



THE ACTS OF ST. LUCAS

SEPTEMBER, 2012

FOR WITH GOD, NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE. (LUKE 1:37)

Fall Activities Resuming at St. Lucas:

*Sunday School Activities Restart on
September 9, 2012 at 9:15 a.m.*

◆ **Adult Sunday School**—Mark Storer will be teaching the *Gospel of John* in the 2nd floor *Community Room* of the Sunday School Building. All adult members and friends of St. Lucas are encouraged to enrich their spiritual life through this Bible study. Welcome back to Mark Storer!

◆ **Children's Sunday School Classes** meet on the 2nd floor of the Sunday School Building. Classes are available from Pre-K through 5th Grade.

◆ **CYF2G (Youth) Sunday School Classes** meet in the Youth Room on the 3rd floor of the Sunday School Building. This age group is for all Grade 6-12 Students.

◆ **Catechism** for Youth in Grades 6-12 starts on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

◆ **St. Lucas Worship Choir** starts rehearsing on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

◆ **WELCA** will hold its first meeting of the year on the September 18, 2012 at 10 a.m. in *Community Room* of the Sunday School Building.

Two Important Dates!

Special Congregational Meeting—Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to discuss Lower Church flooring.

Long Range Planning Meeting—Sunday, September 30, 2012—1-5 p.m. at Glenwood Lutheran Church—long range goals and planning.

St. Lucas Rummage Sale

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 4, 5, and 6, 2012

Sale Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Thursday & Friday
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday

Check out your garage/attic/closets/barn/basement for things that you would like to donate. Things like: Clean clothing (infant to adult), clean winter coats, shoes, household appliances (mixers, lamps, irons, blenders, crock pots, vacuum cleaners, etc.), furniture, clean sheets/blankets/pillow cases, tools, children's toys, books, cooking utensils/pots and pans, clocks, etc., etc., etc. are all welcome!

Bring your donations to St. Lucas and leave them in the area around the Thrift Shop (Gym floor level in the Sunday School Building) by the end of the day (3:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, October 3, 2012. The church is open every Tuesday—Friday from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm.



See all that stuff in the picture above! God has provided lots of things for the Rummage Sale! Helpers are needed to sort/display everything in the sale. Starting on Monday, October 1st, sorting/displaying will take place between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you have 10 minutes to 5 hours to offer, your help is needed and will be appreciated!

Helpers are also needed during the sale. Call the church office to volunteer (419-243-8189) or just show up and lend a hand! Help is needed for the entire sale and is **especially** needed to clean things up on Saturday, October 6th starting at Noon-ish.

**Let's all pray that this Rummage Sale is one of the
most successful efforts ever!**



PASTORAL ACTS

BY PASTOR MARTIN BILLMEIER

Where there is no vision, the people perish...Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. Habakkuk 2:2 (NRSV)

Eighteen years ago St. Lucas undertook a long range planning process that I led with a committee of laypeople. We set two categories: spiritual goals and physical plant goals. That plan brought to you such things as the statement of welcome, the mission and vision statements, the elevator project, new parking lots, the thrift shop, feeding ministries, healing ministry, youth ministry and opening of the building to like-minded outside organizations. We adopted the oft mentioned (by me anyway) “three-pronged strategy” of defining ourselves regionally, niche ministry to the gay and lesbian community, and commitment to connection with the neighborhood.

When we look at that long range plan we see that we have largely fulfilled it. Now the leadership of St. Lucas is calling for a new long range plan for this faith community. What we seek in a long range plan is not our vision for the future, but God’s vision of who we are to be. “Where there is no vision, the people perish” says Proverbs. Without a vision for mission that is given and empowered by the Holy Spirit churches degenerate into clubs meant only to serve “members.” Such communities soon decline through division and infighting, apathy and fear. Only a vision from God truly empowers a faith community and makes it a lively place. We seek such a vision anew for St. Lucas.

“Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.” Put God’s vision on a stone billboard so someone running by it will be able to read it says Habakkuk. “Rent an electronic billboard on the Anthony Wayne Trail and put your vision on it, so that drivers going 50 miles an hour will be able to read it” might be the modern day equivalent. We seek a new vision from God, a vision of who we seek to be for the sake of the Crucified and Risen One. We gather around Jesus. He is our vision of God. And from Him comes our vision of ourselves.

On Sunday, September 30, 2012, the St. Lucas faith community will gather to seek a new vision from God as we undertake a new long range planning process. This time a long range planning consultant, Steven Ames, will lead us in the process. We believe that God has already been in this process because Steven, a high profile consultant from Bend, Oregon, with an international clientele comes to us through a friendship with St. Lucas member Sharon Schaefer. Steven is also a native Toledoan, so he knows this area as well. When we talked about how to go about long range planning at council, this is the direction in which we felt led. It seems to me that God works out the divine will through our relational connections, through ideas and thoughts; sometimes casually, sometimes intentionally, expressed in meetings.

Please make up your mind now to participate in the new long range planning. Put it on your calendar now. We would like to include everyone from long time members to new friends in the process as this will give us a full range of perspectives on our faith community. Our plan now is to meet from 1 to 5pm (with breaks and snacks!) on Sunday, September 30 at Glenwood Lutheran Church next to the Art Museum. Steven Ames will lead us that day and from that meeting will come at least the seeds of our new long range plan. Please pray that we will receive a vision from God, a vision that we can make plain to the world, for all to see our love and commitment for Jesus Christ. Please call the church office and make your commitment to attend on September 30, or reserve on your “I Worship Today” card at worship.

God’s blessings to all,

Pastor Billmeier

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ACTS OF EDUCATION

SHARON SCHAEFER, SUNDAY SCHOOL CORRESPONDENT

Sunday School Begins on September 9, 2012!

