ST. LUCAS LANTERN

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
We Bring People to Christ, Nurture People in Christ, and Equip People for Christ
November 2026

Dear Family and Friends of Saint Lucas:

Greetings! First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you who have graciously donated to our special appeal: *Strengthening Walls – Open Doors*. The appeal has begun with an outstanding response from many of our Saint Lucas family, and I'm happy to say that the appeal is well on its way to a successful completion. If you haven't had the opportunity to respond to the appeal, there is always time to join in on the cheerful giving.

(A few words about Pledging)

The end of the year is the time that our Church Council begins to work on a budget for the year to come, and to present that budget at the year-end Congregational Assembly. Your pledge helps the Council to construct a workable budget.

Pledge Sunday is more than a financial commitment — it's a spiritual act of worship, a way of acknowledging that **all we have comes from God** and choosing to return a portion of it to Him. The Bible calls this the *grace of giving* — not an obligation, but a privilege.

Three key points:

1. **It's a privilege, not a duty**
   As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 8, the Macedonian churches gave "out of their own choice" and "with eager willingness." Giving is a joyous response to God's blessings, not a burden.

2. **It's about attitude, not just amount**
   Jesus praised the widow's small offering because it came from a heart of gratitude and trust. God looks at the heart, not the size of the gift.

3. **It's a disciplined act of faith**
   Pledging helps us commit to God's work and stay accountable. It keeps our focus on the Blesser, not just the blessings, and supports the church's mission to serve and transform lives.

Consider pledging online at:
https://www.stlucaslcms.org/financial-commitment-form/

Or use this QR code:

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



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1,



Special Holiday Services

Please join us for these special celebrations in November and December



Thanksgiving Celebration

Thursday, November 26 - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays of Advent

Join us December 2, 9 and 16 for the activities below.

6:00 – 6:45p.m. – Light meal (free will offering)

7:00p.m -- Advent Services

7:45p.m. – Choir Practice

Christmas Eve Service

One Service at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. (Communion)



The St. Lucas Church Council is scheduling three service opportunities for the upcoming Advent Season.

All interested individuals, couples, families, and church groups are invited to prepare and serve an Advent meal prior to the weekly Advent Service. These meals are served at 6:00 p.m.

Please contact Phil or Carol Miksad to schedule one of these meals. Many of you already know the JOY of volunteering to share an Advent meal with your church family!



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*, 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.

ECC: The Early Childhood Center's picture day is on Thursday, November 19.



November Volunteer List

Date	Early Service	Late Service
Nov. 1	Bill Bartlow **(Elder)** Diane Dymond **(Greeter)** Joyce Kolnik **(Reader)** Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend **(Ushers)** Mauriene Adams **(Acolyte)** Steve Kulifay **(Video Tech)**	Bob Sadlon **(Comm Setup)** Ron Shebik **(Elder)** Ken Ely **(Greeter)** Don Baggett **(Reader)** Ken Ely, Laurie Ely **(Ushers)** Isaac Harrison **(Acolyte)** Kevina Johnny **(Video Tech)** Yabesh Rajbhandari **(Shep Watch)**
Nov. 8	Barb Morrison **(Comm Setup)** Phil Miksad **(Elder)** Jane Solovic-Townsend, Stan Shurmantine **(Readers)** Dave Guemmer **(Usher)** Carolyn Crump **(Video Tech)**	Travis Lawson **(Elder)** Charlotte Brewer **(Greeter)** Kayla Barnes **(Reader)** Laurie Riley **(Usher)** Tracy Johnny **(Acolyte)** Kevina Johnny **(Video Tech)** Stacey Wellman **(Shep Watch)**
Nov. 15	Bill Bartlow **(Elder)** Steve Kulifay **(Reader)** Judy Willenbrock, Deb Rose **(Usher)** Kabari Biah **(Acolyte)** Steve Kulifay **(Video Tech)**	Barb Morrison **(Comm Setup)** Robert McNiel **(Elder)** Myrna Land **(Greeter)** Laura Hertel **(Reader)** Ron Shebik, Joan Shebik **(Ushers)** Angel Jasper **(Acolyte)** Angel Jasper **(Video Tech)** Liz Kurtz **(Shep Watch)**
Nov. 22	Nancy Roach **(Comm Setup)** Phil Miksad **(Elder)** Diane Dymond **(Greeter)** June Wooldridge **(Reader)** June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer **(Ushers)** Mauriene Adams **(Acolyte)** Carolyn Crump **(Video Tech)**	Ron Shebik **(Elder)** Ken Ely **(Greeter)** Nancy Roach **(Reader)** Robert McNiel, Jane Mihalevich **(Ushers)** Isaac Harrison **(Acolyte)** Travis Lawson **(Video Tech)** Stacey Wellman **(Shep Watch)**
Nov. 26	Ron Shebik **(Elder)** Elena Harrison **(Greeter)** Kayla Barnes **(Reader)** June Wooldridge, Dave Guemmer **(Ushers)** Kabari Biah **(Acolyte)**	**THANKSGIVING**

