ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 26
Noon in the lower church
7:00 pm in the main sanctuary

PALMS FOR ASHES If you took your palm home last Palm Sunday and placed them behind a cross or sacred image, please bring them to church on Sundays in February, so we can use them to make ashes for imposition on Ash Wednesday. There will be a golden basket in the narthex to receive the palms. Last Sunday to do so will be Feb. 23.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN NOON SERVICES OR 7PM HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1

CLC FREE SENIORS ADVANCE DIRECTIVES CLINIC
Wednesday, Feb. 19 8:30-Noon
“D” Room 2nd floor Sunday School
Thanks to a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherns the Christian Legal Collaborative will offer an “Advanced Directives Clinic” at St. Lucas on Feb. 19. Volunteers will assist seniors with understanding end of life issues and rights and completing advanced directives packets under the guidance of an attorney with the Christian Legal Collaborative who will be onsite that day.
8:30 Gather, coffee and rolls
9:00 Clinic Begins
Please reserve for the clinic on your “I’m Here Today” card at church or call the office 419-243-8189.
Invite a friend.

Spring Rummage Sale March 5, 6, 7
We have been blessed with many donations. There is a lot to choose from. We are also in need of volunteers to help all three days.
Please see Joyce Mason to sign up. 419-382-4551

Vernon Williams, our custodian
We received news that our long time custodian, Vernon, is very ill. Doctors will do a biopsy to determine suspected pancreatic cancer. Please include Vernon and his family in your prayers.

While Vernon is unable to work we are looking for people to volunteer to clean the sanctuary and lower church. Volunteers from Cindy’s Corner are helping with the Sunday School building. If you can come some time during office hours (9am-3pm Tue-Fri), please let us know and we will set you up with tools and things to do. Thank you.

Sue White Wendt Johnson
DUAL MEMBER RECOGNITION At the 10:30 service on Reconciling in Christ Sunday, January 26, we welcomed Sue White Wendt Johnson (pictured here with her husband Keith Johnson) as a dual member of St. Lucas. She also holds membership with Westgate Missionary Alliance Church. Sue was baptized and confirmed at St. Lucas. Welcome home Sue! We are glad to have you as a dual member.
The Importance of Lent

Ash Wednesday falls on February 26 this year, the beginning of the forty days of Lent. I invite you to begin thinking about your Lenten journey now. At St. Lucas we will again offer Wednesday Lenten services at noon in the lower church and at 7pm in the main sanctuary. Lent is a time for intentional spiritual renewal. Added worship services are one way that renewal happens as you present yourself before God twice a week, not just once a week. It is a time to seek God intentionally and to listen for God’s voice in your life.

On Ash Wednesday you will receive ashes on your forehead, a sign of renewal and repentance. Like the ancient Egyptian myth of the Phoenix will you arise from the ashes and find newness of life as you prepare yourself for Holy Week and Easter? Every year I find Lent a powerful time of renewal as I am forced by my pastoral duties to prepare not one, but two sermons a week, and to lead not three, but five worship services every week. It is never burdensome. It is spiritually renewing. I am compelled by my job description to keep Lent. You are not. I wish you were. It’s harder to keep a good Lent when one feels one has the option to opt out. Life is so frantic for so many people nowadays. There is so much anxiety about what is going on in the world. I put out to you that the antidote to the frenzy and anxiety is keeping a good and faithful Lent. There is no other answer than spirituality and Lent is a time to work on your spirituality in Christ Jesus.

Ask yourself, “How intentional am I about my Christianity?” If you have not attended Lenten worship in the past, how about trying something new to see how God can surprise you with joy through a new practice?
A WORD from Pastor’s Christmas Eve Homily to encourage us during the gray days of a NW Ohio Winter:

Lon Good died in November 2019. He has always been part of the Mary Good contingent at the Easter Breakfast. It is fun to watch this family grow and grow. None of them are yet as tall as Lon, not many people are, but the numbers are impressive, right, Mary? His service at St Lucas was packed with people, with the overflow seated in the Choir Loft and standing in the Narthex. Many healing blessings on the Growing Good Family.

