



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



🌸 **Honoring the Heart of a Mother**

Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

As spring blooms around us, we are reminded of the beauty, strength, and tenderness that mothers bring into our lives. This May, we pause to celebrate **Mother's Day**—a time to honor not only biological mothers, but also grandmothers, aunts, sisters, mentors, and all women who have nurtured us in faith and love.

In Proverbs 31, we read of a woman whose worth is “far above rubies,” whose hands work diligently, and whose heart overflows with kindness. Many of us have been blessed to know such women—those who pray for us when we are weary, guide us when we are lost, and rejoice with us in our victories.

Motherhood, in all its forms, is a reflection of God's own nurturing nature. Just as a mother comforts her child, so the Lord comforts His people (Isaiah 66:13). Whether through gentle words, acts of service, or steadfast prayer, these women embody Christ's love in everyday life.

This month, let us:

- **Give thanks** for the women who have shaped our faith.
- **Reach out** to encourage and uplift mothers in our community.
- **Pray** for those who find Mother's Day difficult—those grieving, longing, or feeling unseen.

On **Sunday, May 10**, we will have a special time of recognition during worship. Come and celebrate Gods' gift to us of mothers and other special women in our life.

May we cherish these women not just on Mother's Day, but every day, as we reflect God's love back to them.

Happy Mother's Day! 🌸

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad

SUMMER CAMP: We have opened enrollment for Summer Camp. (ages preschool through 8-year-old) Camp will run from June 1 - July 31. To enroll go to the church website at stlucaslms.org or call (314) 832-2307



The children started the week of the Young Child by having Music Monday



May Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
May 3	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Steve Kulifay (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Ushers) Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Laurie Ely (Comm Setup) Robert McNiel (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Art Matia (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
May 10	Bob Sadlon (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) June Wooldridge (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Robert McNiel (Reader) Art Matia (Usher) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)
May 17	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Sue Hasselbring (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic- Townsend (Ushers) Mauriene Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Michael Schuster (Reader) Ken Ely, Laurie Ely (Ushers) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Yabesh Rajbhandari (Shep Watch)
May 24	Laurie Ely (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Robert McNiel (Reader) Dave Guemmer (Usher) Timothy Adams (Video Tech)	Travis Lawson (Elder) Laurie Riley (Greeter) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Laurie Riley (Usher) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
May 31	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Rita Zipay (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Ushers) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Elena Harrison (Greeter) Don Howell (Reader) Ron Shebik, Joan Shebik (Ushers) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Yabesh Rajbhandari (Shep Watch)



EASTER LILIES: Thank You to those who donated Easter Lilies

- Jim & Barb Morrison
- Robert McNiel
- Anianna Jerden
- Joyce Kolnik
- Cindy Riley, *In memory of Jim Riley, Ted & Lucille Crews*



LUNCH BUNCH : The Lunch Bunch will be held Sunday May 17th at 12:00 p.m. at Café Telegraph located at 2650 Telegraph Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125.

Please contact Stacey Wellman in person or call/text her at (314) 297-7456.





MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Claire Baggett | 8 – Donald Bretz |
| Karen Boehm | 10 – Rebecca Regnier |
| Phan Thi Le | 13 – Lawrence Pirtle |
| 3 – Bradshaw Poe | 14 – Douglas Wooldridge |
| 4 – Ron Shebik | 15 – Makena Currie |
| 5 – Cole Hoyt | 16 – Rachel Simmons |
| Leo Lawson | 18 – Shalom Kediru |
| Riley Roper | 19 – Thomas Kurtz |
| 6 – Paula Lee | 25 – Ruth Brooks |
| 7 – Niki Christopher | Linda Leggitt |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Mike & Kate Murphy 5 years
- 3 – Corey & Valerie Weerts 7 years
- 5 – Warren & Nita Huffines 63 years
- 11 – Mike & Barb Baranovic 58 years
- 14 – Don & Karen Boehm 60 years
- 16 – Steve & Margaret Melton 12 years
- 23 – Bill & Mary Bartlow 34 years
- 24 – Mark & Diane Dymond 40 years
- 25 – Mike & Shauna Niethe 2 years
- 28 – Ron & Joan Shebik 60 years
- 29 – Jeremy & Dorothy Willerton 16 years



BINGO: Our next Bingo will be held on Thursday, May 7 in the gym at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend (or 2). Cost to play is \$5.00.

Our charity this month is Fisher House which supplies comfort homes where Veterans' families can stay free of charge while a loved one is in the hospital and the family lives more than 50 miles away. They are requesting bottled water, coffee cups w/lids, disposable containers, dryer sheets, hard candy (regular & sugar free), paper plates, plastic utensils (forks/spoons), and snacks (individual chips, fruit snacks, cakes).

Please let me know if you plan on attending.

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VBS: Our summer VBS program, Rainforest Falls: Exploring the nature of God, will be held the first week of June, June 1-5, from 9 AM until noon. Directors Diane Dymond and Phil Miksad are recruiting staff (teachers, crew leaders, assistants, and many more) so please prayerfully consider helping with VBS this

year. Thanks in advance! Diane (dianedymond@email.com) and Phil (ptmiksad@aol.com) The link for Vacation Bible School registration can be found at the Saint Lucas website: www.stlucaslcms.org and copies of the registration form are also available in the church office)



LWML SELC District Convention

At St. Lucas, May 1-3, 2026

The LWML-SELC is holding their convention in St. Louis, Missouri, May 1 - 3, 2026. The theme of the convention is "Rivers of Living Water" based on John 7:38. Jesus declares, *"He that believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly will flow Rivers of Living Water"* (KJV).

