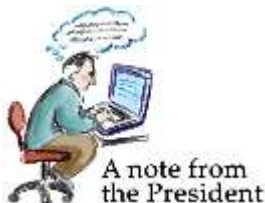




ST. LUCAS LANTERN
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
We Bring People to Christ, Nurture People in
Christ, and Equip People for Christ
MARCH 2024



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:
This year, Easter, when we remember the resurrection of Jesus, comes early. We are reminded that Jesus cares greatly for this creation; He made it. Jesus cares even more greatly for us; He made us. And Jesus never abandons what He creates. Jesus never abandons those He loves. We see this especially during the Easter season.

The first time Jesus raised someone from the dead almost seemed to happen on a whim. One time, Jesus was entering a town with His disciples, and He saw a funeral procession. A widow was crying. She was burying her only son. The procession was carrying his body through the streets on what would look like a stretcher to us. Jesus said to the woman, "Do not weep." Then Jesus touched the stretcher and said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." The man sat up and began to speak (Luke 7). Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much.

The second time Jesus raised someone from the dead it was a little girl twelve years old. She was sick for a while, but it was too much, she died. Jesus entered the house with her family and neighbors wailing in grief. Jesus took hold of the dead girl's hand and said, "Child, arise." Her spirit returned, and she got up at once (Luke 8). Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much.

The third time Jesus raised someone from the dead seemed almost impossible. When Jesus arrives to Lazarus, it is the fourth

day since he died. This is the day many Jews would regard as hopeless, no chance of any life again. Decay has set in. The body bloats, the body smells. Death has won, or so it seems. But Jesus never abandons His creation, or us. He loves us too much. When Jesus arrived at Lazarus' tomb, the Scriptures say this, Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone" . . . he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out" (John 11).

Jesus is deeply moved by what we all go through in this life. He was so deeply moved He was willing to die on a cross in our place for our sins, so we won't die for our sins. And Jesus is so deeply moved by the creation He has made, and us whom He loves, that when He returns again, He will do the same thing for us as He did for Lazarus. Deeply moved, Jesus will stand above our remains and He will say the same words He has said for so many years, "Do not weep . . . child arise . . . come out!" and we will all live again. Jesus will never abandon His creation. And Jesus will never abandon us, He loves us too much. Easter blessings to you and yours!

Yours in the risen Christ,
Phil Miksad, President
Saint Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church
Saint Louis, Missouri



DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Remember to set your clocks ahead. Daylight savings time begins **March 10th!**



SCHEDULE FOR LENT

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

Wednesday Lenten Services

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.



EASTER LILLIES: The signup sheet is in the
narthex to order an Easter Lily. The lily plants
are \$10 each.
St. Lucas Women's Guild



The Best of St. Lucas Soup Suppers 2024

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.

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.



MARCH COFFEE-TAWLK:

March Coffee-Tawlk: *Encountering 'What-ifs' in life – while staying focused on God's plan for us.*

Sometimes God plans unexpected needs to arise at inconvenient times in our lives to invite us to trust and depend on him. As His children, we should expect challenges to arise at times in our lives, even very inconvenient ones. These are actually opportunities and may even be a test for us from Him. Jesus not only knows our impoverished condition; he designed it. *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from*

me you can do nothing.” -John 15:5. He wants us to feel keenly that we have nothing to offer on our own because this desperation moves us to ask God for what we need.

The theme for the current series of *Coffee-Tawks* is “Finding Joy in the Journey”. Please join us for this All-In Discipleship discussion on Sunday, March 17th at 9:15 a.m. in the gym at St.

Lucas. Hosted by Randall Schlesselman, it will be a casual, informal, and friendly discussion on how despite unexpected things that happen to us, staying focused on the good plan God has for each of us will ultimately bring us through! 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 there!



THRIVENT CHOICE: Bringing Generosity to Life

Through Thrivent Choice®, members can contribute to organizations and causes they care about—and influence how Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funding through Choice Dollars®.

You can make a personal donation to St. Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church—Thrivent pays the processing fees. Eligible clients with membership can also direct Choice Dollars or nominate an organization to be a part of the program. Your Choice Dollars expire on March 31 of each year.

St. Lucas received \$936 in 2023 from this program. Thank you for your generosity.



