



ST. LUCAS LANTERN
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
We Bring People to Christ, Nurture People in
Christ, and Equip People for Christ
May 2023



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

This past April has been an eventful and meaningful time for our congregation. From the fellowship of Lenten suppers and midweek services preparing us for Holy Week and Easter, to the Maundy Thursday service reminding us that we truly receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus in the Sacrament, to the poignant and moving Tenebrae service on Good Friday, where the last words of our Savior as He hung on the cross brought home the message of forgiveness and redemption in the completed work of our Lord Jesus for our salvation. Three days later we went to the tomb with the women, Peter and the other disciple, and found it empty. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! What a blessing it was on Easter to welcome the Sesay family into the Lord's family through Holy Baptism!

Thank you to all those who made these worship experiences possible, especially Mark Dunajcik, Tyler Simmons, the choir and praise team, the readers, and presenters, those who provided special music, and all those who served in any capacity to enrich and make possible our Lenten and Easter services. Special thanks also to those who gave special gifts for Easter.

In the month of May, the Church experiences another transition according to the Church year calendar. We celebrate Jesus' Ascension on May 14 and the Day of Pentecost on May 28. Throughout the season of Pentecost, the Church remembers that

she and her members live a new life in God's Son through the Holy Spirit.

In chapter 2 of the Book of Acts, Peter gives a sermon proclaiming God's plan of salvation in Christ. The day he gives this sermon is the Day of Pentecost. At the end of his proclamation the people ask this question: "Brothers, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) Peter responds, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

As we look forward to the summer months of "life in the Spirit" of God's forgiven, let's consider how to keep the Easter joy and grow in our Christian faith and in our boldness to "give a reason for the hope that we have with all gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad, President

St. Lucas Ev. Lutheran Church



MEET THE ELDERS:

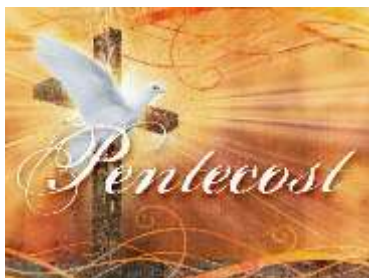
I am Bill Bartlow, and I am an elder at St. Lucas. I have been fixing things for a long time and I am getting close to retirement. My hobbies are reading, golf, fishing, and computer games. I really enjoy running the sound board at church. I also enjoy online bible studies.



ECC: Summer Camp registration is now open. Camp will run 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 2's and 3's painted using a carrot stick for their paintbrush.



REACTIONS TO PENTECOST

ACCOUNT: In preparation for preaching on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, Seminarian Tyler Simmons is asking for your input. Please read Acts 2:1-21 and respond to a link available in the our weekly E-news.

There are no wrong answers, the goal is to get an idea for how this passage impacts people, today. Feel free to share this form with friends/family, the more feedback the better! If you have any questions or want to discuss this passage in more depth, please feel free to contact Tyler at: tsimmons2492@gmail.com



What should we as Christians encourage?

God's Word calls us to encourage one another and to build each other up. However, as we all struggle with our sinful nature, it may not be as easy as it sounds. God calls us to love and forgive each other but the devil is all too happy to sow discord, strife and even hatred in the church. How can we practice the Christian habit of Encouragement in our lives?

- By loving and forgiving each other.
- By having conversations that matter.
- By building one another up.
- By not going along with bad behavior.
- By handling personal concerns according to God's good order.

Learn more about how Encouragement works 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 Tawl*k discussion on Encouragement, Sunday, May 21st at 9:15 a.m. in the gym at St. Lucas. Hosted by Randall Schlesselman and Pastor Larson, it will be a casual, informal, and friendly discussion on what it means to be an *All-In* Encourager. As always, there will be a light breakfast served! You won't want to miss it!



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 May, we are collecting sippy cups.



EASTER LILIES: Thank you to those who donated Easter lilies.

Judi & Robert Newman, *in memory of Vilma & Charles Prokop*

Nancy Kramer

Bob McNiel

Jim & Barb Morrison

Carl Mincemeyer

Nancy Roach, *in memory of Tom Roach*



It's impossible to sufficiently express our thanks to God and the dedicated volunteers, too numerous to mention, who made our Holy Week observances so well-done and meaningful.

All our worship services and other events required so much hard work and dedication; St. Lucas met the challenge. We are blessed with great talent and the willingness to use it for Christ's Kingdom.

