



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



Dear Friends and Family of Saint Lucas:

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! 1 Chronicles

16:34

Well, November is here. It is that time of year again when we start hearing calls to be thankful. These calls to be more thankful don't just come from churches. The entire unbelieving society around us is suddenly trying to be thankful. Christians and non-Christians alike get caught up in being more thankful. What is interesting, though, is that God, who is truly the Giver of all good things, is often nowhere to be seen in all of this "thankfulness." For example, Fall is the time when all kinds of Thanksgiving themed movies start popping up. There are romantic movies on the Hallmark Channel about being thankful for all the "little things in life." You know the type: a man and woman have a chance encounter and suddenly become more thankful for the little things in life like orange tipped leaves on trees. But, as a Christian, do you know "who" is absent in all that thankfulness for the little things? God is absent (even though God is the maker of those trees). Another example is a practice Christians and non-Christians alike will do around the Thanksgiving table. Families will often take turns going around the Thanksgiving table saying what they are thankful for. Some of the responses from little children are adorable. A five-year-old may be thankful for their pet rabbit. Very cute to be sure, but is God given credit for making the rabbit? When it comes to the adults,

they may offer more thoughtful observations. A husband may look at his wife and heap praises of thankfulness upon her as she blushes, but sadly, God is not mentioned even in the slightest as the One who gave them marriage in the first place. A kind grandmother may be thankful she recovered from a recent illness, but she fails to attribute that good fortune to God who is the healer of all. Where is God when we consider being “thankful” this time of year? Is He the source of your thankfulness or, like many in the unbelieving world, is He absent? God doesn’t have to be absent. He wants to be involved in every aspect of your life and your giving of thanks. God is the One who tipped the trees with bright orange and to Him we can give thanks. God is the One who gave us our bunnies and to Him we can give thanks. God is the One who gives us marriage and preserves our health and to Him we can give thanks. Most importantly, it is God who chose to redeem us, to buy us back from the Fall into Sin for all eternity through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and for that we can give thanks to God every single day! Blessings to you all this Thanksgiving, as we all have much for which to be thankful.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad, President

St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday November 5th

Remember to set your clocks back!



COFFEE-TAWLK: *Dealing with down days – resting in God's promises during times of despair, disappointment, and discouragement*

When we are discouraged, in despair, or disappointed, sometimes we lose our motivation to press forward.

The mountain seems too steep, the valley too dark, or the battle too fierce, and we lose the courage to continue. In many places throughout Scripture, God commands His people to take courage ([Psalm 27:14](#) ; [Deuteronomy 31:6](#)). When God selected Joshua to replace Moses as the leader of the Israelites, some of His first words to Joshua were “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go” -(Joshua 1:9).

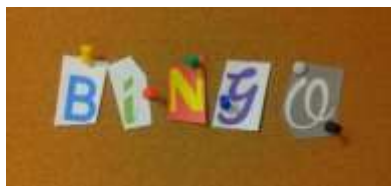
The apostle Paul knew firsthand what despair was like. Yet he wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:8, “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair.”

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, November 19th at 9:15 a.m. in the gym at St. Lucas. Hosted by Rev. Warren Huffines, it will be a casual, informal, and friendly discussion on how we should look to God when things aren't going our way. As always, there will be a light breakfast served! You won't want to miss it!



ECC: The 2's and 3's had sensory play with crushed graham crackers. We are looking for someone to work on Wednesdays and Fridays.





BINGO: Come join the fun on Thursday, November 2! \$5.00 to play. Our charity this month is St. Patrick's Center, and they are asking

for men & women's socks, gloves, caps & scarves. Some people bring snacks to share but snacks and donations are purely optional. Looking forward to seeing you on the 2nd!

If you are not able to attend but wish to donate, there is a black & white plaid tote in the back of church where you can leave your donation.



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

We are serving generous size, delicious Cabbage Rolls, and tasty Chicken Paprikash. All meals come with homemade fresh dumplings, green beans with onions

and ham pieces, Paprikash sauce, bread, margarine, coffee, hot or iced tea and dessert. Meals start at \$12.00 to \$18.00.

If you can't help the day of the Festival, come and buy a meal. Help is need:

Wednesday, November 1, Start chopping onions at 8:00 a.m. for other jobs, come at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 1, set up 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, starting 8:00 a.m.

Friday, November 3, starting 9:00 a.m.

The Bazaar will be held in the entrance area to Church. Lots of inexpensive but lovely items to purchase for Christmas gifts, and baked items as well. This is a project to raise money for non-budgeted items for the Church building. The latest items purchased with Slovak Festival funds are the new gym lights and all the new gym. Thank you to all who helped with the baking, cooking, setting up the gym and the many other jobs that needed to be accomplished. Everyone's work was greatly appreciated.

St. Lucas 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, 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.



LCEF is able to support churches, church workers, and ministries of the LCMS with below-market loans, which save our ministries and workers thousands of dollars each month. This, in turn, allows them to do more ministry with the money God blesses them with. To learn how investors are a great blessing to the Church, go to LCEF.org to check out this video with LCEF CEO Bart Day.