Karen Biscay also died in November 2019. We had many sacred moments at St Lucas because of her beautiful singing, without question a Soprano. When she was the Lector, her voice was remarkable and made the Scriptures sing anew. At her service, well attended by musical groups she had been a part of for years, choir members she had directed, music students under her tutelage, and many St Lucas people, a man by the name of John Easterlin sang the Lord’s Prayer. He performs with the New York Opera as a lyric tenor. He effortlessly filled up our sanctuary with sound. His other mother, as he calls her, Barbara Craig, accompanied him on the piano. The fact that he was in Toledo at St Lucas Lutheran Church on a December afternoon, that is what I would call an extremely unexpected Sacred Moment. Karen would have been thrilled!

On January 25, Tim Steele’s service was held at St Lucas. Now there was one unassuming and friendly man. Reports from the attendees included another full St. Lucas Sanctuary and four sets of mourners: Dartball participants, part of the Huntington Center workforce (where he was the head usher), umpires!, and of course his St Lucas friends and family. We would talk briefly while he was tending the Emma Hischka Garden near the entrance to the Sunday School building and that was just one of his many contributions to this place. May the blessings we received from this kind man help us find ways to contribute in his place.

Pastor announced at the 10:30 service on January 26, 2020, that Kathryn Maddox had suddenly died. She was a friend to the Sunday School in years past. Every child was a child she enjoyed working with. She always had some art supplies to share and despite or maybe because of her own personal challenges, the young students enjoyed her presence. Her colorful attire alone was sure to bring out the best in young children and in those of us who enjoy being with someone so creative and true to herself. Her significant relationship with Joe while he was the Sunday School Superintendent added to her commitment. We honor her for the many hours she devoted to the children of St Lucas Sunday School. Love and Healing to Kat’s family and friends.

You Tube links for all of us that are missing our friends and family:  No More Night sung by David Phelps, My Help sung by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir and The Lord is my Light and My Salvation from Psalm 27 sung by John Easterlin.

Always a help to us at St Lucas: The live music of the St Lucas Choir and musicians.
**FEBRUARY DARTBALL SCHEDULE**

- Feb. 3  St. Petri  away
- Feb. 10  Messiah  home
- Feb 17  1st St. John  home

**FEBRUARY THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE**

- Feb. 5  Wed.  Sandy & Deb
- Feb. 6  Thurs.  Jan & Bea
- Feb. 7  Friday  Deb & Angie
- Feb. 12  Wed.  Sue & Sally
- Feb. 13  Thurs.  Sharon & Hildy
- Feb. 14  Friday  Janice & Deb
- Feb. 19  Wed.  Sandy & Deb
- Feb. 20  Thurs.  Diane & Deb.
- Feb. 21  Friday  Angie & Yvonne
- Feb. 26  Wed.  Sue & Sally
- Feb. 27  Thurs.  Sharon & Susan
- Feb. 28  Friday  Janice & Barb

**WELCA Meeting**

9:30 a.m.
Feb. 25  Tue
Community Room

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WINDOW FUND**

- Loan Amount  $56,000.00
- Donations to date  48,390.82
- Remaining Goal  7,610.18

**GENERAL FUND REPORT**

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**FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS**

- 4pm Elder  Sharon Stofan
- 9am Usher/Elder  Kathy Carver
- 10:30 Servants
  - Lector  Sarah Sigurdson
  - Elders  John Kern, Georgia Steele, Pat Bair, Faith Wolfram
  - Head Ushers  Marc Smith, Joyce Mease
  - Offering Ushers  Sally Ortiz, Randy Hyter
- Acolyte  Sharon Schaefer
- Flower Pick Up

**FINAL REPORT: CHRISTMAS BOOST APPEAL**

- 62 households have given
- 34 Friends of St. Lucas  $20,065
- 28 St. Lucas Members  4,570
- Received to date  $24,635

*Joyce Mason*

Our sorting room is completely full at this time, so we will not be able to accept any clothes or misc. for the Thrift Shop until later. We hope to have a Rummage Sale in March. I will tell you when, and when we can take clothing etc. again. Thank you for your patience.

Joyce Mason
We at Cindy’s Corner, hope all had a safe, and wonderful New Year. I hope each of us made a New Year’s resolution that we can stick to. I know how hard it is to keep unrealistic resolutions. Let’s try aiming for something more practical. For instance, “I want to lose 150 pounds this year” I am setting myself up for disappointment before I even begin!

