



ST. LUCAS LANTERN

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

August 2023



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

A note from the President I read an interesting article about our "summer mindset" written by Jon Piper of Desiring God. I'd like to share some of these thoughts with you.

Jesus Christ is refreshing. Fleeing from Him into Christless leisure makes the soul parched. At first it may feel like freedom and fun to skimp on prayer and neglect the Word. But then we pay: shallowness, powerlessness, vulnerability to sin, preoccupation with trifles, superficial relationships, and a frightening loss of interest in worship and the things of the Spirit.

Don't let summer make your soul shrivel. God made summer as a foretaste of heaven, not a substitute. (Yes, even summer in Saint Louis!) If the mailman brings you a love letter from your fiancé, don't fall in love with the mailman. That's what summer is: God's messenger with a sun-soaked, tree-green, flower-blooming, lake-glistening letter of love to show us what He is planning for us in the age to come – "things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered into the heart of man, God prepared for those who love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9) Don't fall in love with the video preview, and find yourself unable to love the coming reality.

Jesus Christ is the refreshing center of summer. He is pre-eminent in all things (Colossians 1:18) including vacations and picnics and softball, the long walks and cookouts. He invites us this summer: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) This is a serious summer refreshment.

Do we want it? That is the question. Christ gives Himself to us in proportion to how much we want His refreshment. "You will seek me and find me, when you seek Me with all your heart."

Peter's word to us about this is: "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19). Repentance is not just turning away from sin, but also turning toward the Lord with hearts open and expectant and submissive.

What sort of summer mindset is this? It is the mindset of Colossians 3:1-2: "If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things above, not on the things that are on earth."

In the summer the earth is very much with us. And it is God's earth! But it is all just a prelude to the real drama of heaven. It is a forecast of the real banquet. It is a video preview to the reality of what the eternal summer will be like when "the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb" (Revelation 21:23). So you see, the summer sun is a mere pointer to the *sun* that will be: the glory of God. Summer is for seeing and showing that. Will we have eyes to see? Do you want to have eyes to see? Lord, let us see the light beyond the light. Seek that this summer? May God bless the rest of your summer!

Yours in Christ,
Phil Miksad, President,
St. Lucas Ev. Lutheran Church

COLLEGE STUDENT BLESSING SUNDAY: Our college students are heading off to campus soon. Join us on August 6, at both services to recognize and to pray for God's blessings on the new school year. If you know a student to be included, please invite them. For them to be listed in the bulletin, send a picture, name and details to the [church office](#) before August 2.



ATTENTION ST. LUCAS MEMBERS:

The *All-In Discipleship* team is working on a new series of *Coffee-Tawks* scheduled to start this fall. We would like to get your input on the selection of the discussion topics. Please go to our website at stlucaslcms.org/aidsurvey and provide your feedback by taking a brief survey covering a list of proposed topics you would like us to cover related to Discipleship. Thank you in advance for your participation and help!



ECC: The St. Louis Zoo came for a demonstration of Active Animals.





THANK YOU: Thank You
for Your Gifts from the
Heart

At each convention, Lutheran Women in Mission share the love of Christ with others through their donations to Gifts from the Heart. We give thanks to God for the generosity and support shown to these ministries as the following items were collected at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee:

Phil's Friends:

Puzzle books: 2293
Journals: 1268
Playing Cards: 1576
Fuzzy Socks: 1097
Hats: 2545
Hygiene Items: 95
Note Cards: 1240
Items Dropped off at Phil's friends Booth: 919
Finished Cards of Hope: 227
Total Gift Cards/Checks/Cash: \$16,296

A Place of Refuge:

Cases of Hygiene and Children's Items: 90
Total Gift Cards/Checks/Cash: \$26, 793

MOST Ministries

Eyeglasses: 10,510
Eye Glass Cases: 7051
Gifts Cards/Checks/Cash: \$75

Orphan Grain Train

Quilts/Blankets: 1449
Hygiene Kits: 1317

School Kits: 24
Layette Kits: 7
Gifts Cards/Checks/Cash: \$25

Orphan Grain Train (Local Site Drop-off)

Quilts/Blankets: 629
Hygiene Kits: 469
Lap Robes: 28



BUNCO: This month will be Bunco! The date is August 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. The cost is \$5.00 to play.

Our charity will be Helping Hand Me Downs. They are requesting basic hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.) as well as baby hygiene items (Johnson & Johnson wash, diaper cream, baby powder, etc.) Some ladies bring snacks to share but both snacks and charity items are purely optional. Let me know if you plan on attending. Thanks. Sharon Majoros, (314) 922-4678 or sharon.m3845@yahoo.com.

