



MARCH
2025

The Acts of St. Lucas



The seal of St. Luke

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

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES began on Ash Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 pm and will continue each Wednesday evening through April 9th. A Soup and Salad supper will be served in the gym from 5:30 pm to 6:30. Please join us!

GUEST PREACHER

A warm St. Lucas Welcome to Reverend **Mary Ann Harris-Siefke**, Director of Congregational Engagement & Advancement at Capital University's Trinity Lutheran Seminary! Thank you for giving the Homily on Sunday March 9th and worshipping with us!

Youth Summer Mission Trip

We are registered to visit the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana in July, 2025 to learn about the Native American culture and to do service projects with them. There will be 3 students and 2 adults heading out to engage this meaningful ministry. The cost of the trip will be \$1,877 per person, not including travel. Please consider supporting our youth as they learn to share the love of Christ through service.

Needed-\$11,095.00

Raised- \$4,909.00

Remaining-\$6,186.00

ST LUCAS OUTREACH

Café needs roasters. If you have a roaster you don't use, please donate to the Café.



NEW SPIRITUAL HEALING CLASSES have been postponed. Please contact the church office or Deb Reis if interested.

Even if you are only interested in personal spiritual growth, these classes will help you learn more about God's ability to heal us.

There is a discount for St. Lucas Members, and also, scholarships if you need this financially.

ST LUCAS COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Students from the University of Toledo will be in our gardens on Sat. Mar 15 from 10:00-2:00 Any volunteers from St. Lucas would be very helpful!

Café needs YOU!!!

To Volunteer for:

Help with baking desserts (cookies, brownies, cake)

Decorating Gym

Registering our lunch guests



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Paul D. Myers III

How are we doing?

One of the things I enjoy about being here at St. Lucas is the willingness of folks to share with me ideas for ministry opportunities in our community and beyond. It's a blessing to know that we are thinking theologically about our place in the world: how we are present for our neighbors and how we might engage the larger community with our gifts and talents.

We find ourselves in a different time and circumstance than we were in times past. Our world is changing in terms of social, economic, political, and emotional stability; and how we respond to those changes is based on our understanding of how the Spirit of God moves in our midst. Jesus went about his time and place bringing healing and new knowledge of God's Kingdom that were unheard of previously. He helped people to see that God is not just in heaven somewhere, but right here, right now, offering hope through his ministry to the oppressed and marginalized.

And when Jesus left us with the Advocate (John 14), he promised that we would receive power to do "even greater things than these." So we are given the strength and knowledge to see our world in need, and to be inspired to act for the betterment of the marginalized and forgotten. We are indeed blessed with God's presence through the Holy Spirit to imagine and to do things that are innovative, and that bring about healing and hope to others.

So keep dreaming about how you might use the gifts God has given you to help others understand what you already know: that God is still active and working in the world. We are God's hands and feet on earth to bring about peace and justice for those who aren't aware of just how much God loves them.

Peace be with you on your journey.

Pastor Paul.

DEVOTIONS ON FACEBOOK

We need volunteers for noon devotions on Tue, Wed., and Fri. They don't have to be complicated, just a reading and prayer. Training is available, and you will be blessed as you bless others with simple bible or devotional readings and prayer. **This in an integral part of our ministry together as we reach out to the world at large with the love of Christ. Please consider joining us!**

ST. LUCAS YOUTUBE CHANNEL & WORSHIP LIVE STREAMING We now have our own YouTube account: **YouTube@stlucaslutherantoledo**. Google it, look for our logo & subscribe! Like it...often! 9 & 10:30 will be livestreamed on YouTube, and posted to Facebook once 10:30 worship has ended. **Saturday 4pm worship will only be live streamed on Facebook.**



NEW SPIRITUAL HEALING CLASSES begin the end of February. Please contact the church office for details. Even if you are only interested in personal spiritual growth, these classes will help you learn more about God's ability to heal us. St. Lucas members receive a discount.

