



## ST. LUCAS LANTERN

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**We Bring People to Christ, Nurture People in Christ, and Equip People for Christ**

**February 2023**



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show others our love. We give candy, flowers, and gifts to friends and loved ones. It's literally a sweet day, with sentiment and real sweets. It's good to show love to those we love and to love our enemies as well. Jesus says in Matthew 22:39: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But we know that it's preceded by another and greater commandment. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment." And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

So, we are commanded to love our neighbor, and ourselves, but the greatest commandment is to love God. On this day of love, we might ask ourselves, "Do we want to give a token of our love to God? And if so, what would we give Him?"

Throughout the Old Testament, God asks His people to give Him their hearts. He likens Himself to a lover who has been rejected when the people forget Him and His commandments. God is our lover? The Word of God says, "We love because He first loved us." There are many messages of love, many valentines, which we might have missed in God's letter to us. It says, He loves His people with a "steadfast love", He loves us "freely", "He exults over us with singing", and "You are precious in My sight and honored

and I love you.” Take time today to give Almighty God, your heavenly Father, a precious valentine of love, your heart and your devotion.

At Saint Lucas we share the love of God with those around us. It’s one of the things that most attracted Carol and I to rejoin Saint Lucas and to serve Him in this place. That love is evident in so many ways: in words of encouragement, in generosity, and especially in the way that we treat each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we share in the mission and ministry at Saint Lucas, let’s remember to actively reach out in love to all those around us. Happy Valentine’s Day!

*Yours in Christ,  
Phil Miksad, President  
Saint Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church*



### **MEET THE ELDERS**

My name is Robert McNiel. I am currently an elder at St. Lucas and enjoy serving the congregation in this capacity. I've been married 49 years to a beautiful wife, Bettylou. We have three adult children and two grandchildren. Four years ago, I retired from dairy farming. I have no hobbies but enjoy bowling and especially spreading God's Word wherever and whenever the possibility arises. I also gain considerable pleasure in helping people every chance I get.

## What does the Bible say about Worship?



The Bible's teaching about worship may apply differently at different points in your life.

However, Psalm 96:9 cuts to the heart of the matter; *"Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!"* .

Simply put, we want to worship God—and He commands it. Worship is the first and most

essential habit of a Christian. Our worship acknowledges that **He is – and He is our God!**

Learn more about Worship and the other Christian habits of discipleship and what Jesus wants in His relationship with you by picking up a green All-In Discipleship folder in our narthex, or by going online at: <https://www.stlucaslcms.org/all-in/>

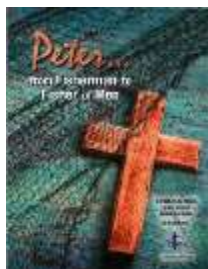
Also, please join us for the All-In Discipleship *Coffee Tawk* discussion on *Worship* Sunday, February 19th at 9:15 a.m. in the gym at St. Lucas. Hosted by Rev. Warren Huffines, it will be a casual, informal, and friendly discussion on what it means to worship here at St. Lucas. And, of course there will be a light breakfast served! You won't want to miss it!



**ECC:** We have several penguins in our toddler room.

We are hiring for the infant room. Please see contact Laurie for more information. (314) 832-2307





*Mondays, 11:30 a.m., through March 13, 2023\**

*Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men*

A new and growing Bible Study based on the life and ministry of the Apostle Peter (by Donna Pyle)

The new Brown Bag Women's Bible Study is being offered at St. Lucas on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m., in the multi-purpose room. All women of the congregation and their friends are invited to attend. There are a total of 8 lessons, that will be led by Phil and Carol Miksads.

There is a 132-page workbook to accompany the DVD study on the life and ministry of Peter. This study examines how God uses Peter's brokenness, failures, and triumphs to help us grow in faith. The workbook, a value of \$12.99, is included free of charge. This is an exciting opportunity for you Non-Zoomers!

Please use your Attendance card at church to sign up for this Brown Bag event or contact the Miksads at [camiksad@aol.com](mailto:camiksad@aol.com) or (609) 412-4168.

\*We will not be meeting on February 20, 2023, due to the Federal holiday.



**RED HAT** The St Lucas Red Hat ladies will be meeting Sunday, February 19 at noon for lunch at Three Kings Public House located at 40 Ronnie's Plaza. Any ?'s. Call or email Mary Bartlow (314) 283.0049 or [billandmary@msn.com](mailto:billandmary@msn.com).



## **FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

The Women's Guild Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Wednesday March 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

and Thursday March 23, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Thursday is \$1.00 a bag.

Set- up will begin Monday evening, March 20, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Help is welcome at any of these times.

Bring your clean, useable clothing, shoes, household items, books, toys, small, lightweight furniture, and hardware. Please, no computers, monitors or other old electronics.

*St. Lucas Women's Guild*

## **SELC District LWML Online Woman's Bible Study - February 9, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.**

All women of St. Lucas are invited to attend the February 9, 2023, Woman's Bible Study, presented by Pam Reece of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Lodi, Ohio. If you are interested in joining us, contact Betty Olah at [ctklutheranlodi@gmail.com](mailto:ctklutheranlodi@gmail.com). Please note that the time is Central Standard Time.