But Jesus called the children to Him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Luke 18:16
(NIV)

Teachers for the New Sunday School Year

K & PreK: Joe Carriel, Anastasia Ngendakumana, Jennifer Adkins
Elementary: Pat Bair and Sally Ortiz
Youth: Katina Werner and Julie Alley
Adults: Pastor Billmeier and Mark Storer

Please keep all of these dedicated teachers in your prayers so that the many students that attend St. Lucas Sunday School will learn about Jesus' love and the importance of that love in their daily lives. A new curriculum has been ordered and teacher training has been completed.

A Sideways Step

August, 2012 was my last month as Sunday School Superintendent after 12 or 14 years, I don't know which. We have identified Communication and Outreach needs for St. Lucas Christian Education and I'm excited about working in those areas. I will continue to write this *Acts* page. That is one of the joys of my life, opening my heart and mind for a topic that will affect you in some positive way.

All children are welcome at St. Lucas Sunday School to learn about building relationships with God and others, enjoy Bible stories, participate in art projects, have fun, and experience sharing/caring with each other.

If you're interested in helping with Sunday School, please call Sharon at 419-351-5804. If you would rather text, please do that. Pat Bair is the Chair of the Christian Ed Committee and would also welcome calls 419-346-5752. You can also email stlucasoffice@gmail.com. Please put Christian Ed in the subject line.

Love, Learn, and Serve God!

St. Lucas/Cindy's Corner Café Reminders

- ◆ St. Lucas/Cindy's Corner is still in need of a "Computer Savy Geek!" If you are knowledgeable about computers and connecting to the internet, please call 419-724-5280 and ask for Theresa Johnson or Talesha Richardson. Help is needed with some networking and wireless issues. Thank you!
- ◆ Coming soon: **EXTREME COUPONING CLASS!** Learn how to **super save** by using coupons! More details to be announced!
- ◆ Do you or someone you know need help with benefits or assistance with taxes? The **Ohio Benefit Bank** and Cindy's Corner have teamed up to help you with solutions. Talk with Cindy Kirk, Theresa Johnson, or Talesha Richardson to set up an appointment (419-724-5280).
- ◆ A special thank you goes out to the Wonderful Church Ladies who help so much around St. Lucas! You are truly a blessing to many, many people!
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who donates time, talent, and treasure to the St. Lucas/Cindy's Corner Café so that those in need may continue to receive wholesome food and a friendly welcome during lunch time five days per week.

Northwest Ohio Synod “Let the Servant Church Arise: God's Mission and Worship”

This event is for congregational worship leaders, outreach leaders, and pastors to meet and explore the connection between worship and mission. It will be offered 1 more time to maximize participants across the Synod—Saturday, September 15, 2012 is the final session (at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Delphos). Online registration is available:

<http://nwos-elca.org/let-the-servant-church-arise/> or call 419-423-3664 for more information.

Baby Land Nursery

Due to the recent flooding of the Lower Church, the nursery will be closed until further notice.

Restrooms & Other Flood Issues

The Lower Church is now open from all entry points and both restrooms are now open and fully functional! The tunnel is also open for access to the Sunday School Building. Work continues on getting quotes and making plans to replace the lower church flooring. Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding. Hopefully, solutions to the underlying problems which cause this flooding will be found.

Keeping St. Lucas Neat & Tidy

Help is needed from everyone to keep the yard and area around the church neat and tidy! Come in/pitch in (without being asked) to help by trimming bushes, pulling weeds, picking up litter, whacking weeds, watering flowers, and etc. It is our faith community—a clean area around the church inspires others to keep their area cleaned up as well!

Thank you to those who have taken up the challenge to keep St. Lucas neater and tidier. The results of your work are being seen and are making a difference!

September, 2012 Month of Blessings

During September, 2012, there will be four Sundays of Blessings for various groups of people:

September 02—Blessing of Workers

September 09—Blessing of Grandparents

September 16—Blessing of Crosses

**September 30—Blessing of Sunday School
Teachers**

FALL 2012 BISHOP'S CONFERENCE MEETINGS

Gatherings for Rostered and Congregational leaders
with Bishop Lohrmann and Staff

CONFERENCE and DATE

North Central—Wednesday, September 26

Maumee Valley—Wednesday, October 17

Southwestern—Monday, October 22

Southeastern—Tuesday, October 30

Eastern—Tuesday, November 06

Toledo—Thursday, November 08

Central—Tuesday, December 04

SCHEDULE

Dinner—5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

Worship/Eucharist—6:15 - 6:45 p.m.

Interactive Gathering—6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

Please speak with Pastor Billmeier if you are interested in attending this event (pastorstlucas@gmail.com and/or 419-243-8189).

Property Team Needs Helpers

Helpers are needed, especially while Adolf Ruelke is continuing with physical rehabilitation for the next several weeks, to do the many and varied things the Property Team does around the St. Lucas buildings and grounds. Minor repairs, changing light bulbs, removing the plastic from the Sunday School building screens, small plastering jobs, and tightening/oiling/etc. are all part of what this Team does. If you are handy with doing these kinds of tasks, drop in to the church on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Thank you!

Ride to Church Sought

Bill Cottle's niece has contacted the St. Lucas office to ask if there is anyone available to pick Bill up and bring him to church on occasion. Bill now resides at The Alpine House, 2901 Tremainsville Road and would like to come and worship with us on Sunday mornings. If you are able to accommodate this request, please speak with Pastor Billmeier (pastorstlucas@gmail.com and/or 419-243-8189). Thank you!

Thank You Volunteers!

Thanks to all who helped with the St. Lucas presence at the Toledo Pride Event on Saturday, August 11, 2012! Your support of the St. Lucas niche ministry to the gay/lesbian community is certainly appreciated.

Cause for Rejoicing... The Elevator Debt Has Been Paid IN FULL!

In the July, 2012 issue of *The Acts of St. Lucas*, there was an article about how the Elevator Loan was being paid down in a "most excellent manner." Well, there is even better news now—**THE ELEVATOR LOAN HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL!** Thanks to the generous heart of an anonymous donor who made a lump sum donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the faithful efforts and giving hearts of many, many other people over the years, the Elevator Debt is gone!