If you don't wish to or can't participate but would like to make a donation, there is a black & white checked tote in the back of church for collections.



YOUTH EVENT: We are excited to be holding our second summer youth event where we will go bowling. There are still some details to be ironed out, but the plan is to meet after the late service and do some bowling and Bible study on August 6. Keep a look out in the e-news

and church announcements for more details in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you there! Check E-news for more information.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: *August 13th*

As school resumes this fall, all students and teachers (public and parochial) are invited to a "blessing of the backpacks" to pray for God's blessings on the new school year. Bring your backpack for the event.

We especially pray for teachers in the St. Lucas community as school begins:

- Kayla Bretz, Buder Elementary
- Tom Buffington, MICDS
- Camille Carroll
- Diane Dymond, Styx
- Don Howell, Mehville
- Terry Howell, WOL
- Katelyn Hoyt, St. Lucas ECC
- Lisa Larson, CCLS
- Rachel Larson, Immanuel, Olivette
- Nicole McReynolds, WOL Preschool
- Laurie Riley, St. Lucas ECC
- Dawn Schlesselman, WOL



MARK YOUR CALENDAR- E-CYCLING EVENT:

St. Lucas will be hosting a Recycling Event on Saturday, August 26 from 9 to 11 a.m. There are flyers in the back of church if you would like a list of the type of things that they will accept. Please feel free to pick up a copy. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Majoros, (314) 922-4678 or sharon.m3845@yahoo.com.



WOL VOLLEYBALL CAR WASH: Need a car wash? Want to support a great group of middle schoolers and their pursuit of volleyball? Join us on **Saturday, August**

26, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., at church front drive. The girls' and boys' volleyball players are ready to wash your car! Donations are accepted and will directly support the program. Thank you!



Dinner

THE WURST IS YET TO COME": The Men's Club annual "Brat & Kraut" Dinner will be held Sunday, September 24, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. As in past years, this family-style feast is prepared and served to your table by the members of the Club. The menu includes the finest Bratwurst in St. Louis, as well as sauerkraut, green beans, new red potatoes,

applesauce, coffee, and dessert. A child's plate, which consists of a hot dog, potato, and applesauce, will be available if your child doesn't care for the menu items. Carry-outs will also be available. Adults \$12.00 Children \$5.00. Proceeds from the dinners, in the past have supported church youth programs, and the Scholarship Fund. Also, many necessary items for St. Lucas have been purchased with the money. Please mark this date on your calendars. We look forward to serving you. **COME ONE, COME ALL!!**



SLOVAK FESTIVAL: Slovak Festival, Saturday November 4, 2023. Another Festival is coming and as usual, a lot of help is needed for the baking and cooking, plus the day of the Festival.

Please write the following dates on your calendar and help as you can.

Baking days:

Saturday, October 7, make dough for the filled cookies / roscky starting at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 15, 1:00 p.m. roll and bake filled cookies / roscky.

Wednesday, October 25, make dough, roll, fill and bake stollens starting at 8:00 a.m.

Cooking or Prep:

Sunday, October 29, prep cabbage, starting time, to be announced.

Wednesday, November 1, chop onions, wipe and wrap forks and knives, and other jobs, some can be done sitting. Start chopping onions at 8:00 a.m. for other jobs, come at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 1, set up tables, chairs and booths, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, make cabbage rolls, cover booths, wipe off tables and chairs and other jobs. To roll cabbage rolls, come at 9am. For cooking rice, etc.. come at 8:00 a.m.

Friday, November 3, cook chicken, put roscky on trays and wrap. Finish setting up gym.

Saturday, November 4 - Slovak Festival 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come and learn how to make pastries, chicken paprikash and cabbage rolls.

Thank you,

Slovak Festival Committee



St. Lucas helps Feed My People with donations from our members. In the month of August, we are asking for any kind of donation, canned goods, personal products, etc. Feed My People provides these items to their clients, as needed.



Volunteers are needed at the High Ridge Location. Contact Mary Hettenhausen at 636-677-9885 if you would like to volunteer.

LWML "LET'S MEET" BIBLE STUDY:

Here is the new schedule for the LWML "Let's Meet" Bible Study:
Time: 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada) 9:30 a.m. Central Time, every month on the Third Thursday, until Nov 16, 2023.
Aug.17, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Sep. 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Invite Link (This is the link for the Bible Study:) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84746607019?pwd=V2t5a1BPQjFnUzJGRzRiS1ZVVVJsQT09> Hope to "zee" you there.

