



# The Acts of St. Lucas

MAY  
2026



The seal of St. Luke

*For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1: 37*

## Hair Cut Day At St. Lucas

St. Lucas Outreach planned a free haircut day, on April 24. It was a wonderful success! Our neighbor's were "looking good"! What a wonderful ministry we have here, showing God's love by giving our neighbor's the dignity of a simple haircut.



The Outreach also provided free socks, toilet paper and hand sanitizer. And also had free bottled water, juice and soda while they waited.



# PASTORAL ACTS

*Pastor Paul D. Myers III*



*Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’*

—Acts 17:22-23

## The Unknown God

It seems amazing to me that there are so many who do not know God. There is so much data floating in the ether about who our God is, what our God has done and is doing, and how to seek God that anyone who wants to understand our God just has to ask.

But people are not asking.

People are very religious or spiritual, finding ways to do good in the world for the sake of whatever force might be driving them. Paul saw this firsthand. There were so many people living lives of faith, even it was a different faith than Paul had come to know, that one would think they knew of the Creator of the Universe and understood God’s role in their lives.

But they didn’t.

Paul helped them to see from his perspective about the love of God at work in their lives, and helped name that for them. Not everyone listened to or appreciated what Paul was saying, but they now had the knowledge with which to work.

We live in a very diverse world today, with many religions and variations of religions. And most are striving to make the world a better place, doing many of the same things we, as followers of Jesus, are doing. Some may just be doing good because it seems the right thing to do.

To follow the example of Paul, we understand that what they worship/serve as either a differently named god or no god at all, is, in fact, YHWH made known to us in Jesus. We are called to name this for them—not with the intent to belittle or demean their understanding, but to lift up what our spirits are telling us.

And they may choose to not believe or agree with our assessment. That is OK. That is God’s concern. We are simply asked to gently share how our hearts have been changed for the better by this knowledge, how our lives are inspired in the way of Jesus to completely and unconditionally love and accept our neighbors. This is the reason God became human: to open our eyes to the divinity within humanity, so that we can love all fully.

Peace be with you on your journey.



# ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN OUTREACH MINISTRY

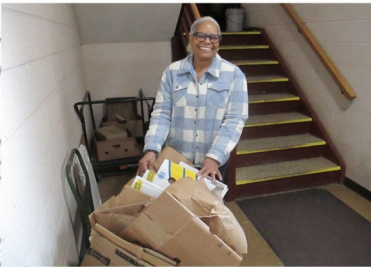
## OUTREACH MINISTRY GENERAL REQUEST LIST:



**Outreach ministry contact information:**  
  
Phone: 419-243-8189  
extension 3  
stlucasoutreach@gmail.com

**St. Lucas OutReach Needs**  
**Crushed cans** are needed to be recycled for \$ for the Outreach Needs. These can go in the clear totes in the narthex ,and you can also drop these items off at the Outreach office. Tues-Fri 10:00-2:00  
  
**Emergency Blankets** (waterproof windproof) and emergency Ponchos (waterproof, windproof) One size fits all.  
**All Mens shoes** all sizes  
  
**Babygate Donation**  
  
We need :Diapers ( All Sizes), Baby clothing, Wipes, Bottles, Diaper rash paste, Baby Wash, Lotion,Powder,Blankets.  
  
**Donation boxes are decorated and located in the Narthex.**

## OUTREACH MINISTRY EVENTS / HAPPENINGS / INFO:



5/6/2026 12-1Pm  
Area office on Aging- will be updating all Senior Farmers Market Cards  
  
5/21/2026 12-1-pm  
Naloxone Health Educator  
  
We still have Narcan Van every Tuesday 12:30-3:30 in the large parking lot across the church.  
  
Office closed on Fridays: Open only by appointments

# **STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

## **The Treasure Principle**

*“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.”*

—Mark 12:43

—A Devotion by Bill Sytsma

If you see someone’s checkbook, you can figure out a great deal about their priorities. We spend money on things that are important to us, and the way we handle our finances is a good way to check the condition of our hearts.

In the story of the widow’s offering, Jesus looks at the act of giving as something more than providing for the needs of temple ministry. After watching in silence while generous donors placed large amounts in the temple treasury, Jesus noticed that a poor widow donated two small coins worth less than a penny. Jesus was not impressed because of all that would be accomplished with two copper coins; he was impressed by the condition of the widow’s heart. Her gift revealed her priorities.