If you had made a pledge to contribute toward the elevator loan during this fiscal year, please consider other areas of ministry to which you might wish to redirect your giving. One suggestion is to donate to the Organ Fund in support of the organ console project that will (hopefully) be starting soon!

Rejoice and Lift Praises to God!

Sympathy and Prayers

The St. Lucas faith community extends prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Debbie and Paul Babcock at the death of **Rudy Dupler** (Debbie's father) who passed away on Sunday, August 26, 2012 at Hospice of Northwestern Ohio. Rudy and his wife Donna had been shut in for some time and Donna is currently at Foundation Park. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at Newcomer Funeral Home.

May the hope of the resurrection of Jesus and the love of their faith community sustain Debbie, Paul and all who mourn.

Psalm 23:1-4 (KJV)

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. 3. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. 4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Memorial/Hope Candles

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worshipers are invited to light candles of remembrance or hope at the table under the pulpit side hymn board. These candles will remain lit during the worship service in which they were started.

St. Lucas/Cindy's Corner Café Is in Need of the Following Infant Items:

Diapers (any size), Formula (concentrate/powdered/canned/pre-made), Similac (Advance/Sensitive/Expert), Isomil, and/or Enfamil. Please call 419-724-5280 if you are able to provide any of these items. Thank you!

Biblical Conversations With The Pastor Classes On Thursdays

Join Pastor Billmeier and a lively group of people who are seeking a greater understanding of the Bible. Classes take place each Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Sunday School Community Room. All are welcome!

The Acts Deadline

Please try to have your information for *The Acts of St. Lucas* sent to Dave Jerman by the 20th of each month. Please contact Dave at: 419-351-4723 or steamloco80@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Healing Ministry

The St. Lucas Healing Ministry continues to offer guests and providers prayers at the *St. Lucas/Cindy's Corner Café*. Prayers for healing, encouragement or other blessings are available to anyone who is interested on the **fourth Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Next time: September 25, 2012)**. All are welcome!

In addition to the *Cindy's Corner Café* times mentioned above, the **Healing Team is also available the third Tuesday evening of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (Next time: September 18, 2012)**. It's a peaceful time of encouragement, renewal, and spiritual healing. Come by yourself or invite someone to join you and come and go anytime during the 90 minutes.

If a ride is needed to a healing night (third Tuesday of each month) or to join the team during the noon/lunch time at *Cindy's Corner Café* (fourth Tuesday of each month), members of the ministry will happy to try and arrange one for you.

If you have questions and/or would like to make an appointment, please e-mail or call: Jeannie Dennler—drjeannie1@aol.com/419-343-4003 or the St. Lucas Office—stlucasoffice@gmail.com/419-243-8189.

Matthew 8:1-17 & Mark 5:21-43

WELCA Meeting Information

WELCA (*Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*) meets monthly from 10:00 a.m. until Noon on the third Tuesday in the *Community Room*—2nd floor of the Sunday School Building. Each gathering starts out with a business meeting and closes with a Bible study led by Pastor Billmeier. All women of the church belong and are welcome! You can still be involved even if you are unable to attend the meetings. More information is available by calling Angie Basilius, President at 419-344-7669 or call the Church office at 419-243-8189.

WELCA Meetings Resume:

Tuesday, September 18, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsals Start Thursday, September 13th

The St. Lucas Choir is getting ready to start rehearsing and taking part in the music at weekly services. **Director, Ron Lang** has announced that the choir's first rehearsal will take place in the Sanctuary on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. and that the Choir will sing its first anthem of the year on Sunday, September 16, 2012 during the 10:30 a.m. Service.

Anyone with a desire to sing and be part of the musical leadership that the Choir provides is welcome to come to rehearsals and contribute his/her gifts of singing and music to this important part of St. Lucas worship. All are welcome!

St. Lucas/Cindy's Corner Café presents:

"High Tea Hat Affair"

Fundraising Event In Support of St. Lucas/Cindy's Corner Café

October 13, 2012

1-4 p.m. in the St. Lucas Gym

Volunteers are needed:

- ◆ A Master of Ceremonies (instruction provided).
- ◆ 8 volunteers to model for the fashion show.
- ◆ Servers (in addition to the normal volunteers).
- ◆ Photo Booth Assistant to help take pictures.
- ◆ Help with set-up/takedown of tables & equipment.

Please call Cindy, Theresa, or Talesha at 419-724-5280 to volunteer your time and talents. Thank you!

Spiritual Practice and Growth Time Before 10:30 a.m. Service

All St. Lucas parishioners are invited to a directed time of prayer and meditation from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. led by Pastor Billmeier and/or Jeannie Dennler. This "centering prayer" application and instruction will be a great way to prepare for worship or to reflect on what you experienced in a previous worship time and will help with each individual's Christian growth. Originally, this was to take place in the lower church, but, due to the recent flooding, it will take place in the sanctuary near the piano.

The St. Lucas Thrift Shop: A Brief History of a Hugely Important Ministry!



The Ladies Who Faithfully Make The St. Lucas Thrift Shop Happen

(from the left):

Ruth, Bea (insert), Joyce,
Clara, Hildegard, Angie,
Joann, and Marie (seated).

(Not Pictured: Alice, Betty, Carol, Deanna, Jan, Mary, and Rose)

The St. Lucas Ladies have been involved with bi-annual Rummage Sales for many years. After one of our Rummage Sales, some years ago, Pastor Billmeier received a call asking for clothing, but unfortunately the Rummage Sale was over and we had nothing to help this family. Since we were getting rummage year-round for the Rummage Sales, Pastor spoke to our ladies and asked if we would be interested in starting a Thrift Shop in the Sunday School with inexpensive clothing and home items available year-round. We felt that this would be a good way for St. Lucas to build bridges to our neighborhood and community. And, indeed we have had Thrift Shop customers show interest in, and even join the church.