SHARE YOUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA: SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM, FACEBOOK, TWITTER

Please share your worship experience via social media. Get the word out that you value your faith community and faith in God. You are welcome to use your cell phone or tablet to share our shared worship experience with others. Sharing your faith in real-time is cool. Phone calls are not. Texting is fine. Check-in on Facebook. Take selfies. Share pictures of the services and this beautiful sanctuary on our Facebook page. Tell your friends and family you are here. Invite them to join you. Post about your experience on social media. Take videos and share them freely, but **please don't take pictures/videos of children** and be careful not to disrupt the service. Check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StLucasLutheranChurch

ST. LUCAS OUTREACH SEEKING DONATIONS of personal Hygiene items for our visitors. Items include: Disposable razors, Toilet paper, Soap/shampoo/hand sanitizer, Toothbrush/toothpaste, and Feminine products. Donations can be dropped off at the church during normal hours or in the empty tub under the narthex tables at worship services.

ST. LUCAS SNOW CLOSING POLICIES

Per church policy, worship services and any other St. Lucas activities will be cancelled if Lucas County is at a Level 2 snow emergency.

St. Lucas outreach and the Thrift Shop will close if Toledo Public Schools have cancelled classes due to weather.



ACTS OF EDUCATION

by Sharon Schaefer, Sunday School Correspondent

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION: LOVE, LEARN, AND SERVE GOD

Celebrating Martin Luther King Day

The Associated Press reported in 2024 that there is a museum in Williamsburg VA that has restored the nation's oldest surviving schoolhouse. The Bray School for Black children, built in the 1760s. In school, the mostly enslaved students learned to follow a curriculum that justified slavery. The school rationalized slavery within a religious framework and encouraged children to accept their fates as God's plan.

In the mid 1900s, almost 300 years after the Bray School for Black children was built, and 200 years after the Civil War, Martin Luther King led marches about voting rights, desegregation and labor rights. In 1963, his famous "I Have a Dream" speech was given at the March on Washington attended by more than 200,000 people of all races. At 35 years of age, on October 14, 1964, he won the Nobel Peace Prize for the work he had done to combat racial inequality using peaceful means of resistance.

On 1/20/86, Martin Luther King Jr. day, or MLK Day, was observed for the first time. On 1/27/2000, MLK Day was observed in all 50 states. This year MLK Day was January 20.

"Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy.

Now is the time to make justice a reality to all of God's children.

Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice." —A few quotes from the Dream speech.

ST. LUCAS SUNDAY SCHOOL meets on Sundays at 10 in the gym for breakfast . Our young people then walk through the tunnel to the main sanctuary for the Young People's Time at worship, after which they return to the gym and a lesson. Kids age 5 to high school are welcome to come to Sunday School. For younger children there is a Babyland Nursery in the lower church that parents may use at their choice during any worship service. There are speakers in the lower church so that parents may continue to hear the service while in the nursery.

St. Lucas' Life in Photos This Month



Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz visited St. Lucas on Tuesday, February 25th!





St. Lucas Outreach News

AED Update

—AED training will be held on a Saturday TBD. Theresa is going to contact the instructor to determine his availability in April.

Youth Trip Fund Raising

—Sale of baked goods at the rummage sale.

—Lenten Fish Fry – tickets will be sold in advance and at the door. Dates forthcoming in Parish News.

—Easter Brunch – free will offering. (see below)

Guest Services

—February speakers included Bittersweet Farms, Oak Street Clinic, YWCA Domestic Violence Information, and the Christian Legal Collaborative. The Mayor also visited the Café and had lunch and a tour of the sanctuary.

—The Mammogram bus served approximately 10 persons.

—An evaluation and feedback form was distributed to people eating in the Café.

Special Café Events

—Wednesday Lenten evening services will be preceded by a soup and salad meal. The food service will start at 5:30 pm; the church service starts at 7:00 pm.

—A continental breakfast is being planned for Easter. Breakfast starts at 10:00 am and ends at noon. Free-will donations will be solicited.



