



ST. LUCAS LANTERN

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

FEBRUARY 2024



A note from
the President

Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

***Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel 2:13***

On February 14th we will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. We begin the season wearing ashes, confessing we are nothing but "dust and to dust we will return." How humbling for all of us. However, the penitential nature of this penitential season can quickly take a turn for the worse. Many people will start to make sure they don't eat meat on Fridays; fish only. Others will decide to give something up for 40 days. In and of itself, there is nothing wrong with doing these things. This type of self-denial can be good for our souls. So long as one thing occurs; we dwell more upon Christ and His sufferings rather than focusing upon our own and what we are giving up. If we end up thinking more about ourselves than Christ, then we have destroyed the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we begin the season wearing ashes, confessing we are nothing but "dust and to dust we will return." How humbling for all of us. The question is, what now? Since we confess we are dust and to dust we will return, where do we go from there? After all, that is a pretty serious confession. If we truly believe we are dust and one day our bodies will return to dust, who can save us from this tragic fate? You know who.

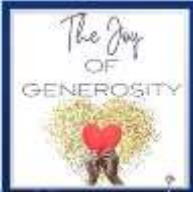
Jesus, and Jesus alone, can rescue us from our dusty fate. Thanks to His death, our sins, which turn us to dust, have been removed. And thanks to Christ's resurrection from the dead, we have the promise that our dusty bodies will be resurrected one day. Lent is an invitation for us, and for all people, to return to the Lord our God. As the prophet Joel said, "Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Joel 2:13). God is indeed very gracious to us. God is not gracious because we refrain from eating meat on Fridays. God is gracious to you because of Christ. God is merciful to you not because you gave something up for 40 days. God is merciful to you because Christ gave up His very life for you on Good Friday. May this coming season of Lent be a time that we rejoice in God's graciousness and mercy shown toward us all because of the work of our Lord Jesus.

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



INCLEMENT WEATHER: Winter weather is 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.



Overflowing Generosity

St. Lucas Ends 2023 in the Black!

Overflowing generosity is a beautiful trait that brings abundant joy to both the giver and the recipient. This Christian habit transforms people as they go beyond themselves to serve and help others. Generosity is not all about money. It never was. Generosity is our response to God's love and what He has done for us. A price tag cannot be placed on the joy that generosity brings to the giver.

During 2023, the St. Lucas Church Council put its trust in our membership that they could make a positive difference and turn around our financial challenge. We were falling behind in our projected income and our spending was exceeding our budget. With and through God's grace, our membership accepted the challenge and turned a budget deficit into a successful positive outcome with additional offerings of nearly \$20,000. We finished in the black!

We would like to thank the approximately 40 members giving units who gave so generously beyond their normal offerings. They are an example to us of joyful hearts, responding to God's love.

We also want to thank the following organizations for their generous contributions:

St. Lucas Early Childhood Center

Women's Guild

B.A.S.I.C.

St. Lucas is very blessed by your overflowing generosity. May we all rejoice abundantly, with a spirit of generosity that comes from our loving Father.



SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday – February 14
Light Soup Supper

Midweek Services - 7:00 p.m.
Light Soup Supper - 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday Lenten Services
February 21, 28,
March 6, 13, 20

Palm Sunday – March 24
Maundy Thursday – March 28
Good Friday – March 29

Easter Sunday – March 31
Sunrise Service – 7:30 a.m.
Men's Club Breakfast - 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Festival Service - 10:30 a.m.



The Best of St. Lucas Soup Suppers 2024

The Season of Lent begins February 14th, Ash Wednesday.

Everyone who has ever attended one of our Lenten Suppers has agreed that St. Lucas chefs excel at their presentations of food and social interactions at these dinners. We thoroughly enjoy the food and each other.

This year's theme is the Best St. Lucas Soup Suppers of 2024. What????

This is your opportunity to sign up for your favorite soup recipe on one of the six Lenten Suppers. Restaurant copycat recipes allowed.

To sign up, contact Carol Miksad, who will be arriving with her Olive Garden Pasta Fagioli. Beat that!

We take all comers! The more the better. Carol's email is camiksad@aol.com.



