



ST. LUCAS LANTERN

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

March 2023



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas,

No one expected it. There was no one, to my knowledge, who believed God would become human and identify with us in our misery. That, however, is the message of Lent. God entered our world to stand with us not against us.

Lent is forty days because Jesus was forty days in the wilderness being tempted by the devil. This trial is a picture of his whole mission, shouldering the human condition, standing with us, not apart from us.

At that time there was a community, where the Dead Sea scrolls were later found, that separated itself from the rest of the world. It saw the world as "us and them". The religious leaders who lived among the people still stood apart from the people and also thought in terms of "us and them". Jesus came and turned everything upside down. He said He came to set the world on fire. He was going to burn down all that set itself against God's true purpose.

God is love, one of his disciples would later write. Another would say, Love bears all things. Where did they get this? From Jesus. The law of Christ is to bear one another's burdens.

Why Lent? Because we need to be reminded of this again and again. It's not natural for us to think like this. It's more natural for us to be against, like the Dead Sea scroll community, like the religious leaders. In our estrangement from God, due to our sin, it is natural for us to think that God's strange work, His wrath, is really his true and proper work. It's hard for us to see his love. We need Jesus to show us again and again that God's true and proper work is His love because he is love.

We also need Lent because we too are called to be for other people, but we can't be for other people if we're just like other people. We have to have something to offer. Holiness is essential.

I invite you to a Lenten observance, not as an obligation but as an opportunity, an opportunity to be renewed in your understanding of how God works, entering into our situation and overcoming it, and an opportunity to be renewed and in your commitment to be more and more like the God, you're coming to know in Christ.

May you see once more, during this Lenten season, the glory of God revealed in the person of Christ, and as you do, may you be changed from one degree of glory to the next.

Lenten blessings!

Phil Miksad, President

St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Remember to set your clocks ahead. Daylight savings time begins **March 12th!**



MEET THE ELDERS: Hello, my name is Ron Shebik. I am one of St. Lucas's seven elders. I am a third-generation member, being baptized, confirmed, and married to Joan for fifty-six years. My grandparents who came from Czechoslovakia on my father's side were one of the founding members of St.

Lucas which was located on Allen St., in St. Louis. I have been retired from Monsanto/Solutia since 2002 and since retirement have occupied a seat on the Board of Directors of First Community Credit Union.

Joan and I had three children. My daughter and her family are members here.

What does it mean to Witness?

Witnessing can be a little bit scary to some of us when it comes to our faith. If the President of the United States asked you to be his ambassador to represent him to another nation, would you be up to the task? Jesus

invites us all to be His ambassadors to the world! He asks us to represent our God, who is holy and loving, who is revealed in the Bible and yet still beyond our ability to understand.



Do we say yes? We must! The more we understand the fullness of the good news of the Gospel, the more we can't help ourselves but to tell everyone (See [2 Corinthian 4:13](#)). Learn more about Witness and the other Christian habits 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.stlucascms.org/all-in/>



Also, please join us for the All-In Discipleship *Coffee Tawlk* discussion on Witness Sunday, March 19th at 9:15 a.m. in the gym at St. Lucas. Hosted by Pastor Mark and Randall Schlesselman, it will be a casual, informal, and friendly discussion on what it means to witness in our world today. As

always, there will be a light breakfast served! You won't want to miss it!



ECC

The children enjoyed Valentine's Day

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



RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Guild Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Wednesday March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

and Thursday March 16, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Thursday is \$1.00 a bag.

Set- up will begin Monday evening, March 13, 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



PARISH NURSE: The 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 March, we are collecting baby socks for the Hand 'N Hand ministry.



SCHEDULE FOR LENT

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.



EASTER LILIES: Easter lilies are ordered for Easter to beautify our altar. Sign the sheet in the back of church for 1 or more lilies.

They are \$10 each and can be taken home after the 1030am Easter worship service.

Give the cash or check to Nancy Roach, Jane Mihalevich, Sue Hasselbring or Joyce Kolnik.

Make checks payable to St. Lucas Women's Guild.

St. Lucas Women's Guild



EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Easter and the Eggstravaganza are just around the corner. On 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 through Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. You may also bring your plastic eggs and candy donations in early in 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.



BINGO This month it's on March 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room! \$5.00 to play. Come one, come all - we have great fun, some people even bring snacks. Our

charity this month is Brenden's Friday Backpacks. The School provides breakfast and lunch for children of families that struggle, but on the week-ends it's a different story - there may not be enough food to eat, so food is sent home with the child every Friday. They serve over 1,400 children in 68 schools on a weekly basis during the school year. Spring break is also coming up which will present another issue. They are requesting single-serve, non-perishable, kid-friendly foods such as canned soup & pasta, pudding or fruit cups, plastic jars of peanut butter (16 oz. size), granola bars, single serve cereal, trail mix, fruit snacks. These must be opened without a can opener. Snacks and donations are purely optional. Please contact Sharon Majoros (sharon.m3845@yahoo.com) if you plan on attending.



