



The Acts of St. Lucas

MARCH
2026



The seal of St. Luke

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



Soup and Salad will be served before each Lenten service in the gym from 6:00-6:45 pm. There will be no soup/salad the week of Holy Week.



WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 pm

Holden Evensong in the Main Sanctuary

Please come and enjoy this time of Lessons, Prayer and Song during your Lenten journey.

Holy Week

March 28 & 29 Palm Sunday

Saturday 4:00 pm Lower Church

Sunday 9:00 am & 10:30 am

Main Sanctuary

April 2 Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Main Sanctuary

April 3 Good Friday

12:00 pm Tre Ore Stations of the Cross

Main Sanctuary

8:00pm Tenebrae

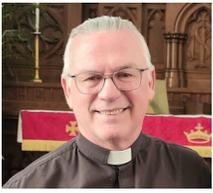
Main Sanctuary

April 4 Easter Vigil

Saturday 4:00 pm Lower Church

April 5 Easter Sunday

9:00 am & 10:30 am



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Paul D. Myers III



In this season of Lent, we are called to think about the ways in which we have fallen short of God's will for our lives. Not specifically what sins we have or have not committed, though that is part of it, but more broadly how we have or have not loved our neighbor as God has loved us. Our confession, our repentance, and our contrition are ways for us to recognize and admit that we are imperfect.

We intentionally look at every area of our lives so as to notice where God might be moving us toward justice, peace, and love. And where we find ourselves resistant to that move, we seek God's strength to trust in God's guidance more than our own. And above all, we are called to see that it is God to whom we owe everything; and that gift cannot be earned.

So, we offer our best praise and worship, knowing that we are imperfect, but also knowing that God gives freely anyway, despite our condition or piety or worthiness. It is in that light that I offer you this poem, a 17th century Latin prayer/poem of response to the work of Christ on the cross translated into English by Rev. Edward Caswell

My Eternal King

My God, I love Thee;
not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not
Must die eternally,
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n,
Or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my Eternal King.
Peace be with you on your journey.



A Lenten Invitation to Healing, Reflection, and Renewal

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, we are invited into a deeper rhythm of reflection, prayer, repentance, and renewal. Lent is traditionally a time of turning inward to renew our hearts, minds, and bodies. It is a season that calls us back to God with honesty, humility, and hope.

St. Lucas Healing Ministry Team shares an important update:

Time for Healing & Reflection

Now held on the **third Saturday of every month from 3:00–3:45 PM**, just before the 4:00 PM church service.

This intentional time offers space to slow down, breathe, pray, and receive healing presence before entering worship. Whether you are carrying physical concerns, emotional burdens, spiritual questions, or simply seeking quiet renewal, this sacred gathering is here for you.

Our monthly **Time for Healing & Reflection** creates space for:

- Quiet prayer and sacred silence
- Anointing and intentional blessing
- Personal reflection and inner listening
- Release of stress, grief, or spiritual heaviness
- Renewed strength before entering worship

In a world that moves quickly and often demands constant productivity, this 45-minute pause becomes a gift. It is a reminder that healing is not rushed. Restoration unfolds gently.

A Personal Invitation

As we continue this Lenten season, we invite you to consider:

- Where might God be inviting you to healing?
- What would it feel like to sit in stillness before worship?
- How might intentional reflection prepare your heart more fully for Easter?

Mark your calendar for the **third Saturday of each month from 3:00–3:45 PM**, and join us before the 4:00 PM service. Come as you are. Bring your burdens, your gratitude, your questions, and your hopes.

We look forward to sharing this time with you. With peace and prayer,

Deb

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Seeking and Saving – An article from George Vink, a Christian Reformed pastor

“Today salvation has come to this house ... For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”—Luke 19:9-10

“On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus passed through Jericho. There a tax collector, who had often cheated his own people out of tax money for the oppressive Roman Empire, climbed a tree to see Jesus. God’s Spirit must have been working mightily in Zacchaeus’s heart to make him run and risk embarrassment by scrambling up a tree.

“Noticing him, Jesus summoned Zacchaeus. And the short swindler came at once. Then Jesus announced that he would visit with this man at his home, a gesture of being on friendly terms. The people in the crowd muttered. Why would Jesus want to be the guest of such a despicable sinner?

“Without knowing all that was said, we hear Zacchaeus respond to Jesus by acknowledging him as Lord, giving away half of his possessions, and making restitution to anyone he had cheated. Zacchaeus’s life was changed! Salvation had come to his house!

“Lost sinners become sons and daughters of the King. Cheaters and prostitutes, crooked bankers and unfaithful spouses—Jesus came to find them all. He has to be with them. That’s why he came.

When Jesus is welcomed and received, changes take place. Cheating stops, lying ends, relationships are restored, and the poor are cared for. Jesus came to save those who are lost. Has Jesus come to stay in your heart? Is he a welcome guest at your house?”