The act of giving can reveal the condition of our hearts, and it can also be part of the process of shaping our priorities. Whenever we invest in something, we immediately become more attuned to our investment. When a newlywed couple buys their first home, or a young entrepreneur invests in her new business, they quickly learn about caring for their new purchase, because it is such a significant investment. The act of financially supporting ministries for God’s work is good for those ministries, but it is also good for our hearts, because in the process of giving, our hearts can be drawn nearer to God.

*Holy Spirit, guide the way we use the resources you have given us so that our hearts may be drawn nearer to you. Amen.*

Bill Sytsma is the pastor of New Life Christian Reformed Church in Highland, Indiana.



# Cindy's Corner Café

At St. Lucas Lutheran Church –  
*News from the Café & Kitchen*

Hello! This month, we are pleased to introduce a new section of the Cindy's Corner Café at St. Lucas Church – News from the Kitchen & Café: The **“Featured Servant at the Café”** where we get to introduce the workers who make the Café meals and help serve them! Each servant will answer, in their own words, up to eight questions about what they do in the Café and share a little about themselves in the process. Please let these folks know that you appreciate their efforts and check back in next month to meet other helpers!

**Many Thanks / Muchas Gracias / Vielen Dank /  
Merci Infiniment / Grazie Molto to:  
Butch Otney** for donating a much needed commercial  
grade can opener to the Café Kitchen!

Approximate number of lunches  
served in the Café  
during  
April 2026:  
**1,033**



## **Cindy's Corner Café at St. Lucas Lutheran Church** **Featured Servant: Melissa Demski**

*(Melissa is the fourth person from the left/green hat in photo above)*

1. Name? **Melissa Demski.**
2. What is your favorite part of serving in the Café? **Helping people that can't afford a meal and being able to see the smile on their face when they get a nice fulfilling meal!**
3. What is your primary job in the Café? **I am the Kitchen Manager and purchase & decide what to make each day.**
4. How long have you served in the Café? **Three years.**
5. Please share some little known facts about yourself (family, hobbies, pets, favorite TV shows, favorite movies, favorite foods, favorite music, favorite place you have visited, etc.): **I have a second job as a McDonald's manager. I'm a Mom to three children. I was fortunate to go on the Confirmation Trip to Montana in 2025.**
6. How often do you serve in the Café? **I serve Tuesday through Friday every week.**
7. What are some of your favorite Café meals/meals that are served in the Café? **I like the meatball cupcakes, chicken noodles & cabbage, and fish and mac & cheese.**
8. Anything else you would like to share? **Special shout out to these faithful servants: Chris, Leola, and Jessica!**

## MAY WORSHIP SERVANTS

**4:00 Elder** Harold Petoskey

**9:00 Elder** Kathy Carver

**10:30 Elders** Faith Wolfram, Rick Charchol

**Lector:** Sarah Sigurdson

**Head Ushers** Russ Wells, Dee Myers

**Offering Ushers** Sally Ortiz, Kelly Curtin

**Acolyte** Jill Hojnacki

**Camera** Steve Seaton, Gary Stofan, Sarah S.

**Healing Station** Annette Mason

## JUNE WORSHIP SERVANTS

**4:00 Elder** Kate Gladieux

**9:00 Elder** Sharon Stofan

**10:30** Patrick Codden

**Lector** Kelly Curtin

**Greeting Ushers** Russ Wells, LaVonda Dawson

**Ushers** Pat Bair, Pam Hoch

**Acolyte** Lee Jagodzinski

**Camera** Steve Seaton, Pat Wilson

**Healing Station** Pat Bair

## THRIFT SHOP SERVANTS

Wed 5/06 **CLOSED**

Thur 5/07 **CLOSED**

Fri 5/08 **CLOSED**

Wed 5/13 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 5/14 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 5/15 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 5/20 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 5/21 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 5/22 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Subs Deb Hurley 419-409-9967.

