



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



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

As we prepare for July 4, we pray for our nation and our leaders, and for all of us, as we ponder our nation's complicated and tumultuous history and our hope for the future. We are in many ways divided as a nation, but this is hardly a new condition for any student of American history. We are called first to be faithful Christians... and as part of living out our faith, to bring the best of who we are to the public arena, to help our country live out its highest ideals and ideas as much as we possibly can. I'm so proud of and grateful for the ways so many Saint Lucas members serve their God and country, often in unseen and unappreciated ways.

Preachers are fond of saying "The Eagle doesn't fly higher than the Cross." And that is correct. Part of what it means to be under the authority of the Cross is to stand for democracy and the freedom to disagree. In a democracy, sometimes liberals "win" and sometimes conservatives "win" on various issues.

As Christians all around the country look with anticipation at the celebration of 250 years as "one nation, under God", we are committed to praying daily for our nation and for our people, and for those high ideals our ancestors lifted up as foundational to our republic. As soldiers of the Cross, who will never be told who to vote for (or not vote for), and we should all refrain in our communications and social media from personal attacks, and that we might be united in our commitment to democracy, the rule of law, and free and fair elections, regardless of political party.

Saint Lucas has some of the finest Christians, public servants and patriots I've ever met, so I'm sure I'm "preaching to the choir" here. But if you disagree wholeheartedly, know that the beauty of America is that you have the right to do so.

See you in Church for prayer and praise and for a few thoughts on what it means to be here, "For such a time as this."

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



The three-year-olds discussed the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Then they fed the caterpillar.





The Joy of Giving

Giving is more than an act—it's a reflection of the heart. When we give, we participate in God's work, becoming vessels through which His love flows into the world. Scripture reminds us that *"God loves a cheerful giver"* because giving done with joy transforms both the giver and the receiver.

True generosity isn't measured by the size of the gift, but by the spirit in which it's given. Whether it's time, talents, or resources, every offering becomes a seed planted in God's kingdom. These seeds grow into blessings—feeding the hungry, comforting the lonely, and sustaining the ministry that touches lives near and far. In a world that often tells us to hold tightly to what we have, God calls us to open our hands. When we do, we discover that giving doesn't diminish us—it multiplies joy, deepens faith, and strengthens our community.

In June, you received communication about responding to a shortfall in congregational giving and encouragement to do all you can to continue supporting Saint Lucas financially.

This month, let's prayerfully consider how we can give with open hearts. Not out of obligation, but out of gratitude for all God has given us. Together, our generosity can be a living testimony of His abundant grace.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:7

July Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
July 5	Phil Miksad (Elder) Mary Bartlow (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Travis Lawson (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Laura Hertel (Reader) Ron Shebik, Joan Shebik (Ushers) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Yabesh Rajbhandari (Shep Watch)
July 12	Laurie Ely (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) Joyce Kolnik (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Ushers) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Kayla Barnes (Reader) Robert McNiel (Usher) Kevina Johnny (Acolyte) Dalton Costick (Video Tech) Yabesh Rajbhandari (Shep Watch)
July 19	Phil Miksad (Elder) Steve Kulifay (Reader) Dave Guemmer (Usher) Mauriene Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Ron Shebik (Elder) Charlotte Brewer (Greeter) Nancy Roach (Reader) Art Matia (Usher) Travis Lawson (Video Tech) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
July 26	Art Matia (Comm Setup) Bill Bartlow (Elder) June Wooldridge (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Ushers) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Jane Mihalevich (Reader) Ken Ely, Laurie Ely (Ushers) Angel Jasper (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Yabesh Rajbhandari (Shep Watch)



Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, Vacation Bible School was a hit again with the children. You know the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child" well for VBS we can say, "It takes 40 volunteers to have a successful Vacation Bible School!" Without our volunteers we wouldn't be able to provide the quality program and experiences for the

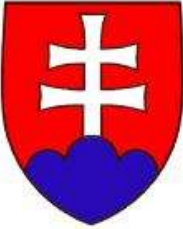
children. Our volunteers faithfully attended each day to help the children learn about God's love through stories, songs and activities. A heartfelt THANK YOU to the following church members, community members, and friends of St. Lucas:

Carol Miksad, Mary Bartlow, Janice Taylor, Mike Taylor, Bill Bartlow, Chris Genszler, Don Howell, Laura Hertel, Isaac Harrison, Renee Ott, Dave Guemmer, Nicole Reynolds, Jim Weisbrod, Brittany Laton, Timothy Adams, Barb Morrison, Jim Morrison, Jackson Smith, John Smith, Karen Boehm, Art Matia, Nancy Roach, Debbie Bretz, Don Bretz, Hilda Westermeyer, Kabari Biah, Kay Weber, Lydia Eddingfield, Mauriene Adams, Tristan Arbet, Paula Lee, Lucas Overman, Suanubari Biah, Faith Howell, Gavin Eddingfield, Deb Leto, Dalton Costic, Kathy Christopher, and Alex Nieth

From Phil Miksad and Diane Dymond



Thank you to Phil Miksad and Diane Dymond for all the work you did for VBS.



SLOVAK FEST: Mark your calendar! Saturday
November 7, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Luke 21:1-4
New International Version

The Widow's Offering

21 ¹ As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ² He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³ "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) shares Jesus with their words and actions. A big part is pooling their resources to support mission work locally, statewide, nationally, and around the world.

A primary source of the funds they raise is through their "Mite Boxes".

