red Letter Challenge** series.

Our congregation took our first challenge in fall of 2023 and since that time we increased our average worship attendance, more people are attending Bible studies and we are more financially stable. However, even more important (although more difficult to measure) is the way that those who have participated have grown in their faith and daily follow Jesus a little more closely than before. It has been a tremendous blessing.

So this fall, we continue our challenge series with the next book the **Serving Challenge**. In this challenge we will look at the way that Jesus served the world and what we can do to follow His example. While this can be challenging for us, we will find that when we serve like Jesus we can find our greatest reward because we were made to to serve.

I've seen the blessing of these challenges in the life of our congregation, in my life and in the lives of many others. I'm confident the **Serving Challenge** will be no different. I hope that you will take the challenge. Join us in worship each week. Read the daily devotions. Join a small group. You won't do it perfectly, at least I don't, but you will find your life won't be the same.

Let's serve together.

Pastor Steve

PRAYER FOCUS

SEPTEMBER // SERVING CHALLENGE

This month our congregation will take on the Serving Challenge, finding true fulfillment in serving like Jesus. Pray for our challenge that many would participate not only on Sunday mornings, but also through daily readings and small groups. Pray that everyone who participates has an opportunity to grow in their faith. Pray that God would use this to help us grow in our service to Him and others.

SERVING THE LORD

SEPTEMBER 2026

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

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

USHERS— 8:00 AM

- 6 // JOEL & ERIN DICKHUT
- 13// GERRY & BETTY LUNT
- 20// THOM HURLEY & RUTH FULLER
- 27 // MIKE & LYNDA HAPPEL

USHERS — 10:30 AM

- 6 // CRABTREE FAMILY
- 13// DIETERLE FAMILY
- 20// TURNER FAMILY
- 27 // HUMMEL FAMILY



Holy Communion will be served on Sundays, September 13 & 27 and Wednesday, September 2.



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

SERVING CHALLENGE

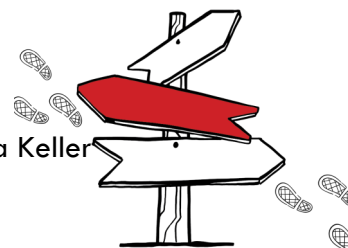


Join us for the kick-off of the Serving Challenge on Sunday, September 13 in both worship services. We will introduce our new challenge to help us live a life of true fulfillment by learning to serve like Jesus. In addition to Sunday morning, you can be part of the challenge by reading the daily readings starting Sept. 14.

Serving Challenge Small Groups

These small groups are a great way to apply the Serving Challenge to your daily life. Through real life conversations and the accountability of friends it will make this challenge even more meaningful in your life. Sign-up today to participate in a group. Unless noted all groups meet in the Oasis.

- Sunday, 9:30 am led by Alyssa Hummell
- Sunday, 6 pm led by Pastor Steve
- Monday, 7 pm at home of Bill and Lynda Keller
- Monday, 7 pm—**Young Adult group**
- Wednesday, 10 am led by Pastor Steve
- Wednesday, noon—online **Mom's group**
- Wednesday, 5:30pm led by Jason Watkins
- Saturday, 8am—**Men's Group**



Wednesday Worship

Our weekly Wednesday service will return on Wednesday, August 5 at 6:30 pm. This worship is a different message from Sunday in a relaxed and laid back atmosphere. It's a perfect pick-me-up for the middle of your week. Every first Wednesday of the month includes a celebration of the Lord's Supper.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kids from 2 year old through 6th grade are invited to join us each Sunday at 9:30am in the Discovery Den. In September kids will celebrate that each one of them is a VIP. Using John 3:16 as a starting point, kids will learn that their real value comes from God. Each week our volunteers work hard to provide a fun learning experience for our kids. Hope your kids can join us in the Discovery Den.

YOUTH GROUP

High School Bible Study

All high school students are invited to a new Bible study that gathers every Wednesday night at 7pm. This study will meet at St. James and includes snacks and games. Bring your friends and join us each week as we grow in Gods' Word.