Needless to say we have had success in getting people interested in helping in many ways! We asked for donations of gently used household items and clothing that our members donated willingly and lovingly for our mission. A billiard store that was moving and buying all new furniture donated our counters. We bought many of the shelving units at a very nominal price from a fabric store that was going out of business. **On October 20, 2004**, we opened for business every Wednesday morning. At that time we were on the second floor of the Sunday school building.

After a few years it became necessary to move to the first floor, outside the gym. In many ways it is more convenient with fewer steps and closer to the sorting room. Due to increased business, we began to open Wednesdays AND Thursdays. The St. Lucas Thrift Shop is now well known in our neighborhood.

We have about 12-15 ladies who work in the shop on Wednesdays and Thursdays and 6 or 8 others who do miscellaneous work and sorting. It's exceptional how faithful these women are. We also and often get help from the men. They put up pictures, replace fluorescent bulbs, do lifting, and often help us empty our cars of goods from neighbors and friends. We are not only helping our neighbors and friends; we are helping the general fund in a small way as our proceeds are mostly directed there. It's satisfying to work the St. Lucas Thrift Shop as we believe it is a mission that is *Holy Spirit led*. We are committed to help and serve our friends and community. Thanks to Pastor Billmeier, our ladies for their willingness to serve, members of St. Lucas, and most importantly, to God, to Whom be all the glory.

—Joyce Mason, Thrift Shop Chairperson *(Editor's note: Thank you Joyce for writing such a great article!)*

100,000 Meals Goal Toledo Area Ministries

Join Toledo Area Ministries and the Hunger Task Force of Northwest Ohio to raise \$25,000 to purchase all the necessary ingredients for 100,000 meals!

You can become a sponsor of this event by donating any amount of money to Toledo Area Ministries: "100,000 Meals" - mailing address: 3043 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43606.

These nutrient enriched meals will be packaged by local volunteers and distributed by Toledo Seagate Food Bank to its 400+ member agencies to help meet the needs of those experiencing food insecurity in Northwest Ohio.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Donnajeon Stockmaster at 419.242.7401.

LOST AND FOUND Concert(s)



One of our favorite Christian bands is going to be in NW Ohio a couple of times in the upcoming months. Take your Youth, Young Adults, Sunday School classes, Circle groups, Bible Study groups, etc. and have a great time praising the Lord through music!

September 8—PARKING LOT PARTY

St. John—Williston
21140 W. Toledo Street, Williston, OH
419.836.5514

October 3—as part of the 100 WELLS TOUR with Agape and Rachel Kurtz

St. Mark's—East Toledo
611 Woodville Street (at Elmore), Toledo, OH
419.691.3597

Free Bread Distribution takes place every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. – Noon in the Second Floor Nursery Room of the Sunday School Building.

Stewardship Workshop - October 6 Grace Lutheran, Toledo

*Faithful Living & Joyful Giving:
Surprisingly Good News about "Stewardship"*

Rejoice and Give Thanks
with

Mark Allen Powell

October 6, 2012

Grace Lutheran Church
4441 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio

An opportunity to grow in our love of God and to reflect on living as faithful stewards of God's Gifts to us.

**Keynote presentation: Dr. Mark Allan Powell,
Professor of New Testament, Trinity Seminary**

What the Bible actually teaches about stewardship is surprisingly good news! With good humor and a high degree of self-disclosure, Bible scholar Mark Allan Powell traces his journey from being a notoriously bad steward who hated the church's annual "fund-drives" to discovering the Biblical pathway "from duty to delight."

Organ Scholarship Auditions

Sunday, October 14, 2012

2:00pm

at

Trinity Episcopal Church

316 Adams St.

Toledo, OH

\$500 Award for students in Grades 7 – 12 and/or Adult
Students not currently enrolled in a collegiate organ
program.

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-TOLEDO CHAPTER-

Correction!

In the August 2012 edition of the *Acts of St. Lucas*, there was an announcement about the *Pastor's Fall Seminar* being **tentatively scheduled** for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at the home of Bill and Jeannie Dennler. **The date for this event has been changed!** Due to the "Long Range Planning" Meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 30, 2012, the "Pastor's Fall Seminar" will now become the "Pastor's Winter Seminar" and be held during January, 2013! The topic will remain: **Family Systems—Creating Healthy Congregations!** More details will be available soon.

Prayer Path—Labyrinth—Special Prayer Service

October 14, 2012

-Zion Lutheran Church in Huron, Ohio-

The Huron Community Prayer Path and Labyrinth in Huron, Ohio, has been in existence since 2005 when an ecumenical group of volunteers blazed four miles of paths through woods and created a labyrinth. We invite you, your congregations, and all members of your communities to come and experience the many wonders of God. Fourteen meditation stations with prayer booklets and benches are placed in beautiful surroundings. **It is free and open to the public from dawn to dusk seven days a week.** Many have experienced *healing touches and answered prayer* while walking the paths and labyrinth.

On Sunday, October 14th, 2012, we are hosting a prayer and healing service beginning at 2:00 p.m. opening with prayer and praise. At 2:30 p.m. there will be opportunities for individual prayer and healing at five stations: 1) work and financial needs; 2) emotional healing, i.e. anxiety, fears or personal needs; 3) marriages and relationships; 4) military, state, country and world issues; and 5) physical healing. There will be a prayer station inside the Christian Center for persons who cannot walk the path. At 4:00 p.m., we will join together for a prayerful time of praise and thanksgiving.

We hope to see many of you on the path. Come and be blessed with prayers for all your needs to the glory of God. Come and go as your time allows. The Huron Prayer Path is behind Zion Lutheran Church at 930 South Main Street, Huron, Ohio, 44839.

Please call Mark at 419.366.1352 or Pete at 419.616.3042 or Shelia at 419.602.3298 for more information.

