



ST. LUCAS LANTERN
OUR MISSION STATEMENT
We Bring People to Christ, Nurture People in
Christ, and Equip People for Christ
January 2026



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:


So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

– [2 Corinthians 5:17](#) 

Do you ever think about why we celebrate New Year's Day? It's really just another day, so why is it so important for people to mark a date change on a calendar?

I suspect it's because a new year offers a new beginning, the chance to start fresh. There's a reason January is the most important month of the year for gyms and diet programs, because it seems like a fresh chance to start again, to improve yourself. It seems like a natural time for beginning something, which is why lots of people make New Year's resolutions (*whether they stick to them or not is another story!*).

The Christian life offers lots of opportunities for fresh starts, for changing what we've been doing or beginning to live differently. Each week in worship, we begin with a time of confession where we admit what we've done wrong. We admit to God and to each other that our lives are not perfect, that we're not living the way we ought to live, that we're doing things we ought not do and failing to do things we ought to do.

Then, immediately after confession, we hear God's response. We hear the good news that because of what Jesus did for us, because God loves us, we all get a fresh start. [Psalm 103:12](#)  says God has taken our sins away from us "as far as the east is from the west." The slate is wiped clean. We don't need to carry the weight of our sins or guilt with us anymore. We are forgiven!

You don't have to wait for a new year to have a fresh start. Each day offers the opportunity to wake up and remember that you are a baptized child of God. You have been claimed, redeemed, and set free by Jesus Christ. After hearing the promise of forgiveness and absolution in worship, we continue the only way we can, by together giving joyful thanks to God in song and by learning more about God's grace and love for us by hearing God's word. See you in worship!

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad



POINSETTIAS: THANK YOU

Thank you to those who donated poinsettias.

Bill & Joyce Kolnik, *In Memory of Parents*,
Kathleen Moffett, *In memory of John
Moffett*, **Joel & Lauren Bishop**, *In Memory
of Grandparents*, **Robert McNiel, Barb & Jim Morrison, Pete &
Joyce Bruss, Karen Boehm, Debbie Carter**

St. Lucas Women's Guild



ECC: In December the kids had fun making ornaments and decorating the Christmas Tree.





POST SLOVAKFEST NOTES

This year's post SlovakFest meeting was held on 12/2/25. The 2025 SlovakFest realized a net profit of over \$11,800.

The following funding opportunities were discussed and approved at the meeting. The purchase of two, new large refrigerators and electrical work to accommodate the same. Said cost, up to \$14,000.

The cost of repairs to the kitchen dishwasher and convection oven, an electric snow blower, upgrades to the security/fire alarm system and a \$500 donation to the Helping Hands Fund were all approved. In all, the committee approved disbursements of over \$20,000.

In its 35th year, the SlovakFest continues to be an important part of life at St. Lucas and in the community. We work together, as a congregation, to keep our Slovak heritage alive within the congregation and the community. More than any profits and the ability to cover the expenses for non-budgeted items (above), we come together, as a group, to make it happen. That said, the SlovakFest committee would like to thank all who helped to make this year's Fest a success and to encourage everyone to seek opportunities to assist as we gear up for the Fest next year and on the day of the event.

SlovakFest Committee

January Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Jan. 4	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Reader) Dave Guemmer (Usher) Mauriene Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Laurie Ely (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Elena Harrison (Greeter) Art Matia (Reader) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Zackary Aguado (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
Jan. 11	Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Robert McNeil (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Ushers) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Robert McNeil (Reader) Art Matia (Ushers) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Lauren Bishop (Shep Watch)
Jan. 18	Phil Miksad (Elder) Rita Zipay (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Robert McNeil (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Michael Schuster (Reader) Ken Ely, Laurie Ely (Usher) Zackary Aguado (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
Jan. 25	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Deb Rose (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Ushers) Mauriene Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Laurie Riley (Usher) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Jasmine Perry	17 – David Simmons
3 – John Brewer	18 – Gabriel Willis
5 – Pete Bruss	20 – Eric Bierman
Robert McNiel	21 – Stephanie Belko
6 – James Powell	Earl Willenbrock Sr.
Madison Vitale	22 – Kathryn Hertel
7 – Lisa Gibbar	Don Howell
Landon Wooldridge	Robyn Ladenberger
8 – George Hettenhausen Jr.	Margaret Melton
10 – Thomas Jerden	23 – Landen Venegoni
11 – Kenneth Ely	24 – Donald Baggett
Barb Wade	David Kolnik
13 – Ryan McKinney	28 – Craig Dunajcik
14 – Jessica Shackelford	29 – Cindy Maulhardt
16 – Isaac Harrison	30 – William Gibbar

