



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



Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

What do we really own?

'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.' --Job:1:21

There's the joke about the nosy neighbor attending a rich woman's funeral. Peering into the coffin with a friend, he asked, "How much money did she leave?" The friend smiled and replied, "All of it, of course!"

As Job laments, we come into the world naked and leave the same way. We may be dressed in our best clothing on our way out, but we take it to the grave, not the afterlife.

The joke and Job reveal a basic concept of stewardship: We don't really own anything. We may take possession of it for a period of time, but we eventually leave it for others.

Yet we spend so much of our energy and life accumulating more and more – as if we were going to have it forever, as we were going to live forever. The danger is that when we become consumed with gaining wealth, we neglect the greatest treasures: loving the Lord our God with all our being and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

That's why the Bible consistently warns us about wealth. Jesus repeatedly points out the pitfalls. Money and possessions can turn us inward, stunting our growth and preventing us from being the people God created us to be.

Generosity is the preventative cure for this malady. The Bible counsels that tithing – giving away 10 percent of our income – is a good benchmark for faithful giving (although on several occasions Jesus told his disciples to give away ALL their possessions).

Giving 10 percent, or any amount substantial enough to be sacrificial, is a declaration that you are free from the power that money might have over you. Because however much money you can accumulate in life, you will be like the rich woman in the joke: You will leave it all.

May God bless you all with a generous spirit!

Yours in Christ,

Phil Miksad, Stewardship Director, Saint Lucas Evangelical Lutheran Church



CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS: A Class on Essential Teachings of the Faith, Sundays, 4:00 p.m. This class reviews the basic teachings of the Christian Church and, though there is no obligation, can lead to membership at St. Lucas. [GodConnects](https://www.godconnects.org), a video-based course

serves as the core of the class material.

Email Pastor Larson, mark.larson@stlucaslcms.org, or call or text him at (314) 623-2410 for more information.



**LOOKING AHEAD: UNSHAKEABLE
EVENING BIBLE CLASS:**

Starts October 5, Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

This evening, in-person, Bible Study for everyone resumes this fall. We will look at four Biblical characters who God shook to the core and then used to point people to

the hope of salvation.

Phil and Carol Miksad will lead. Call or text Carol at (609) 412-4168 if you are interested in joining us. Stay tuned for more details.



BLESSING OF THE QUILTS: The Blessing of the quilts is scheduled for Sunday, October 11. Help is needed Sunday October 4, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service to bring the quilts up to the church and place them on the pews.

Help is again needed Sunday October 11, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service to fold and box the quilts.

Every quilt is available for purchase for a donation of \$25 to \$40. Donations are greatly appreciated. We must purchase the batting or filling that goes between the 2 layers of fabric and this costs \$80 a roll. We use about 5 rolls of batting each year.

Thank you for all your help.
St. Lucas LWR Quilters



WOMEN' S GUILD: The Women's Guild meeting was scheduled for October 11. Some will be out of town. The date has been changed to **October 18th** after late service.



WEBSITE UPDATE and LIVESTREAM: St. Lucas' website is undergoing a much needed update. God willing, it will be launched in a few weeks. The site will be focused on new people who want to learn about us. Many such people

view the worship livestream before deciding to attend in person. Like many churches, our livestream has frequent technical problems and other factors that result in less than desired quality.

An important change is that the livestream will no longer be linked to the website.

The livestream will continue to be available at youtube.com/@StLucasLutheranStL/streams. Please save this link to watch the livestream.

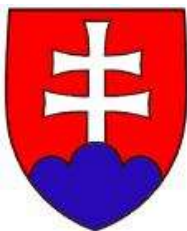


ECC: We have part-time openings in the infants room and full or part-time openings in the three-year-old classroom. We are also hiring part-time employees. For more information contact Laurie Riley