This article reminds us that when we truly understand what Jesus has offered and we have received, stewardship becomes effortless because we want to praise God through our entire life—worship, prayer, tithing, and acts of service. Throughout Lent we are reminded just what Jesus sacrificed so that we can be his Body in the world.



ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN OUTREACH MINISTRY

OUTREACH MINISTRY GENERAL REQUEST LIST:



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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:

Rejoicing in Hope 2026 Annual Meeting 3/9/2026 at 2:00PM The Pinnacle in Maumee, Ohio (Sharing Resources and Enhancing Lives)

All Staff, Council Members and Volunteers sign up for Darkness To Light **(Stewards of Children)** is a **revolutionary sexual abuse prevention** training in the gym Date : 3/15/2026. Time: 1pm to 3pm

Tarta - Meet and Greet on 3/19/2026 at 12pm-1pm in gym about services that are offered.

Boulder - 3/26/2026 Time: 12pm-1pm about addiction on **opioids and alcohol**

The Outreach is only open by appointment on Fridays.

MARCH WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Elder Kate Gladieux

9:00 Elder Pat Wilson

10:30 Elders Rick Charchol, Annette Mason

Lector Jill Hojnacki

Head Ushers Russ Wells, LaVonda Rodgers

Offering Ushers Pam Hoch, Susan Lang

Acolyte Jill Hojnacki

Camera Steve Seaton, Gary Stofan, Sarah Sigurdson

Healing Station Pat Bair

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

MARCH THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Wed Mar 11 Susan Lang, Lorraine Willoughby

Thur Mar 12 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri Mar 13 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed Mar 18 Susan Lang, Sharon Olmstead

Thur Mar 19 Sally Ortiz, Amy Speelman

Fri Mar 20 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed Mar 25 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur Mar 26 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri Mar 27 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Subs Deb Hurley 419-409-9967.

BOILER FUND

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

Received thru February \$320.00

New Balance \$28,157.41

MARCH MEETINGS

Mar 03 @ 1:30 pm Food Pantry

7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Mar 05 @ 10:30 am Christian Ed. Meeting

Mar 10 @ 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Mar 12 @ 6:30 Safety Meeting

Mar 17 @ 9:30 am WELCA,

11:00 am Thrift Shop Board Meeting

6:30 pm BUC

Mar 24 @ 6:30 pm Evangelism Meeting

Mar 25 @ 2:00 pm Healing Board Meeting

Mar 31 @ 10:00 am Café Committee

1:00 pm Outreach Committee

DARTBALL SCHEDULE

Monday March 16th

St. Lucas @ Trinity

Monday March 30th

1st St. John #1 @ St. Lucas

Contact Russ Wells

419-480-7638

Wednesday Evening Devotion Schedule

9pm

During the season of Lent, we will post our 7:00 pm Lenten Services on YOUTUBE after the service. Regular Wednesday evening Devotions will resume after Easter Sunday.



ST. LUCAS PRAYER LIST

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Hospitalized

Recovering from Surgery

GENERAL HEALTH

Keith Johnson, John & Christa Kern, Dave Jerman,
Beth Cousino, Lorraine Willoughby,

Doris Banks, Kathy Jackowski, Ken Sikorski, Sharon
Stofan, Pat Beaty, Anna Ponce, Angel Pringle, Barb
Beaverson, Crystal, Tina, Suzy Ray, Bob Alley,
Jessica Wilson, Becky Herbert,

Paul Schnapp, Butch Ottney

VISITATION LIST (RARELY OUT)

Cheryl Ivy, Roger Druckemiller, Joyce Mason

Angie Basilius, Carole Mack



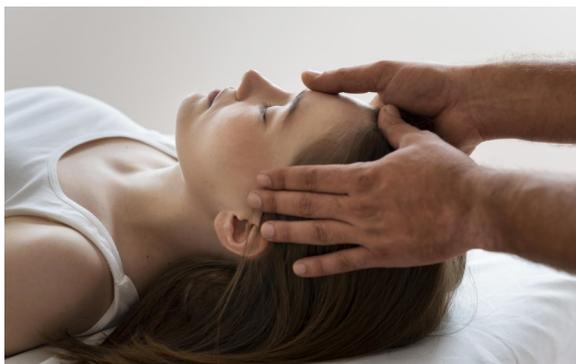
Hour of Reflection Schedule

Every third Saturday of the month in the sanctuary

Sat March 21

3:00-3:45 pm

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



Happy March Birthday!

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

Becki Kincaid	3
Lorraine Willoughby	5
Suzy Ray	8
Sandy Harden	9
Pat Beaty	14
Jeannie Dennler	17
Jamie Dael	21
Alan Langevin	24
Deb Teague	30
Shandonna Flunder	30



HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARY!

Scott & Amy Gallagher	17
Bob & Lee Jagodzinski	19
St. Lucas's 140th	21

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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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

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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.