

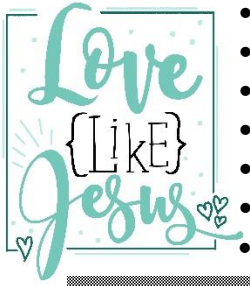


# THE SON OF GOD

I was in my first year at CUNE in Greek. I was drilling on vocabulary when I learned that my mother's vacuum cleaner was most certainly meant to clean. Eureka! "*I found it*" in Greek. This is what Epiphany is about, a great realization. In life, this might be like the night at youth group when I found my calling as a pastor, or much later as a pastor here when I finally put the right puzzle pieces together to understand the few degrees of separation we have between us. When that lightbulb comes on above our head, it is an Epiphany. Imagine the wise men as they wonder through the desert following a star and looking for a king. Of course, they went to Herod's palace in Jerusalem. The newborn king wasn't there. They found Joseph, Mary, and Jesus then bowed down and worshipped him. Not just offering homage to Jesus, they worshipped him. They gave gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gifts for a prophet, priest and king. Throughout the Epiphany season, we see Jesus being revealed to us not just as the babe the son of Mary, this is the focus of Christmas, but in Epiphany as the wise men come and the three ships come sailing in Jesus is revealed to us in his other nature, His divine nature. We focus not on Jesus, Son of Mary, but Jesus, Son of God. With the words of John, "*Behold the Lamb of God*"; from the Father in Jesus' baptism "*This is my Son with whom I am well pleased*"; and through His miracles as well at Cana and the like. Though often overshadowed by Christmas before it, and Lent after it, Epiphany is an important season. Through Epiphany, the two natures of Jesus are revealed to us so that as we enter into Lent we may learn who our suffering Savior is as Jesus goes to Jerusalem and is lifted high upon the cross for our sins. So as we continue to go through the Epiphany season in February, ask yourself "Who's that masked man?" As we go through the lectionary readings, the mask will fall and you will see our Savior coming to you, not in glory, but rather robed in our own flesh and blood so that we may in turn be clothed in His righteousness through baptismal waters and through the sacred bread and wine. Be excited this Epiphany Season and may your worship be blessed.

***Pastor Yonkers***

## SPECIAL DATES IN FEBRUARY:



- LWML Mite Collection, **Feb. 2**
- ILS Spaghetti Dinner, **Feb. 6**
- Adams Voice Gospel Concert, **Feb. 7**
- Valentine's Day, **Feb. 14**
- Presidents' Day, **Feb. 17**
- A Taste of Deutschland, **Feb. 22**
- ILS Winter Movie Night, **Feb. 28**

**HELP US CARE FOR YOU:** *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at 217-442-5675. In case of emergencies after hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell at 260-413-8375. **Prayer requests:** we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

**A PRAYER FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY:** Lord of heaven and earth, we offer you our deepest gratitude for this country and the freedom to worship you. Stir up a sense of stewardship so we all may care for our nation and each inhabitant of it. We pray especially for our leaders, that you will bless them with wisdom and humility. Prompt everyone in positions of authority to pursue righteousness, justice and the welfare of all. Remind us of the psalmist's teaching: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12, NRSV). May that promise be fulfilled "from sea to shining sea." Amen.

*-The Newsletter Newsletter*

**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS:** The next Scrip order is due to the church office on **Monday, Feb. 10** by 9 am. Scrip cards make great gifts! Updated order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank. You can find a complete list of vendors at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) or on the bulletin board in the hall. Write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line. Your order will be available **Feb. 16**. **What is Scrip?** They are gift cards. If you order and pay for a \$100 Meijer scrip card, you get a \$100 Meijer gift card. The church gets \$3 (3%) from the program, and you buy \$100 worth of groceries, prescriptions, gas, etc. with it. There are varying rates depending on the vendor ranging from 1.5% to 13%. These cards are *good anywhere and make great birthday, Christmas, new baby, or wedding gifts.*

# ADAMS VOICE

## GOSPEL CONCERT AT

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1930 North Bowman Avenue  
Danville, Illinois

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025  
AT 7:00 PM**

Adams Voice has been able to communicate God's love through song across the United States for over 30 years. The focus of their ministry is to attest to the power of God through worship. Woven into their repertoire of the familiar, are original songs resonating with scripture, written from personal testimony inspired by real-life situations. Their music spans a wide range of styles, as they endeavor to reach all age groups. The younger generation will be attracted by their youthful vitality but at the same time, you will clearly see the core of their musical message emulating a much older generation of Christians who have distinctively molded their lives. God is still in control and changing lives is the reoccurring theme throughout their music.