We thank:

- Our musicians and other participants and volunteers for using their gifts to enhance our worship services.
- The outreach workers and elders, who made scores of contacts to encourage attendance.
- The volunteers at the Egg Hunt for a fabulous event, and
- The Men's Club for the delicious breakfast and many others!

Pastor Larson



BINGO: Bingo this month - May 4 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Come and bring a friend (or 2). Both men & women are invited to attend! The cost is \$5.00 to play. Our charity this month is Covenant House. They are requesting shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, body wash (all full size), combs & brushes, cleaning products (bleach, dryer sheets), men's and women's underwear (all sizes), and kitchen towels. Some people bring snacks to share. Both donations and snacks are optional.

If you aren't planning on attending but would like to make a donation, there is a tote bag in the back of church marked for Covenant House.



RED HAT: **All ladies** - Come to lunch on Sunday, May 21st. We will meet after the late service (approximately 11:30) and head to El Catrin Mexican

Restaurant. This is only about a block away from church so most will be able to walk there. It would be wonderful if we had a large group - it is so much fun to fellowship with other ladies! Feel free to bring others - they don't have to be members of St. Lucas to enjoy being together.

Please let Sharon Majoros know if you plan on attending - sharon.m3845@yahoo.com or (314) 922-4678.



SAVE THE DATES! Vacation Bible School

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!

Word Of Life RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER: May 18, 2023, from 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at Panera, located 6607 Chippewa. For more information check out flyers in church narthex.



Mark your calendar for other community events

Wednesday May 3rd *Lutheran South Ground Breaking* 11:00 a.m.

Friday May 5, *Lutheran South Baby sitting for*

Cinco de Mayo 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday May 10th *Salem Lutheran Church Rummage and Bake Sale* 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday May 11th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Check out their websites or posted flyers, for more details.

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



You are invited to attend the LWML - SELC District Spring Rally at Zion Lutheran Church in Norridge, Illinois on Saturday, May 20, 2023. The registration will be at 9:30 a.m. with a Coffee Hour. The cost is \$6.00.

The schedule is as follows:

10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Bible study presented by Rev. Michael Croon

11:00 a.m. Discussion on future plans and question and answer period on how the LWML - SELC operates.

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Ingathering of *Gifts from the Heart* for a Veterans' Home. These include men's tee shirts, L, white crew socks, diabetic socks, medium and large boxer shorts, handkerchiefs, and large print playing cards.

We hope that you will be able to join us. Please contact Sharron Schademann with the number that will be attending from your church. Sharron's number is (847) 814-6660 or s.schademann@icloud.net by May 1st.

Monthly LWML -SELC District Zoom Bible Study

May 18th at 9:30 a.m. (CDT) Here's the link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4183825364>

We will be studying *Alive in God's Word* by Sheri Miller using the Lutheran Women's Quarterly, Spring 2023 Edition, pages 18-19.

Invite a friend. Get to know other SELC District women from other SELC District zones.



May

Date	Early Service	Late Service
May 7	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic Townsend (Reader) Lillian Willis (Acolyte) Timothy Adams, Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Deb Rose (Comm Setup) Dan Arbet (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Usher) Travis Lawson (Reader) Tracey Jasper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Liz Kurtz ((Shep Watch)
May 14	Barb Baranovic (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Usher) Joyce Kolnik (Reader) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steven Kulifay, Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeter) Art Matia, Ken Ely (Usher) Art Matia (Reader) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Dawn Schlesselman, Sue Hasselbring (Shep Watch)
May 21	Phil Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose (Greeter) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic Townsend (Usher) Steven Kulifay (Reader) Lillian Willis (Acolyte) Timothy Adams, Steven Kulifay (Video Tech)	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Robert McNiel (Elder) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Greeter) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Usher) Robert McNiel (Reader) Dalton Costick (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Sharon Pritchett (Shep Watch)
May 28	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Sharon Majoros (Reader) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams, (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Dorothy Arbet, Rena Crites (Greeter) Ron & Joan Shebik (Usher) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Zachary Aguado (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)



MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Claire Baggett Karen Boehm Phan Thi Qe Le	7 – Niki Christopher 8 – Donald Bretz 12 – Vivian Kramer 13 – Lawrence Pirtle 14 – Douglas Wooldridge 15 – Makena Currie 19 – Bayley Morgan Thomas Kurtz
3 – Bradshaw Poe 4 – Ronald Shebik 5 – Cole Hoyt Leo Lawson Riley Roper	25 – Ruth Brooks Linda Leggitt
6 – Paula Lee	

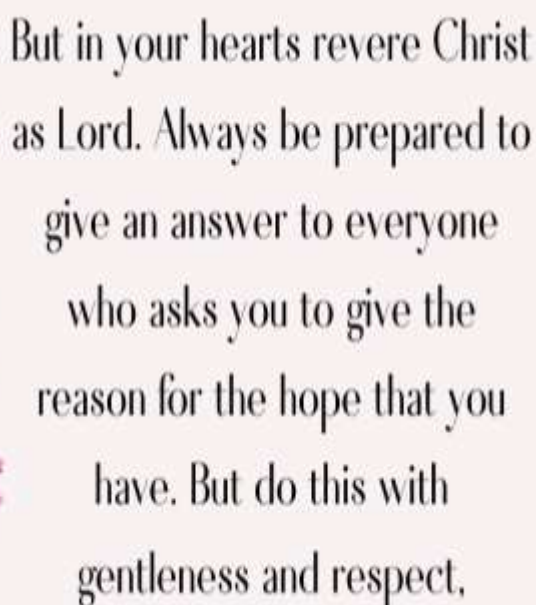
MAY ANNIVERSIERS

2 – Mike & Katie Murphy	2 years
3 – Cory & Valerie Weerts	4 years
5 – Warren & Nita Huffines	60 years
11 – Mike & Barbara Baranovic	55 years
14 – Don & Karen Boehm	57 years
16 – Steve & Margaret Melton	9 years
23 – Bill & Mary Bartlow	31 years
24 – Mark & Diane Dymond	37 years
26 – Dan & Jill Arbet	11 years
28 – Ron & Joan Shebik	57 years

Reading Through the Word

MAY

- 1... 1 Chronicles 14 & 15; Psalm 132; Matthew 18
- 2... 1 Chronicles 16; Psalm 106; Matthew 19
- 3... 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 2; Matthew 20
- 4... 2 Samuel 8 & 9; 1 Chronicles 18; Matthew 21
- 5... 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19 & 20; Psalm 20; Matthew 22
- 6... 2 Samuel 11 & 12; Psalm 51; Matthew 23
- 7... 2 Samuel 13 & 14; Matthew 24
- 8... 2 Samuel 15 & 16; Psalm 32; Matthew 25
- 9... 2 Samuel 17; Psalm 71; Matthew 26
- 10... 2 Samuel 18; Psalm 56; Matthew 27
- 11... 2 Samuel 19 & 20; Psalm 55; Matthew 28
- 12... 2 Samuel 21 & 22 & 23; 1 Thessalonians 1
- 13... 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21; Psalm 30; 1 Thessalonians 2
- 14... 1 Chronicles 22 & 23 & 24; 1 Thessalonians 3
- 15... 1 Chronicles 25 & 26 & 27; 1 Thessalonians 4
- 16... 1 Kings 1; 1 Chronicles 28; Psalm 91; 1 Thessalonians 5
- 17... 1 Kings 2; 1 Chronicles 29; Psalm 95; 2 Thessalonians 1
- 18... 1 Kings 3; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 78; 2 Thessalonians 2
- 19... 1 Kings 4 & 5; 2 Chronicles 2; Psalm 101; 2 Thessalonians 3
- 20... 1 Kings 6; 2 Chronicles 3; Psalm 97; Romans 1
- 21... 1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4; Psalm 98; Romans 2
- 22... 1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5; Psalm 99; Romans 3
- 23... 2 Chronicles 6 & 7; Psalm 135; Romans 4
- 24... 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8; Psalm 136; Romans 5
- 25... 1 Kings 10 & 11; 2 Chronicles 9; Romans 6
- 26... Proverbs 1 & 2 & 3; Romans 7
- 27... Proverbs 4 & 5 & 6; Romans 8
- 28... Proverbs 7 & 8 & 9; Romans 9
- 29... Proverbs 10 & 11 & 12; Romans 10
- 30... Proverbs 13 & 14 & 15; Romans 11
- 31... Proverbs 16 & 17 & 18; Romans 12

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as Lord. Always be prepared to
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1 PETER 3:15