March

Date	Early Service	Late Service
March 1	Lent Midweek Service	Rober McNeil (Elder) Dorothy Arbet (Greeter) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Barrett Taylor (Reader) Vivian Kramer (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech)
March 5	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Sue Hasselbring (Reader) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Ron & Joan Shebik (Usher) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Vivian Kramer (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Travis Lawson, Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)
March 8	Lent Midweek Service	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) Art Matia, Ken Ely (Usher) Nancy Roach (Reader) Riley Roper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech)
March 12	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Usher) Rita Zipay (Reader) Lillian Willis (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Steven Kulifay (Video Tech)	Dan Arbet (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Usher) Nancy Roach (Reader) Tracy Jasper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
March 15	Lent Midweek Service	Ron Shebik (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Ron & Joan Shebik (Usher) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Tracy Jasper (Acolyte) Steven Kulifay (Video Tech)

March 19	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Deb Rose (Reader) Timothy Adams, (Acolyte) Timothy Adams, Steven Kulifay (Video Tech)	Laurie Ely (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Art Matia, Ken Ely (Usher) Michael Schuster (Reader) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Dawn Schlesselman, Sue Hasselbring (Shep Watch)
March 22	Lent Midweek Service	Dan Arbet (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Robert McNiel (Usher) Robert McNiel (Reader) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech)
March 26	Deb Rose (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose (Greeter) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Bill Bartlow (Reader) Lillian Willis (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams, (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeter) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Usher) Nancy Roach (Reader) Dalton Costick (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Sharon Pritchett (Shep Watch)
March 29	Lent Midweek Service	Phil Miksad (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Usher) Art Matia (Reader) Zachary Schlesselman (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech)



Easter is the principal festival of the Christian Church that celebrates the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Please consider celebrating this year with a gift to our church in support of the continuing and growing ministries here at St. Lucas. You are blessed by God so that you can be a blessing to others.



WOL Restaurant Night

At Chipotle (on Hampton)

March 21st, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Flyer needed for in person

ordering or this code for online ordering: **LDJDWAQ**

Set Apart to Serve: Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

We would appreciate receiving all responses by March 15. All responses are completely anonymous and confidential. If you have any questions, please reach out to the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-THE LCMS (843-5267) or infocenter@lcms.org.



BOOKS: Looking for something of worth to read?

Check out the library in the multipurpose room. Lots of good titles and authors waiting for you to peruse.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Mason Venegoni	14 – Sharon Majoros
Stella McKinney	16 – Amanda Kube
5 – Jason Christopher	Daniel Riley
Debbie Intagliata	18 – Dylan Bewig
7 – Bridgid Miller	22 – Rita Zipay
9 – Sean Bartlow	23 – Marge Hennessy
Judy Willenbrock	Joyce Kolnik
11 – Lily Gamble	Larry Pritchett
12 – Kathleen Aumann	25 – Ruth Hrabovsky
Rachel Larson	26 – Daniel Elze
Sharon Pritchett	Valerie Weerts
Jacob Willis	29 – Mattenhausen
13 – Terri Howell	30 – Art Matia
Nadia Lee	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1 – John & Kathy Christopher	43 years
3 – Ryan & Stephanie McKinney	11 years
23 – John & Rebecca Brewer	27 years
30 – Christopher & Michelle Currie	27 years

Reading Through the Word

MARCH

- 1... Numbers 27 & 28 & 29; Mark 8
- 2... Numbers 30 & 31; Mark 9
- 3... Numbers 32 & 33; Mark 10
- 4... Numbers 34 & 35 & 36; Mark 11
- 5... Deuteronomy 1 & 2; Mark 12
- 6... Deuteronomy 3 & 4; Psalm 36; Mark 13
- 7... Deuteronomy 5 & 6; Psalm 43; Mark 14
- 8... Deuteronomy 7 & 8 & 9; Mark 15
- 9... Deuteronomy 10 & 11 & 12; Mark 16
- 10... Deuteronomy 13 & 14 & 15; Galatians 1
- 11... Deuteronomy 16 & 17 & 18; Psalm 38; Galatians 2
- 12... Deuteronomy 19 & 20 & 21; Galatians 3
- 13... Deuteronomy 22 & 23 & 24; Galatians 4
- 14... Deuteronomy 25 & 26 & 27; Galatians 5
- 15... Deuteronomy 28 & 29; Galatians 6
- 16... Deuteronomy 30 & 31; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1
- 17... Deuteronomy 32 & 33 & 34; 1 Corinthians 2
- 18... Joshua 1 & 2; Psalm 37; 1 Corinthians 3
- 19... Joshua 3 & 4 & 5 & 6; 1 Corinthians 4
- 20... Joshua 7 & 8; Psalm 69; 1 Corinthians 5
- 21... Joshua 9 & 10 & 11; 1 Corinthians 6
- 22... Joshua 12 & 13 & 14; 1 Corinthians 7
- 23... Joshua 15 & 16 & 17; 1 Corinthians 8
- 24... Joshua 18 & 19 & 20; 1 Corinthians 9
- 25... Joshua 21 & 22; Psalm 47; 1 Corinthians 10
- 26... Joshua 23 & 24; Psalm 44; 1 Corinthians 11
- 27... Judges 1 & 2 & 3; 1 Corinthians 12
- 28... Judges 4 & 5; Psalms 39 & 41; 1 Corinthians 13
- 29... Judges 6 & 7; Psalm 52; 1 Corinthians 14
- 30... Judges 8; Psalm 42; 1 Corinthians 15
- 31... Judges 9 & 10; Psalm 49; 1 Corinthians 16