Nashville Christian Recording Artists, Adams Voice consists of husband-and-wife team David and Charlene Adams and their four children, Emma, (20) twins, Johnny and Anna (18), and Luke (15). Adams Voice has released 8 albums and a book by Charlene titled, "Brazen Bravery." They have been honored to be featured vocalists at the Church of the Nazarene General Assemblies and Conferences, as well as, on Bill Gaither's Homecoming Tours and a John Hagee's Christian's United for Israel Event. They have also made appearances on Gaither Homecoming videos as well as regularly performing the National Anthem at NFL, NBA, and Major League Baseball games.



**CAPITAL FUND DRIVE:** The current bank balance is \$116,057. WE ARE ABOUT HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL of \$260,000 for our current project of reroofing the school/gym wing of the building. Stop by the display in the narthex to see the pictures of the current roof. We want to schedule the project for the spring of 2026, so we need to raise the rest of the money this year. The congregation established the Capital Fund Drive in 2012, and thanks to our generous congregation, we have accomplished many needed upgrades/renovations. Prior generations worked and sacrificed to build the school/church building, and it is up to us to preserve and improve our church home just as we would our own household's. There is a Capital Fund Drive bulletin board in the hallway between the coat room and the parish mailboxes, where you'll find special envelopes for ongoing donations throughout the year. "...because of my devotion to the house of my God I give my treasure for the house of my God. 1 Chronicles 29:3b. All donations from large to small are equally appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hoveln or any of the committee members.

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS:** The Super Bowl Sub Sale is going on now, Pi (Pie) Day will be held on Sunday, **Mar. 16**, and the Spring Rummage Sale date is set for **Mar. 21 & 22**. Please do NOT bring rummage sale items until a week before the sale date as we don't have room to store them.

**HUSTLE HOOPS CONCESSIONS:** We need your help! Please consider signing up to work a shift at the Hustle Hoops concession stand, hosted by the ILC youth. The proceeds will go towards their trip in July 2025 to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Game days are Saturdays from 9 am – 7 pm. Pick the hours you can work and sign up at the bulletin board by the flower chart. Thank you!



**SUPERBOWL SUBS** are on sale now! For just \$6.00, pick up a delicious sandwich to enjoy while you watch the big game. Use the order form available of the table in the hall to specialize what you would like on your sandwich. Place your order forms with payment in the basket. Proceeds will benefit the Capital Fund. Pick-up your sandwich after the service on **Feb. 9 – Superbowl Sunday!**



**PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED:** Missions and Social Ministry is looking for volunteers to knit or crochet prayer shawls. Prayer shawls are lovingly made, held in prayer, and given to anyone in need so they can be wrapped in the warmth, peace, strength, and comfort of God's love. Please see Joyce Martin if you are interested in helping out or have any questions.

**THE GERMAN DINNER RETURNS!** "A Taste of Deutschland" German Dinner, co-hosted by the Capital Fund Committee and Men's Club is set to return on **Feb. 22!**



The menu includes grilled brats, red potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, pumpernickel bread, and dessert. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 (hot dog meals available). Carry-outs available. Tickets are available before and after church, from any Men's Club member, and will be available at the door of the event. We'll have live German music by Keith Stras and Polka Confetti (same as last year) with an area for dancing. This year we are also having a silent auction. Please consider making a gift basket, craft item, or getting merchant gift cards as auction items. Any leftovers will be sold in the multipurpose room on the following Sunday after church services. **We need volunteers!** This is a sit down meal so it will take a lot of helpers to make this happen. Please consider signing up to help with the setup on Friday at 5 pm, at the event, and with the cleanup and tear down of the tables and chairs after church the next day. Bakers – we need your yummy treats! Desserts (do not need to be German) are needed. Signup sheets for the desserts and volunteers are also on the card table. Join us for good food and fellowship! This is one of our major fundraisers for the reroofing project.



**PLEDGELING FOUNDATION:** We are asking for help identifying a couple of financial distributions to the church. We have received two checks from the Pledgeling Foundation. There was no description included to help us know who sent them to us and we would like to make sure that they are accurately acknowledged. If you are able to provide any further information, please contact the church office at 217-442-5675. Thank you!