Tumaini Medical Mission Fundraiser - Sept. 23, 2012

Vintage Rock and Roll Concert & Car Show

Fundraiser for

African Medical Mission

A "Vintage" Rock & Roll Concert and Car Show are scheduled Sunday September 23, 2012 to raise funds for an African Medical Mission Charity. ***PHIL DIRT AND THE DOZERS*** will play from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at *Centennial Terrace* and a Classic Car Show (also at *Centennial Terrace*) begins at 3 p.m. preceding the concert. Doors and concessions open at 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will go toward expenses for the Tumaini Medical Mission. The Tumaini Medical Mission will send doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, and other medical professionals from NW Ohio to the Dodoma area of Tanzania (East Africa). The medical professionals will treat residents in two remote villages, and train local African health care workers. The mission is scheduled for November 4—14, 2012.

The Tumaini Medical Mission is organized by three Lutheran churches in the Northwestern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. People wishing to donate to the Tumaini Medical Mission may contact Zion Lutheran Church in Waterville, Ohio by calling 419-878-0266.

PHIL DIRT & THE DOZERS is a six person band which calls itself: "America's Premier Rock 'N' Roll Oldies Review" and is one of the most popular vintage rock and roll show in the nation. They play great music from the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's.

Concert tickets are available at www.zionwaterville.com Click the BUY TICKETS button on the right. Call 419-878-0266 for more details.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Blanchard Valley Health System are helping to underwrite the event.

News from the ELCA

100 Wells Challenge: We did it!

This year, the young people of the ELCA set out to raise \$250,000 to support the water projects of *ELCA World Hunger* where they are needed most. Thanks to the generosity of youth across the nation, more than \$400,000 has been received in support of this effort to date. See www.ELCA.org/100wells and be sure to click the link on the left to learn about the *100 Wells Tour concerts with Agape, Rachel Kurtz and Lost and Found.*

Chile: 30 Years of Caring

Educación Popular en Salud, a project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile, is celebrating 30 years of bringing health services, awareness and empowerment to communities in need in Chile. The project has grown from a small, emergency-response team to a leader today in reaching over 145,000 women and their families in poor communities.

Bolivia: Sponsor a Missionary Couple

You can sponsor Justin and Kari Eller, ELCA missionary teachers and educators serving in Bolivia. Contact missionarysponsorship@elca.org or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2657. Sponsors from the Metropolitan Chicago, Montana and North Carolina Synods are especially welcomed to minimize their travel time and maximize their impact while on home assignment.

Mexico: Immersion Trip, Oct. 24-31, 2012

This Reformation Sunday, worship with the Lutheran faith communities in Mexico City during a week of site visits and engaging lectures on the theme of "Lutheran Identity in a Latin American Context." Don't miss this chance to connect the needs of your local and global communities as you experience the realities of immigration, poverty, ecumenism and spirituality in Latin America, with an emphasis on the role of Lutheran and Protestant churches in Mexico. For more information, please see www.elca.org/mexico.

Washington, D.C.: International AIDS Conference

Ten ELCA members attending the recent International AIDS Conference cite progress on the response to HIV, but say it is not enough. The presiding bishops of the ELCA and the Episcopal Church say that 2012 can be a defining moment for turning the tide on HIV and AIDS. See www.elca.org/news and click the News Release tab on the left.

In Our Prayers:

Pray for Ann Klavano, a new ELCA missionary, as she begins her service in Papua, New Guinea, as a seminary professor. (This prayer is available along with others from around the globe at www.elca.org/prayerverventures.)

ELCA Celebrating 25th Anniversary in 2013

CHICAGO (ELCA) - The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is celebrating its 25th anniversary beginning January, 2013. Under the theme, "*Always Being Made New*" the 4.2 million-member church will embark on a year-long reflection on the people and events that have shaped this church and the life-changing ministries across the United States and overseas.

The ELCA is the largest Lutheran denomination in the United States, with about 10,000 congregations, 65 synods, and numerous church wide ministries. "In 25 years, we have started 435 new congregations, ordained nearly 8,000 pastors, sent more than 2,000 missionaries to serve in the world, and contributed more than \$350 million toward the alleviation of hunger and poverty," according to ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson. "We are a church that is deeply rooted -- and always being made new. Our roots are in Scripture, tradition and the Lutheran Confessions, as well as in the vibrant communities and rich histories of our congregations. These roots are an ongoing source of nourishment, enabling us to be a church that is resilient, always reforming and guided by the Holy Spirit," said Hanson.

The anniversary theme is 2 Corinthians 5:17:

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

More information is available at: www.ELCA.org/25.

ELCA - Assistance for Syria

Ongoing conflict in Syria has displaced nearly 2.5 million people. Many have left their homes to seek refuge elsewhere in Syria, while others are crossing the borders into Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq in search of safety and shelter. Our work with The Lutheran World Federation & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land includes meeting the needs of Syrian refugees who have traveled to Jordan. Camp management and the provision of shelter have been the primary focus of our work. We need you. \$200,000 has been committed in support of the Syrian people. We are also granting another \$250,000 for camp management and housing of refugees in Jordan. Your generosity makes our response possible. Gifts designated for the "Syria Conflict," will be used in full - 100 percent - in response to this conflict. For more information, please visit www.ELCA.org/disaster. Your prayers and partnership are greatly needed & deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Daniel Rift,

Director ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Cherish Our Children

Wednesday Prayer for August 22, 2012



Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:13-18)

This week *Cherish Our Children* received a very generous financial gift from a couple who are long-time donors. Along with their gift, they included a note, saying: We want to see *Cherish Our Children* working as it does in [our congregation] in all the congregations of the ELCA. We trust this [gift] will help a bit to accomplish that. Many thanks for your leadership in this vital mission on behalf of God's children. We are very grateful for this couple's prayers, ministry, encouragement, and financial support over the years. Their note is a reminder to me of our vision for *Cherish Our Children* since the very beginning: to have every ELCA congregation involved in this ministry, so all God's children will be cherished.