at (314) 832-2307 or email laurie.riley@stlucaslcms.org

October Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Oct. 4	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Rita Zipay (Reader) Dave Guemmer (Usher) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Jane Mihalevich (Comm Setup) Robert McNiel (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Michael Schuster (Reader) Ken Ely, Laurie Ely (Usher) Kevina Johnny (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Yabesh Rajbhandari (Shep Watch)
Oct. 11	Nancy Roach (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Diane Dymond (Greeter) Deb Rose (Reader) Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose (Usher) Mauriene Adams (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Ron Shebik (Elder) Charlo e Brewer (Greeter) Don Howell (Reader) Laurie Riley (Usher) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Travis Lawson (Video Tech) Stacey Wellman (Shep Watch)
Oct. 18	Bill Bartlow (Elder) Bill Bartlow (Reader) Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend (Ushers) Steve Kulifay (Video Tech)	Laurie Ely (Comm Setup) Robert McNiel (Elder) Myrna Land (Greeter) Warren Huffines (Reader) Ron Shebik, Joan Shebik (Ushers) Isaac Harrison (Acolyte) Kevina Johnny (Video Tech) Liz Kurtz (Shep Watch)
Oct. 25	Barbara Baranovic (Comm Setup) Phil Miksad (Elder) Dave Guemmer (Reader) June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer (Ushers) Kabari Biah (Acolyte) Carolyn Crump (Video Tech)	Robert McNiel (Elder) Ken Ely (Greeter) Nancy Roach (Reader) Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich (Ushers) Tracy Johnny (Acolyte) Angel Jasper (Video Tech) Travis Lawson (Shep Watch)



**SLOVAK FESTIVAL SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7, 11:00
AM TO 5:00 PM**

**BAKING AND COOKING DATES - MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Baking Dates

Saturday, October 10 – 9:00 a.m. - make dough, people are needed to measure ingredients and wrap the dough

Wednesday, October 21 – 8:00 a.m. - make stollens

Saturday, October 24 – 8:00 a.m. - roll, fill and bake the roscky (horns), we sit to do the rolling of the dough.

Come and we will teach you how these Slovak pastries are made.

Cooking Dates

Sunday, November 1 - prep onions and cabbages, This is an 8-hour process, sign up for a 2-hour shift

Wednesday, November 4 – 9:00 a.m. - wrap flatware and other sit down jobs

Wednesday, November 4 – 6:00 p.m. - set up tables and chairs. We need some strong, younger men for the tables.

Thursday, November 5 – 9:00 a.m. - Cabbages Rolls, prep chicken, cover booth tables

Friday, November 6 - Cook chicken – 9:00 a.m. - wrap pastry, finish setting up the gym.

Saturday, November 7 - Slovak Fest - help needed cutting desserts at **9:00 a.m.**, help needed until **6:00 p.m.**

The profit generated is mainly allocated to fund non-budgeted items for St. Lucas, such as repairs or replacements.

Please donate desserts, homemade or purchased, to be served with the dinners. Bring them Friday, November 6 before 3pm or on Saturday, November 7 before 10am. This is greatly appreciated.

If you volunteered in the past, you will receive a call asking if you would like to assist in the same role this year. Sign up sheets will be available in mid - October to work a 2 hour shift. Thank you in advance for your service.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members of St. Lucas.

Slovak Festival Committee



JOIN THE HANDCHIME CHOIR!

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy music? Are you looking for a way to get involved in the life of St Lucas? Can you count to 4? If so, please consider joining the all new Handchime Choir! No experience or ability to read music required. We will equip and train you to use these beautiful instruments.

Contact Nicole McReynolds by email, mcreyne@gmail.com or call or text (815) 814-4436 for more information or to join.



SAINTS' DAY COMMEMORATION: We will be commemorating those who have gone before us to heaven during our worship on **November 1**. We will be glad to list the names of those who have departed in the faith in the E-

News. Please submit the names of those whom you would like to remember in this way to the church office by **October 23rd** Only the names of members of St. Lucas and other loved ones who have passed away since the last All Saints' Day will be read aloud.

Word of Life Restaurant Night –

Noodles & Company



Support Word of Life Lutheran School by dining at Noodles & Company in Hampton Village Plaza on Tuesday, October 13. Enjoy dine-in, carry-out, or

drive-thru orders by presenting a printed or digital flyer at the register (check our Facebook page for flyer). For online or mobile app orders, enter code **FUNDRAISER30** at checkout.



Save the Date: Trunk or Treat!

Join us for a fun family event at St. Lucas on Friday, October 16th. We will be looking for volunteers to decorate trunks. Families with children of all ages are invited to come out and enjoy the festivities. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and weekly church announcements for more details in the coming weeks!



GREETING CARDS FALL PRICING:

From October 1 – December 31 the prices will be dropped to **\$2.00** a card. The greeting cards are available on a table outside of the church office in the main entrance.