**Think back over your prayer life this past week. Have you been praying for a friend or acquaintance that needs to know how much Jesus has done for them? Praying for that friend is important. Pray for their families, their jobs, their health, their joys and their sorrows. Pray that God would open the door for you to share how much Jesus means to you.**

**"Meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ." Colossians 4:3**



## STEWARDSHIP SPOT

*“Christ’s Life, and Love, and Light”*

**Open our eyes Lord to see Your love’s intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height  
May thankfulness be days in service spent**

**Reflection of Christ’s life, and love, and light.** (LSB 788)

As stewards enter the month of February, it is fitting that we look at the last stanza of the stewardship hymn, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (LSB 788). It is in these words that we see that the heart of stewardship is indeed love. Love has flowed from our Lord to us in the person and work of Jesus Christ. This love is then to flow from us to others. Being a conduit of love is really the central task of what it means to be a steward. The Lord entrusts us with His love that reconciles us to Himself, so that we might be stewards of the Gospel reconciliation that is freely given through us to those around us. If we don’t see this love from God to us, then through us, to others, our eyes will be closed not just to the needs of those around us. They will also be closed to the very heart of the Gospel itself. This is why the hymnist prays that the Lord would **“Open our eyes, Lord, to see Your love’s intent, to know with minds and hearts its depth and height.”** Only when we are immersed in God’s Holy Word, washed in Holy Baptism’s life-giving water and fed on the holy, precious, body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper, will the Spirit be able to open our eyes to see the Lord’s loving intent for us, and those we know and love. Sin blinds us. It makes us think that we are the center of our world, and our pleasure is the key. In the Word, the Lord shows us the depth and height of His love. The depth of that love is what moved Him from His throne in heaven into our world. There He would don our human flesh, walk the dusty roads of Palestine, and set His face toward Jerusalem. Once there we get to see the height of His love, as He is elevated on a Roman cross to die a death that we deserve. But that would not be the end. He would be lowered into a tomb for three days. On that third day we then see the heights of love ascended to in His resurrection. This resurrection is already ours too! The depth and height of this love poured out on us by the Holy Spirit then is distributed through us to others. Christ’s servant love is shown in our servant love. The hymn utters the prayer of every Christian steward:

**May thankfulness be days in service spent**

**Reflection of Christ’s life, and love, and light.**

This is the task for which stewards were originally created. Bearing the image of creation and redemption, we reflect Christ’s love to those around us. The light of Christ shining through us to others is the true stewardship to which we are called. It takes place in our homes. It is lived out in our workplaces and classrooms. As we bear the life, love and light received in Word and Sacrament, we carry it out in service to our neighbor and for the glory of God!

Forgive us, Lord, when our stewardship of thankfulness is shallow or lacking! Fill us with Your life, love and light! Not just for us, but through us to those we know and love, that they may know Your life, love and light for them!

## WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS:

- Ladies, join us for our next Women’s Guild luncheon meeting on Tuesday, **Feb. 11** 11:30 am. Our guest will be Kimberly Cullen, Director of Safe Families for Children, East Central Chapter. Please bring a dish to share, everything else will be provided. Our hostesses are Lorel Fitting and Sharon Crow. All ladies in the congregation are welcome!
- Our ingathering for the **Food for the Children Backpack Program** continues through the month of February. The program, which began in 2008, fills backpacks with nutritious and easy to prepare food for students throughout District 118 who are at risk for hunger. In late 2024, this program was feeding 417 children and anticipate growing numbers. The following is a list of food items to donate. Donations can be placed in the marked tote in the coatroom.
  - Tomato soup (10.5 oz. cans)
  - Chicken noodle soup (10.5 oz. cans)
  - Beef ravioli (15 oz. cans)
  - Vienna sausages
  - Pork and beans (15 oz. cans)
  - Mac and Cheese cups
  - Fruit cups (4 oz. 4 packs)
  - Pudding cups (4 packs)
  - Cereal bowls
  - Peanut butter crackers
  - Juice boxes
  - Applesauce cups
  - Peanut butter (12-14 oz. jars)
  - Monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated.
- LWML Mite Bytes: Mission Grant #6 is \$12,000 for large print Bibles and devotional mailings. Effingham’s St. John Large Print Center prints, binds, and ships large print Bibles and devotionals for people worldwide who have a visual impairment. These funds would be used for upkeep of printers and purchase of paper, spirals, cartons, tape, and envelopes. **How can you help?** Pray that God provides the opportunity for those people with visual impairments to come to know or continue their belief in the Lord through the receipt of large print Bibles and devotionals. Support this grant by donating to your church’s LWML group mite fund.

## WE RECYCLE!

Did you know you can help out the environment and our school? We recycle aluminum cans! You can place your drink cans in a plastic bag and in the container next to the school boiler room door. Once it’s full, we’ll haul them to the recycling center and the money goes to the school. Thanks!