The heart of this passage from Ephesians is preparation for ministry. As a ministry, I would like to see us train more leaders so we ARE able expand into more congregations. I would like to see more leaders value training as important for their ongoing growth and ministry. We will certainly discuss these topics during our strategic planning process as we pursue this vision of expansion. For now and always, we live in these wonderful gifts from God as we share this ministry with the world: truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the word of God, and prayer. Thanks be to God!

Gracious and Holy God, thank you for the gifts You give to us to prepare and equip us for ministry. Help us be open to Your teaching, that we may face challenges bravely, protect your children boldly, and persevere when we are discouraged. Help us create and participate in training that makes us better leaders, so this ministry may continue to expand for the sake of Your children. Help us to pray for one another as we grow in Your love and wisdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



Today's *Wednesday Prayer* was written by Diaconal Minister Amy Hartman, National Director of *Cherish Our Children*.

Prayers are also requested for:

- ◆ Protection of and good health for all *Cherish Our Children* leaders, congregations, synods, and the overall organization, that God would thwart any efforts to undermine this ministry.
- ◆ All of God's children, that their lives and futures are what we are seeking to protect and cherish. May we stay focused on what is best for God's children.
- ◆ Sufficient, sustainable funding for this ministry, so the work that God is calling us to do can be done to the best of our ability.

CHERISH OUR CHILDREN

“Practicing Justice” Letter Writing Campaign

Greetings!

I am writing to share with you a great opportunity to "Practice Justice" along with the youth from Ohio who participated in the *Cherish Our Children* workshops at the recent ELCA *Youth Gathering* in July, 2012.

After learning about the trafficking of children, we invited all workshop participants (representing 19 states) to write letters to their legislators and governors, encouraging them to pass and implement "safe harbor" laws on behalf of trafficked children.

I have attached a state ratings map as well as information about Ohio laws specifically, which includes the sample letter for the youth from Ohio. *(Editor's note: Please ask for a copy or e-mail of these materials by calling/e-mailing the St. Lucas Church Office—419-243-8189/pastorstlucas@gmail.com)*

I invite you to join the youth from your state in making your voice for children heard by writing a letter yourself.

In Christ's Service,

Amy L. Hartman, Diaconal Minister
National Director of *Cherish Our Children*
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Cherish Our Children is a national Lutheran ministry of prayer, education, relationship-building, and action to prevent child sexual exploitation.

Excerpts & Summaries from a Recent Article in *Partners In Mission*

(Summer, 2012 Edition)

In-Breaking the Church

By Bishop Marcus Lohrmann of the NW Ohio Synod

How would you answer the question, “When all is said and done, what do you hope and pray will have been accomplished through your life?” How would you answer the question, “When the day is done, what do you hope and pray God will accomplish through the congregation of which you are a part?” Such questions are clarifying. They push us to ask about what finally is of greatest importance.

Some months ago someone asked me, “Bishop, what do you want for our life together in this Synod?” That was a clarifying moment for me. I found myself saying, “When people look at us individually, or when they look at our congregations, or when they look at the agencies and ministries that relate to the NW Ohio Synod, or when they look at us as a Synod, I hope and pray that they will see something of what God is doing in Christ Jesus through us, among us, and within us.” That’s it!

Bishop Lohrmann continues by referring us to Mark 1:14-15 (“Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent-believe in the good news.’”) and states that the Gospels then unfold the story of how the kingdom (the reign) of God draws near in the person of Jesus, in His words and deeds, in His suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension. In response to that story, God’s desire is that we do an “about face” (repentance) and trust ourselves to the One who is the author of that story. When, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we do that, those around us will see something of the reign of God unfolding. Similarly, when we see that in others, we see something of what God is up to in Christ Jesus.

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we who belong to the congregations, ministries, and agencies of this synod will be the signs of and participants in the in-breaking (and life-changing) reign of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the new Vision Statement of the NW Ohio Synod adopted at the Synod Assembly in May, 2012. It points the way for us to see and do what is ultimately of the most importance for us individually, and as congregations, ministries, and agencies of this Synod. **The big questions are NOT:** “Are we liked” or “what do people think of us” or “will we survive” or “do we have enough money.” **The big questions ARE:** “Do people see Christ when they look at us? Are we able to see something of the reign of God in Christ as we look at each other and as our eyes are open to the world around us?”

The Bishop then goes on to discuss people and places where we see evidence of “God’s in-breaking reign.” He mentions a recent visit to the Toledo area where he participated in the dedication of the Labuhn Center at the Lutheran Homes Society. The Labuhn Center was donated by Jerry and Ilene Labuhn whose lives have been marked by the ability to see Christ in those most vulnerable. **And, in their (the Labuhn’s) care, others have seen Christ.**

Bishop Lohrmann also mentions visiting St. Lucas where he witnessed a room full of men gathered for an AA meeting, people working in the St. Lucas Thrift Shop, and a kitchen full of volunteers preparing food for those in need who visit Cindy’s Corner Café. He concludes: **“In this community (St. Lucas) of poverty and the manifold stresses of life, there were ample signs of the abundance, generosity, and love that are characteristic of the life of Christ.”**

Holy Cross Day

I Corinthians 1:18: “*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*”

September 14 is **Holy Cross Day**. Observance of this day dates from the dedication, in 335, of a basilica, the *Church of the Holy Sepulchre*, which was built in Jerusalem on what is believed to be the site of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. It is a day of celebrating Jesus’ triumph over sin and His victory over death.

St. Matthew-Apostle Day—September 21

Celebrated in honor of St. Matthew, also known as Levi, who identified himself as a former tax collector and, as such, one who was considered an outcast from the Jews. Yet Jesus called upon him to become a disciple (Matt. 9:9-13) and, later, an Apostle (Matt. 10:2-4).

