



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



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

Who packs your parachute?

Charles Plum, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was a jet fighter pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a Communist prison. He survived that ordeal and now lectures about lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!"

Plumb assured him, "It sure did – if your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform – a Dixie cup hat, a bib in the back, and bell bottom trousers. I wondered how many times I might have passed him on the Kitty Hawk. I wondered how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?,' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot, and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute? Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day."

Take time out to encourage and thank the people who provide the parachutes in your life.

When I read the above story this week, I thought to myself how appropriate it is for this month. Because, among other things happening in October, it is also Clergy Appreciation Month. As a congregation, we have been blessed with a Pastor who is faithful to the Word, and who shares the love of Christ with each person he comes into contact with, myself included. Why not take a moment of time this month to express that appreciation to Pastor Larson in one way or another? A blessed October to each of you!

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

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH:

During the month of October, we will remember again God's call for us to be His stewards. We will share thoughts each week leading to Celebration Sunday on October 24. Both services will be centered around celebrating that everything we have comes from God. Stewardship is the belief that God owns everything and that we are to care for and use the gifts as He sees fit. Stewardship is also about being grateful and generous with those gifts.

Pledging for 2024 opens October 1. The "Joy in the Journey" Pledge cards will be available to be completed and placed in a Stewardship Committee envelope, to be collected at each of the Celebration Services.

JOY IN THE JOURNEY

St. Lucas Pledge Card

In grateful recognition that all we have, receive, and enjoy comes from God, I now pledge my contributions in support of Christ's Church.

2023-2024

Name _____
(Print Name) (Last Name)

For the General Fund
Weekly: \$ _____ Monthly: \$ _____ Other: \$ _____
(For all ministries including: worship, education, outreach, missions and pastoral services)

☐ Check one if this pledge is a gift (12%) of your annual income

For the Major Repairs - For non-budgeted church care, unexpected repairs and upkeep
Weekly: \$ _____ Monthly: \$ _____

For Lutheran School Tuition
Weekly: \$ _____ Monthly: \$ _____

For Approved Special Projects
Weekly: \$ _____ Monthly: \$ _____

Signature: _____

This commitment may be adjusted by presenting your request to the Stewardship Director.



You will also be able to pledge electronically at the St. Lucas Giving Portal by using this link, <http://www.stlucaslcms.org/financial-commitment-form>, or by scanning this QR Code:



TASTE OF ST. LOUIS: *October 19, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.*

What is it? Delicious! A wide selection of restaurants from the St. Louis area will be gathered in the St. Lucas gym to share the finest they have to offer. For \$25, you can sample as many as you like for a filling meal.

This event is sponsored by the parents of our Lutheran school families (BASIC) to assist with tuition costs.



COFFEE-TAWLK: *Joyous giving - trusting in God's promise that when we give joyfully, His blessings will overflow*

We have a God that is in the multiplication business! His math is entirely different than our math – He takes what we offer and turns it into more than we can ever imagine. With God at the helm, we can be generous; we don't need to worry that God will stop providing for us. We trust His promise to take care of us; He will multiply the bread and fish just as He did in [Luke 9:16-17](#) when we put our trust in Him. When we give to the Lord, He brings forth an abundance.

The theme for this year's series of *Coffee-Tawls* is "Finding Joy in the Journey". Please join us for this All-In Discipleship discussion on Sunday, October 15th at 9:15 a.m. in the gym at St. Lucas. Hosted by Carol Miksad, it will be a casual, informal, and friendly discussion on what it means to be a *Joyful* Giver. As always, there will be a light breakfast served! You won't want to miss it!



ECC: We have started on our fall projects and introducing the letters A, B, C, and D. Please help support the ECC playground by attending the Quarter Auction on Oct. 28, or by donating items for the auction.





BUNCO will be on October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room. \$5.00 to play. Come and bring a friend. We have lots of fun! Our charity this month is Healing Action which provides direct services to adult survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in the Saint Louis region. Healing Action was founded to fill in gaps in care when exiting the life of commercial sexual exploitation and addiction. With a focus on trauma-informed, survivor-centered care, Healing Action strives to fulfill their vision of a community free from exploitation. Missouri rank 15th in the country for human trafficking hotline calls. Education, awareness, and support for survivors are crucial to addressing this issue. They are requesting personal care items including period supplies.

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



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



ALL SAINTS DAY COMMEMORATION: We will be commemorating those who have gone before us to heaven during our worship on **November 5**. We will be glad to list the names of those who have departed in the faith in the E-News. Please submit those whom you would like to be remember in this

way to the church office by **October 24th**. Only the names of members of St. Lucas and other loved ones who have passed away since last All Saints Day will be read aloud.



TRUNK 'R TREAT: *October 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.*

Don your favorite costume and join us for the annual *Trunk 'R Treat* in the church packing lot. There will be treats, prizes, and much more. This event is co-sponsored by Word of Life Lutheran School and the St. Lucas Early Childhood Center.

QUARTER AUCTION

(To Benefit the ECC)

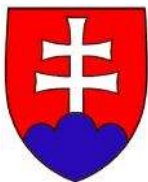
October 28, 2023



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 9:00 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.



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.

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

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



CEMETERY CLEAN UP: The Concordia

Cemetery Committee and Christ Memorial Group have invited the

members of St. Lucas to aid in a clean-up of the Concordia Cemetery (located at 4209 Bates, 3 blocks east of Bates and Morganford).

