



ST. LUCAS LANTERN
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
We Bring People to Christ, Nurture People in
Christ, and Equip People for Christ
August 2025



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

It's August and time for another "summer slump" in church attendance. At least that's what I've heard. But recently I read an article that was shared in Facebook that brought the age-old question to mind again: Why go to church?

A church member wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and said that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone to church for 30 years now, and in all that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them! So I think I am wasting my time, and the pastors and priests are wasting theirs by preaching sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now, and my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work and live my life. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. (Whether it's your wife or yourself that does the cooking, the result remains true.) Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment all those years, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When we are down to nothing, God is up to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible!

It's been said that BIBLE simply stands for **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth.

Don't go hungry this summer. Take time out for the Word every day, and for the gathering of the saints every Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad



Coffee-Tawlks: Having been touched by God's love and moved by it, All-in Disciples are believers following a path to grow toward greater Christian maturity and discipleship to fulfill God's mission here at St. Lucas and beyond. While the All-In Discipleship *Coffee Tawlks* will be taking a break for the summer, please feel free to utilize and review our web

site. The AID team is looking forward to the fall when we will be starting a new series. Watch our e-News and Monthly Newsletters for more information later this summer.

Blessings from St. Lucas All-In Discipleship team!



LWML CONVENTION: I am very pleased to report to you on the 41st Biennial LWML Convention, was held in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26-29, 2025. The theme of the convention was Growing in God's Grace. Attendance was nearly 3,700.

In attendance, were ten SELC District members, including our SELC District President, Rev. Wally Vinovskis. Thank you, President Vinovskis, for your encouragement and support. Attendance was nearly 3,700. Our own, Dr. Sue Hasselbring, representing International Student Ministries, was featured in the Exhibit Hall. Carol, at the banner procession rehearsal is pictured carrying our district banner into the Convention. Thirty-three Mission Grants were fully funded with a Mission Grant Goal of \$2,622,270. Praise the Lord for his continued blessings as we accept this challenge with our Mite offerings.

Our LWML SELC District Banner was titled "Growing in God's Grace Beyond Borders". A collaboration of three individuals is responsible for its design. The map of the United States illustrates that we are a non-geographical LCMS district. The rose, the national flower of Slovakia, is a powerful symbol that embodies love, honor and beauty. The rose has captivated hearts for centuries, transcending cultural boundaries.

The 42nd Biennial LWML Convention will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 8-11, 2027. It will be hosted by the Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Texas Districts.

I want to thank you all for the privilege of representing you at this convention.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Carol A. Miksad LWML SELC District President (2024-2028)

Bratwurst Dinner

THE WURST IS YET TO COME: The Men's Club annual "Brat & Kraut" Dinner will be held Sunday, September 28, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. As in past years, this family-style feast is prepared and served to your table by the members of the Club. The menu includes the finest Bratwurst in St. Louis, as well as sauerkraut, green beans, new red potatoes, applesauce, coffee, and dessert. A

child's plate, which consists of a hot dog, potato, and applesauce, will be available if your child doesn't care for the menu items.

Carry-outs will also be available. Proceeds from the dinners, in the past have supported church youth programs, and the Scholarship Fund. Also, many necessary items for St. Lucas have been purchased with the money. Please mark this date on your calendars. We look forward to serving you. **COME ONE, COME ALL!!**



COLLEGE STUDENT BLESSING SUNDAY:

August 10 - Both Services. Our college students are heading off to campus soon. Join us on August 10, at both services to recognize and to pray for God's blessings on the new school year. If you know of a student to be included, please invite them. For them to be listed in

the bulletin, send a picture, name and details to the church office by August 4.



Dear St. Lucas Faith Family,

I could not move across town to be closer to Nora & Quinn without saying a few Thank You's for everything I've been given the last few years here, especially all of the prayers for my precious granddaughter Nora, who just like her namesake, my Mom, Eleanora, has the same warrior attitude, which Mom continued to keep along with her tremendous Faith even to the end of her mortal life.

I would be remiss in not sharing the memories I will carry with me:

- Carol Miksad's beautiful solo's
- Nancy Roach's moving song rendition every Good Friday
- The Special Choir Alto's Laura & Stacey
- The continual kindness of Mary Bartlow
- Reconnecting with a very special Lutheran North friend, Deb Rose
- Mark Dunajcik for his Marvelous organ playing

But, most importantly, knowing that every week, Pastor would be bringing us a message of HIS WORD, and that as always, His Path for me and all of us is what will guide us to our next chapters.

May our Heavenly Father continue to Bless St. Lucas as all of you have helped my Faith grow!

Vicki Walters



CAR WASH: Word of Life Volleyball Car Wash Fundraiser: Need a car wash? Want to support a great group of middle schoolers and their pursuit of volleyball? Join us on Saturday, August 23rd from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

at St. Lucas Lutheran Church. The middle school volleyball players are ready to wash your car! Donations are accepted and will directly support the program. Thank you!



ECC: Our summer camp ended on August 1. We had a great summer. There were twenty campers this year. The St. Louis Zoo and Kona Ice visited. They played in the water

every Wednesday, including having a car wash day, where they brought their bikes from home and cleaned them up. For Summer Super Hero Week, they discussed warriors of faith from the Bible, including Moses parting the Red Sea, David defeating Goliath, the three men in the fiery furnace, Joshua fighting in the battle of Jericho, and Queen Ester saving God's people. We made t-dyed t-shirts the last week of camp. It was a busy summer, but the children enjoyed seeing all their friends who went to different schools.