St. Michael and All Angels Day

The Festival of *St. Michael and All Angels* is observed on September 29th of each year. On that date in the fifth century, a small basilica outside of Rome was dedicated to Michael, the first in Italy. From earliest Christian history, many churches were dedicated in Michael’s honor since he is the only archangel named in Scripture (in Daniel, Jude, and Revelation...).

September, 2012 Worship Leaders

Acolyte:

All of September—Brenden Ottney

Lector:

All of September—Jill Hojnacki

Ushers:

All of September—Head—Carl Ritter & Ruthann
Couturier

All of September—Offering—Alan Langevin & Ron
Bacon

Elder(s)—Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

All of September—Mary Davis

Elders—Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

All of September—Paul Babcock & Carmen Ball

Elders—Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

All of September—Lee Jagodzinski &
Michael Biscay

At the time The Acts of St. Lucas went to print, October,
2012 assignments were not available.

St. Lucas/Cindy's Corner Café Is in Need of the Following Items:



**Paper Napkins, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken,
Boxes of Mac & Cheese, Canned Peas,
Cans of Pork & Beans/Baked Beans, Sugar,
Kool-Aid (any flavor), and Pepper.**



If you, or someone you know, is able to help by
providing some or all of these items, please call Cindy,
Theresa, or Talesha at 419-724-5280 and let one of them
know. Thank you!

June, 2012 Financial Report:

Balance Forward—7-1-12	\$(-21,648.82)
Receipts	+ 8,792.50
Fund Transfers	(-105.00)
Disbursements	(-13,137.01)
Balance—7-31-12	(-25,888.33)
Balance Last Year	(-17,303.33)

Please continue praying that the Lord will help us find
ways to erase our deficit and provide all that we need to
carry on the mission that He has given us.

*God is faithful.
God answers prayer.
God will provide.*

Thrift Shop Volunteers Schedule for September and October, 2012

Wednesday	September 05	Betty & Alice
Thursday	September 06	Deanna, Mary & Carol

Wednesday	September 12	Marie & Alice
Thursday	September 13	Jan, Rose & Angie

Wednesday	September 19	Betty & Alice
Thursday	September 20	Deanna, Mary & Carol

Wednesday	September 26	Marie & Alice
Thursday	September 27	Jan, Rose & Angie

<u>Mon.-Wed.</u>	<u>October 1-3</u>	<u>Set Up Rummage Sale</u>
<u>Thurs.-Sat.</u>	<u>October 4-6</u>	<u>Rummage Sale</u>

Wednesday	October 10	Thrift Shop Closed
Thursday	October 11	Thrift Shop Closed

Wednesday	October 17	Marie & Alice
Thursday	October 18	Angie, Jan & Rose

Wednesday	October 24	Betty & Alice
Thursday	October 25	Deanna, Angie & Mary

Wednesday	October 31	Marie, Rose & Alice
Thursday	November 01	Hildegard & Angie

**Thank you to all of the volunteers who work in this
important part of the St. Lucas community ministry!**

SOUTH END SENIORS

In June we had a wonderful luncheon at the Maumee River Yacht Club in Walbridge Park. It was a beautiful day and many enjoyed the outdoor deck along the river. At that gathering we took a survey of the favorite meeting places and these are the results: The most popular restaurants were Olive Garden and Red Lobster with 12 votes. Next was Mi Hacienda with 11 votes. Third place was a tie between Bob Evans and Hong Kong Buffet with 10 votes. The Maumee River Yacht Club received 8 votes (and we hadn't even gotten our meals yet). Happy Rose and Red Wells on River Rd. both got 7 votes although we have not gone to Red Wells as a group. Eating at St. John's with a caterer came in next with 6 votes. Also receiving votes (in order) were Sebastianos, Yangs, St. Lucas, Maumee Bay, and Black Pearl.

**We will go to Bob Evans on Glendale near Walmart
on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at noon. Please give
your reservations to Marie at St. Lucas.**

Prayers

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise

- ◆ Praise God for the willing heart of the donor who paid off the remaining balance of Elevator Loan.
- ◆ Praise God for the willing hearts of all donors who have faithfully paid on the Elevator Loan over the years.
- ◆ Praise God for the many ways in which God is blessing and using the various ministries of St. Lucas.
- ◆ Praise God for His never-failing Love for each one of us.

Prayers of Concern, Healing, Protection, Guidance, Leadership, and Encouragement

◆ Lois Bening, Deb Carriel, Bill Cottle, Bryan & Pat Goeble, Mary Good, Carl & Judy Hischka, Harold Jerman, Ellamay Jerman, Cheryl Jones, Cindy Kirk, Cameron Kruse, Eileen Leruth, Dorothy Lindhorst, Josh Loper, Melva Nelson, Helen Nostrant, Carol Petoskey, Marilyn Pockmire, Adolf Ruelke, Kathy Ruhm, Kathy Ruhm's great-nephew, Ruth Smeltzer, Florence Spenker, Rose Steinmiller, Jeff Steuer, Gerald Willoughby, Riley Woody, and John, Mary, Rich, and Stacey.

◆ Please pray for God's divine guidance as St. Lucas enters into a period of long range planning for the future.

◆ Please pray for the continued leadership of Pastor Billmeier and the St. Lucas Church Council.

◆ There are many people involved with the St. Lucas faith community who are suffering from an illness or injury, are in need of employment, have loved ones serving in the military, are in the military, are in need of encouragement, are grieving the death of a loved one, are grieving the loss of a relationship, are unable to come to church due to illness or injury, have a family member or friend who is having difficulties, etc. Others may be celebrating the birth of a baby, a recent marriage, a promotion at work, becoming employed, a graduation, getting an addiction under control, repairing a relationship with a family member/loved one, etc.

Please pray for the people and situations about whom/which you know there are needs and the financial well-being of St. Lucas. Also, please remember to give God thanks for the blessings He has provided.

Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV):

19. Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by My Father in Heaven. 20. For where two or three gather in My name, there am I with them.

