



ST. LUCAS LANTERN

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

June 2023



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

I recently read an article in a church newsletter entitled: "Who Will Be the Future of the Church?"

It included this brief quiz: Besides God, which

people or groups of people will be the future of the Christian Church?

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

What would your answers be? Certainly, we would include **children**. If they are five or six years old, and the average lifespan is near eighty years, we would certainly expect that they would make up a part of the future of the Church, that is, if they stay in the Church. Unfortunately, things like Holy Communion, weekly worship, and opportunities to grow in the faith meet heavy competition in the culture around us these days.

And who could deny that the **youth** occupy a central position in the future of our congregation and Christianity? Indeed, they will be the future leaders in the church, the pastors, council members, and committee members in the church going forward and the Holy Spirit guides and enables them to use their talents to "go and make disciples of all nations."

Did anyone write in **young adults**? Certainly they will be around and God can mold them for service to His Church and encourage them to raise their own children and bring them to worship not

just dropping them off, teach them to pray, and nourishing them in Word and Sacrament You might have written **middle aged** for many of the same reasons.

But here's an interesting question: Did anyone mention **seniors**? The elderly, the aged? With all the challenges and difficulties, how could the elderly point to the future of this, or any other congregation? Might I suggest that they are aimed toward the future, simply by active participation in our congregational life today. As we read the history of Saint Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church, or any other congregation, we realize that much of our present status and strength is directly related to the faithfulness of our past members. They built our church building, taught our present members, and support our current direction, among many other things. We thank God for our seniors, who are a good proportion of our regular worshippers on Sunday morning and give generously to the Lord's work in this place.

So every member of Saint Lucas, be they young or old, is an essential part of the Body of Christ at Saint Lucas. Let's encourage each other to carry on the Lord's work that has been done by the faithful of every age.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad, President

St. Lucas Ev. Lutheran Church

MEET THE ELDERS:



Hello, My Name, is Travis Lawson, I am a relatively new member at St Lucas. Since joining St Lucas, God continues to guide me and use me to spread the Gospel. I am far from perfect, so please feel free to introduce yourself if you see me. I enjoy spending time with my son playing sports, canoeing, and camping. God bless and I look forward to

meeting you.



ECC: Summer Camp registration is now open. Camp will run from June 5th through July 28th, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please see Laurie Riley or our website for more information.

The toddlers had fun playing in the gym during the rainy days. And the 2's and 3's walked with the infants around the gym.





PARISH NURSE: Parish Nurses are sponsoring a collection for a charity known as *Hand 'N Hand*, a pregnancy help center. 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 June, **we are collecting pacifiers.**



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Mondays: 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/10
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*

"You were made for this moment" is a

five-session video Bible study on the book of Esther. Come learn how the story of

Esther inspires us to step up and stand out for God. Let Mary Bartlow (314.283.0049) know if you are interested in this study so she can make sure we have enough materials for everyone.



BUNCO: We will be playing Bunco in June. Our date is Thursday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Come and bring a friend! Men are welcome.

Our charity this month will be Marygrove. It is a place where children, youth, and families in need have found hope and healing. As one of the largest therapeutic residential treatment programs in the state, they provide a safe home, compassionate care, and high-quality mental health services to children who have experienced significant trauma to restore their childhood and equip them for productive adulthood.

They are requesting paper towels, toilet paper, bleach, shower caps, shampoo/conditioner, personal hygiene products, dryer sheets, board games (ages 10-18), playing cards, arts & crafts supplies and dish towels.

Some bring snacks to share. Both snacks and donations are purely optional.

Please let me know if you plan on attending. Hope to see you June 1. If you are not able to attend, but wish to donate, there is a black & white plaid tote in the back of church where you can put donations.



RED HAT: All ladies - Come to lunch on Sunday, June 11th. Check our weekly e-news for more details.



VBS: is right around the corner. Mark your calendars for June 5-9, from 9:00 a.m. until noon each day. **STELLAR * Shine Jesus' Light** will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

As always, we need lots of volunteers to make this wonderful ministry a success. The volunteers' availability changes each year as jobs/school/circumstances change, and we are especially looking for **volunteers** this year. Please contact Cindy Riley at (314) 249-6036 or at rileyvacation@hotmail.com if you would love to help kids explore the galaxy and learn how Jesus shined his light into our world to bring hope, love, forgiveness, and joy!



Tuesday June 6th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Feed My People Chef's Challenge

Join us on **Tuesday, June 6th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** at Orlando's for our 2023

Chef's Challenge Event.

Sample each chef's entree, prepared using ingredients found in the Feed My People food pantries as they compete to win the title: **"Feed My People: 2023 Chef of the Year!"**

For more information, contact Carrie at **CarrieL@fmpstl.org** or visit website www.feed-my-people.org



LWML CONVENTION: The 2023 LWML

National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 22 - 25, 2023. If

you would like to register for the national Convention, insert the code **dpd** to reduce your registration fee to \$110. This is also the spousal registration fee. There is a childcare program available. Please refer to the convention [Convention Central - Lutheran Women's Missionary League \(lwml.org\)](http://Convention Central - Lutheran Women's Missionary League (lwml.org)) for more information.

The theme of the 40th Biennial Convention is "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations".



MARK YOUR CALENDAR- E-CYCLING EVENT:

What do you have sitting around the house with a cord or battery that is getting in your way of clearing out to make room for new stuff? I know you have accumulated items since our last event which was in 2021! Put everything in a pile and bring it to our E-cycling Event scheduled for **Saturday, August 26 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Most items will be taken at no charge. A list of items appears on the church website (<https://www.stlucascms.org/>) so you can see what kind of things they will accept. Go to the church calendar and click on August 26 to view. This event is sponsored by a grant from Thrivent.