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:**

**Date: Jan. 21, 2025 / Next Meeting: Feb. 18, 2025**

### **New Business**

Josh Christensen appointed Allen Julian and Julie Buesing to the nominating committee. Three members of the congregation are needed. Positions up for election are Vice President, Stewardship, Missions and Social Ministry, Youth, and Finance.

Josh asked if anyone would like to nominate a Circuit Visitor. Our current one is Rev. Michael Schuermann of University Lutheran in Champaign. No nominations were made.

Registration for Pastor and a lay delegate for the CID District Convention are due Feb. 15. A motion was passed to allow our congregation president to authorize the lay delegate.

The Board of Directors agreed to host the first Lent Supper on Ash Wednesday. It will be decided at the next meeting where the proceeds will go.

### **Christian Education**

Current enrollment is 92. The Christmas Program went very well. There was standing room only in the gym. Fundraisers are ongoing. The Christian Ed board is small and we would appreciate any volunteers to jump on board. Budget planning for next year will begin in February or March.

### **Finance**

Two CDs matured. The interest was deposited to the general fund and the principal was rolled over. A long term CD for the organ fund will mature in February. The principal and interest will be rolled over. Current rate is 4.5%. A motion was passed for Capital Fund to open another CD. Jo has been working on grants to help fund the school roof.

### **Properties**

Strahl's Plumbing repaired a leaking faucet in the school. Al is updating light switches and outlets. Bott's Locksmith worked on the church doors. Our mailbox was knocked down by our snow plowers, they will cover the cost of repairs. Al is looking into purchased rolling stairs to reach the storage rooms above the stage. Women's Guild has agreed to pay for them. Butch Buesing found bulbs to replace them in the sanctuary lights.

### **Stewardship**

Super Bowl Subs will be ready to pick up Feb. 9 after church, Pi (Pie) Day is scheduled for Mar. 16, and the Spring Rummage and Bake Sale is scheduled for Mar. 21 & 22. We ask that donations be brought to the church after Mar. 12. The proceeds from all three fundraisers will benefit the Capital Fund.

### **Worship**

Easter is late this year on April 20. Tom is going to do an outdoor sunrise service in the front of the church.

### **Youth**

Sue DeMoss gave an update on fundraising for the National Youth Gathering. Tentative week for VBS is June 23-30.

### **Mission and Social Ministry**

The Food Pantry distributed 37 food baskets in December, serving 138 individuals. Tom noted that County Market had a coupon for boxes of macaroni and cheese for \$0.39. Immanuel Cares made 194 contacts over November and December through cards, phone calls, and visits.

### **Elders**

The Elders continue to work through the membership roster. The memberships of Elizabeth Bergan, Aaron and Kathy Armstrong, and Teresa Carter were released. Approved the purchase of new robes for Pastor, Communion Assistants, and Acolytes.

### **Pastor's Report**

Reviewed written report. Pastor will be out of the office Feb. 9 – 14. Josh Christensen will lead services.

### **President's Report**

The Strategic Planning Committee began meetings in Dec. and meets twice per month. Josh proposed purchasing a new popcorn maker. Our current one is in poor condition with a number of missing parts and suspect wiring. This purchase was approved since it is used by the school and for Hustle Hoops Concessions.

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**LENT SUPPER SPONSORS NEEDED!** Lent will begin this year with Ash Wednesday on **Mar. 5**. If you would like to sign-up to host a supper, please call the church office. The Board of Directors will host the first supper on Ash Wednesday. Sponsors are needed **Mar. 12, 19 & 26, and Apr. 2 & 9**.

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**SAVE THE DATE!** The Spring Rummage Sale is **March 21 & 22**. It's time for you to clean out your closets, declutter your home, and help Immanuel! We are asking that you wait until **Mar. 12** to bring your donations. After that date, you may place your donations on the stage behind the curtain. We are no longer using the boys' locker room to store rummage sale items. Also, please do not bring large TVs, computers, or Christmas trees. All proceeds will benefit the Capital Fund. *Thanks!*

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**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** for your 2024 offerings have been distributed in your church mailbox. If you do not have a mailbox, we will mail your statements to you. Contact Kim in the church office if you have any questions regarding your statement. *Thank you for your generosity!!*

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**Every day we work with, shop with, visit with, live next to, play on teams with, get our hair styled by and get our cars fixed by people who need to know about Jesus and His great love for them! Who can you tell this week that God loves them and Christ died for their sins?**

## ILS DATES TO REMEMBER...

- **Feb. 6** – Spaghetti Dinner
- **Feb. 17** – ILS Closed for Presidents Day
- **Feb. 28** – Winter Movie Night

**VALENTINE'S CANDY NEEDED:** ILS has a Valentine's Day fundraiser each year. The parents order a valentine and their child receives a gift bag with candy, a small stuffed animal, and a balloon. It does not need to be expensive candy, heart shaped suckers, conversation hearts, or Hershey's Kisses would be great. There will be a donation box next to the table in the hallway through Sunday, **Feb. 9**. Thanks for your help!