VETERANS DAY: Veterans Day is observed on Saturday, November 11th. In our Sunday worship on November 12th, which will be both in person and livestreamed, we will honor our Veterans and pray for our active-duty members. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces that we might not be aware of, please notify the church office so that we can include them in our prayers.

Carol Miksad is preparing a special display which will be set up in the narthex on that day. You will be able to take home a toy soldier to place somewhere in your home or office to remind you to keep our service members in your prayers each day. Everyone is encouraged to do so. God bless America and God bless our military.

YOUTH JUDGED CHILI COOKOFF: The cold weather is rolling in and you know what that means: it's time for Chili! We will be holding a Chili Cookoff event in the church gym immediately following the late service on Sunday, November 12th. The youth will be judging this chili cookoff and all members of the congregation are invited to participate. The top three winners will receive bragging rights and a small prize! Not a fan of making chili? No problem, if you would like to come, feel free to bring a side that would go with chili, instead. We would love to have the whole congregation participate in this fun event, even if you aren't able to bring anything with you, we want to fellowship with you! Please contact Tyler Simmons, **Simmonst@csl.edu** so we can get an idea of who is coming. We look forward to seeing you there!



POINSETTIAS: The Women's Guild will be ordering 14 Poinsettias for the Altar for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services..

We would appreciate members to sign the sheet to place an order for one or more plants. The Poinsettias can be taken home or given as a gift after Christmas Day service.

The price will be announced at a later date.

The order sheet will be in the back of Church after Thanksgiving.

Thank you.

The St. Lucas Women's Guild



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.



TOYS FOR CHILDREN: Sometimes life is not kind to people. An accident at work, a layoff, sickness, a mistake with the law can put a burden on a family. What would Christmas be like for children if they would not get presents? St. Lucas Men's Club is collecting toys for distressed children and giving them to Feed My People for distribution. Give unwrapped new toys and place them in the collection box in the narthex of the church by Sunday December 17th. Thank You!



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



November

Date	Early Service	Late Service
NOV. 5	Phillip Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose (Greeter) Joyce Kolnik (Reader) Judy Willenbrock Sharon Majoros (Ushers) Timothy Adams, Steven Kulifay (Video Tech)	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) Robert McNeil (Reader) Laurie Riley, Sherri Luxen (Usher) Zachary Aguado (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)

NOV. 12	Deb Rose (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Ron and Joan Shebik (Usher) Zach Schlesselman (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Caylin Schlesselman, Nancy Kramer (Shep Watch)
NOV. 19	Phillip Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Sharon Majoros (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Ushers) (Video Tech)	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Warren and Nita Huffines (Greeters) Michael Schuster (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Usher) Johnny Bewig (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)
NOV. 23	THANKSGIVING	Robert McNiel (Elder) Joyce Kolnik, Deb Rose (Greeter) Don Baggett (Reader) Robert McNiel (Usher) Zach Schlesselman (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)
NOV. 26	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Reader) Tom and Nicole Buffington, Sharon Majoros (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steven Kulifay, Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Sherri Luxen (Greeter) Nancy Roach (Reader) Art Matia, Kenneth Ely (Usher) Caylin Schlesselman (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)



Special Holiday Services

*Please join us for these special celebrations in
November and December*

Thanksgiving Celebration

Thursday, November 23 - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays of Advent

Join us December 6, 13 and 20 for the activities below.

6:00 – 6:45p.m. – Light meal (free will offering)

7:00p.m -- Advent Services

7:45p.m. – Choir Practice

Christmas Services

Dec. 24th Morning, 9 a.m. (one service)

Christmas Eve Service -- 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service - December 25th, 9:00 a.m. (Communion)

New Year's Day, Regular Sunday Services (No Sunday School)

The St. Lucas Church Council is scheduling three service opportunities
for the upcoming Advent Season.

All interested individuals, couples, families, and church groups are
invited to prepare and serve an Advent meal prior to the weekly
Advent Service. These meals are served at 6:00 p.m. The dates are
December 6, 13 and 20.

Please contact Phil or Carol Miksad to schedule one of these meals.

Many of you already know the JOY of volunteering to share an
Advent meal with your church family!





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Nichlos Hrabovsky	20 – Don Boehm
3 – Lincoln Shackelford	Brian Dunajcik
7 – Leslie Werner	21 – Stephen Carter
8 – Pastor Mark Larson	22 – Elisa Bierman
9 – Rose Henry	23 – Mary Hettenhausen
10 – Sue Hasselbring	24 – Hailey Hettenhausen
Shawn Rogers	Angel Jasper
13 – Dennis Dunajcik	26 – Chase Salisbury
Diane Dymond	27 – Eileen Barry
Lisa Eding	Marilyn Hrabovsky
14 – David Werner	Rachel Lindsey
15 – Adam Moore	28 – Katelyn Hoyt
17 – Sue Buffington	30 – Robert Beeson
Amy Willenbrock	Jenna Leggitt

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSIERS

10 – Dan & Laurie Riley	33 years
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Please check Bulletin Board above the refreshment table for more local events.

Reading Through the Word

NOVEMBER

- 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