## MEETINGS

May 05 @ 1:30 pm Food Pantry

7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

May 12 @ 9:30 WELCA Meeting

7:00 Council Meeting

May 14 @ 6:30 Safety Meeting

May 19 @ 6:30 pm BUC Meeting

May 20 @ 2:00 pm Healing Board

May 26 @ 10:00 am Café Meeting,

1:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting

6:30 pm Evangelism Meeting

## WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

May 06 Jeannie Dennler

May 13 Sharon Stofan

May 20 Ed Kane

May 27 Jamie Dauel



## ST. LUCAS PRAYER LIST

**PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

### Hospitalized

### Recovering from Surgery

### GENERAL HEALTH

John & Christa Kern, Dave Jerman, Lorraine Willoughby, Phil Chambers, Kathy Jackowski, Ken Sikorski, Sharon Stofan, Pat Beaty, Angel Pringle, Seir Reis, Suzy Ray, Bob Alley, Paul Schnapp, Joseph Kane, Joseph Hunter, Sam Mason, Howard Abts

### VISITATION LIST (RARELY OUT)

Cheryl Ivy, Roger Druckemiller, Joyce Mason

Carole Mack, Joyce Mease



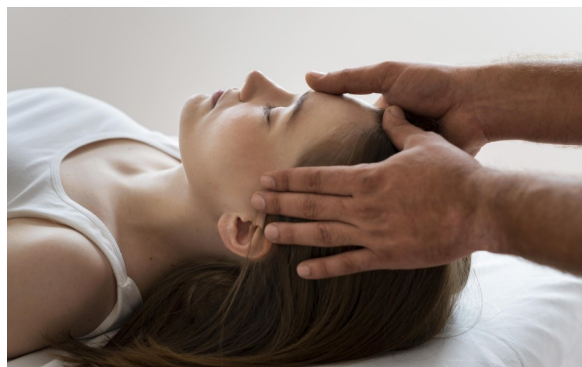
## Hour of Reflection Schedule

*Every third Saturday of the month in the sanctuary*

Sat May 16

3:00-3:45 pm

**"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." – Psalm 147:3**



*Celebrate  
May Birthdays*



*Say a prayer for each of these on their special day.*

Christal Perez	1
Sharon Jordan	2
Julie Seeger	4
Carole Mack	7
Joyce Mason	11
Deb LaJeunesse	17
Chloe Spenser	17
Bob Jagodzinski	19
Faith Wolfram	24
Katina Werner	25
Robin Alley	28



## HAPPY MAY ANNIVERSARY!

Carl & Pat Beaty	7
Rob & Jamie Dauel	18
Amy Herrick & Becki Kincaid	27
Brian & Pam Hoch	28

## ARE WE MISSING YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IN THE ACTS?

**Please inform the church office or drop us  
a note on your "I Worship Today" card.**



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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**  
**TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL**  
**PLEASE HANDLE PROMPTLY**

**THE ACTS OF ST. LUCAS NEWSLETTER**

**Parish Staff**

Paul D. Myers III, Pastor  
 Annette Mason, Office Manager  
 Jamie Dael, Organist  
 Ron Lang, Choirmaster  
 Steve Seaton, Custodian  
 Melissa Demski, Kitchen Manager



**Church Council**

Russ Wells, President; Jill Hojnacki, Vice-president; Brian Hoch, Treasurer;  
 Sharon Stofan, Secretary; Mike Biscay, Fritz Bloedow, Melissa Demski,  
 David Jerman, John Kern, Diane Porter, LaVonda Rodgers, Steve Seaton,  
 Emmitt Williams

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**Northwest Ohio Synod**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church In America**

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 Bishop: Rev. Daniel Beaudoin  
 Website: [www.nwos-elca.org](http://www.nwos-elca.org)

**Worship & Sunday School Times**

**Saturdays:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Sundays:** 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
**Sunday School:** 10:15 a.m. Sept. to May

*The Sacrament of Holy Communion and healing rite  
 are 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.

**\*\*Handicap Accessible Building\*\***

***Elevator Next to Handicap Parking on Walbridge Ave.  
 Please come dressed as you are...ALL ARE WELCOME***

**AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME - 2025**

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 or expression, economic level, mental health diagnosis, recovery status, education level, or previous religious experience. We invite ALL to participate in the sacramental life and work of our congregation, and work toward racial equity.