They are made by Kathy Christopher, Mary Bartlow and Barb Morrison. There are birthday, thank you, sympathy, get well cards, baptism, gift card holders and more. Personalized cards can be made. 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.



REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP: If you would like to sponsor a Sunday in honor of a special event, or just help out in general, contact Jane Townsend for more details at (314) 956-2323

or jane@embtown.com. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to help with

this, and Jane will be in contact with you soon.



BUNCO: The next Bunco will be **1 week later than usual**. It will be **on October 8 at 6:30 p.m.** The cost to play is \$5.00 and some people bring snacks to share.

Please let me know if you plan on attending.

Our charity this month will be Second Chance Ranch which is a Senior Dog Rescue. They are requesting:

Liquid Gain Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Clorox Wipes Disposable Pee Pads, Poop Bags.

Mark your calendar, the date for November will be changed to **November 12.**



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1,



YOUTH TRIP TO THE ZOO: The Youth and their families are invited to take a trip to the Zoo on Sunday, October 4th. We will meet in the gym following the late service

to eat sandwiches and hear more of God's Word before we carpool over to the Zoo for a time of fellowship and community. Please call or text Youth Director Wyatt Brown at (971) 271-4604 to RSVP. You may also advise him of any dietary preferences or restrictions.





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 – Dalton Costock	22 – John Christopher
5 – Blakely Christopher	26 – Chayse Coco
6 – Kathy Christopher	27 – Ella Gibbar
7 – Nancy Roach	William Kolnik
9 – Monica Johnny	Christiana Zipay
Lynn Pirtle	28 – Jason Gambill
15 – Margaret Adams	Michael Hrabovsky
Nicole McReynolds	29 – Timothy Gallo
17 – Maisie Morrison	31 – Adam Belko
19 – Lydia Kwiatkowski	Joan Lowrey
Benjamin Lee	
Janice Taylor	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 – Zach & Lisa Gibbar	18 years
9 – Luke & Elena Harrison	16 years
10 – Larry & Lynn Pirtle	45 years
12 – Pastor Mark & Lisa Larson	30 years
12 – Brad & Megan Meyer	7 years
16 – Sean & Jenna Bartlow	6 years
21 – John & Laura Hertel	31 years

Reading Through the Word

OCTOBER

- 1... Zechariah 10 & 11 & 12; Psalm 126; Luke 14
- 2... Zechariah 13 & 14; Psalms 147 & 134; Luke 15
- 3... Ezra 5 & 6; Psalm 138; Luke 16
- 4... Esther 1 & 2; Psalm 150; Luke 17
- 5... Esther 3 & 4 & 5 & 6; Luke 18
- 6... Esther 7 & 8 & 9 & 10; Luke 19
- 7... Ezra 7 & 8; Luke 20
- 8... Ezra 9 & 10; Psalm 131; Luke 21
- 9... Nehemiah 1 & 2; Psalm 133; Luke 22
- 10... Nehemiah 3 & 4; Luke 23
- 11... Nehemiah 5 & 6; Psalm 146; Luke 24
- 12... Nehemiah 7 & 8; Acts 1
- 13... Nehemiah 9 & 10; Acts 2
- 14... Nehemiah 11 & 12; Psalm 1; Acts 3
- 15... Nehemiah 13; Malachi 1 & 2; Acts 4
- 16... Malachi 3 & 4; Psalm 148; Acts 5
- 17... Job 1 & 2; Acts 6 & 7
- 18... Job 3 & 4; Acts 8 & 9
- 19... Job 5; Psalm 108; Acts 10 & 11
- 20... Job 6 & 7 & 8; Acts 12
- 21... Job 9 & 10; Acts 13 & 14
- 22... Job 11 & 12; Acts 15 & 16
- 23... Job 13 & 14; Acts 17 & 18
- 24... Job 15; Acts 19 & 20
- 25... Job 16; Acts 21 & 22 & 23
- 26... Job 17; Acts 24 & 25 & 26
- 27... Job 18; Psalm 114; Acts 27 & 28
- 28... Job 19; Mark 1 & 2
- 29... Job 20; Mark 3 & 4
- 30... Job 21; Mark 5 & 6
- 31... Job 22; Mark 7 & 8