GRANT: The 2023 Community Relief Grant of \$5,000 will be used for the following St. Lucas Community Ministries:

Those in Need, Helping Hands, Matthew 25 In Action and Monarch Jewelry

We thank the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis for their generosity and partnership with St. Lucas as we reach out to our community with this relief grant.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Carol A. Miksad, Manager of Financial Services



FEBRUARY COFFEE-TAWLK: *Some Easy Ways to Share Jesus Love.*

We love Jesus and we want to share His love with others. Too often, however, it's not on our to-do list. And when opportunities arise, we get tongue tied, especially with our family and close friends. We know that we should say something; we know it's a matter of life and death. How to we overcome our hesitation?

Please join us for this All-In Discipleship discussion on Sunday, February 18th at 9:15 a.m. in the gym. Hosted by Pastor Larson and other helpers, it will be a casual, informal, and friendly discussion how we as Christians can share Christ's love. Around our tables, we'll discuss easy ways to get started, including silent witness and social media.

As always, there will be a light breakfast served! You won't want to miss this important discussion. Looking forward to seeing all of you.



EASTER LILLIES: Watch for the signup sheet to order an Easter Lily plant after February 14. The lily plants are \$10 each.
St. Lucas Women's Guild



BINGO: Thursday, February 1 is our next Bingo. It will start at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. \$5.00 to play.

This month will be our Valentine Party. No charity this month. However, people should bring chocolate to share and - wear red.

If you are not already part of the group, this month would be a great time to start enjoying the company of other ladies once a month. Who doesn't want to join in when chocolate is involved?

Please let me know if you plan on attending. We would LOVE to have you join us.

Sharon Majoros (sharon.m3845@yahoo.com or (314) 922-4678)



SUPER BOWL SUBS: Sponsored by St. Lucas Youth Group.
Two great sandwiches will be available.

AFC – Roast Beef, Ham, Cheese, Lettuce, Onion Tomato on an 8" Sub roll

NFC – Turkey, Ham, Cheese, Lettuce, Onion and Tomato on an 8" Sub roll

Pick Up on Game Day, Feb. 11th.

Sandwiches are made Fresh on Game Day!

Order forms are available in the narthex or text Debbie Bretz (314) 706-1828.



SLOVAK FEST: Slovak Festival Distribution of Funds

\$1000 to the Seminary that trains Pastors for
Churches in Slovakia

\$2000 for 3 doors

\$3000 for new security system

\$10,000 or more to remove and replace coating on gym floor

\$500 to Helping Hands



B.A.S.I.C. BINGO: To Support St.
Lucas B.A.S.I.C. - 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 or nancyhighway61@yahoo.com

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

Stacey Wellman at (314) 297-7456 or 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.
\$20.00 per person. Maximum of 8 to a table.

Call Mary Bartlow @ (314) 283-0049 or email at mary.bartlow@stlucaslcms.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



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

LWML SELC Monthly Women's Bible Studies - 3rd Thursdays, 9:30 am CST

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The ever so popular LWML SELC Monthly Women's Bible Studies are back for 2024 on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 Central Standard Time.

The Bible Studies are taken from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. You can find a copy of the latest Quarterly on the St. Lucas LWML table in the narthex. You are welcome to take a Quarterly, free of charge, even if you are unable to attend a morning Bible study.

Serve the Lord with gladness!



ECC: ECC will be closing at 11:30 on Feb. 16 for Intruder Training and closed February 19, for President's Day.

The 2's and 3s did an experiment with M&Ms for the letter M.



On March 9, 2024, the parish nurses are sponsoring members of the congregation to be certified in CPR in infant child and adult. Please contact Mary Bartlow to sign up to be a life saver. (314) 283-0049 or mary.bartlow@stlucascms.org.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE: The Women's Guild Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Wednesday March 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

and Thursday March 14, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Thursday is \$1.00 a bag.

Set- up will begin Monday evening, March 11, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday morning, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Help is welcome at any of these times. Bring your clean, useable clothing, shoes, household items, books, toys, small, lightweight furniture, and hardware starting February 25th. Please, no computers, monitors or other old electronics.

St. Lucas Women's Guild



EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Easter and the Eggstravaganza are just around the corner. Saturday, March 30. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 1:00 p.m. We are asking for donations of plastic eggs (no hard-boiled eggs) and candy to stuff the eggs. There

will be a box placed in the narthex for the eggs and candy until Palm Sunday. You may also bring your plastic eggs and candy donations early in the morning of the hunt. If you have any questions in regard to the Egg Hunt, please contact Art Matia at (314) 776-3336. Thank you for your donations.