February 26 is the beginning of Lent. The 40-day period leading up to Easter. The purpose of Lent is to prepare our hearts for Good Friday and especially Easter.

During this part of the church year, the church is adorned with the color purple, signifying solemnity, penitence and prayers as we meditate on the agony Jesus willingly endured. The practice of fasting or giving something up for Lent is not required for Lutherans, but the practice reminds us of the great sacrifice that Jesus paid on the cross to pay for our sins.

We have accepted an estimate for the kitchen from A.S.A.P.-American Sewer and Plumbing. They will:

- Install new valve and commercial disconnect gas supply line for the new commercial stove and connect
- Re-arrange existing plumbing of water lines and drain line to accommodate new 3-compartment sink to be supplied by us.
- Install new supply line from existing water line at 3-compartment sink to icemaker
- Install drain from icemaker to existing plumbing systems

We may be losing some valuable workers soon. Bill, Gloria and Mary. They are from Pathstone, and Pathstone decided to move them to another facility. We hope that is not the case. We are sad to say that we have lost a volunteer. Kathy who also teaches our computer class had to leave us due to scheduling issues. She hopes to return when her situation resolves. We are not sure who will take over the computer class.

Our volunteer of the month is Barb Beaverson. She assists Angie in the kitchen and cooks quite a bit herself. Barb comes into Cindy’s Corner whether she is scheduled or not! “I just want to see if Angie needs me to help her.” Barb is a gracious lady, and everyone loves her. She has been dealing with health concerns, but she always seems to put Cindy’s Corners first. When you see Barb, tell her how much she is appreciated.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at Cindy’s Corner, please let Cindy, Anna or Joy know.

Cindy Kirk-419-467-1908
Anna Ponce-419-350-9511
Joy Huener-567-698-2858
ST. LUCAS PRAYER LIST

Please remember these people in your prayers:
Jody Steuer, Chuck Dennison, Cindy Kirk, Ann Hunter, Ruth Fox, Bill Granger, Carl Hischka, Cheryl Jones, Jordan Fredericks, Vernon Williams, Joshua Barnes, Ken Sikorski, Barb Beaverson, Karen Wilson, Pat Beaty, Joseph Agan, Tylinn, Bertha.

Happy February Birthday

1 Sharon Olmstead
1 Carlos Lucio
6 Marc Smith
7 EricaRae Herrick
9 Dave Jerman
11 Barbara Beaverson
11 Harold Petoskey
11 Pat Bair
13 Theresa Johnson
18 Carol Gallagher
22 George Brasel
24 Lanny Milligan
26 Joan McNutt

SYMPATHY & PRAYERS

We offer our sympathy and prayers at the death of Kathryn Maddox to her significant other, Joe Carriel, and to her mother Gina Brasel and her family. Kathryn died suddenly at home on January 25. A memorial service will be held in the main sanctuary at 5pm on Kathryn’s birthday, March 5.

We also offer our sympathy and prayers for the family of Ed “Rock” Ramm who died on January 28. Ed and his wife Barb (dec. 2000) at one time attended St. Lucas. Services led by Pastor Billmeier at Walter Funeral Home on Glendale on Saturday, Feb. 1.
Elf Cindy welcomed volunteers from Buckeye Broadband to provide lunch at Cindy’s Corner Café in December. Thank you Buckeye Broadband volunteers!

Cindy’s Corner volunteers were treated to a thank you lunch on January 27 by Georgio’s Restaurant on Superior St. in downtown Toledo. Thank you Georgio’s!

WELCA members and guests enjoyed their Advent lunch in December at Shawn’s Irish Tavern on Heatherdowns. Each participant received $5 toward their lunch from the St. Lucas WELCA

Sarah Sigurdson snapped this picture at the 10:30 service on Reconciling in Christ Sunday on January 26.
AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME - adopted 1999

In accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ St. Lucas welcomes all. By this we mean we extend the radical welcome of Jesus Christ to people of every age, race, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic level, mental health diagnosis, recovery status, education level, or previous religious experience to participate in the sacramental life and work of our congregation.