Youth Night

All youth from 6th-12th grade are invited to join us for our first youth night of the year on Sunday, September 27, 6pm for a Game Night. Let's get competitive and see who will come out on top. Bring a friend and join us.

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.

Confirmation Instruction Begins

Students in 7th-8th grade are now gathering each Wednesday night at 5:30pm as they learn about the faith, growing closer to Jesus. On October 25, two students who have finished this learning, Ryder Likes and Austin Rakers will celebrate their confirmation.

Service Sunday

Mark your calendars for October 4 and join us for our Service Sunday. Our day will include breakfast, a unified worship and then an opportunity to serve in one of 10 projects throughout the community. Watch for sign-ups starting September 13.

CRADLE ROLL—There are 7 children enrolled.

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

One Addition: Hank Matthew Wolf

Born May 15, 2026, Baptized August 9, 2026

No September Birthdays

One Removed: Violet Dickhut 3 yrs. on August 9

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Men's Club

The Quincy Area Men's Club will meet at St. James Lutheran Church on Monday, September 16, 7:00pm.

Lutheran Women in Mission

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

Mary & Martha will meet on Tuesday, September 1st at 6:30pm in the Oasis. The Fall Rally final preparations will be discussed.

The Ladies Aid Society members will meet on Wednesday, September 2nd at 11:00am.

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, September 14 & 28. Volunteers are needed and you can sign up by the office. See Bill or Lynda Keller or Pastor Steve if any*

TREASURER REPORT

Income less expenses for month—to-date

August 31, 2026:

Income:	\$ 47,586.12
Expenses	\$ <u>44,376.56</u>
Income less expenses:	\$ 3,209.56

OPEN HANDS

OPEN HANDS FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is open on Thursdays from 10am—2pm. In August we served 233 households that included 807 individuals with 311 of those were children.



The **Mobile Food Pantry** provided food at Lampe Apartments for 50 households with 102 individuals and 27 of those were children on August 26th. The Mobile Pantry volunteers served 1200 individuals at the "Back to School" event on August 4th. 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

Many families will be back to school shopping this month. But what about those families that can't afford clothes. They can come to our Closet of Grace and receive clothes at no cost. 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.

Horizon's Bands & BBQ

As a partner church to Horizon's we invite you to come out and support their work at their annual Bands & BBQ on Sept 19 from 3-7:30pm at Washington Park. In addition to great music there is a free will offering BBQ, along with games for the whole family.

Game Night

Come join us for our game night the last Sunday of every month. We will gather again Sunday, September 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.

BIBLE STUDIES

SERVING CHALLENGE

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Be part of the Serving Challenge by joining the small group that meets at the home of Bill and Lynda Keller on Monday nights at 7pm. They will kick off the series on September 14.

FRIENDS AND SISTERS

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible study group meets on Tuesday at 9:30am in the Oasis. On September 8 they will begin a new study to reflect on how to cultivate deep, Christ-centered relationships and strengthen our bond as sisters and friends. All ladies of the church and friends are invited to join.

SERVING CHALLENGE

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday morning group will finish up the book of Titus before taking part in the Serving Challenge. Join us Wednesdays at 10 am.

MEN OF FAITH

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to join us as our men take a break from the study of Nehemiah to be part of the Serving Challenge. We meet Saturday, 8 am in the Oasis for a little breakfast and the Word.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Each week during the Sunday School hour, adults gather around God's Word. On September 6 we will take a look at what it is like to "Journey Through Depression". Then starting September 13 there will be one group working on the **Serving Challenge** with a second study available as well. Come on in on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. Grab some coffee and donuts as we dive into God's Word together.

Voter's Assembly

Our annual Voter's Assembly will gather on Sunday, **September 20 at 9:30am** in the Family Life Center. We will be approving the 2027 budget, electing new leaders and discussing our goal of adding a second pastor to the staff in 2027. Come on out and support the work of the church. Voter's packets with all the information for the meeting will be available beginning **Sunday, September 6**.