



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

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Dear Friends and Family of Saint Lucas:

For this newsletter, I was intending to write about the changing seasons and how even the colors of Fall can serve to remind us how the transition from this life-to-life everlasting with our Lord can be beautiful and awe-inspiring.

But the news in September of the untimely and horrible passing of Charlie Kirk left me feeling hollow and beyond sad. Putting all politics aside (how I wish we could do that) it seems apparent that Charlie was a man who put God (in Christ) first, his family second, and his country third. And he always put each of those three above his own good and welfare.

Charlie left a loving wife and two young children behind to mourn his loss. And even at the point of his death, there were those who derided his mission to share the love of God and the love of country with all who would speak with him. Charlie has been falsely cast as spewing hatred and division, which was so directly opposite of the truth about Charlie: that he was willing to listen to everyone, and to honestly debate anyone with respect, at the same time sharing his relationship with Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Let me repeat and be clear. This is not about politics. It's not about "which side you're on" or whether you vote Democrat or Republican or Independent. This is about the death of a good man. Not good on his own merits or works, but good because of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Saint Paul writes in Philippians 1:20-23:

"As it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better."

Charlie Kirk's desire has been fulfilled, not in his own time or by his own hand. But I take solace that our Lord has also spoken lovingly to him "today you will be with Me in paradise."

May God grant each of us such a blessed end and new beginning.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad



**COFFEE TAWLKS: All-In Discipleship** – It's that time of year again! We started this year's series of ***Coffee Tawlks*** in September. Our theme this year is "*Our Daily Walk with God*". Devotions are a great way to be intentional in our time with God outside of

the worship setting on Sunday morning. The first three in the series will focus on our relationship with God; September-Worship, October-Study, November-Prayer. The other four in the series *will focus on our relationships to others*; January-Outreach, February-Generosity, March-Encouragement, and May- Service.

**BINGO:** In October we will be playing Bingo. It's at 6:30 p.m. on October 2 in the gym. The cost is \$5.00 to play.



Our charity will be Pregnancy Help Center. They are requesting Aquathor or Aveeno baby lotion, diapers (any size), wipes, Free & Clear laundry detergent (any brand).

Some people bring snacks to share.

For those that like Bingo, St. John the Baptist Church, 4300 Delor is having a Quilt Bingo on Sunday, October 26. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. & Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m.. 20 games with a quilt prize for each game. \$25.00 for 9 cards for all 20 games.

Please let me know if you are planning on attending either of these functions.

Sharon at [sharon.m3845@yahoo.com](mailto:sharon.m3845@yahoo.com) or call (314) 922-4678



**FALL RUMMAGE SALE:** The Women's Guild Fall Rummage Sale is scheduled for Wednesday October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon p.m. and Thursday October 9, from 9:00 to 11:00

a.m. Thursday is \$1.00 a bag. Set- up will begin on Monday evening, October 6, starting at 3:00 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 September 14. Please, no computers, monitors or other old electronics.

*St. Lucas Women's Guild*



The three-year-old class has begun a new religious curriculum, titled "Enduring Faith."

During Jesus' time, the three-year-old class talked about the first sin. To understand this better, they played a game of musical chairs. When they landed on the chair with the apple (representing sin), they received a cross stamp on their hand, showing the children that Jesus takes away their sin. After the game was over, everyone received a heart to show Jesus loves us even when we sin.

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.





### **BLESSING OF THE QUILTS:**

The Blessing of the quilts is scheduled for Sunday, October 12.

Help is needed Sunday October 5, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service

to bring the quilts up to the church and place them on the pews.

Help is again needed Sunday October 12 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service to fold and box the quilts.

Every quilt is available for purchase for a donation of \$25 to \$40. Donations are greatly appreciated. We must purchase the batting or filling that goes between the 2 layers of fabric and this costs \$80 a roll. We use about 5 rolls of batting each year.

If you can help deliver quilt boxes to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 7380 Howdershell Rd, Hazelwood, MO on Saturday, October 18 before noon, please call Joyce Kolnik at (636) 591-4810.

Thank you for all your help.

St. Lucas LWR Quilters



**TRUNK OR TREAT:** October 24, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Don your favorite costume and join us for the annual *Trunk 'R Treat* in the church parking lot. There will be treats, prizes, and much more. Trunk decorators are needed!



**SLOVAK FESTIVAL SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 11:00**  
a.m. TO 5:00 p.m.

## **BAKING AND COOKING DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **BAKING DATES**

Saturday, October 4, 9:00 a.m., make dough

Saturday October 18, 8:00 a.m., make rosiky

Wednesday, October 22, 8:00 a.m. make stollens

Come and we will teach you how these Slovak pastries are made.

### **COOKING DATES**

Sunday, October 26, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., prep cabbage and onions

Wednesday, October 29, 9:00 a.m., wrap flatware, and other sit down jobs

Wednesday October 29, 6:00 p.m., set up tables and chairs. We need strong younger men.

Thursday, October 30, 9:00 a.m. Cabbage rolls, prep chicken, cover booths

Friday, October 31, Cook Chicken and 9:00 a.m., wrap pastry, finish setting up the gym.

Saturday, November 1, Slovak Fest - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Assistance is needed on all of the above dates. The profit generated is mainly allocated to fund non-budget items for St. Lucas, such as repairs or replacements.

We kindly request donations of desserts to be served with the meals at Slovak Fest. Both homemade and store-bought desserts are appreciated and welcome. If you would like to contribute, please bring your desserts on Friday, October 31, by 3:00 p.m., or on Saturday, November 1, by 10:00 a.m. Alternatively, you may deliver your desserts at any time and place them in the freezers

labeled "Slovak Fest." Your help in providing desserts will make a wonderful addition to our event and is greatly appreciated by all.