**WINTER MOVIE NIGHT:** ILS is having a Winter Movie Night in our gym. The date is set for **Feb. 28** from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. We are looking for volunteers to help us pop popcorn, serve lemonade or punch, greet families, set up our movie, run sound, etc. Please contact Rachel in the School Office if you are interested!

## NEW ADDITION TO OUR ILS PROGRAM!

# SENSORY ROOM

*What is a Sensory Room?* Sensory rooms are carefully designed with various elements, such as soft lighting, textured objects, and calming sounds, all aimed at promoting relaxation and engagement. The sensory room purpose extends beyond calming, as it also helps improve focus, motor skills, emotional regulation, and cognitive development through interactive sensory activities.

*What items are in our Sensory Room?* We have a variety of items including a large projector screen to display calming sensory videos and nature scenes like oceans and rainforests. There are weighted stuffed animals perfect for cuddling! They "hug back" providing a soothing sensory experience to help calm and create a sense of security. There is a black out tent that creates a personal sanctuary where children can play with their favorite lighted toys or turn on a star projector. The children will enjoy hanging out on the fun, soft seating areas. There are also many toys to engage children like fidgets, textured floor tiles, sensory bins, puzzles, and games. These are just a few of the many items bought to help children relax, refocus, and enhance their creativity.

*How was the Sensory Room funded?* Many, many, thanks are due! With sincere gratitude, we thank Angel Tear Ministries for approving a matching grant for our sensory room. Matching funds were raised through many of our ILS fundraisers, so we thank YOU, too! On top of the grant and fundraisers, many generous individuals made donations. We want to thank Pete and Diana Rudolph, John and Marcy Heeren, Roger and Lorel Fitting, Marge Souza, Don and Sue DeMoss, Mary Jane Wilkinson Memorials, Diana Pratt, Joe and Juanita Rottmann, and Gary West for their financial contributions to our sensory room.

*Who did all that work?!* Even more thanks are due! We thank our ILS Director, Mrs. Rachel Schmidgall for all of her time applying for the grant, submitting progress reports, overseeing the entire project, and planning and making purchases. We thank our Board of Christian Education, the teachers, and staff for their contributions and support. We thank our janitor, Karl Thornsborough, for his efforts painting, putting a lot of items together, and hanging items on the walls. We thank all of the church volunteers that took their time and effort out to help us rearrange the room, put together lights and other technical items for our students to enjoy: Pastor and Katie Yonkers, Scott and Eileen Huckstadt, Kimberly Davis, and Sue DeMoss with our youth group, Jamie Yonkers, Eli Mann, and Owen Price. We hope this is a calming and invigorating space for our staff and students to enjoy. *Thank you, again!*

A poster for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. At the top, the word "Spaghetti" is written in a large, blue, cursive font with colorful confetti around it. Below this, the text reads: "This fundraiser will benefit the Immanuel Lutheran School Lunch Program". Underneath that is "Freewill Offering". The date "Thursday, February 6, 2025" is printed in bold. Below the date, it says "Serving from 4:30 - 6:00 pm" and "Menu: Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert". In the center is an illustration of a bowl of spaghetti topped with meatballs. At the bottom, the word "DINNER" is written in large, yellow, block letters on a red background.







## A Message from Rev. Jeff Harter Chaplain at Concordia Villages, Springfield

There is a story of a glass blower who could make beautiful and intricate vases. One day a man asked him to create a beautiful vase for him. The glass blower agreed. After a few days he showed the completed work of art to the buyer who was delighted with it. He paid the glass blower and started toward home. On the way, he stumbled and dropped the vase. It shattered into hundreds of pieces! The man carefully picked up each piece and brought them to the glass blower. "Can you remake this so that it is exactly like it was before it broke?" he asked. "I'm sorry," said the glass blower, "that is impossible. I can make you another one." "No," responded the man, "I want this same one. It is irreplaceable." The man walked away heartbroken. We are God's treasured creation. We are irreplaceable vessels which hold a greater treasure – the Gospel of Christ. *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."* 2Cor.4:7. We were broken, shattered, seemingly irreparable. Yet God can do what no person can do. He doesn't replace us with something or someone else. He re-creates us! In Christ we are made holy, as if we had never been broken. *"without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."* Eph.5:27 We cannot clearly see this on our outsides. But God sees it on our insides, in our soul. And when we stand before his glorious throne, we shall be his perfect re-creation on the inside and out. *"For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."* 1Cor.15:52

