



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



Dear Friends and Family of Saint Lucas:

In his beautiful book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands.

A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm.

The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want."

She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

It's September again, and as such it's a time that we begin to look ahead as a congregation. We look ahead to our Sunday School Kickoff on September 10th. We will be getting together on that day with all our Sunday School, Faith for Life, High School Bible class and Sunday Bible Class to look ahead to the new school/Bible Class year and to thank God for the opportunity to continue to grow in His Word.

We look ahead to the Men's Club Brat Dinner on September 24th, and we encourage everyone to support our Men's Club and congregation at this terrific dinner and opportunity for fellowship.

We look ahead to our annual Stewardship program and the Joy in the Journey Pledge drive. I know you will find it inspiring and we know that it is one more way that we can plan and look ahead to 2024 as a church family.

We look ahead to the many worship opportunities, special events, and shared family experiences in the coming year.

No matter what we are looking forward to in the weeks and months ahead, we are sure of this one thing. We know that we can look ahead with all confidence because we know that "the Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want." And that's all we need as well.

Looking ahead in Christ,

Phil Miksad, President,



ATTENTION ST. LUCAS MEMBERS:

The *All-In Discipleship* team is working on a new series of *Coffee-Talks* scheduled to start September 17. 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!



WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS: Starts September 11, 10:00 a.m. Join us as we discover the "Gospel Truth" about Mary Magdalene (a not-so-bad-girl of the Bible) through the author Liz Curtis Higgs.

This will be a four-week Bible study on the following Mondays: Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Contact Mary Bartlow to sign up for this class at (314) 283-0049 or email her at billandmary@msn.com.

Be sure to bring a teacup and a saucer to the first class.



JOY IN THE JOURNEY:

Greetings to our family at St. Lucas.

September is traditionally the month in which we turn our eyes and thoughts to what will be possible at St. Lucas in the coming year. We prayerfully consider how our God-given gifts of time, talents, and treasure will express our

worship of God and be used to support the ministries in our church and community. But which of these three gifts is most important to God?

The phrase "Time, Talents, and Treasure" is often used in Christian circles to describe the three things that people can give to their church and community. This phrase is not new and has been used since at least 1845. It is possible that the phrase comes from the Parable of the Good Samaritan where he gave his time to help the man; he used his talents to tend to the man's wounds and he gave his money (treasure) to pay for the man's lodging.

TIME

The New Testament calls every Christian to care for fellow church members in ways that require us to spend time generously. We are called to provide for our families, to care for young children in our home and to study God's word.

TALENT

Every Christian possesses some gift of talent. There are gifts that seem mundane: service, mercy, helping, administering. God has arranged the body of Christ so that every member needs the others. The body of Christ needs every gift of the Spirit in order to grow and bring others to the love of Christ. One example of a spiritual gift in our church is our staff and Church Council and the volunteers that

they lead. We should always remember that these gifts of the Spirit are meant to be used to build each other up.

TREASURE

Our earthly wealth is important especially when it is given from a cheerful heart and invested in the body of Christ. Throughout the New Testament, we see that Christians are characterized by giving generously to provide for one another's material needs.

You are probably thinking right now that treasure is the greatest God-given gift, that writing out a check each week gets you off the hook for time and talent. God has given us all some measure of time, talents, and treasures. He wants us to turn a spiritual profit on ALL of it. And He has told us to invest in the body of Christ.

Where will you start your journey? How much joy will you be able to handle?

May our God bless you richly as together we find Joy in the Journey.

The Stewardship Committee



ECC: We had six children go off to preschool this year, but three are still at our campus attending Word of Life Preschool.



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.

Sep. 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Nov. 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m.



BINGO: We will be playing Bingo this month on September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. The cost is \$5.00 to play - bring a friend (or 2)! Our charity this month is

H.E.R.O.E.S Care, which is an organization that supports the military and their families before, during and after deployment. They are requesting cereal. Some people bring snacks to share but both snacks and donations are purely optional. If you have questions, please contact Sharon Majoros (314)-922-4678 or sharon.m3845@yahoo.com.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a contribution, there is a black & white tote in the back of church.

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 announce our next youth event will be on September 10th immediately following the late service. We will be watching *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* in the Youth room located in the basement of the church. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Afterward, we will take our Bible quiz (with prizes) and discuss some of the Christian themes seen

throughout the movie. As always, all youth and their families are welcome to participate in this event. Please sign up on line for this event so we can order the appropriate amount of pizza. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bratwurst 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!!**



FALL RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Guild Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for Wednesday October 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Thursday October 12, from 9:00 to

11:00 a.m. Thursday is \$1.00 a bag.

Set-up will begin Monday evening, October 9, after 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Help is welcomed at any of these times.

Bring your clean, useable clothing, shoes, household items, books, toys, small, lightweight furniture, and hardware starting September 17. Please, no computers, monitors or other old electronics.

St. Lucas Women's Guild



QUARTER AUCTION

(To Benefit the ECC)

October 28, 2023

The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the auction begins at 7:00 p.m. The admission is \$10.00 and includes one auction paddle. A golden paddle admission is \$40.00.

Over 100 items will be auctioned worth over \$3000.00. Free soft drinks and nacho bar. No reservations required but highly suggested. Call Mary at (314) 283-0049 or email at mary.bartlow@stlucaslcms.org

Additional basket donations are most appreciated.



