



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



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

Summer Blessings: Staying Spiritually Refreshed

As the warm days of summer unfold, we're reminded of God's beautiful creation all around us—the golden sunsets, the laughter of children playing, and the gentle breeze that whispers peace to our hearts. Summer is a season of growth, not just for gardens and trees, but for our faith as well.

While vacations, barbecues, and family gatherings fill our calendars, let's also make space for moments with the Lord. Whether it's reading Scripture on the porch, praying during a morning walk, or serving in a summer outreach, these small acts keep our hearts anchored in Him.

This season, let's be intentional about:

- **Resting in God's presence** – true rest comes from Him, not just from time off.
- **Connecting with others** – invite a neighbor to church or share a meal with someone in need.



- **Celebrating creation** – take time to thank God for the beauty around you.

May your summer be filled with joy, renewal, and opportunities to shine

Christ's light wherever you go.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." – Psalm 24:1

Yours in Christ,
Phil Miksad, St. Lucas Lutheran Church

COLLEGE STUDENT BLESSING SUNDAY: Our



college students are heading off to campus soon. Join us on August 9, at both services to recognize and to pray for God's blessings on the new school year. If you know of a student to be included, please invite them. For them to be listed in the bulletin, send a picture, name and details to the church office before August 6th.

ECC: We are having lots of fun this summer. Kona Ice came on June 19. The children picked out their favorite flavor. The St. Louis Zoo came on June 29, where the children learned about animals in our own backyard. They even felt fur of a bunny, a squirrel, and a deer. Then they went on a scavenger hunt to find animals that were hiding in plain sight around the room. We are looking forward to the Magic House visiting on July 31 for some bubble



fun.





Stewardship: Living as Grateful Caretakers

When we hear the word *stewardship*, it's easy to think only about finances. But in God's eyes, stewardship is much bigger—it's about how we care for **everything** He has entrusted to us: our time, talents, treasures, and even the earth itself.

Psalm 24:1 reminds us, "*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.*" That means nothing we have is truly ours—it's all on loan from God. And just like any good caretaker, we're called to use His gifts wisely, joyfully, and generously.

Stewardship isn't about giving because we *have* to—it's about giving because we *get* to. When we serve, share, and give, we're participating in God's work in the world. Whether it's teaching a Sunday school class, visiting someone who's lonely, or supporting the church's mission, every act of stewardship is an act of worship.

This month, take a moment to reflect:

- How am I using my time to serve God and others?
- How am I using my abilities to bless my church and community?
- How am I using my resources to further God's kingdom?

Let's be a church family known for open hands and open hearts—living as grateful caretakers of all God has given us.

Your brother in Christ,
Phil Miksad, Stewardship Director
Saint Lucas Ev. Lutheran Church

August Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Aug. 2	Phil Miksad (Elder) Sue Hasselbring (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Laurie Riley (Greeter) Art Matia (Reader) Laurie Riley (Usher) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Travis Lawson (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
Aug. 9	Barb Morrison (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Robert McNiel (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Ushers) Mauriene Adams (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Robert McNiel (Reader) Ron Shebik, Joan Shebik (Usher) Kevina Johnny (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Yabesh Rajbhandari (Shep Watch)
Aug. 16	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Rita Zipay (Reader) Dave Guemmer (Usher) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Michael Schuster (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
Aug. 23	Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Deb Rose (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Ushers) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Don Howell (Reader) Art Matia (Usher) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
Aug. 30	Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Bill Bartlow (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Mauriene Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Laurie Riley (Greeter) Warren Huffines (Reader) Ken Ely, Laurie Ely (Ushers) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Travis Lawson (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)



CAR WASH: Word of Life Volleyball Car Wash Fundraiser: Need a car wash? Want to support a great group of middle schoolers and their pursuit of volleyball? Join us on Saturday, August

22, from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at St. Lucas Lutheran Church. The middle school volleyball players are ready to wash your car! Donations are accepted and will directly support the program. Thank you!



Un-NAMED WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:

Join us for a four-week bible study of unnamed women of the New Testament.

The New Testament includes stories of women who made a difference spreading the gospel to those who would hear. In the pages of the New Testament we find the women who traveled with Jesus, providing financially for Him and His disciples. We see women who loved Him and some who hated Him. We find women who worked with Paul and opened their homes to other believers. We even find women in the parables Jesus told to His followers.

We will study God's Word concerning the widow with 2 mites, the sinful woman, the 2 girls who questioned Peter on the night of Jesus arrest, and the persistent woman.

We will meet at 10 am on the following Mondays: September 14, September 21, September 28 and October 5.