BUNCO: March 7, 6:30 p.m. Come and bring a friend! The cost to play is \$5.00. This month we will be collecting single-serve, non-perishable, kid-friendly foods that can be easily prepared and last until the child returns to school. With Spring Break coming soon, they are going to be needing lots of food for kids that will be left alone during the day.

Brenden's Friday Backpack is an organization that gives over 1,600 children in 60 schools a pack of food to take home each weekend. Some people bring snacks to share but both donations and snacks are purely optional.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Majoros - sharon.m3845@yahoo.com or (314) 922-4678.

If you are unable to attend, there is a black & white tote in the back of church if you would like to donate to this organization.



CPR CLASS: On March 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

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@stlucaslcms.org.

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



EVENING BIBLE CLASS: "Unshakable"
A New Adult Evening, In Person, Bible
Study for everyone starts this Spring.
Stay tuned for more details.

This is an eight lesson Bible study that looks at eight Biblical characters whom God shook to the core, and then used to point people to the hope of salvation. Learn their history, peer into their struggles, and see how God moved in their lives to teach us vital spiritual lessons today.

Workbooks are available, free of charge. The eight lesson videos are approximately 35 minutes long. Phil and Carol Miksad will lead these lessons.

NEWSIES JR.! Word of Life Musical:

Don't miss your opportunity to "Seize the Day" as Word of Life Lutheran School presents the musical production of Newsies Jr.!

The lights shine bright as our stars hit the stage for three performances on Thursday, March 7 & Friday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the Word of Life gymnasium.

Tickets (\$10 for premium seating and \$8 for general seating, processing fees apply) will be available **online only** .

Boosters are on sale now through February 26! Give a shout out to your favorite actor or chorus member or advertise your business in our 400+ brochures.

Visit wordoflifeschool.net/newsiesjr for ticket and booster information. Come and see the newsies make headlines!



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@stlucascms.org for details or to reserve your
table.



**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!



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 welcomed 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 on the morning of the hunt. If you have any questions regarding the Egg Hunt, please contact Art Matia at (314) 776-3336. Thank you for your donations.



ECC: The infants celebrating Valentines Day.



Monarch
PURCHASE WITH A PURPOSE

Jewelry & Gift Boutique
Thursday, April 18 • 5 - 7:30 pm

ST. LUCAS EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
7100 MORGAN FORD RD
ST. LOUIS, MO 63116

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*Jewelry donations
welcome!*



We create quality, artistic
jewelry and accessories
as a unique way to
engage in the fight against
sex trafficking and
child sexual exploitation.

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March

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Mar. 3	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Laurie Ely, Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Robert McNiel (Reader) Laurie Riley (Usher) Riley Roper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Caylin Schlesselman, Nancy Kramer (Shep Watch)
Mar. 6	LENT MIDWEEK	Ron Shebik (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Ron & Joan Shebik (Ushers) Zach Schlesselman (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)
Mar. 10	Deb Rose (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Sue Hasselbring (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Ron & Joan Shebik (Ushers) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman, Dawn Schlesselman (Shep Watch)
Mar. 13	LENT MIDWEEK	Phil Miksad (Elder) Judy Willenbrock (Greeter) Robert McNiel (Reader) Robert McNiel (Usher) Johnny Bewig (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech)

Mar. 17	Phil Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik (Greeter) Robert McNiel (Reader) Jane Townsend- Solovic, Stan Shurmantine (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Carolyn Crump (Video Techs)	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Michael Schuster (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Tracy Jasper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Travis Lawson, Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
Mar. 20	LENT MIDWEEK	Robert McNiel (Elder) Travis Lawson (Greeter) Art Matia (Reader) June Wooldridge (Usher) Riley Roper (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech)
Mar. 24	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Deb Rose (Greeter) Rita Zipay (Reader) Tom & Nicole Buffington (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Laurie Riley (Greeter) Nancy Roach, Kayla Barnes (Readers) Laurie Riley (Usher) Dalton Costich (Acolyte) Norah Kramer (Video Tech) Nancy Kramer, Taylor McCallister (Shep Watch)
Mar. 28	MAUNDY THURSDAY	Nancy Roach (Comm. Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeters) Laura Hertel (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Usher) Tracey Jasper (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)
Mar. 29	GOOD FRIDAY	Ron Shebik (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Art Matia, Ken Ely (Usher) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech)