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.

This year Joe Polach will be playing at the Slovak Fest.

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

Thank you,

Slovak Festival Committee

The St Lucas Women's Guild will again hold a Resale Bazaar in conjunction with the Slovakfest on Saturday, November 4, 2023. The Resale Bazaar hours will be 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Available for purchase will be Christmas seasonal items, books, white elephants, linens, household decor, jewelry, bakery and homemade confections, items, handbags and more! Plan to do your Christmas shopping/browsing before or after you enjoy food and music at the Slovakfest in the Gymnasium!

Bakery items and other donations are welcome! Thank you.



WORD OF LIFE RESTAURANT NIGHT:

Tuesday September 12, All day, 11:00 a.m.

– 9:00 p.m. at Smoking Barrels BBQ, 5641

S. Kingshighway. No Flyers needed.



St. Lucas helps Feed My People with donations from our members. In the month of September, 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.

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.





SEPTEMBER

Date	Early Service	Late Service
SEPT. 3	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Sue Hasselbring (Reader) Tom & Nicole Buffington, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Deb Rose (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Dorothy Arbet, Rena Crites (Greeter) Michael Schuster, (Reader) Art Matia, Kenneth Ely (Usher) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Nancy Kramer(Shep Watch)
SEPT. 10	Barb Baranovic (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose (Greeter) Rita Zipay (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Lilly Willis (Acolyte) Timothy Adams, Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Robert McNeil (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Nancy Roach (Reader) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Usher) Zackary Aquado (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Travis Lawson , Caylin Schlesselman, (Shep Watch)
SEPT. 17	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) Deb Rose (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Steve Kulifay, (Video Tech)	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) Don Baggett (Reader) Ron & Joan Shebik (Usher) Zach Schlesselman (Acolyte) Nora Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
SEPT. 24	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymon (Greeter) Bill Bartlow (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Usher) Lilly Willis (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Stephan Belko (Reader) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Usher) Caylin Schlesselman (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Sue Hasselbring (Shep Watch)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Taylor McKinney Hunter Melton	18 – Carol Miksad Nicholas Riley
3 – Benjamin Kedro	19 – Laura Morrison
6 – James Morrison	20 – Timothy Adams
7 – William Bartlow	22 – Mary Bartlow Warren Huffines
8 – Michelle Currie Scott Koth Stan Shurmantine	Robert Sadlon
9 – Mellissa Moore	23 – Jessica Arbet Michael Burns Laura Hertel
11 – James Miller Hannah Simmons	24 – Tyler Simmons
12 – Allan Belko	25 – Ronald Solovic
13 – Rachel Vajda	26 – Megan Currie Jerry Hrabovsky
14 – Justin Schuster	29 – Ruth Simmons Lisa Larson
16 – Christopher Perry	30 – Sydney Kuhnert
17 – Taylor Carmichael Dorothy Fahrenkamp Earl Willenbrock Jr.	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSIERS

1 – Earl Jr. & Amy Willenbrock	23 years
7 – Larry & Vicki Pritchett	60 years
18 – Dan & Lisa Eding	5 years
18 – Adam & Melissa Moore	25 years

Reading Through the Word

SEPTEMBER

- 1... Ezekiel 15 & 16; Psalm 70; Revelation 6
- 2... Ezekiel 17 & 18 & 19; Revelation 7
- 3... Ezekiel 20 & 21; Psalm 111; Revelation 8
- 4... Ezekiel 22 & 23 & 24; Revelation 9
- 5... Ezekiel 25 & 26 & 27 & 28; Revelation 10
- 6... Ezekiel 29 & 30 & 31 & 32; Revelation 11
- 7... 1 Kings 25; 2 Chronicles 36; Jeremiah 40 & 41; Revelation 12
- 8... Jeremiah 42 & 43 & 44; Psalm 48; Revelation 13
- 9... Lamentations 1 & 2; Obadiah; Revelation 14
- 10... Lamentations 3 & 4 & 5; Revelation 15
- 11... Daniel 1 & 2; Psalm 87; Revelation 16
- 12... Daniel 3 & 4; Psalm 81; Revelation 17
- 13... Ezekiel 33 & 34 & 35; Revelation 18
- 14... Ezekiel 36 & 37; Psalm 110; Revelation 19
- 15... Ezekiel 38 & 39; Psalm 145; Revelation 20
- 16... Ezekiel 40 & 41; Psalm 128; Revelation 21
- 17... Ezekiel 42 & 43 & 44; Revelation 22
- 18... Ezekiel 45 & 46; Luke 1
- 19... Ezekiel 47 & 48; Luke 2
- 20... Daniel 5 & 6; Psalm 130; Luke 3
- 21... Daniel 7 & 8; Psalm 137; Luke 4
- 22... Daniel 9 & 10; Psalm 123; Luke 5
- 23... Daniel 11 & 12; Luke 6
- 24... Ezra 1; Psalms 84 & 85; Luke 7
- 25... Ezra 2 & 3; Luke 8
- 26... Ezra 4; Psalms 113 & 127; Luke 9
- 27... Haggai 1 & 2; Psalm 129; Luke 10
- 28... Zechariah 1 & 2 & 3; Luke 11
- 29... Zechariah 4 & 5 & 6; Luke 12
- 30... Zechariah 7 & 8 & 9; Luke 13