## Stay Connected!

Central Illinois District Contact Information:

CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

Subscribe to the E-GatePost (digital newsletter) and

monthly bulletin inserts: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

Follow the CID on Facebook and Instagram

## Prayer Request

**"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."**

Dear Father, we pray Thee, give us Thy Word, that the Gospel may be sincerely preached throughout the world and that it may be received by faith and may work and live in us. So we pray that Thy kingdom may prevail among us through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit, that the devil's kingdom may be overthrown and he may have no right or power over us, until finally the devil's kingdom shall be utterly destroyed and sin, death, and hell exterminated, and that we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness (from Luther's Large Catechism).

## Cellphones, Technology, and Teenagers

Our Redeemer in Jacksonville (405 Massey Ln) will host Pastor Joshua Theilen (Camp CILCA) on **Jan. 25** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There is no cost (freewill offering), but you must reserve your spot! Please send an email to [carl.wicklander@gmail.com](mailto:carl.wicklander@gmail.com) by **Jan. 20**. Light refreshments will be served, but no childcare will be provided.

## Camp CILCA News

### Act Like Men Woodcutters: Feb. 28 – Mar. 1

Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's Word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. The study sessions will cover topics relevant to men navigating life in the modern age.

### Women's Retreat: Mar. 28 – 29

Our retreat theme is Lean & Learn: join us as we lean into God's word, digging into what God says to us and learn how we live it out in our daily vocation as women. There are two choices for our retreat... You can join us overnight for \$100 and stay in the Christian Growth Center or choose the day only option available for \$75. Registration is open.

### Homecoming: Aug. 2

This will be CILCA's only fundraiser for the year (replacing the Hog Roast and Chicken Fry). There will be live music, a vendor fair, great food, swimming, square dancing, face painting, wagon rides and more. Mark your calendar to celebrate CILCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in style!

*2025 marks 75 years of outdoor ministry!*

To celebrate this blessed anniversary, Camp CILCA will be offering every week of camp to all campers for just **\$75!** Registration is open - secure your spot!

***Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.***



**WEEKLY BROADCAST SCHEDULE:**

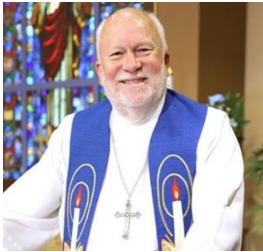
Sundays at 7:00 am – WTWO – TV2 (NBC)

Sundays at 7:30 am – WCIX Channel 3

Sundays at 10:30 am – TCT Network – Direct TV Channel 377

Nationwide Sundays: Direct TV Channel 377 (11:30 am Eastern / 10:30 am Central / 9:30 am Mountain / 8:30 am Pacific)

Tune in anytime online: [www.worshipforshutins.org](http://www.worshipforshutins.org)

**February 2025****February 2, 2025****“Live in the Light” by Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer****Sermon Text: Luke 2:32**

The forces of light and darkness have clashed since the creation of the world. Jesus brings light into every corner of creation. Do we suppress His light through ignorance and neglect? Or do we live in the light?

**February 9, 2025****“Holy, Holy, Holy” by Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III****Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:1-8**

We know all too well that God is holy, and we human beings are not. Isaiah also knew this, and each one of us joins with him in crying out, “Woe is me!” But Christ became sin for us, and that means for us a blessed reality here on earth and in the life to come when we will be holy!

**February 16, 2025****“Blessed Are You” by Rev. Thomas Eggold****Sermon Text: Luke 6:22**

The term “blessed” is one of the most misunderstood and misused words in our cultural vocabulary. Today we find this word “blessed” coming straight from the mouth of Jesus, but the way He uses the word stands in blatant contrast to the way it’s used in the world. Everything about today’s Gospel lesson challenges our natural and cultural understanding of what it means to be “blessed.”

**February 23, 2025****“The Baptized Life” by Rev. Shayne Jonker****Sermon Text: Luke 6:27-28**

Our Lord Jesus Christ had mercy on us though we did not deserve it. Our ingratitude should be punished, but instead He forgave it and gave us even more. Our wickedness should be judged as worthy of hell, but He gave His own Son hell, and gave us heaven instead. Living in and under the love, grace, and mercy of God in His Son, Jesus Christ, life looks different, sinners look different, enemies look different, and love and mercy is not only possible, but natural.





