



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



By the time you're reading this, the holiday season will have passed, and now we face the reality of wintry temperatures in January.

Let's just say this is not the favorite time of year for everyone. Dressing in coat and gloves and stocking cap to clear the driveway is not one of our favorite activities. Snow blowing in our face leaves something to be desired.

We place several bird feeders on the deck and in the yard to serve the local wildlife. Yesterday, cardinals, juncos, chickadees, sparrows, and bluebirds all dined on our bird seed. I encourage you to place feeders in your yard. I know squirrels and possum also consume what the birds drop on the ground. That's fine with me. They need to eat too. We are all in this life together.

I have thought about what we call the New Year.

Time takes its toll on us. The holidays reminded me that time has had its way with me. I will be another year older this spring. Too many years will be both a blessing and a reminder of our mortality.

Every year brings both the fortunate and unfortunate to us. I suppose none of this makes much sense to young folks. For them every year is a new opportunity and a time for growth. A new year means more. But when you reach a certain age your perspective on time changes. We learn to treasure all time, whether good or bad. Some time is better than no time at all.

The purpose of my message is to remind our members not to take anything for granted. No one can predict what will happen in the next few minutes let alone the next year. Value your time and do not waste any of it. Invest your time wisely in activities that produce beneficial results for yourself and your loved ones.

Finally, let us resolve as a congregation to use our time together to reflect God's greater purpose for us. Care for one another, even the birds at your feeder. Treat all time as precious. Resolve to bring about good and let the bad and sorrowful go, but with reflection on the meaning of what occurred. We move into the new year with a faith that will produce blessings and keep us attuned to the changes time will bring. Take care and may God bless you, your loved ones, and our congregation.

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



INCLEMENT WEATHER: Winter weather will soon be upon us, which raises questions about church activities. Please note that cancellation of worship services will be very rare. Even in inclement weather, services will normally be held for those who are able to safely attend. While many drive some distance to church, St. Lucas also has many members who live nearby and

even walk to church. In bad weather, everyone, including staff and musicians, are encouraged to use their best judgment if it is safe for them to attend. If you determine that it is not safe for you to attend worship, be sure to worship God through our livestreamed services.



JANUARY COFFEE-TAWLK: *Putting the Bible into practice – applying God’s word to everyday life.*

In this hectic world where everything seems to be topsy turvy and upside down, how do we keep God’s Word in the center of our lives? Sometimes just speaking a simple passage of scripture in the morning when we awaken like Psalm 23:1-3 can help focus our minds on the upcoming day. Reminding us, that when we have Him at the center, we really lack nothing. Putting a favorite scripture verse in your home or at your workplace where you will see it often can be another way to remind us of His great steadfastness and love for us.

The theme for the current series of *Coffee-Tawls* is “Finding Joy in the Journey”. Please join us for this All-In Discipleship discussion on Sunday, January 21st at 9:15 a.m. in the gym at St. Lucas. Hosted by Randall Schlesselman and Travis Lawson, it will be a casual, informal, and friendly discussion on things we can do to keep worldly distractions at bay, and instead put God in the center of our daily lives. As always, there will be a light breakfast served! Why not start 2024 off by joining us for this important discussion? Looking forward to seeing all of you there!



THANK YOU: The St. Lucas Men’s Club wishes to thank the generous members of St. Lucas for donations to our Christmas Toy collection. Eight huge bags of toys were given to “Feed My People. ”



ECC: The children were very excited for Christmas. We had breakfast with St. Nicholas on December 10. The toddlers, 2's, and 3's-colored ornaments and placed them on the Christmas Tree. We also had a pajama day where everyone wore PJs to school even the teachers.





POINSETTIA PLANTS: Thank you to those who donated poinsettias

Kathleen Moffett, *In memory of John Moffett & Matt Moffett*, **Bill & Joyce Kolnik**, *In Memory of Parents*, **Maggie Adams, John & Connie**

Simmons, Robert McNiel, Barb & Jim Morrison, Vicki Walters, *In memory of Andy & Eleanora Walters*, **Don & Karen Boehm, Cindy Riley**

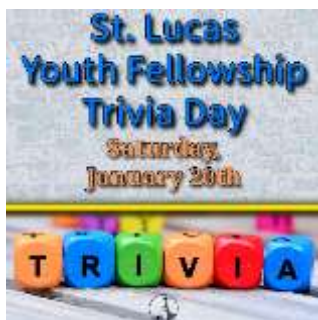
St. Lucas Women's Guild



BUNCO: Come one, come all (men & women) - January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room. \$5.00 to play. Our charity this month is St. Louis Area Diaper Bank. They are requesting diapers - preemie to 5T pullups (they will also take open

packages. They also are requesting tampons & pads. Some people bring snacks to share. Both snacks and donations are purely voluntary. If you are unable to play but wish to donate, there is a black & white tote in the back of church for donations. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Sharon Majoros

SHUT IN GREETING CARDS: Come join us on January 20th at 10:00 a.m. to assemble greeting cards for St. Lucas Shut ins. We will be making Valentine, Easter, and Birthday cards. The cards will be prepared and will only need to be assembled. Please contact Mary Bartlow, (314) 283-0049 or email at mary.bartlow@stlucaslcms.org Kathy Christopher, (314) 351-2628 or email officeofstlucas@yahoo.com, if you will attend.