Please RSVP to Mary Bartlow at billandmary@msn.com or call/text 314.283.0049

ALL ARE WELCOME



SLOVAK FEST: Mark your calendar! Saturday November 7, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Baking will be 2 Saturday mornings and one Wednesday morning in October. Dates will be announced soon.



QUILTERS: The quilters have started meeting again. They meet on Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the church basement.



BUNCO: Come one and all! We will meet in the gym August 6. The cost is \$5.00 to play. Our charity this month will be for school supplies. Bring a friend. Hope to see you then! Please let me know if you plan on attending. Sharon Majoros (314)-

922-4678 **sharon.m3845@yahoo.com**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 – Sara Ladenberger Ana Regnier	18 – Paula Chiodini
3 – Stacey Wellman	19 – Jared Intagliata
9 – Jill Arbet	20 – Doris Banks
11 – Amy Kube	21 – Deborah Carter
Charlotte Bess	22 – Zackary Aguado
12 – Eleanor Barnes	23 – Vicki Pritchett Jenny Bess
14 – Jasmine Adams	25 – Elizabeth Kurtz
Carl Maulhardt	27 – Wendy Ruiz Rodriguez
Justine Perry	28 – Katie Murphy
15 – Ester Regnier Zachary Saathoff	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Jeremy & Lisa Crites	17 years
13 – Don & Terri Howell	38 years
17 – Phillip & Lily Lee	15 years
20 – Frank & Barb Schmaltz	41 years
25 – StanShurmantine & Jane Solovic Townsend	9 years
29 – Mark & Kristine Aguado	25 years
29 – Don & Debbie Bretz	34 years
29 – Michael & Janice Taylor	46 years



TEACHER AIDE NEEDED

For 2026-2027 School Year

Word of Life Lutheran School is seeking a caring, energetic, and dependable part-time teacher aide who has a heart for working with children. The position would be for 20 hours per week in an elementary classroom assisting the teachers with clerical work, supporting students and assisting with classroom management. Hourly pay is based on education and experience. Please contact Principal Melissa Bergholt at mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net or 314-832-1244 x 111 to apply or for more information.



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

AUGUST

- 1 ... Isaiah 65 & 66; Psalm 62; John 3
- 2 ... 2 Kings 21; 2 Chronicles 33; John 4
- 3 ... Nahum 1 & 2 & 3; John 5
- 4 ... 2 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 34; John 6
- 5 ... 2 Kings 23; 2 Chronicles 35; John 7
- 6 ... Habakkuk 1 & 2 & 3; John 8
- 7 ... Zephaniah 1 & 2 & 3; John 9
- 8 ... Jeremiah 1 & 2; John 10
- 9 ... Jeremiah 3 & 4; John 11
- 10 ... Jeremiah 5 & 6; John 12
- 11 ... Jeremiah 7 & 8 & 9; John 13
- 12 ... Jeremiah 10 & 11 & 12; John 14
- 13 ... Jeremiah 13 & 14 & 15; John 15
- 14 ... Jeremiah 16 & 17; Psalm 96; John 16
- 15 ... Jeremiah 18 & 19 & 20; Psalm 93; John 17
- 16 ... 2Kings 24; Jeremiah 22; Psalm 112; John 18
- 17 ... Jeremiah 23 & 24 & 25; John 19
- 18 ... Jeremiah 26 & 35 & 36; John 20
- 19 ... Jeremiah 45 & 46 & 47; Psalm 105; John 21
- 20 ... Jeremiah 48 & 49; Psalm 67; 1 John 1
- 21 ... Jeremiah 21 & 24 & 27; Psalm 118; 1 John 2
- 22 ... Jeremiah 28 & 29 & 30; 1 John 3
- 23 ... Jeremiah 31 & 32; 1 John 4
- 24 ... Jeremiah 33 & 34; Psalm 74; 1 John 5
- 25 ... Jeremiah 37 & 38 & 39; Psalm 79; 2 John
- 26 ... Jeremiah 50 & 51; 3 John
- 27 ... Jeremiah 52; Revelation 1; Psalms 143 & 144
- 28 ... Ezekiel 1 & 2 & 3; Revelation 2
- 29 ... Ezekiel 4 & 5 & 6 & 7; Revelation 3
- 30 ... Ezekiel 8 & 9 & 10 & 11; Revelation 4
- 31 ... Ezekiel 12 & 13 & 14; Revelation 5



NEW GREETING CARDS: Check out the new cards that have been added to the card display. 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.

(Psalm 24)

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And *Everything* in It