# Serving in FEBRUARY

## Elders

Feb. Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Kurt Thornsborough

## Communion Assistants

Feb. 2 Don DeMoss, Kurt Thornsborough  
16 Al Julian, Dean Hull

## Ushers

Feb. **Team "B" – Youth**  
Capt. Josh Christensen, Hannah Christensen,  
Jamie Yonkers, Eli Mann, Kendall and Carley  
Wright, and Owen Price.

## Lay Readers

Feb. 2 Sue Heidle  
9 Al Julian  
16 Diana Pratt  
23 Nancy Purviance

## Gospel Reader

Kurt Thornsborough  
Al Julian  
Dwain Dixon  
Gail Garner

## Acolytes

Feb. 2 Kendall Wright  
9 Eli Mann  
16 Carley Wright  
23 Jamie Yonkers

## Videographer

Feb. 2 Kim Davis  
9 Dwain Dixon  
16 Kim Davis  
23 Dwain Dixon

## Sound/Screens

RJ Davis  
Don DeMoss  
RJ Davis  
Jan Mann

## Children's Church

Feb. 2 Jan Mann  
16 Jan Mann

## Nursery

Chelsea Pratt, Kirsten T.  
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## Children's Sermon

Feb. 9 Diana Pratt  
23 Marah Showers

## Altar Guild

Feb. Sue DeMoss and Kim Davis

## Money Counters

Feb. Team "B" Nancy Purviance, Martha Elliott

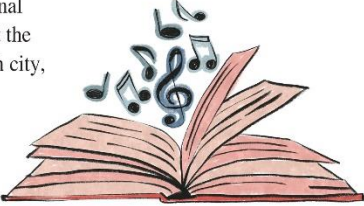
## Check Signers

Feb. Jo Van Hovel, Mike Ferris

**Bible Quiz**

The short Old Testament book of Lamentations is a set of communal laments (sorrowful songs) about the destruction in 587 B.C. of which city, by which people?

A. Babylon; the Assyrians  
B. Jerusalem; the Babylonians  
C. Rome; the Greeks  
D. Caesarea Philippi; the Romans

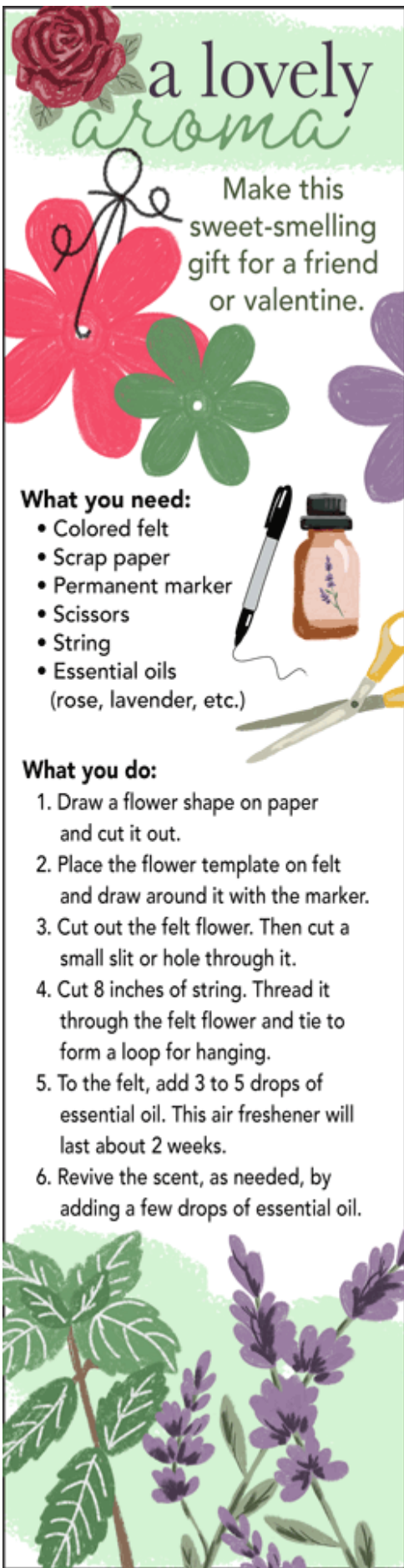


Answer: B (See Bible commentaries.)



MIGHTIER  
than the waves  
of the sea  
is HIS love  
for you

Psalm 93:4



## a lovely aroma

Make this sweet-smelling gift for a friend or valentine.

### What you need:

- Colored felt
- Scrap paper
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- String
- Essential oils (rose, lavender, etc.)