ST. LUCAS YOUTH TRIVIA

FELLOWSHIP TRIVIA DAY: Can you answer this question for a chance to win a prize? Where can you go to have the most fun on January 20th? If you answered "At St. Lucas, putting my Bible trivia knowledge to the test", then you are correct! Our next Saint Lucas Youth Fellowship event will be held on January

20th at noon, where two teams of youth will put their Bible knowledge to the test. For this event, it pays to study because every member of the winning team will receive a Ted Drewes gift card! We will be providing lunch for this event and would love to see all youth and youth families there! Youth 6th grade and older are welcome to compete. Any congregational members who would like to come out for this event to support the youth and enjoy the competition are welcome to join. There is a Google sign up link in the E-news to fill out a form so teams can be assigned. I will send a general topic guide for the event for your youth to study to whichever email you provide in the google form! We look forward to seeing everyone there!



ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR 2024: As activity increases at St. Lucas, space is not always available. Ministry leaders please fill out a meeting room reservation form (found in the back of church) for

2023. This includes EVERYONE! Elders, ECC, Coffee-Tawk, and Youth, Women's Guild, Men's Club, Council, etc. and get them to me as soon as possible. No form - no reservation! We have to do it that way so as not to double up on meetings in the same location. Please place completed forms in the Trustee mail slot in the Narthex. *Thanks, Sharon Majoros*



BASIC BINGO: To Support St. Lucas BASIC - Come Have Fun and Win Prizes!!!

Please join us Saturday February 3, 2024 @ St. Lucas Evangelical

Lutheran Church for a fun evening of Bingo, Raffle baskets, 50/50 and other games to win prizes!

All proceeds go to support Christian Education for students attending Word of Life Lutheran School and Lutheran High School South!!!

Doors open @ 6:00 p.m. and Bingo Starts @7:00 p.m.

Single Tickets \$25.00 or a table of 8 for \$200

Bring food and drinks for your table! Soda and chips will be complimentary!

For tickets please contact:

Nancy Kramer at (314) 580-4298 nancyhighway61@yahoo.com

Stacy Bewig at (314) 391-3785 stacyl0215@gmail.com

Stacey Wellman at (314) 297-7456 dswellman@live.com

Liz Kurtz at emdunsford@att.net

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TRIVIA IS BACK: Save the date. March 23 at the St Lucas gym. To benefit shade for the ECC playground.

Doors open at 6 pm. Trivia starts at 7 pm.

\$20 per table. Maximum of 8 to a table.

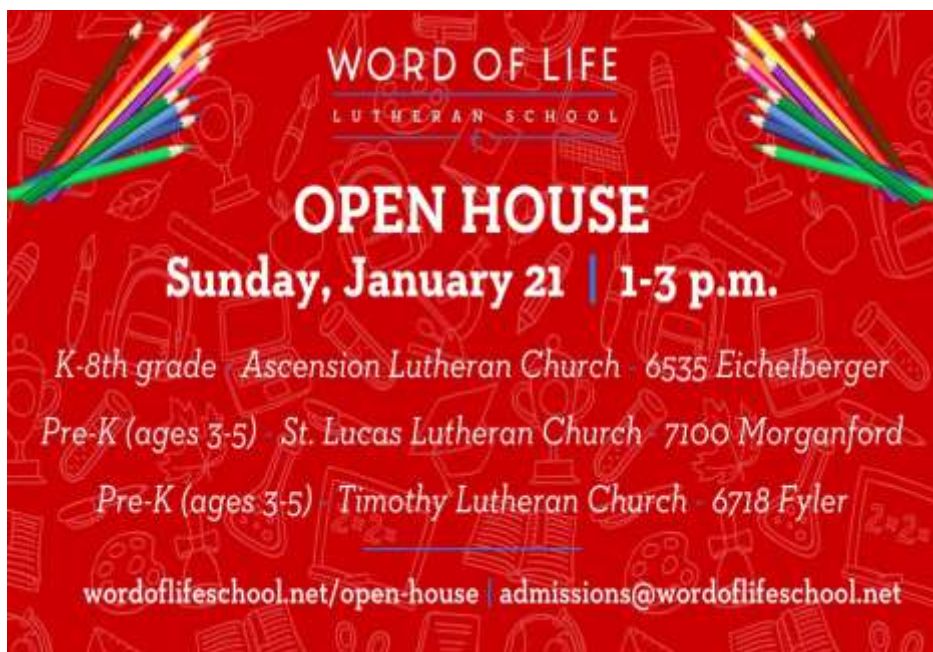
Call Mary Bartlow @ (314) 283-0049 or email

at mary.bartlow@stlucascms.org for ?s or to reserve your table.

PUBLICITY: If you want assistance publicizing your ministry activity, please contact Stan Shurmantine at sshumantine@gmail.com

GREETING CARDS: Greeting cards are available. There are birthdays, thank you, sympathy, get well cards, gift card holders and more. Personalized cards can be made. Proceeds go to the **Approved Special Projects Fund**. Thank you for all the who have purchased this past year. \$175.00 was donated to Approved Special Projects. For more information contact Kathy Christopher (314) 351-2628 or officeofstlucas@yahoo.com.