We are now hiring teaching assistants who are available to work the closing hours from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please contact Laurie Riley for more information at (314) 832-2307.

August Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Aug. 3	Phil Miksad (Elder) Sue Hasselbring (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Ushers) Kabari Blah (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Robert McNiel (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Robert McNiel (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
Aug. 10	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Steve Kulifay (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Joel & Lauren Bishop (Greeter) Art Matia (Reader) Art Matia, Ken Ely (Ushers) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
Aug. 17	Bill Bartlow (Elder) June Wooldridge (Reader) Dave Guemmer, Stephanie Belko (Ushers) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Laurie Riley (Greeter) Michael Schuster (Reader) Laurie Riley (Ushers) Zachary Aguado (Acolyte) Frank Schmaltz (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
Aug. 24	Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Deb Rose (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Ushers) Kabari Blah (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Elana Harrison (Greeters) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Ron and Joan Shebik (Usher) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)
Aug. 31	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Robert McNiel (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Don Howell (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Zachary Aguado (Acolyte) Frank Schmaltz (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 – Sara Ladenberger	18 – Paula Chiodini
Ana Regnier	19 – Jared Intagliata
3 – Stacey Wellman	20 – Doris Banks
9 – Jill Arbet	21 – Deborah Carter
11 – Amy Kube	22 – Zackary Aguado
Charlotte Bess	23 – Vlasta Pritchett
12 – Eleanor Barnes	Jenny Bess
14 – Jasmine Adams	25 – Elizabeth Kurtz
Carl Maulhardt	26 – Adrienne Grossius
Justine Perry	Ava Grossius
15 – Eshter Regnier	28 – Katie Murphy

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

13 – Don & Terry Howell	37 years
20 – Frank & Barb Schmaltz	40 years
22 – Jerry & Marilyn Hrabovsky	43 years
25 – Stan Shurmantine & Jane Solovic Townsend	8 years
29 – Mark & Kristine Aguado	24 years
Don & Debbie Bretz	33 years
Michael & Janice Taylor	45 years

Reading Through the Word

AUGUST

- 1 ... Isaiah 65 & 66; Psalm 62; John 3
- 2 ... 2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33; John 4
- 3 ... Nahum 1 & 2 & 3; John 5
- 4 ... 2 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 34; John 6
- 5 ... 2 Kings 23; 2 Chronicles 35; John 7
- 6 ... Habakkuk 1 & 2 & 3; John 8
- 7 ... Zephaniah 1 & 2 & 3; John 9
- 8 ... Jeremiah 1 & 2; John 10
- 9 ... Jeremiah 3 & 4; John 11
- 10 ... Jeremiah 5 & 6; John 12
- 11 ... Jeremiah 7 & 8 & 9; John 13
- 12 ... Jeremiah 10 & 11 & 12; John 14
- 13 ... Jeremiah 13 & 14 & 15; John 15
- 14 ... Jeremiah 16 & 17; Psalm 96; John 16
- 15 ... Jeremiah 18 & 19 & 20; Psalm 93; John 17
- 16 ... 2Kings 24; Jeremiah 22; Psalm 112; John 18
- 17 ... Jeremiah 23 & 24 & 25; John 19
- 18 ... Jeremiah 26 & 35 & 36; John 20
- 19 ... Jeremiah 45 & 46 & 47; Psalm 105; John 21
- 20 ... Jeremiah 48 & 49; Psalm 67; 1 John 1
- 21 ... Jeremiah 21 & 24 & 27; Psalm 118; 1 John 2
- 22 ... Jeremiah 28 & 29 & 30; 1 John 3
- 23 ... Jeremiah 31 & 32; 1 John 4
- 24 ... Jeremiah 33 & 34; Psalm 74; 1 John 5
- 25 ... Jeremiah 37 & 38 & 39; Psalm 79; 2 John
- 26 ... Jeremiah 50 & 51; 3 John
- 27 ... Jeremiah 52; Revelation 1; Psalms 143 & 144
- 28 ... Ezekiel 1 & 2 & 3; Revelation 2
- 29 ... Ezekiel 4 & 5 & 6 & 7; Revelation 3
- 30 ... Ezekiel 8 & 9 & 10 & 11; Revelation 4
- 31 ... Ezekiel 12 & 13 & 14; Revelation 5



GREETING CARDS: Greeting cards are available. They are located on a table outside of the church office in the main entrance. They are made by Kathy Christopher and Mary Bartlow. There are birthday, thank you,

sympathy, get well cards, baptism, gift card holders and more. Personalized cards can be made. Proceeds go to Approved Special Projects. For more information contact Kathy Christopher (314) 351-2628 or officeofstlucas@yahoo.com. THANK YOU for all the cards that are bought.



FEED MY PEOPLE: St. Lucas helps Feed My People with donations from our members. There are yellow bags in the narthex with a list of items needed inside. Feed My People provides these items to their clients, as needed.



BINGO: Our next Bingo will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7. Unfortunately, we will be back in the gym. Bring a friend! Our charity this month will again be the tornado victims in St. Louis. We will again be collecting diapers & wipes. If you prefer, you may bring personal care items. Some people bring snacks to share.

Please let me know if you plan on attending and if you will have guests. Sharon, sharon.m3845@yahoo.com



MARK YOUR CALENDARS





Fear not,

FOR I AM WITH YOU;

Be not dismayed,

FOR I AM YOUR GOD.

I will strengthen you, Yes,
I will help you, I will uphold
you with My righteous
right hand.'

ISAIAH 41:10