Scrip Program

Even though the Elevator Loan has been paid in full, there are other ministry needs at St. Lucas and the Scrip Program is still up and running full blast. **Lee Jagodzinski** has purchased Scrip Cards for several Toledo area businesses and **has them on hand with her.** For example, if you are planning on going out to eat after church, check with Lee to see if she has a "gift card" from your favorite restaurant on hand. Additionally, cards are available from nearly every grocery, discount, and department store in the area and cards from all kinds of restaurants are available.

When you take advantage of this program, part of the proceeds of the cards is returned to St. Lucas by the stores or restaurants! All cards are **dollar for dollar value and spend just like currency or a regular credit card in the specific store in which you have purchased a Gift Card (Scrip Card).** The companies take less of a profit to support charitable organizations.

If you know you will be buying gas for your vehicle, make sure you purchase a card through the Scrip Program (please note: You may also purchase Kroger gift cards if you buy your gasoline there). If you work at a business which has a fleet of vehicles, ask them to consider using St. Lucas Gift Cards to purchase gas and help them get set up on the program! Every time one of these Program Cards is used, St. Lucas receives back a percentage of the purchase.

If you have any questions or would like to purchase cards, please contact Lee Jagodzinski at 419-376-6336 or leejag710@gmail.com.

Here are just a few of the businesses that take part in the Scrip Program: *Aeropostale, Anderson's, Amazon.com, American Eagle, Barry's Bagels, Beirut Restaurants, Bob Evans, Books-A-Million, Boston Market, BP Gas, Burger King, Cabela's, Café Marie, Chipotle, Chuck E. Cheese, Circle K, Claddagh Irish Pub, Cracker Barrel, Denny's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Eddie Bauer, Elder Beerman, Espresso Car Wash, Family Christian, Famous Daves, Fricker's, Gander Mountain, Gap, Giant Eagle, Honey Baked Ham, House of Meats, Hyatt Hotels, Ideal Hotdogs, I-Hop, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, Kroger, Land's End, Legacy Golf, Libbey Glass, Little Cesears, Petco, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Spaghetti Warehouse, Steak & Shake, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays, Ticketmaster, Tim Hortons, Walgreen's, Wendy's, and tons and tons more!*

This is a painless, efficient, and excellent way to support the mission and work of St. Lucas!

The Vicar of Walbridge

The Vicar of Walbridge is taking a month of vacation to tour the great churches & cathedrals of Europe. Not to worry, The Vicar will soon return and share more pearls of wisdom with all of us!

My View of the Church

By Guenther The St. Lucas Church Mouse

What an exciting first month on the job! My wife, Guenthianna, and I finally got moved in to our new home in the boiler room at St. Lucas. Things have been fairly cool during the summer (in spite of the heat outside) and we are looking forward to how cozy it will be during the cold months of winter when the boiler is fired up! Thank you to everyone who helped us move!

Speaking of summer heat, I have some really hot breaking news to share with everyone! After further investigation, it appears that Randy Hyter has had some excellent help while taking care of the grounds surrounding St. Lucas. Not wanting to miss any of the action, I packed up my Nikon M-9000 Deluxe Digital Camera and set out to get a picture of Randy and his helpers (FYI: Please don't go out and try to purchase an M-9000—it is only available to mouse professionals. Human hands are just too big to operate the controls!).

Here is a picture of Randy (Hyter) and Jonathon Ulch (doesn't the M-9000 Deluxe do a great job!). Jonathon is a resourceful young man from the St. Lucas neighborhood who willingly volunteered his time helping Randy with cutting grass and other yard and landscaping maintenance around the church. When the St. Lucas lawnmower recently turned its last revolution before dying a smoke filled death, Jonathon went and got his family's lawn mower and/or the mower of a neighbor to make sure the church lawns continued to get cut! He is a very hard worker and his efforts are greatly appreciated! Thank you Jonathon & Randy for doing such great work!



September & Early October Birthdays

September

Sara Sattler—02
David Girardot—05
Meckenzy Miller—05
Carl Hischka—06
Nina Lynch—06
Tim Teague—09
Mia Mitchell—10
Bruce Taylor—15
Sharon Schaefer—15
Bob Alley—15
Sally Ortiz—16
Amanda Murphy—16
Dan Wolfram, Sr.—17
Carmen Ball—20
Joyce Mease—20
Jill Hojnacki—21
Cheryl Jones—21
Phil Chambers—25
Becca Girardot—26
Georgia Steele—29
Alexander Kasee—30
Krystalina Carver—30

Early October

Rosetta Steinmiller—01
Joe Carriel—02
Paul Babcock—04
Marilyn Pockmire—06
Ginger Klekamp—09
Angeline Basilius—12
Karen Flowers—13
Kevin Grindle—13
Daniel Fox—15



Happy Birthday!



September & Early October Anniversaries

September

Fred and Kathy Ruhm—11
Ralph and Rebecca Cairl—12
Rick and Annette Mason—13
Jeff and Jody Steuer—27

Early October

Roy and Vicki Deeds—10
Marc and Linda Smith—12
Barb Billows and Barb Burger—16

Happy Anniversary 🎉

Congratulations!

Please let the Church Office know if your birthday and/or anniversary is being missed!



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Worship Hours

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. with Healing Rite.
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.
Wednesdays: Noon Prayer Circle.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered at all services.

Mission and Vision

ST. LUCAS PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The people of St. Lucas Lutheran Church invite and welcome everyone to enter and feel God's presence.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. We believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior.
2. We embrace diversity and welcome all unconditionally.
3. We commit to live God's Word and share the Good News.
4. We strive for closer relationship with God and each other.
5. We demonstrate compassion and forgiveness through open hearts and open minds.



AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

All people are welcome within our membership and are encouraged to participate in the sacramental life and work of our congregation, including those of all sexual orientations, gender identities, ages, races, abilities, economic levels, and previous religious experiences.
Come dressed as you are...All are Welcome!