On January 19, 2023, there were six SELC District churches represented at the first Bible Study about Dilemmas and Decisions, presented in the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, Winter 2022 Edition. Three St. Lucas members attended along with our sisters from Norridge, Illinois, Parma, Barberton, Lodi and Massillon, Ohio. This is a new beginning for our SELC District LWML women who joyfully serve our Lord. We were all richly blessed.



**PARISH NURSE:** Parish Nurses will be supporting a charity known as Hand 'n Hand Pregnancy Help Center. Hand 'N Hand

Pregnancy Help Center is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 pregnancy help and resource center. All services are free of charge and include pregnancy tests, ultrasounds administered by a registered nurse to validate a viable pregnancy, as well as accurate information on pregnancy options.

In addition, over 70 trained volunteers provide a variety of free services including monthly one-on-one educational sessions for first-time mothers-to-be, and weekly material needs assistance for infants up to age two.

All past and present clients, regardless of the age of their children are invited to attend monthly meetings to get acquainted with other moms and to hear speakers on a variety of encouraging and beneficial topics.

Hand 'N Hand also offers an eight-week abortion recovery program for women of all ages who are struggling with a past abortion decision.

In February, we are collecting baby wipes for the Hand 'N Hand ministry and in March, we are collecting baby socks.



**WORD OF LIFE TRIVIA NIGHT:** Reserve your table! WOL Trivia Night, will be February 11, 2023 in the WOL Gym. Doors

open at 6:30 p.m. / play at 7:00 p.m. 8 person per table coat \$160.00. There will be 8 rounds. Mulligan for sale (cash). Winning Table prize! BYOB and snacks, soda will be provided. Registration forms are available in St. Lucas narthex.



## **Holy Week**

### **SCHEDULE FOR LENT**

***Ash Wednesday*** – February 22

***Midweek Services*** - 7:00 p.m.

***Light Dinner*** - 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

***Choir Practice*** - 7:45 p.m.

***Wednesday Lenten Services***

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

***Palm Sunday*** - April 2nd

***Maundy Thursday*** - April 6th

***Good Friday*** - April 7th

***Easter Sunday*** - April 9th

***Sunrise Service*** - 7:30 a.m.

***Men's Club Breakfast*** - 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

***Festival Service*** - 10:30 a.m.



### **EGGSTRAVAGANZA:** Easter and the

Eggstravaganza are just around the corner.

Saturday, April 8, 2023. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 1:00 p.m. We are asking for donations of plastic eggs (no hard-boiled eggs) and candy

to stuff the eggs. There will be a box placed in the narthex for the eggs and candy until Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. You may also bring your plastic eggs and candy donations in early the morning of the hunt. If you have any questions regarding the Egg Hunt, please contact Art Matia at (314) 776-3336. Thank you for your donations.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Winter weather is upon us, which raises questions about church activities. Please note that cancellation of worship services will be *very* rare. Even in inclement weather, services will normally be held for those who are able to safely attend. While many drive some distance to church, St. Lucas also has many members who live nearby and even walk to

church. In bad weather, everyone, including staff and musicians, are encouraged to use their best judgment whether it is safe for them to attend. If you determine that it is not safe for you to attend worship, be sure to worship God through our livestreamed services.



**FEED MY PEOPLE:** St. Lucas helps Feed My People with donations from our members. In the month of February, we are asking for any kind of donation, canned goods,

personal products ext. Feed My People provides these items to their clients, as needed.



**BUNCO:** This month we are celebrating Valentines Day by wearing red and having chocolate treats - what is better than that? Bringing a friend or family member with you, that's what! We will be playing Bunco this month and will not be sponsoring

a charity this month. We will meet in the Multi Purpose Room February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 to play. Bringing treats is purely voluntary. Please let Sharon Majoros know if you are planning on attending and if you are bringing a guest. [sharon.m3845@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.m3845@yahoo.com) or (314) 922-4678.