AREA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS:

Ascension Lutheran Church

God's Living Water-Covered in Jesus' Grace

June 12-16 (9 a.m.-12 p.m.)

Timothy Lutheran Church

Gifted, July 17-21

(Dinner at 5:30 p.m. | Evening ends at 8:00 p.m.)

Children can choose activities in Music, Arts, & Sports

A New Link Has Been Added On The St. Lucas Website

A link to our monthly church newsletter has been added to our website at www.stlucascms.org. Got to the tab for Connect and at the very bottom of the list is a link called Newsletters. Currently we have newsletters dating back to January 2023. Pick the month and click on it to be brought to that newsletter. It's just that easy.



June

Date	Early Service	Late Service
June 4	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Stan Shurmantine and Jane Townsend (Usher) Sue Hasselbring (Reader) Lilly Willis (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Dan Arbet (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeter) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Usher) Michael Schuster (Reader) Dalton Costick (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Travis Lawson, Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)
June 11	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Tom & Nicole Buffington, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Rita Zipay (Reader) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steven Kulifay, Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Greeter) Art Matia, (Usher) Nancy Roach (Reader) Zachary Aguado (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
June 18	Phil Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose (Greeter) Judy Willenbrock, Rita Zipay (Usher) Deb Rose (Reader) Lilly Willis (Acolyte) Timothy Adams, Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Robert McNeil (Elder) Dorothy Arbet, Rena Crites (Greeter) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Usher) Stephanie Belko (Reader) Zach Schlesselman (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Dawn Schlesselman, Sue Hasselbring (Shep Watch)
June 25	Deb Rose (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Usher) Bill Bartlow (Reader) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Steve Kulifay, (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Ron & Joan Shebik (Usher) Don Baggett (Reader) Caylin Schlesselamn (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3 – Wyatt Bewig	14 – Kevin Rogers
4 – Tracy Jasper	17 – Tristan Arbet
Gertrude Kedro	Jeffrey Pritchett
5 – Randall Schlesselman	21 – Megan Meyer
7 – Issac Bierman	22 – Brinley Willenbrock
Deborah Bretz	25 – Madelyn Arbet
Simon Grodeon	Thomas Buffington
8 – Raphael Miller	Stephanie McKinney
9 – Margaret Grothe	26 – Amelia Eding
11 – Walker Powell	Sara Schuster
12 – Sheryl Luxen	27 – Teressa Schuster
Barbara Morrison	28 – Joan Shebik
	29 – Summer Grodeon


JUNE ANNIVERSIERS

2 – Earl & Judy Willenbrock	50 years
4 – Steve & Deb Carter	46 years
7 – Ray & Ruth Hrabovsky	37 years
9 – Robert & Jane Mihalevich	50 years
16 – Bill & Joyce Kolnik	61 years
17 – Douglas & Cathy Wooldridge	28 years
18 – Loyd & Kevin Rogers	43 years

Reading Through the Word

JUNE

- 1... Proverbs 19 & 20 & 21; Romans 13
- 2... Proverbs 22 & 23 & 24; Romans 14
- 3... Proverbs 25 & 26 & 27; Romans 15
- 4... Proverbs 28 & 29; Psalm 60; Romans 16
- 5... Proverbs 30 & 31; Psalm 33; Ephesians 1
- 6... Ecclesiastes 1 & 2 & 3; Psalm 45; Ephesians 2
- 7... Ecclesiastes 4 & 5 & 6; Psalm 18; Ephesians 3
- 8... Ecclesiastes 7 & 8 & 9; Ephesians 4
- 9... Ecclesiastes 10 & 11 & 12; Psalm 94; Ephesians 5
- 10... Song of Solomon 1 & 2 & 3 & 4; Ephesians 6
- 11... Song of Solomon 5 & 6 & 7 & 8; Philippians 1
- 12... 1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 10 & 11; Philippians 2
- 13... 1 Kings 13 & 14; 2 Chronicles 12; Philippians 3
- 14... 1 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 13 & 14; Philippians 4
- 15... 1 Kings 16; 2 Chronicles 15 & 16; Colossians 1
- 16... 1 Kings 17 & 18 & 19; Colossians 2
- 17... 1 Kings 20 & 21; 2 Chronicles 17; Colossians 3
- 18... 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18 & 19; Colossians 4
- 19... 2 Kings 1 & 2 & 3; Psalm 82; 1 Timothy 1
- 20... 2 Kings 4 & 5; Psalm 83; 1 Timothy 2
- 21... 2 Kings 6 & 7; 2 Chronicles 20; 1 Timothy 3
- 22... 2 Kings 8 & 9; 2 Chronicles 21; 1 Timothy 4
- 23... 2 Kings 10; 2 Chronicles 22 & 23; 1 Timothy 5
- 24... 2 Kings 11 & 12; 2 Chronicles 24; 1 Timothy 6
- 25... Joel 1 & 2 & 3; 2 Timothy 1
- 26... Jonah 1 & 2 & 3 & 4; 2 Timothy 2
- 27... 2 Kings 13 & 14; 2 Chronicles 25; 2 Timothy 3
- 28... Amos 1 & 2 & 3; Psalm 80; 2 Timothy 4
- 29... Amos 4 & 5 & 6; Psalm 86; Titus 1
- 30... Amos 7 & 8 & 9; Psalm 104; Titus 2



**May the God of hope
fill you all with joy
& peace in believing,
so that by the power
of the Holy Sprit you
may abound in hope.**

**Romans 15:13
ESV**