The idea is to put your loose change in it every day, then take it to church every month to add it to what others have collected. The LWML supports many mission projects through mites and offerings, we can help share the love of Jesus with others.



SHUTIN GREETING CARDS: Join us on Saturday, August 1, at 10:00 a.m. to assemble greeting cards for St. Lucas Shutins. We will be making Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. The cards will be prepared and will only need to be assembled. Please contact Mary Bartlow, (314) 283-0049 or email at mary.bartlow@stlucaslcms.org or Kathy Christopher, (314) 351-2628 or email officeofstlucas@yahoo.com, if you will attend.



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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Ryleigh Willenbrock | 13 – Adam Moore |
| 3 – Dorothy Arbet | 14 – Laurie Riley |
| 4 – Kayla Barnes | Michael Schuster |
| Rena Crites | 16 – Daniel Arbet |
| 5 – Matthew Morrison | 17 – Frank Schmaltz |
| Loyd Rogers | Netsanet Tessema |
| 6 – Monica Pirtle | 18 – Carter Barnes |
| Vicki Walters | 19 – Sawyer Bess |
| June Wooldridge | 20 – Kim Vitale |
| 7 – Lauren Bishop | 21 – Elliott Willerton |
| Carl Fahrekamp | 22 – Andrea Vajda |
| 10 – Eric Roach | 26 – Addison Shaw |
| 11 – Ezebelle Fraizer | 28 – Jim Vuch |
| 12 – Pastor Idjon Regnier | 30 – Phi Nguyen |
| Sawyer Shackelford | |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 – Jason & Tara Christopher | 4 years |
| 7 – Carl & Cindy Maulhardt | 42 years |
| 27 – Phil & Carol Miksad | 52 years |
| 30 – Jim & Barb Morrison | 35 Years |
| 31 – Jeff & Kayla Barnes | 5 years |

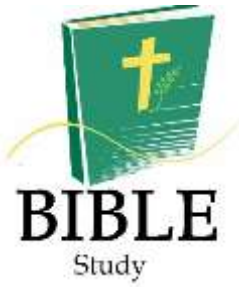


NEW GREETING CARDS: Check out the new cards that have been added to the card display. The price of the cards are \$3.00 each. Gift card holders are \$1.00 each. Personalized cards can be made. Cards are made by Mary Bartlow, Kathy Christopher and Barb Morrison. Proceeds go to Approved Special Projects. For more information contact Kathy Christopher (314) 351-2628 or officeofstlucas@yahoo.com. THANK YOU for all the cards that are bought.



BINGO: Bingo will be held on Thursday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. \$5.00 to play, all are welcome! Our charity this month is school supplies for Feed My

People. Please let me know if you plan on attending. Sharon Majoros (314)-922-4678 sharon.m3845@yahoo.com



BIBLE STUDY: Mark your calendar for the “Women of the New Testament” Bible Study. Classes will be on Mondays, September 14, 21, 28 and October 5. Check out the weekly E-news for more information to come.



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

JULY

- 1... **Isaiah 1 & 2 & 3; Titus 3**
- 2... **Isaiah 4 & 5; Psalms 115 & 116; Jude**
- 3... **Isaiah 6 & 7; 2 Chronicles 26 & 27; Philemon**
- 4... **2 Kings 15 & 16; Hosea 1; Hebrews 1**
- 5... **Hosea 2 & 3 & 4 & 5; Hebrews 2**
- 6... **Hosea 6 & 7 & 8 & 9; Hebrews 3**
- 7... **Hosea 10 & 11 & 12; Psalm 73; Hebrews 4**
- 8... **Hosea 13 & 14; Psalms 100 & 92; Hebrews 5**
- 9... **Micah 1 & 2 & 3 & 4; Hebrews 6**
- 10... **Micah 5 & 6 & 7; Hebrews 7**
- 11... **Isaiah 8 & 9 & 10; Hebrews 8**
- 12... **Isaiah 11 & 12 & 13 & 14; Hebrews 9**
- 13... **Isaiah 15 & 16 & 17 & 18; Hebrews 10**
- 14... **Isaiah 19 & 20 & 21; Hebrews 11**
- 15... **Isaiah 22 & 23 & 24; Hebrews 12**
- 16... **Isaiah 25 & 26 & 27 & 28; Hebrews 13**
- 17... **Isaiah 29 & 30 & 31; James 1**
- 18... **Isaiah 32 & 33 & 34 & 35; James 2**
- 19... **2 Kings 17; 2 Chronicles 28; Psalm 46; James 3**
- 20... **2 Chronicles 29 & 30 & 31; James 4**
- 21... **2 Kings 18 & 19; 2 Chronicles 32; James 5**
- 22... **Isaiah 36 & 37; Psalm 76; 1 Peter 1**
- 23... **2 Kings 20; Isaiah 38 & 39; Psalm 75; 1 Peter 2**
- 24... **Isaiah 40 & 41 & 42; 1 Peter 3**
- 25... **Isaiah 43 & 44 & 45; 1 Peter 4**
- 26... **Isaiah 46 & 47 & 48 & 49; 1 Peter 5**
- 27... **Isaiah 50 & 51 & 52; Psalm 92; 2 Peter 1**
- 28... **Isaiah 53 & 54 & 55 & 56; 2 Peter 2**
- 29... **Isaiah 57 & 58 & 59; Psalm 103; 2 Peter 3**
- 30... **Isaiah 60 & 61 & 62; John 1**
- 31... **Isaiah 63 & 64; Psalm 107; John 2**

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