If you volunteered at last year's Slovak Fest, you will be contacted to see if you would like to assist with the same role during this year's event. We encourage all returning volunteers to consider signing up for a two-hour shift to help make the festival a success. Additionally, we will be reaching out to individuals who have not yet had the opportunity to volunteer in the past. This is a wonderful chance to become involved, support St. Lucas, and contribute to the community during Slovak Fest.

*Thank you,  
Slovak Fest Committee*

## **B A Z A A R**



There will be a Bazaar in the Multi-Purpose Room during the Slovak Fest, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Check the weekly E-news for any updates.

## **JOIN THE HANDCHIME CHOIR!**

Attention! Do you enjoy music? Are you looking for a way to get involved in the life of St Lucas? Can you count to 4? If so, please consider joining the all new Handchime Choir! No experience or ability to read music required. We will equip and train you to use these beautiful instruments.

Contact Connie Simmons by [constanceisimmons@icloud.com](mailto:constanceisimmons@icloud.com) or at (443) 536-9673, for more information or to sign-up.

*We look forward to seeing you on the team!*

## October Volunteer List

<b>Date</b>	<b>Early Service</b>	<b>Late Service</b>
<b>Oct. 5</b>	Bill Bartlow ( <b>Elder</b> ) Steve Kulifay ( <b>Reader</b> ) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend ( <b>Ushers</b> ) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay ( <b>Video Tech</b> )	Bob Sadlon ( <b>Comm Setup</b> ) Robert McNiel ( <b>Elder</b> ) Ken Ely ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Travis Lawson ( <b>Reader</b> ) Ken & Laurie Ely ( <b>Ushers</b> ) Zackary Aguado ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Dalton Costick ( <b>Video Tech</b> ) Stacey Wellman ( <b>Shep Watch</b> )
<b>Oct. 12</b>	Nancy Roach ( <b>Comm Setup</b> ) Phil Miksad ( <b>Elder</b> ) Diane Dymond ( <b>Greeter</b> ) June Wooldridge ( <b>Reader</b> ) Dave Guemmer ( <b>Usher</b> ) Carolyn Crump ( <b>Video Tech</b> )	Ron Shebik ( <b>Elder</b> ) Joel & Lauren Bishop ( <b>Greeters</b> ) Nancy Roach ( <b>Reader</b> ) Laurie Riley ( <b>Usher</b> ) Tracy Johnny ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Angel Jasper ( <b>Video Tech</b> ) Travis Lawson ( <b>Shep Watch</b> )
<b>Oct. 19</b>	Bill Bartlow ( <b>Elder</b> ) Sue Hasselbring ( <b>Reader</b> ) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose ( <b>Ushers</b> ) Steve Kulifay ( <b>Video Tech</b> )	Jane Mihalevich ( <b>Comm Setup</b> ) Travis Lawson ( <b>Elder</b> ) Elena Harrison ( <b>Greeter</b> ) Art Matia ( <b>Reader</b> ) Ron & Joan Shebik ( <b>Ushers</b> ) Angel Jasper ( <b>Acolyte</b> ) Kevina Johnny ( <b>Video Tech</b> ) Liz Kurtz ( <b>Shep Watch</b> )
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### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 – Dalton Costick	19 – Lydia Kwiatkowski
5 – Blakely Christopher	Benjamin Lee
6 – Kathy Christopher	Janice Taylor
7 – Nancy Roach	22 – John Christopher
9 – Monica Johnny	26 – Chayse Coco
Lynn Pirtle	27 – Ella Gibbar
15 – Margaret Adams	Bill Kolnik
Nicole McReynolds	Christiana Zipay
Kendall Morgan	28 – Jason Gambill
16 – Stacey Powell	Mike Hrabovsky
17 – Maisie Morrison	29 – Timothy Gallo
	30 – Betty Warner
	31 – Adam Belko
	Joan Lowrey

### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

4 – Zach & Lisa Gibbar	17 years
9 – Luke & Elena Harrison	15 years
10 – Larry & Lynn Pirtle	44 years
12 – Mark & Lisa Larson	29 years
12 – Brad & Megan Meyer	6 years
16 – Sean & Jenna Bartlow	5 years
21 – John & Laura Hertel	30 years



**SAINTS DAY COMMEMORATION:** We will be commemorating those who have gone before us to heaven during our worship on **November 2**. We will be glad to list the names of those who have departed in the faith in the E-

News. Please submit the names of those whom you would like to remember in this way to the church office by **October 24th**. Only the names of members of St. Lucas and other loved ones who have passed away since the last All Saints Day will be read aloud.



**EMBARK: YOUTH SUNDAY AM BIBLE CLASS:**

*Youth Bible Class Resumes, Grades 6 and Up*

*What does it mean to embark?* It is all about setting out on a journey into a year of growing in faith together in our Lord. As we do so, we plan to:

- *Establish Identity* - As God's beloved children through the love of Christ.
- *Build Community* - Kids need meaningful friendships in the body of Christ.
- *Find Meaning* - It's a confusing world for us - even more so for our Youth!

We're setting out on an adventure to learn God's Word, giving eternal significance to your lives now and forever.

Youth Directors Don Howell and Tyler Simmons will team teach the class this year.



### **GREETING CARDS FALL PRICING:**

From October 1 – December 31 the prices will be dropped to \$2.00 a card. The greeting cards are available on a table outside of the church office in the main entrance. They are made by

Kathy Christopher, Mary Bartlow and Barb Morrison. 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](mailto: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 provide these items to their clients, as needed.



**Daylight Savings  
November 2**

# Reading Through the Word

## OCTOBER

- 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