



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



This September 7th, we will celebrate “Rally Day”
as many folks know it.

Rally Day has traditionally been the day that Sunday School, confirmation class, and other educational ministries of the congregation begin anew. But it can also be a day that every one of us renews our continued community of worship. Over the summer, many of us have traveled, spent time with family, or simply enjoyed a slower pace. Now, as we gather once again, Rally Day offers us the perfect opportunity to reconnect—not just with each other, but with the deeper rhythms of our spiritual lives.

This day is an invitation to renew our commitment to God and to one another. It’s a time to look around and see the familiar faces of those who have walked with us through many seasons, as well as to warmly welcome new friends who are joining us on this journey. We are reminded that we are not alone in our walk of faith; we are part of a community, bound together by the love of Christ.

Rally Day is also day of celebration! We come together ready to worship, to sing, and to praise the God who has been with us through every season of our lives. It is a time to rejoice in the gift of community, in the beauty of our shared faith, and in the boundless love of God that holds us all.

As we approach September 7th, let us embrace Rally Day as a moment to renew our spirits, reconnect with one another, and rejoice in the gift of our shared faith. Whether you've been away or present each week, your place in our community is vital. Together, let's step into this new season with gratitude and faith, trusting in God's continued guidance.

Here's to receiving the blessing of another year of God's grace!

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad



COFFEE TAWLKS:

All-In Discipleship – It's that time of year again! We will be starting 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.

Please join us for this All-In Discipleship discussion on **Sunday, September 21st at 9:15 a.m.** in the gym at St. Lucas. Hosted by Pastor Larson, there will also be sharing of personal stories of how members benefit from their daily devotional walk. As always, there will be a light breakfast served. We welcome all and are looking forward to this important series of discussions!



Dinner

THE WURST IS YET TO COME™: The Men's Club annual "Brat & Kraut" Dinner will be held Sunday, September 28, 2024, 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. Adults \$13.00 Children \$6.00 ages 5-12. 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!!**



YOUTH MINISTRY: EXCITING THINGS ARE COMING!

Something exciting is on the horizon for our Youth Fellowship! In the weeks ahead, we'll be unveiling a new program designed to encourage our youth in faith, fellowship, and service. You won't want to miss what's

coming—keep an eye on your inbox and church announcements for the reveal!

WOMEN'S GUILD: Women's Guild will have a meeting on September 14th, 2025! We will be discussing the Rummage Sale to be held in October!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE: The Women's Guild Fall



Rummage Sale is scheduled for Wednesday October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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, 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 September 14. Please, no computers, monitors or other old electronics.

St. Lucas Women's Guild





The children enjoyed their last water play day of the summer.

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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026: We are looking for volunteers to serve on a committee for Vacation Bible School next year. The theme is Rainforest Falls – Exploring the Nature of God.

We have a wonderful outreach program, with many children from outside the church.

Cindy Riley is willing to help organize it all as in past years, but she will be out of town beginning a couple of weeks before and won't be back until afterwards. Many of our volunteers have helped before and the program generally runs pretty smoothly on its own. Please contact Cindy if you'd be willing to help. We may have a short organizational meeting later this fall/winter, and won't begin the actual planning until spring. It would be great to have at least a small core group to talk about some ideas, but it shouldn't involve a lot of work if we run the program similar to what we've done in the past.

Cindy's cell is (314) 249-6036 for voice or text, and her email is rileyvacation@hotmail.com. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Slovak Fest November 1st. Starting at 11:00 a.m.
Check your weekly E-Newsletter and the October Newsletter for more information.

September Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Sept. 7	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Joyce Bruss (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Ushers) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Nancy Roach (Reader) Laurie Riley (Usher) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
Sept. 14	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Mary Bartlow (Reader) Dave Guemmer (Usher) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Don Baggett (Reader) Ron and Joan Shebik (Ushers) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
Sept 21	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Jane Solovic-Townsend, Stan Shurmantine (Readers) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Ushers) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Kayla Barnes (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Zackary Aguado (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)
Sept. 28	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Joyce Kolnik (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Elena Harrison (Greeter) Laura Hertel (Reader) Art Matia (Usher) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Taylor McKinney Hunter Melton	18 – Carol Miksad Nicholas Riley
3 – Benjamin Kedro Connie Simmons	19 – Laura Morrison
6 – Jim Morrison	20 – Timothy Adams
7 – Bill Bartlow	22 – Mary Bartlow Warren Huffines
8 – Michelle Currie Scott Koth Stan Shurmantine	Robert Sadlon
9 – Melissa Moore	23 – Jessic Arbet Michael Burns Laura Hertel Stephanie Craft
11 – Hannah Simmons	24 – Kabri Biah Tyler Simmons
12 – Allan Belko	26 – Megan Currie Jerry Hrabovsky
13 – Rachel Vajda	29 – Lisa Larson
14 – Justin Schuster	30 – Sydney Kuhnert
16 – Christopher Perry Jr.	
17 – Taylor Carmichael Dorothy Fahrenkamp Earl Willenbrock Jr.	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Matthew & Amanda Jotte	3 years
7 – Larry & Vicki Pritchett	62 years
18 – Dan & Lisa Eding	7 years
18 – Adam & Missy Moore	27 years
22 – Joel & Lauren Bishop	7 years



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.

Reading Through the Word

SEPTEMBER

- 1... Ezekiel 15 & 16; Psalm 70; Revelation 6
- 2... Ezekiel 17 & 18 & 19; Revelation 7
- 3... Ezekiel 20 & 21; Psalm 111; Revelation 8
- 4... Ezekiel 22 & 23 & 24; Revelation 9
- 5... Ezekiel 25 & 26 & 27 & 28; Revelation 10
- 6... Ezekiel 29 & 30 & 31 & 32; Revelation 11
- 7... 1 Kings 25; 2 Chronicles 36; Jeremiah 40 & 41;
Revelation 12
- 8...Jeremiah 42 & 43 & 44; Psalm 48; Revelation 13
- 9... Lamentations 1 & 2; Obadiah; Revelation 14
- 10... Lamentations 3 & 4 & 5; Revelation 15
- 11... Daniel 1 & 2; Psalm 87; Revelation 16
- 12... Daniel 3 & 4; Psalm 81; Revelation 17
- 13... Ezekiel 33 & 34 & 35; Revelation 18
- 14... Ezekiel 36 & 37; Psalm 110; Revelation 19
- 15... Ezekiel 38 & 39; Psalm 145; Revelation 20
- 16... Ezekiel 40 & 41; Psalm 128; Revelation 21
- 17... Ezekiel 42 & 43 & 44; Revelation 22
- 18... Ezekiel 45 & 46; Luke 1
- 19... Ezekiel 47 & 48; Luke 2
- 20... Daniel 5 & 6; Psalm 130; Luke 3
- 21... Daniel 7 & 8; Psalm 137; Luke 4
- 22... Daniel 9 & 10; Psalm 123; Luke 5
- 23... Daniel 11 & 12; Luke 6
- 24... Ezra 1; Psalms 84 & 85; Luke 7
- 25... Ezra 2 & 3; Luke 8
- 26... Ezra 4; Psalms 113 & 127; Luke 9
- 27... Haggai 1 & 2; Psalm 129; Luke 10
- 28... Zechariah 1 & 2 & 3; Luke 11
- 29... Zechariah 4 & 5 & 6; Luke 12
- 30... Zechariah 7 & 8 & 9; Luke 13