## February

<b>Date</b>	<b>Early Service</b>	<b>Late Service</b>
<b>Feb. 5</b>	Bill Bartlow ( <b>Elder</b> ) Sharon Majoros ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend ( <b>Usher</b> ) Joyce Kolnik ( <b>Reader</b> ) Timothy Adams ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Timothy Adams, Steven Kulifay ( <b>Video Tech</b> )	Barbara Baranovic ( <b>Comm Setup</b> ) Ron Shebik ( <b>Elder</b> ) Warren & Nita Huffines, ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Ron Shebik, Joan Shebik ( <b>Usher</b> ) Tom Kramer ( <b>Reader</b> ) Zackary Aguado ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Norah Kramer ( <b>Video Tech</b> ) Stacey Wellman Liz Kurtz ( <b>Shep Watch</b> )
<b>Feb. 12</b>	Laurie Ely ( <b>Comm Setup</b> ) Phil Miksad ( <b>Elder</b> ) Diane Dymond ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros ( <b>Usher</b> ) Steven Kulifay ( <b>Reader</b> ) Lillian Willis ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams ( <b>Video Tech</b> )	Dan Arbet ( <b>Elder</b> ) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Robert McNiell ( <b>Usher</b> ) Travis Lawson ( <b>Reader</b> ) Zachary Schlesselman ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Kamron Schlesselman ( <b>Video Tech</b> ) Travis Lawson, Caylin Schlesselman ( <b>Shep Watch</b> )
<b>Feb. 19</b>	Bill Bartlow ( <b>Elder</b> ) Judy Willenbrock ( <b>Greeter</b> ) June Wooldridge, ( <b>Usher</b> ) Sharon Majoros ( <b>Reader</b> ) Timothy Adams ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Steven Kulifay, Carolyn Crump ( <b>Video Tech</b> )	Nancy Roach ( <b>Comm Setup</b> ) Travis Lawson ( <b>Elder</b> ) Dorothy Arbet, Rena Crites ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Art Matia, Ken Ely ( <b>Usher</b> ) Art Matia ( <b>Reader</b> ) Caylin Schlesselman ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Norah Kramer ( <b>Video Tech</b> ) Nancy Kramer, Liz Kurtz ( <b>Shep Watch</b> )
<b>Feb. 22</b>	Ash Wednesday	Phil Miksad ( <b>Elder</b> ) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose ( <b>Greeter</b> ) June Wooldridge ( <b>Usher</b> ) Rita Zipay ( <b>Reader</b> ) Dalton Costick ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Steven Kulifay ( <b>Video Tech</b> )
<b>Feb. 26</b>	Jane Mihalevich ( <b>Comm Setup</b> ) Phil Miksad ( <b>Elder</b> ) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend ( <b>Usher</b> ) June Wooldridge ( <b>Reader</b> ) Lillian Willis ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Timothy Adams, Steven Kulifay ( <b>Video Tech</b> )	Robert McNiell ( <b>Elder</b> ) Ken Ely ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen ( <b>Usher</b> ) Robert McNiell ( <b>Reader</b> ) Riley Roper ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Kamron Schlesselman ( <b>Video Tech</b> ) Dawn Schlesselman, Sue Hasselbring ( <b>Shep Watch</b> )



### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Faith Howell	16 – Kristine Aguado
2 – Travis Lawson	17 – Kevina Johnny
3 – Matthew Currie	20 – Michael Taylor
10 – Johnny Bewig	21 – Lenore Wetteroff
11 – Vange Solovitz	22 – Carole Franke
12 – Charlotte Brewer	25 – Dawn Schlesselman
Laurie Ely	26 – Geraldine Gambill
13 – Paul Stepanovic	Shelby Morrison
15 – Cheyenne Bewig	27 – John Hertel

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

6 – Carl & Dorothy Fahrenkamp	64 years
8 – Kenneth & Laurie Ely	32 years
24 – Tom & Nancy Kramer	20 years

**GREETING CARDS:** Greeting cards are available. There are birthday, thank you, sympathy, get well cards, gift card holders and more. Personalized cards can be made. Proceeds go to the **Building Major Repair**. For more information contact Kathy Christopher (314) 351-2628 or [officeofstlucas@yahoo.com](mailto:officeofstlucas@yahoo.com).

# Reading Through the Word

## FEBRUARY

- 1... Exodus 30 & 31 & 32; Acts 8
- 2... Exodus 33 & 34; Psalm 16; Acts 9
- 3... Exodus 35 & 36; Acts 10
- 4... Exodus 37 & 38; Psalm 19; Acts 11
- 5... Exodus 39 & 40; Psalm 15; Acts 12
- 6... Leviticus 1 & 2 & 3; Acts 13
- 7... Leviticus 4 & 5 & 6; Acts 14
- 8... Leviticus 7 & 8 & 9; Acts 15
- 9... Leviticus 10 & 11 & 12; Acts 16
- 10... Leviticus 13 & 14; Acts 17
- 11... Leviticus 15 & 16 & 17; Acts 18
- 12... Leviticus 18 & 19; Psalm 13; Acts 19
- 13... Leviticus 20 & 21 & 22; Acts 20
- 14... Leviticus 23 & 24; Psalm 24; Acts 21
- 15... Leviticus 25; Psalms 25 & 26; Acts 22
- 16... Leviticus 26 & 27; Acts 23
- 17... Numbers 1 & 2; Acts 24
- 18... Numbers 3 & 4; Acts 25
- 19... Numbers 5 & 6; Psalm 22; Acts 26
- 20... Numbers 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27
- 21... Numbers 8 & 9 & 10; Acts 28
- 22... Numbers 11 & 12; Psalm 27; Mark 1
- 23... Numbers 13 & 14; Psalm 90; Mark 2
- 24... Numbers 15 & 16 & 17; Mark 3
- 25... Numbers 18 & 19; Psalm 29; Mark 4
- 26... Numbers 20 & 21; Psalm 28; Mark 5
- 27... Numbers 22 & 23 & 24; Mark 6
- 28... Numbers 25 & 26; Mark 7



Love the Lord  
your God with all  
your heart  
and with  
all your soul  
and with  
all your mind.

MATTHEW 22:37