Nov. 29	Bill Bartlow **(Elder)** Sue Hasselbring **(Reader)** Stan Shurmantine, Jane Solovic-Townsend **(Ushers)** Steve Kulifay **(Video Tech)**	Ron Shebik **(Elder)** Laurie Riley **(Greeter)** Robert McNiel **(Reader)** Ken Ely, Laurie Ely **(Ushers)** Kevina Johnny **(Acolyte)** Kevina Johnny **(Video Tech)** Yabesh Rajbhandari **(Shep Watch)**



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

COOKING DATES - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 10:00 a.m. 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 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



UNSHAKEABLE EVENING BIBLE CLASS:
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.



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, mcreynne@gmail.com or call or text (815) 814-4436 for more information or to join.

WORD OF LIFE RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER: Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 10th! Take the night off from cooking and support Word of Life by dining at JJ Twigs between 12:00 PM and 9:00 PM. No need to mention the school when ordering—just enjoy some great food while supporting WOL!



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 provides these items to their clients, as needed.



BINGO: This month is Bingo on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 in the gym. $5.00 to play. Our charity this month is St. Pius Catholic Church. They open their doors to unhoused men to spend the night. They are asking for hand warmers, long johns (size M) and pillowcase plastic covers. Come and join the fun and bring a friend. Please let Sharon Majoros know if you plan on attending.



SHUT IN LABELS: Do you like receiving greeting cards? So do our shut ins! There will be shut in labels in the narthex if you would like to send Thanksgiving or Christmas cards to them.



We also have a limited supply of Christmas cards you can use to send. Sign and add label and a stamp and you can make someone's holiday special.
Thank you for keeping them in your prayers this beautiful holiday season.



GIFT CARDS FOR THE HOLIDAYS: *GIFT CARDS MAKE GREAT GIFTS!* BASIC would like to help you with all your gift card needs. All proceeds go to assisting in Christian education.

A list of local merchants that we either have or can get quickly for your gift card giving convenience is available in the narthex and will be available in the weekly E-News. There are also hundreds of other retailers available. Please see Bill Bartlow for other information and for denominations. Call (314) 283-0049 with your order or email billandmary@msn.com. Please order before December 13th.





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 – Nicholas Hrabovsky
3 – Lincoln Shackelford
7 – Leslie Werner
8 – Pastor Mark Larson
9 – Rose Henry
Franklin Goetz
10 – Sue Hasselbring
13 – Diane Dymond
Lisa Eding
14 – David Werner
15 – Adam Moore
17 – Susan Buffington
Amy Willenbrock
20 – Don Boehm
21 – Stephen Carter
23 – Mary Hettenhausen
24 – Hailey Hettenhausen
Angel Jasper
26 – Chase Salisbury
27 – Marilyn Hrabovsky
28 – Kate Hoyt
30 – Chris Genszler

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 – Dan & Laurie Riley 36 years
30 - Tyler & Rachel Simmons 13 years



ST. LUCAS CHOIR RESUMES: Baby Jesus wants you to sing for His Birthday! No try-outs, no auditions, just people who enjoy singing their praises in thanksgiving for God's wonderful grace. Contact Choir Director, Nicole McReynolds at mcreynne@gmail.com for more information. First rehearsal date will be announced in the weekly E-News.

Reading Through the Word
NOVEMBER

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