



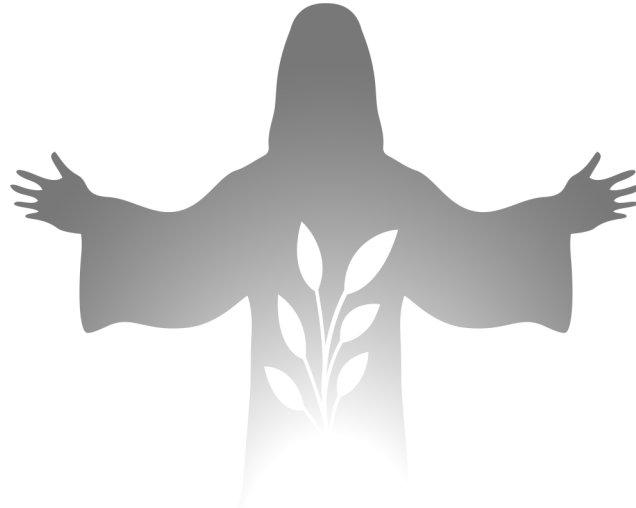
The Acts of St. Lucas

APRIL
2026



The seal of St. Luke

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



HE IS RISEN



It was a sunny Easter morning at St. Lucas this year. The Easter lilies were beautiful, the worship and music was joyful!

The Easter breakfast was delicious!

The children received Easter baskets after Young People's Time and the Evangelism committee gave out cookies after the service.



Photo credit: Dee Myers



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Paul D. Myers III



²⁰ *“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”*

²¹ *I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.*

²² *The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.*

²³ *By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.*

²⁴ *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:20-24*

The Gate

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

There are many kinds of gates in our world. They usually connect to fences to keep people or things out. Garden fences, prison fences, warehouse fences, city fences—all have gates connected to keep others out, and to keep some in. Fences and gates are for separation.

In Psalm 118, the writer speaks of the gate where the righteous may enter, the gate of the Lord. This prophesy speaks of “the stone,” one whom the builders of the fence and the gate had rejected, becoming the cornerstone. We, as followers of Jesus, understand this stone to be Jesus, the one rejected by the builders of the religious “fence” that was designed to keep people out.

As we live during this Easter season, we are blessed with the knowledge that we are made righteous by the death and resurrection of Jesus, our cornerstone. But more than that, we are blessed with the knowledge that because of Jesus, the gate of salvation has been flung wide open; God has opened the flood gate of the waters of baptism, so that anyone and everyone may freely enter!

The doors of the gate have effectively been removed, and all may enter because Jesus has made righteous every person without limit or condition. It is no wonder the psalmist calls us to rejoice because this day—this day of salvation for all—has been made possible by the Lord’s work of love. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Peace be with you on your journey.

HEALING MINISTRY PAGE

First Silence: A Poem from Taizé

into the silence:

chattering noise

chasing the rattle

of skeleton thoughts

stones shaking in a rusty can

sitting as audience and actor

a drama a pious pretense

observing my holy playacting

little else

the confession

little else

than this anxious mental spiral

yet in the seams

of a restless mind

a steady Love

glimpsed and eclipsed

glimpsed and eclipsed

a field of sunflowers passing through

paneled rushing windows

along a grey motorway

This summer, we will be embarking on a season of meditation for healing at our Saturday worship service. We will be using the Taizé worship of meditation and anointing, with communion, to call forth the healing energy of God among us. There will be singing, prayer, silent meditation, and healing stations.

I pray that this time brings you peace and moves you toward wholeness with God and the world around you.

The Healing Team.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving God His Due—A stewardship devotion by Pastor George Vink, Reformed Church

¹³ Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay them, or should we not?” But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” ¹⁶ And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were utterly amazed at him. —Mark 12:17

Jesus was teaching in the temple courts. He was popular with the people, but the religious leaders were out to arrest and kill him. Some were sent to “catch him in his words,” hoping to find some fault they could use against him. They approached him with flattering words about integrity and his truthful teaching.

Then they posed a question that they hoped would get him into trouble with the Romans: “Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” But Jesus wasn’t about to be trapped. He knew their hypocrisy.

He asked to see one of their coins, and he used it to teach about meeting our obligations to authorities (see also Romans 13)—and recognizing that “what is God’s” is a whole lot more. All that there is, is the Lord’s— “the earth ... and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1). That includes you and me and everyone else today, as well as in the past. We’re all God’s!

Thus, we are all called to give of who we are and what we have to God. It’s stated this way in an ancient confession: “I belong—body and soul—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ” (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1). And as God’s Word puts it, “Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God” (Romans 12:1). Giving God his due still means honest giving and taxpaying.

Abba God, thank you for being our creator and provider. Help us to honor you in all that we are and have, so that we may honor you in all we do. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Cindy's Corner Café

At St. Lucas Lutheran Church –

News from the Café & Kitchen

Hello! We are pleased to introduce a new section in the **Acts of St. Lucas Newsletter: Cindy's Corner Café at St. Lucas Church – News from the Kitchen & Café!** Please check back in the coming months to stay up to date with things going on in Cindy's Corner Café and Kitchen.