### What you do:

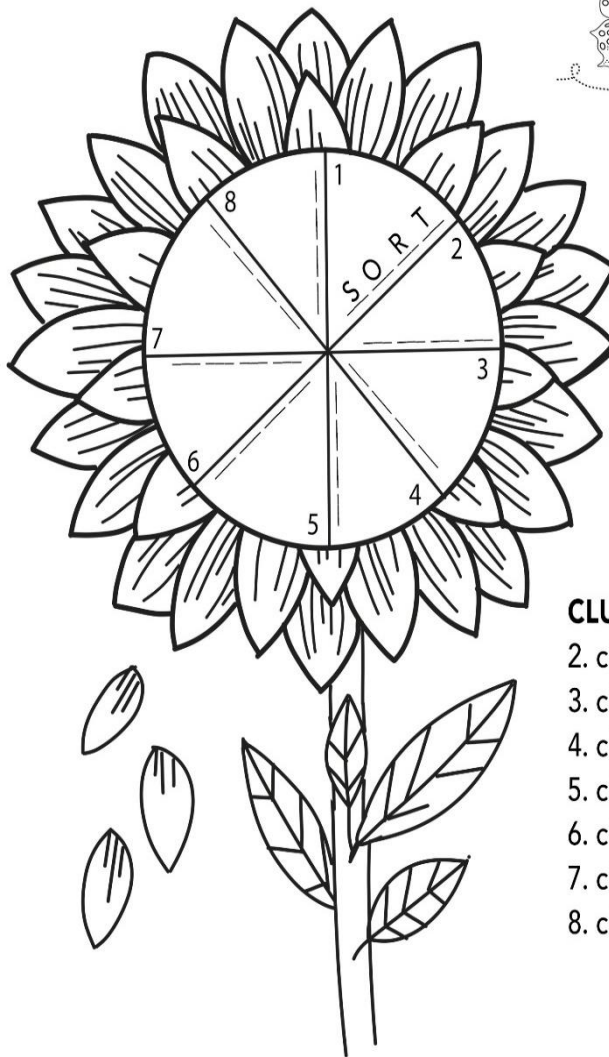
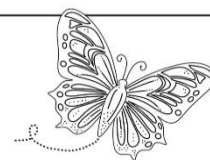
1. Draw a flower shape on paper and cut it out.
2. Place the flower template on felt and draw around it with the marker.
3. Cut out the felt flower. Then cut a small slit or hole through it.
4. Cut 8 inches of string. Thread it through the felt flower and tie to form a loop for hanging.
5. To the felt, add 3 to 5 drops of essential oil. This air freshener will last about 2 weeks.
6. Revive the scent, as needed, by adding a few drops of essential oil.



## THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.



We \_\_\_\_\_  
because [God] first  
\_\_\_\_\_d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV

### CLUES

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this (see 1 John 4:16).



Hey kids! Here are some Valentine cards to hand out to your family, friends, or classmates that help you spread the love of Jesus! Parents, we would be happy to print out as many as needed in color for you, just call the church office at 217-442-5675!



**Love one  
another.**  
1 JOHN 4:7

From: \_\_\_\_\_



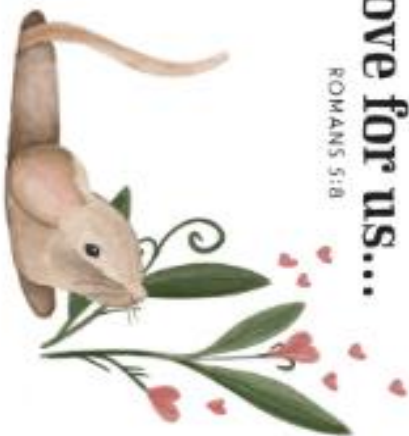
**God is  
LOVE.**  
1 JOHN 4:16

From: \_\_\_\_\_



**Love is patient,  
Love is kind.**  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

From: \_\_\_\_\_



**God  
demonstrates  
his own  
love for us...**  
ROMANS 5:8

From: \_\_\_\_\_



**For God  
so loved  
the world.**  
JOHN 3:16

From: \_\_\_\_\_



**I will sing of  
the Lord's great  
love forever.**  
PSALM 89:1

From: \_\_\_\_\_



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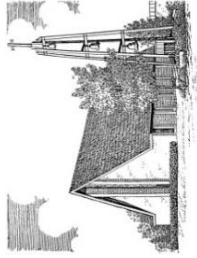
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Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23  
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**Wednesdays**  
Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26  
at 5:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
Feb. 26 at 5:00 pm



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*with us*