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

12 – Pete & Joyce Bruss	69 years
19 – William & Jessica Shackelford	8 years





JANUARY YOUTH EVENT:

Activate Games, January 11th

Who: Youth 6 - 12 grades

What: Lunch at St. Lucas (Pizza)
Team Building Games at
Activate Games

When: 11:45a.m. on January

11th

Where: St. Lucas and Activate Games in Brentwood

GREETING

CARDS

ASSEMBLY

SHUT-IN CARD MAKING

January 17th 10:00 a.m.

We will be making Valentine and Easter Greeting cards for the shut-ins on Saturday January 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the

Multi-Purpose Room, weather permitting. The cards just need to be assembled. If you can use a glue bottle, we can use your help! All supplies will be provided along with Slovak pastry and wonderful fellowship. Please RSVP to Mary Bartlow (314) 283-0049 or Kathy Christopher (314) 351-2628.



January Coffee-Tawl:

January 18, 9:15 Check the Weekly E-News for more details



GREETING CARDS: Check out the greeting card display for new cards. The price of the cards are \$3.00 each. Gift card holders are \$1.00 each. Personalized cards can be made. Cards are made by Mary Bartlow, Kathy Christopher and Barb Morrison. 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. A donation of \$150.00 was given at the end of the year 2025.



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.



INCLEMENT WEATHER: Winter weather will soon be 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.



TOYS FOR CHILDREN: The St. Lucas Men's Club wishes to thank the generous members of St. Lucas for donations to our Christmas toy collection. Bags of toys were given to "Feed My People."



Reading Through the Word

JANUARY

- 1... Genesis 1 & 2; Luke 1
- 2... Genesis 3 & 4 & 5; Luke 2
- 3... Genesis 6 & 7 & 8; Luke 3
- 4... Genesis 9 & 10 & 11; Luke 4
- 5... Genesis 12 & 13 & 14; Luke 5
- 6... Genesis 15 & 16 & 17; Luke 6
- 7... Genesis 18 & 19; Psalm 3; Luke 7
- 8... Genesis 20 & 21 & 22; Luke 8
- 9... Genesis 23 & 24; Luke 9
- 10... Genesis 25 & 26; Psalm 6; Luke 10
- 11... Genesis 27 & 28; Luke 11
- 12... Genesis 29 & 30; Luke 12
- 13... Genesis 31 & 32 & 33; Luke 13
- 14... Genesis 34 & 35 & 36; Luke 14
- 15... Genesis 37 & 38; Psalm 7; Luke 15
- 16... Genesis 39 & 40 & 41; Luke 16
- 17... Genesis 42 & 43; Psalm 5; Luke 17
- 18... Genesis 44 & 45 & 46; Luke 18
- 19... Genesis 47 & 48; Psalm 10; Luke 19
- 20... Genesis 49 & 50; Psalm 8; Luke 20
- 21... Exodus 1 & 2; Psalm 88; Luke 21
- 22... Exodus 3 & 4 & 5; Luke 22
- 23... Exodus 6 & 7 & 8; Luke 23
- 24... Exodus 9 & 10 & 11; Luke 24
- 25... Exodus 12 & 13; Psalm 21; Acts 1
- 26... Exodus 14 & 15 & 16; Acts 2
- 27... Exodus 17 & 18 & 19; Acts 3
- 28... Exodus 20 & 21 & 22; Psalm 12; Acts 4
- 29... Exodus 23 & 24; Psalm 14; Acts 5
- 30... Exodus 25 & 26 & 27; Acts 6
- 31... Exodus 28 & 29; Acts 7