February

Date	Early Service	Late Service
FEB. 4	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) Pat Carlton (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Barb Baranovic (Comm Setup) Robert McNiel (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeters) Tom Kramer (Reader) Ron & Joan Shebik (Ushers) Riley Roper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Caylin Schlesselman, Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)
FEB. 11	Jane Mihalevich (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Mary Bartlow (Reader) Jane Townsend- Solovic, Stan Shurmantine (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte), Steve Kulifay, Carolyn Crump (Video Techs)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) Travis Lawson (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Tracy Jasper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Caylin Schlesselman (Shep Watch)
FEB. 14	ASH WEDNESDAY	Ron Shebik (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeters) Tom Kramer (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Riley Roper (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)
FEB. 18	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Tom & Nicole Buffington (Readers) Tom & Nicole Buffington (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Art Matia (Reader) Art Matia, Kenneth Ely (Usher) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)

FEB. 21	LENT MIDWEEK	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Bill Bartlow (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Ushers) Tracy Jasper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video)
FEB. 25	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik (Greeter) Jane Townsend- Solovic, Stan Shurmantine (Readers) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeters) Robert McNiel (Reader) Laurie Riley (Usher) Zackary Aguado (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
FEB. 28	LENT MIDWEEK	Robert McNiel (Elder) Kenneth Ely (Greeter) Rita Zipay (Reader) Art Matia, Kenneth Ely (Usher) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Faith Howell	16 – Kristine Aguado
2 – Travis Lawson	17 – Kevina Johnny
3 – Matthew Currie	20 – Michael Taylor
10 – Johnny Bewig	21 – Lenore Wetteroff
11 – Vange Solovitz	22 – Carole Franke
12 – Charlotte Brewer	25 – Dawn Schlesselman
Laurie Ely	26 – Shelby Morrison
13 – Paul Stepanovic	27 – John Hertel
15 – Cheyenne Bewig	

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSIERS

6 – Carl & Dorothy Fahrenkamp	65 years
8 – Kenneth & Laurie Ely	33 years
24 – Tom & Nancy Kramer	21 years

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. For more information contact Kathy Christopher (314) 351-2628 or officeofstlucas@yahoo.com.

Reading Through the Word

FEBRUARY

- 1... Exodus 30 & 31 & 32; Acts 8
- 2... Exodus 33 & 34; Psalm 16; Acts 9
- 3... Exodus 35 & 36; Acts 10
- 4... Exodus 37 & 38; Psalm 19; Acts 11
- 5... Exodus 39 & 40; Psalm 15; Acts 12
- 6... Leviticus 1 & 2 & 3; Acts 13
- 7... Leviticus 4 & 5 & 6; Acts 14
- 8... Leviticus 7 & 8 & 9; Acts 15
- 9... Leviticus 10 & 11 & 12; Acts 16
- 10... Leviticus 13 & 14; Acts 17
- 11... Leviticus 15 & 16 & 17; Acts 18
- 12... Leviticus 18 & 19; Psalm 13; Acts 19
- 13... Leviticus 20 & 21 & 22; Acts 20
- 14... Leviticus 23 & 24; Psalm 24; Acts 21
- 15... Leviticus 25; Psalms 25 & 26; Acts 22
- 16... Leviticus 26 & 27; Acts 23
- 17... Numbers 1 & 2; Acts 24
- 18... Numbers 3 & 4; Acts 25
- 19... Numbers 5 & 6; Psalm 22; Acts 26
- 20... Numbers 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27
- 21... Numbers 8 & 9 & 10; Acts 28
- 22... Numbers 11 & 12; Psalm 27; Mark 1
- 23... Numbers 13 & 14; Psalm 90; Mark 2
- 24... Numbers 15 & 16 & 17; Mark 3
- 25... Numbers 18 & 19; Psalm 29; Mark 4
- 26... Numbers 20 & 21; Psalm 28; Mark 5
- 27... Numbers 22 & 23 & 24; Mark 6
- 28... Numbers 25 & 26; Mark 7

And rend your heart,
and not your garments,
and turn unto the
Lord your God: for
he is gracious
and merciful,
slow to anger,
and of great
kindness, and
repenteth him
of the evil.

Joel 2:13