Mar. 31	Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Sharon Majoros (Greeter) Deb Rose (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Sharon Majoros (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump, Timothy Adams (Video Techs)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Warren & Nita Huffines (Greeters) Travis Lawson (Reader) Art Matia, Ken Ely (Usher) Zachary Aguado (Acolyte) Kamron Schlesselman (Video Tech) Travis Lawson, Sue Hasselbring (Shep Watch)



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Manson Venegoni	14 – Sharon Majoros
Stella McKinney	16 – Amanda Kube
5 – Jason Christopher	Daniel Riley
Debbie Intagliata	18 – Dylin Bewig
7 – Bridgid Miller	22 – Rita Zipay
9 – Sean Bartlow	23 – Marguerite Hennessy
Judy Willenbrock	Joyce Kolnik
11 – Michael Baranovic	Larry Pritchett
Lily Gamble	25 – Ruth Hrabovsky
12 – Rachel Larson	26 – Daniel Elze
Kathleen Aumann	Davis Guemmer
Sharon Pritchett	Valerie Weerts
Jacob Willis	29 – Matthew Hettenhausen
13 – Terri Howell	30 – Art Matia
Nadia Lee	

MARCH ANNIVERSIERS

1 – John & Kathy Christopher	44 years
3 – Ryan & Stephanie McKinney	12 years
23 – John & Rebecca Brewer	28 years
30 – Christopher & Michelle Currie	28 years



HELP WANTED: Elementary Sunday School Assistant”

Are you looking for a way you can get involved in the congregation, but are unsure where you could be best utilized? Do you want to serve, but find it hard to have the time to add time commitments to your already busy schedule? Please prayerfully consider dedicating an hour on Sunday mornings to help with Elementary aged Sunday School! You would be part of a fun community that is delivering the good news of the Gospel to the next generation. Responsibilities include sitting with the class, reading a passage or two (as prescribed by the already written and established curriculum), and spending time with the lively elementary students that God has placed in our church family. If you are interested, please contact Stacy Wellman or Seminarian Tyler Simmons.

GREETING CARDS: Greeting cards are available. They are located on a table outside of the church office in the main entrance. 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.



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.

Reading Through the Word

MARCH

- 1... Numbers 27 & 28 & 29; Mark 8
- 2... Numbers 30 & 31; Mark 9
- 3... Numbers 32 & 33; Mark 10
- 4... Numbers 34 & 35 & 36; Mark 11
- 5... Deuteronomy 1 & 2; Mark 12
- 6... Deuteronomy 3 & 4; Psalm 36; Mark 13
- 7... Deuteronomy 5 & 6; Psalm 43; Mark 14
- 8... Deuteronomy 7 & 8 & 9; Mark 15
- 9... Deuteronomy 10 & 11 & 12; Mark 16
- 10... Deuteronomy 13 & 14 & 15; Galatians 1
- 11... Deuteronomy 16 & 17 & 18; Psalm 38; Galatians 2
- 12... Deuteronomy 19 & 20 & 21; Galatians 3
- 13... Deuteronomy 22 & 23 & 24; Galatians 4
- 14... Deuteronomy 25 & 26 & 27; Galatians 5
- 15... Deuteronomy 28 & 29; Galatians 6
- 16... Deuteronomy 30 & 31; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 1
- 17... Deuteronomy 32 & 33 & 34; 1 Corinthians 2
- 18... Joshua 1 & 2; Psalm 37; 1 Corinthians 3
- 19... Joshua 3 & 4 & 5 & 6; 1 Corinthians 4
- 20... Joshua 7 & 8; Psalm 69; 1 Corinthians 5
- 21... Joshua 9 & 10 & 11; 1 Corinthians 6
- 22... Joshua 12 & 13 & 14; 1 Corinthians 7
- 23... Joshua 15 & 16 & 17; 1 Corinthians 8
- 24... Joshua 18 & 19 & 20; 1 Corinthians 9
- 25... Joshua 21 & 22; Psalm 47; 1 Corinthians 10
- 26... Joshua 23 & 24; Psalm 44; 1 Corinthians 11
- 27... Judges 1 & 2 & 3; 1 Corinthians 12
- 28... Judges 4 & 5; Psalms 39 & 41; 1 Corinthians 13
- 29... Judges 6 & 7; Psalm 52; 1 Corinthians 14
- 30... Judges 8; Psalm 42; 1 Corinthians 15
- 31... Judges 9 & 10; Psalm 49; 1 Corinthians 16