Many Thanks / Muchas Gracias / Vielen Dank / Merci Infiniment / Grazie Molto

To everyone who donated food for the **Easter Breakfast** on Sunday, April 5, 2026! Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship! Well done St. Lucas Bakers & Chefs and Melissa Demski & Crew!

Number of
Lunches served in
the Café during
March 2026:

951

Easter Breakfast Pictures!

Doesn't all this food look absolutely amazing? This is just one of the many activities the Cindy's Corner Café Kitchen at St. Lucas prepares and serves for the congregation! A huge well done to Melissa Demski, the kitchen crew, and all those who donated baked goods! Also, thank you to George Pfaff for taking and sharing the pictures!



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To everyone who donated to the special Lenten Donation Campaign in support of Cindy's Corner Café at St. Lucas. **As of Tuesday, March 31, 2026, \$8,405.50 has been given to support the Café and Kitchen activities!**

St Lucas Rummage Sale is coming!!!!



Please consider helping set up by coming in on
April 28 & April 29 from 10—3:00 pm.

Sale dates are: Thursday April 30 10-3:00 pm

Friday May 1 10-3:00 pm

Saturday May 2 10-1:00 pm

Bag Sale Saturday \$3 small bag, \$5 large bag

Clean up is Saturday May 2 after 1:00 pm.

Please help where you can to make this event a success!!



ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN OUTREACH MINISTRY

OUTREACH MINISTRY GENERAL REQUEST LIST:



Outreach ministry contact information:

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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:

We at St Lucas Outreach would like to thank all who participate in this event we had a great turnout over 100 people attend. Once again thanks to every.

April 16, ,2026 : Speaker from the Ability Center about benefit for them
Time: 11:30-1:00

April 23,2026; Speaker Michael Pidsony from Lucas County Job & Family Services to talk about the changes in the programs
Time : 11:30-1:00

Office closed on Fridays: Open only by appointments

Easter Sunday at St. Lucas





ACTS OF EDUCATION

Shadonna Flunder , Sunday School Superintendent
SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION: LOVE, LEARN, AND SERVE GOD



Thank You
Katina Warner and
friends for donations
for Easter baskets...
The kids really
Enjoyed them



*Happy
Easter*



APRIL WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Elder Steve Seaton

9:00 Elder Gary Stofan

10:30 Elders Patrick Codden & John Kern

April 5th only Jill Hojnacki & Annette Mason

Lector Mike Biscay

Head Ushers Russ Wells & Pat Bair

Offering Ushers Ed & Fritz Bloedow

Acolyte Faith Wolfram

Camera Steve Seaton, Pat Wilson, Sarah Sigurdson

Healing Station Annette Mason

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.

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THRIFT SHOP SERVANTS

Wed 4/08 Susan Lang, Sharon Olmstead

Thur 4/09 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 4/10 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 4/15 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 4/16 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 4/17 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 4/22 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 4/23 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 4/24 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

**CLOSED APRIL 28– MAY 8 FOR RUMMAGE
SALE SET UP, SALE AND TAKE DOWN.**

Subs Deb Hurley 419-409-9967.

MEETINGS

Apr 07 @ 1:30 pm Food Pantry

7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Apr 09 @ 6:30 pm Safety Committee Meeting

Apr 14 @ 9:30 am WELCA Meeting,

7:00 pm Council Meeting

Apr 21 @ 6:30 pm BUC Meeting

Apr 22 @ 2:00 pm Healing Board

Apr 28 @ 10:00 am Café Meeting,

1:00pm Outreach Committee Meeting



We congratulate LaVonda Rodgers-Dawson and
Damond Dawson on their marriage 3/20/2026.

Pastor Paul officiated.

BOILER FUND

Balance as of 12/31/25 \$28,477.41

Received thru February \$320.00

New Balance \$28,157.41

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, Butch Ottney, Joseph Kane

VISITATION LIST (RARELY OUT)

Cheryl Ivy, Roger Druckemiller, Joyce Mason
Carole Mack



Hour of Reflection Schedule

Every third Saturday of the month in the sanctuary

Sat April 18

3:00-3:45 pm

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



Happy April Birthday!

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

Martin Billmeier	1
Gwen Steele	1
Diane Porter	12
Maddox Woody	13
John Mensing	15
Dawn Keeler	22
Ron Carver	25
Russ Wells	26



HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY!

Larry & Karen Flowers	9
George & Deb Reis	9
Martin Billmeier & John Mensing	11

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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 Jamie Dael, Organist
 Ron Lang, Choirmaster
 Steve Seaton, Custodian
 Melissa Demski, Kitchen Manager



Church Council

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 Sharon Stofan, Secretary; Mike Biscay, Fritz Bloedow, Melissa Demski,
 David Jerman, John Kern, Diane Porter, LaVonda Rodgers, Steve Seaton,
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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.