The group will assemble on the morning of Saturday, October 7th, at 9:00 a.m. near the utility building at the cemetery entry. All workers are invited to a pizza lunch following the cleanup (about 11:30 a.m.). The Concordia Cemetery has had a long history with St. Lucas.



WORD OF LIFE RESTAURANT

NIGHT: Tuesday October 10, All day, at JJ Twig's Pizza & Pub. Located 5600 Hampton Ave
No Flyers needed



Congratulations Word of Life Family!

Word of Life was voted Best Private School!

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch Headliner Awards)

We are grateful for what the Lord is doing at Word of Life!



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



GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!: And BASIC would like to help you with all your gift card needs. All proceeds go to assisting in Christian education.

A list of local merchants that we either have or can get quickly for your gift card giving convenience is available in the narthex and will be available in the weekly E-News. There are also hundreds of other retailers available. Please see Bill Bartlow for other information and for denominations. Call (314) 283-0049 with your order or email billandmary@msn.com. Please get your orders in before December 15th.



October

Date	Early Service	Late Service
OCT. 1	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Joyce Bruss (Reader) Tom Buffington, Nicole Buffington, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Robert McNeil (Elder) Warren Huffines, Nita Huffines (Greeter) Kayla Barnes (Reader) Art Matia, Kenneth Ely (Usher) Johnny Bewig (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)
OCT. 8	Jane Mihalevich (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose (Greeter) Mary Bartlow (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Lilly Willis (Acolyte) Steven Kulifay, Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Greeter) Laura Hertel (Reader) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Usher) Riley Roper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)
OCT. 15	Phillip Miksad (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) Pat Carlton (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Timothy Adams, Steven Kulifay (Video Tech)	Laurie Ely (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Kenneth Ely (Greeter) Tom Kramer (Reader) Ron Shebik, Joan Shebik (Usher) Sydney Kuhnert (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
OCT. 22	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Phillip Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Tom Buffington, Nicole Buffington (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Lilly Willis (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Robert McNeil (Elder) Dorothy Arbet, Rena Crites (Greeter) Travis Lawson (Reader) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Usher) Tracy Jasper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)

OCT. 29	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Steven Kulifay (Reader) Tom Buffington, Nicole Buffington, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steven Kulifay, Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Art Matia (Reader) Art Matia, Kenneth Ely (Usher) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Travis Lawson, Sue Hasselbring (Shep Watch)



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 – Dalton Costick | 19 – Lydia Kwiatkowski |
| 6 – Ashley Bierman | Benjamin Lee |
| Kathy Christopher | Janice Taylor |
| 7 – Nancy Roach | 22 – John Christopher |
| 9 – Monica Johnny | 23 – Jibril Sesay |
| Lynn Pirtle | 26 – Chayse Coco |
| 10 – Raymond Hrabovsky | 27 – Ella Gibbar |
| 15 – Margaret Adams | William Kolnik |
| Kendall Morgan | Christiana Zipay |
| 16 – Norah Kramer | 28 – Jason Gambill |
| Stacey Powell | Michael Hrabovsky |
| 17 – Melissa Miller | 29 – Timothy Gallo |
| Maise Morrison | 30 – Betty Warner |
| | 31 – Adam Belko |
| | Joan Lowery |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSIERS

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| 4 – Zach & Lisa Gibbar | 15 years |
| 10 – Lawrence & Lynn Pirtle | 42 years |
| 12 – Mark & Lisa Larson | 27 years |
| Brad & Megan Meyer | 4 years |
| 16 – Sean & Jenna Bartlow | 3 years |
| 21 – John & Laura Hertel | 28 years |

Reading Through the Word

OCTOBER

- 1... Zechariah 10 & 11 & 12; Psalm 126; Luke 14
- 2... Zechariah 13 & 14; Psalms 147 & 134; Luke 15
- 3... Ezra 5 & 6; Psalm 138; Luke 16
- 4... Esther 1 & 2; Psalm 150; Luke 17
- 5... Esther 3 & 4 & 5 & 6; Luke 18
- 6... Esther 7 & 8 & 9 & 10; Luke 19
- 7... Ezra 7 & 8; Luke 20
- 8... Ezra 9 & 10; Psalm 131; Luke 21
- 9... Nehemiah 1 & 2; Psalm 133; Luke 22
- 10... Nehemiah 3 & 4; Luke 23
- 11... Nehemiah 5 & 6; Psalm 146; Luke 24
- 12... Nehemiah 7 & 8; Acts 1
- 13... Nehemiah 9 & 10; Acts 2
- 14... Nehemiah 11 & 12; Psalm 1; Acts 3
- 15... Nehemiah 13; Malachi 1 & 2; Acts 4
- 16... Malachi 3 & 4; Psalm 148; Acts 5
- 17... Job 1 & 2; Acts 6 & 7
- 18... Job 3 & 4; Acts 8 & 9
- 19... Job 5; Psalm 108; Acts 10 & 11
- 20... Job 6 & 7 & 8; Acts 12
- 21... Job 9 & 10; Acts 13 & 14
- 22... Job 11 & 12; Acts 15 & 16
- 23... Job 13 & 14; Acts 17 & 18
- 24... Job 15; Acts 19 & 20
- 25... Job 16; Acts 21 & 22 & 23
- 26... Job 17; Acts 24 & 25 & 26
- 27... Job 18; Psalm 114; Acts 27 & 28
- 28... Job 19; Mark 1 & 2
- 29... Job 20; Mark 3 & 4
- 30... Job 21; Mark 5 & 6
- 31... Job 22; Mark 7 & 8