Please check the Bulletin Board above the refreshment table for more local events.

A red poster for Word of Life Lutheran School's Open House. The background is red with faint white line drawings of school supplies like pencils, pens, paper, and a ruler. At the top, "WORD OF LIFE" is written in white, with "LUTHERAN SCHOOL" in smaller white letters below it. In the center, "OPEN HOUSE" is written in large, bold, white letters. Below that, "Sunday, January 21 | 1-3 p.m." is written in white. At the bottom, three lines of white text list the locations: "K-8th grade Ascension Lutheran Church 6535 Eichelberger", "Pre-K (ages 3-5) St. Lucas Lutheran Church 7100 Morganford", and "Pre-K (ages 3-5) Timothy Lutheran Church 6718 Fyler". At the very bottom, the website "wordoflifeschool.net/open-house" and email "admissions@wordoflifeschool.net" are listed in white.

WORD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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January

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Jan. 7	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Rita Zipay (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Timothy Adams Steve Kulifay (Video Techs)	Deb Rose (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeters) Don Baggett (Reader) Ron & Joan Shebik (Usher) Zach Schlesselman (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Sue Hasselbring (Shep Watch)
Jan. 14	Barb Baranovic (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Deb Rose (Reader) Jane Townsend- Solovic, Stan Shurmantine (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte), Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Laurie Riley (Greeter) Stephanie Belko (Reader) Robert McNiel, Ron Shebik (Usher) Caylin Schlesselman (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
Jan. 21	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Joyce Kolnik (Greeter) Bill Bartlow (Reader) Tom & Nicole Buffington (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Carolyn Crump (Video Techs)	Laurie Ely (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Kenneth Ely (Greeters) Kayla Barnes (Reader) Art Matia, Kenneth Ely (Usher) Johnny Bewig (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Travis Lawson, Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)
Jan. 28	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Deb Rose (Greeter) Joyce Bruss (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Dorothy Arbet (Greeter) Laura Hertel (Reader) Laurie Riley (Usher) Dalton Costick (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Jasmine Perry	20 – Eric Mierman
3 – John Brewer	21 – Stephanie Belko
5 – Eldor Bruss	Earl Willenbrock
Robert McNeil	22 – Kathryn Hertel
6 – James Powell	Don Howell
Madison Vitale	Robyn Ladenberger
7 – Lisa Gibbar	Margaret Melton
Landon Wooldridge	23 – Landen Venegoni
8 – George Hettenhausen Jr.	24 – Don Baggett
11 – Kenneth Ely	David Kolnik
Barbara Wade	28 – Craig Dunajcik
13 – Ryan McKinney	David Bess
14 – Jessica Shackelford	29 – Cindy Maulhardt
18 – Gabriel Willis	30 – Willian Gibbar

JANUARY ANNIVERSIERS

- 12 – Pete & Joyce Bruss 67 years
19 – William & Jessica Shackelford 6 years



Reading Through the Word

JANUARY

- 1... Genesis 1 & 2; Luke 1
- 2... Genesis 3 & 4 & 5; Luke 2
- 3... Genesis 6 & 7 & 8; Luke 3
- 4... Genesis 9 & 10 & 11; Luke 4
- 5... Genesis 12 & 13 & 14; Luke 5
- 6... Genesis 15 & 16 & 17; Luke 6
- 7... Genesis 18 & 19; Psalm 3; Luke 7
- 8... Genesis 20 & 21 & 22; Luke 8
- 9... Genesis 23 & 24; Luke 9
- 10... Genesis 25 & 26; Psalm 6; Luke 10
- 11... Genesis 27 & 28; Luke 11
- 12... Genesis 29 & 30; Luke 12
- 13... Genesis 31 & 32 & 33; Luke 13
- 14... Genesis 34 & 35 & 36; Luke 14
- 15... Genesis 37 & 38; Psalm 7; Luke 15
- 16... Genesis 39 & 40 & 41; Luke 16
- 17... Genesis 42 & 43; Psalm 5; Luke 17
- 18... Genesis 44 & 45 & 46; Luke 18
- 19... Genesis 47 & 48; Psalm 10; Luke 19
- 20... Genesis 49 & 50; Psalm 8; Luke 20
- 21... Exodus 1 & 2; Psalm 88; Luke 21
- 22... Exodus 3 & 4 & 5; Luke 22
- 23... Exodus 6 & 7 & 8; Luke 23
- 24... Exodus 9 & 10 & 11; Luke 24
- 25... Exodus 12 & 13; Psalm 21; Acts 1
- 26... Exodus 14 & 15 & 16; Acts 2
- 27... Exodus 17 & 18 & 19; Acts 3
- 28... Exodus 20 & 21 & 22; Psalm 12; Acts 4
- 29... Exodus 23 & 24; Psalm 14; Acts 5
- 30... Exodus 25 & 26 & 27; Acts 6
- 31... Exodus 28 & 29; Acts 7

