



ST. LUCAS LANTERN

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We Bring People to Christ, Nurture People in Christ, and Equip People for Christ

February 2026



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

The month of February comes around, and our thoughts go right to Valentine's Day (or else!). But of course, you know that God has sent us a Valentine, right?

God's Valentine

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Psalm 86

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying. Titus 3

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. Deuteronomy 7

For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord. Psalm 117

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4

God does not leave His Church guessing as to how He feels about us. If ever you feel unloved by Him, open His Valentine – His Holy Word.

Happy February, and God's continued love and blessings to you!

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad



ECC: The teachers attended an in-service titled Play-Based Learning in the Faith-Based Classroom on January 19. We did part one- Setting the Stage. To get extra credit, teachers will evaluate their classroom environments to identify how well they support play-based learning, then develop a plan to enhance or revitalize their learning spaces. We also did part two-Let's Make it Happen. We learned that we play many roles to support play-based learning. We plan on finishing part three in March.



SCHEDULE FOR LENT

Midweek Services - 7:00 p.m.

Light Supper - 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Youth Embark - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hand Chime practice - 6:15 p.m.

Choir Practice - After Service

Ash Wednesday

February 18

Wednesday Lenten Services

February 25 - March 25

Palm Sunday - March 29, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 5

Sunrise Service - 7:30 a.m.

Men's Club Breakfast - 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Festival Service - 10:30 a.m.

MEN'S CLUB CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT: Saturday, February 7, 2025, at High Noon – 12:00 p.m. The St. Lucas Men's Club will host a Corn Hole Tournament and invites all men of our congregation (18 years or older) to its third annual Corn Hole Tournament. The Club will have a short business meeting, lunch, and tournament, all starting at noon in the church hall (gym). If you plan to attend, please contact Art Matia (314) 776-3336 please leave a message) before Friday, February 6, so the club can make food arrangements. If you are unfamiliar with the St. Lucas Men's Club the following is our mission statement.

ST. LUCAS MEN'S CLUB'S MISSION STATEMENT

This organization is a team, and the men on this team share similar Christian values (these values are expressed in many different ways). We are sensitive , respectful and caring brother in Christ, striving to help our Christian brothers and sisters of this church community.

This help comes in many ways, such as gifts of Christmas toys, monetary gifts (the scholarship fund and other gifts given throughout the year), physical labor (helping at dinners and bldg. repairs), etc.... With the help of the Lord, we will continue to fulfill our mission. Amen

February Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Feb. 1	Phil Miksad (Elder) Bill Bartlow (Reader) Dave Guemmer (Usher) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Joel & Lauren Bishop (Greeters) Don Howell (Reader) Ron & Joan Shebik (Ushers) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
Feb. 8	Jane Mihalevich (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Joyce Bruss (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Usher) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Robert McNeil (Elder) Elena Harrison (Greeter) Nancy Roach (Reader) Robert McNeil, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Lauren Bishop (Shep Watch)
Feb. 15	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Mary Bartlow (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Mauriene Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Laurie Riley (Greeter) Don Baggett (Reader) Art Matia (Usher) Zackary Aguado (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
Feb. 18	Ash Wednesday	Ron Shebik (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) June Wooldridge (Reader) Robert McNeil (Usher) Angel Jasper (Acolyte)
Feb. 22	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Jane Solovic-Townsend, Stan Shurmantine (Readers) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Ushers) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Kayla Barnes (Reader) Ken Ely, Laurie Ely (Usher) Zackary Aguado (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)

Feb. 25	Midweek Lent Service	Travis Lawson (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Bill Bartlow (Reader) Ken Ely, Laurie Ely (Usher) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte)
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Faith Howell	17 – Kevina Johnny
2 – Travis Lawson	18 – Barbara Genszler
3 – Matthew Currie	20 – Michael Taylor
12 – Charlotte Brewer	21 – Lenore Wetteroff
Laurie Ely	22 – Carole Franke
13 – Paul Stepanovic Jr.	26 – Shelby Morrison
16 – Kristine Aguado	27 – John Hertel Jr.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

6 – Carl & Dorothy Fahrenkamp	67 years
8 – Ken & Laurie Ely	35 years
21 – Biruk Chiksa & Netsi Tessema	10 years
23 – Justin & Jamie Craft	2 years



February Coffee-Tawlk: On Outreach Join us on February 15 in the gym for a Coffee Tawlk on ideas to share God's love with the world, led by Pastor Larson. Epiphany is the time in the church year when we remember that the love and forgiveness of God through His Son is for everyone. Let's share ideas on how we can touch others with the love of Christ

As always, a light breakfast will be served. We welcome all and are looking forward to this important series of discussions!



BIBLE STUDY: Remember the old Cheer's theme song ... "Sometimes you wanna go where everybody knows your name"?

During this Bible study, we will be spilling the tea on some of the women in the Old Testament who were unnamed.

Join us for 4 weeks as we learn from God's word about these women who showed faith, wisdom, courage or not! Either way they are unforgettable and God used them in his perfect plan.

We will meet in the narthex on the following Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

Feel free to bring a friend

Feb 16, February 23, March 2, and March 9

Let Mary Bartlow know if you are interested at (314) 283-0049 or billandmary@msn.com.

Guaranteed that everyone will know your name!



EGGSTRAVAGANZA: Easter and the Eggstravaganza are just around the corner. Saturday, April 4. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 1:00 p.m. We are asking for donations of 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 in the morning of the hunt. If you have any questions about the Egg Hunt, don't hesitate to get in touch with Art Matia at (314) 776-3336. Thank you for your donations.



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.



Reading Through the Word

February

FEBRUARY

- 1 ... Exodus 30 & 31 & 32; Acts 8
- 2 ... Exodus 33 & 34; Psalm 16; Acts 9
- 3 ... Exodus 35 & 36; Acts 10
- 4 ... Exodus 37 & 38; Psalm 19; Acts 11
- 5 ... Exodus 39 & 40; Psalm 15; Acts 12
- 6 ... Leviticus 1 & 2 & 3; Acts 13
- 7 ... Leviticus 4 & 5 & 6; Acts 14
- 8 ... Leviticus 7 & 8 & 9; Acts 15
- 9 ... Leviticus 10 & 11 & 12; Acts 16
- 10 ... Leviticus 13 & 14; Acts 17
- 11 ... Leviticus 15 & 16 & 17; Acts 18
- 12 ... Leviticus 18 & 19; Psalm 13; Acts 19
- 13 ... Leviticus 20 & 21 & 22; Acts 20
- 14 ... Leviticus 23 & 24; Psalm 24; Acts 21
- 15 ... Leviticus 25; Psalms 25 & 26; Acts 22
- 16 ... Leviticus 26 & 27; Acts 23
- 17 ... Numbers 1 & 2; Acts 24
- 18 ... Numbers 3 & 4; Acts 25
- 19 ... Numbers 5 & 6; Psalm 22; Acts 26
- 20 ... Numbers 7; Psalm 23; Acts 27
- 21 ... Numbers 8 & 9 & 10; Acts 28
- 22 ... Numbers 11 & 12; Psalm 27; Mark 1
- 23 ... Numbers 13 & 14; Psalm 90; Mark 2
- 24 ... Numbers 15 & 16 & 17; Mark 3
- 25 ... Numbers 18 & 19; Psalm 29; Mark 4
- 26 ... Numbers 20 & 21; Psalm 28; Mark 5
- 27 ... Numbers 22 & 23 & 24; Mark 6
- 28 ... Numbers 25 & 26; Mark 7

JOHN 3:16

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