Donna Snow, author, speaker and Bible study teacher, will be one of our honored guests.

A promotional poster for Mission Sunday. The top left features a portrait of Rev. Gordon Naumann with his name in yellow text on a red background. Below this is a photograph of a mariachi band performing. The right side of the poster has a yellow background with the text "Mission Sunday" in large purple letters, "May 3 Both Services" in red, and "LWML SELC District Convention Mariachi San Pablo Mission Speaker" in black. The bottom left corner features the LWML logo and the text "Lutheran Women in Mission" on a purple background.

Rev. Gordon Naumann

Mission Sunday

**May 3
Both Services**

**LWML SELC District Convention
Mariachi San Pablo
Mission Speaker**

LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission

In addition to (and because of) the wonderful LCMS SELC District Convection at St. Lucas Sunday, May 3, we are also blessed to also have at Sunday worship:

- **Mariachi San Pablo:** A favorite at St. Lucas! They are coming from El Paso for another event in the area and we are blessed to have them for the morning!
- **Mission Speaker,** Rev. Gordon Naumann is the Pastoral Advisor for the district LWML SELC District. Having served as a missionary in Cardiff, Wales, he now serves a congregation in Hazelton, PA. See his bio Check out the E-news.



From the Stewardship Director

Dear Family of Christ at Saint Lucas:

All too often, when we hear the word Stewardship, we think to ourselves, “O

boy, we’re going to be asked to give more to the church. And although any congregation relies on the generous giving of its members, there is so much more to Stewardship.

1. Stewardship as a Daily Act of Worship

Stewardship isn’t just about what we give on Sunday—it’s about how we live every day. Every choice we make with our time, talents, and resources reflects our gratitude to God. When we serve a neighbor, volunteer at church, or use our skills to bless others, we are worshiping Him in

practical ways. This week, ask yourself: *How can I honor God with what He's entrusted to me today?*

2. The Joy of Generosity

Giving is not a burden—it's a blessing. Scripture reminds us that God loves a cheerful giver because generosity reflects His own heart. When we give freely, we participate in God's work, bringing hope and help to others. Whether it's a financial gift, a meal for someone in need, or a listening ear, your generosity makes a difference for eternity.

3. Time: The Gift We Can't Get Back

Money can be earned again, but time is a one-way gift. God calls us to be wise stewards of our hours and days. Investing time in prayer, Scripture, relationships, and service builds treasures in heaven. This month, consider setting aside intentional time for God's purposes—because every moment given to Him is never wasted.

So having said all that, dear friends, I'll go back to the beginning to encourage you to generously and prayerfully support the ministry and mission of Saint Lucas. At this time our giving is lagging behind the budget and needs your help!

Yours in Christ,
Phil Miksad



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.



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.

Reading Through the Word

MAY

- 1... 1 Chronicles 14 & 15; Psalm 132; Matthew 18
- 2... 1 Chronicles 16; Psalm 106; Matthew 19
- 3... 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 2; Matthew 20
- 4... 2 Samuel 8 & 9; 1 Chronicles 18; Matthew 21
- 5... 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19 & 20; Psalm 20; Matthew 22
- 6... 2 Samuel 11 & 12; Psalm 51; Matthew 23
- 7... 2 Samuel 13 & 14; Matthew 24
- 8... 2 Samuel 15 & 16; Psalm 32; Matthew 25
- 9... 2 Samuel 17; Psalm 71; Matthew 26
- 10... 2 Samuel 18; Psalm 56; Matthew 27
- 11... 2 Samuel 19 & 20; Psalm 55; Matthew 28
- 12... 2 Samuel 21 & 22 & 23; 1 Thessalonians 1
- 13... 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21; Psalm 30; 1 Thessalonians 2
- 14... 1 Chronicles 22 & 23 & 24; 1 Thessalonians 3
- 15... 1 Chronicles 25 & 26 & 27; 1 Thessalonians 4
- 16... 1 Kings 1; 1 Chronicles 28; Psalm 91; 1 Thessalonians 5
- 17... 1 Kings 2; 1 Chronicles 29; Psalm 95; 2 Thessalonians 1
- 18... 1 Kings 3; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 78; 2 Thessalonians 2
- 19... 1 Kings 4 & 5; 2 Chronicles 2; Psalm 101; 2 Thessalonians 3
- 20... 1 Kings 6; 2 Chronicles 3; Psalm 97; Romans 1
- 21... 1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4; Psalm 98; Romans 2
- 22... 1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5; Psalm 99; Romans 3
- 23... 2 Chronicles 6 & 7; Psalm 135; Romans 4
- 24... 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8; Psalm 136; Romans 5
- 25... 1 Kings 10 & 11; 2 Chronicles 9; Romans 6
- 26... Proverbs 1 & 2 & 3; Romans 7
- 27... Proverbs 4 & 5 & 6; Romans 8
- 28... Proverbs 7 & 8 & 9; Romans 9
- 29... Proverbs 10 & 11 & 12; Romans 10
- 30... Proverbs 13 & 14 & 15; Romans 11
- 31... Proverbs 16 & 17 & 18; Romans 12



AS A MOTHER
COMFORTS HER CHILD,
SO WILL
I comfort you

ISAIAH 66:3