WEEKLY E-NEWS & MONTHLY NEWSLETTER NOW ONLINE

The monthly St. Lucas Lantern, and weekly e-news has been added to our website at www.stlucascms.org. Go to the Connect tab. At the bottom of the list is a link called "Newsletters." Pick the month and click on it to be brought to that newsletter. It's just that easy.



AUGUST

Date	Early Service	Late Service
AUG 6	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Tom & Nicole Buffington, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Joyce Kolnik (Reader) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay , Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Deb Rose (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Art Matia, (Usher) Art Matia, (Reader) Dalton Costick (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Dawn Schlesselman, Sue Hasselbring ((Shep Watch)
AUG 13	Barb Baranovic (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose (Greeter) Judy Willenbrock, Rita Zipay (Usher) Steve Kulifay (Reader) Lilly Willis (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay , Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Robert McNeil (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Usher) Robert McNeil (Reader) Zackary Aquado (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Caylin Schlesselman, (Shep Watch)
AUG 20	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Usher) Sharon Majoros (Reader) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Timothy Adams, Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Ron & Joan Shebik (Usher) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Zach Schlesselman (Acolyte) Nora Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)
AUG 27	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymon (Greeter) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic Townsend (Usher) June Wooldridge (Reader) Lilly Willis (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Steve Kulifay, (Video Tech)	Dan Arbet (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeter) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Usher) Nancy Roach (Reader) Caylin Schlesselman (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Dawn Schlesselman, Sue Hasselbring (Shep Watch)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 – Sara Ladenberger	21 – Deborah Carter
3 – Stacey Wellman	22 – Zachary Aguado
7 – Lutheran Willis	23 – Vlasta Pritchett
9 – Jill Arbet	24 – Thomas Kramer
11 – Amy Kube	25 – Elizabeth Kurtz
14 – Jasmine Adams	26 – Adrianne Grossius
Carl Maulhardt	Ava Grossius
Justin Perry	27 – Phillip Lee
19 – Jared Intagliata	28 – Katie Murphy
20 – Doris Banks	

AUGUST ANNIVERSIERS

20 – Frank & Barb Schmaltz	38 years
22 – Jerry & Marilyn Hrabovsky	41 years
25 – Stan Shurmantine & Jane Townsend	6 years
29 – Mark & Kristine Aguado	22 years
Donald & Debbie Bretz	31 years
Michael & Janice Taylor	43 years



Reading Through the Word

AUGUST

- 1 ... Isaiah 65 & 66; Psalm 62; John 3
- 2 ... 2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33; John 4
- 3 ... Nahum 1 & 2 & 3; John 5
- 4 ... 2 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 34; John 6
- 5 ... 2 Kings 23; 2 Chronicles 35; John 7
- 6 ... Habakkuk 1 & 2 & 3; John 8
- 7 ... Zephaniah 1 & 2 & 3; John 9
- 8 ... Jeremiah 1 & 2; John 10
- 9 ... Jeremiah 3 & 4; John 11
- 10 ... Jeremiah 5 & 6; John 12
- 11 ... Jeremiah 7 & 8 & 9; John 13
- 12 ... Jeremiah 10 & 11 & 12; John 14
- 13 ... Jeremiah 13 & 14 & 15; John 15
- 14 ... Jeremiah 16 & 17; Psalm 96; John 16
- 15 ... Jeremiah 18 & 19 & 20; Psalm 93; John 17
- 16 ... 2Kings 24; Jeremiah 22; Psalm 112; John 18
- 17 ... Jeremiah 23 & 24 & 25; John 19
- 18 ... Jeremiah 26 & 35 & 36; John 20
- 19 ... Jeremiah 45 & 46 & 47; Psalm 105; John 21
- 20 ... Jeremiah 48 & 49; Psalm 67; 1 John 1
- 21 ... Jeremiah 21 & 24 & 27; Psalm 118; 1 John 2
- 22 ... Jeremiah 28 & 29 & 30; 1 John 3
- 23 ... Jeremiah 31 & 32; 1 John 4
- 24 ... Jeremiah 33 & 34; Psalm 74; 1 John 5
- 25 ... Jeremiah 37 & 38 & 39; Psalm 79; 2 John
- 26 ... Jeremiah 50 & 51; 3 John
- 27 ... Jeremiah 52; Revelation 1; Psalms 143 & 144
- 28 ... Ezekiel 1 & 2 & 3; Revelation 2
- 29 ... Ezekiel 4 & 5 & 6 & 7; Revelation 3
- 30 ... Ezekiel 8 & 9 & 10 & 11; Revelation 4
- 31 ... Ezekiel 12 & 13 & 14; Revelation 5