SERVANTS IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS

MARCH WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Elder Steve Seaton

9:00 Elder Kathy Carver

10:30

Lector Sarah Sigurdson

Elders Patrick Codden, Annette Mason

Head Ushers

Sharon Schaefer

Russ Wells

Offering Ushers

Deb LaJeunesse

Acolyte Jill Hojnacki

Camera Steve Seaton, Gary Stofan, Sarah Sigurdson

Healing Station Pat Bair

MARCH THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Tues Mar 4 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP

Wed Mar 5 RUMMAGE SALE SET UP

Thur Mar 6 RUMMAGE SALE 10-3

Fri Mar 7 RUMMAGE SALE 10-3

Sat Mar 8 RUMMAGE SALE 10-1 \$3 Bag Sale

Wed Mar 12 Closed

Thurs Mar 13 Closed

Fri Mar 14 Closed

Wed Mar 19 Susan Lang

Sally Ortiz

Thurs Mar 20 Deb Hurley,
Amy Speelman

Fri Mar 21 Deb Hurley
Tanya Cason

Wed Mar 26 Susan Lang
Lorraine Willoughby

Thurs Mar 27 Deb Hurley,
Amy Speelman

Fri Mar 28 Deb Hurley
Tanya Cason

Subs are Jan Hoffman 419-740-2302 or Sally Wing
419-349-0981, or call Deb Hurley 419-409-9967.

WELCA Meeting Tues. Mar 18 Meeting at 9:30
am. Bible Study will follow with Pastor Myers.

MARCH MEETINGS

Mar 11 @ 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Mar 13 @ 6:30 Safety Committee via Zoom

Mar 18 @ 9:30 am WELCA biz meet & Bible Study

Mar 18 @ 6:30 BUC

Mar 25 @6:00 pm Evangelism Committee

Mar 26 @ 2:00 pm Healing Board Meeting

DARTBALL SCHEDULE

All games start at 7:30

Monday 3/17 St. Lucas @ Trinity

Monday 3/31 St. John #1 @ St. Lucas

Wednesday Evening Devotion Schedule 9pm

Mar 5 Jeannie Dennler (Guided Meditation)

Mar 12 Georgia Steele

Mar 19 Su Opansky

Mar 26 Sharon Stofan





ST. LUCAS PRAYER LIST
PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recovering at home:

Ken Sikorski, Dan Markley
Angie Basilius, Steve Hudson

GENERAL HEALTH

Keith Johnson, John Kern, Dave Jerman, Beth Cousino, Lorraine Willoughby,
 Doris Banks, Kathy Jackowski, Sharon Stofan, Anna Ponce, Angel Pringle, Barb Beaverson Ariana Wahl, Serenity Padgett (pastor Paul's niece), George Pfaff, Crystal, Tina, Robert Dauel Sr. Suzy Ray, Bob Alley, Pat Beatty,
 Jessica Wilson (Deb Hurley's niece)

VISITATION LIST (RARELY OUT)

Cheryl Ivy, Roger Druckemiller, Joyce Mason, Gary Shope



Happy March Birthday

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

Becki Kincaid	3
Lorraine Willoughby	5
Sandy Harden	9
Pat Beaty	14
Jeannie Dennler	17
Jamie Dauel	21
Alan Langevin	24
Deby Teague	30
Shadonna Flunder	30



SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS go out to the family and friends of Kathleen Jones, who passed away on February 14th.

May our Lord bless and strengthen the family in this time of grief.

THANK YOU to Marco's Pizza for donating pizza for our lunch with the Mayor!

ST LUCAS OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY
 in conjunction with St. John's Lutheran, is located at St. John's, 708 S. Erie St. and open Mon & Wed. 11am- 12:30pm.



HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARY!

Scott & Amy Gallagher	17
Robert and Lee Jagodzinski	19
St. Lucas	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.

ST. LUCAS HEALING MINISTRY NEWS



3RD WEDNESDAY HOUR OF HEALING PRAYER March 19 from 4-5pm in the main sanctuary. Join the St. Lucas healing team for this powerful time of healing. Come any time during the hour and stay as long as you like during the hour.

A Journey of Healing: Bringing the Healing Ministry to St. Lucas Lutheran Church

Over 20 years ago, a small seed of faith and healing was planted at St. Lucas Lutheran Church—a seed that has since grown into a thriving Healing Ministry that continues to touch lives, offer comfort and restore hope. The journey that led us here was filled with divine guidance, personal transformation, and the unwavering belief that God's healing power flows through us when we open our hearts to it.

A Calling to Healing

For Jeannie Dennler, the road to healing ministry began with a deep spiritual curiosity about energy healing. She had always believed in the power of faith and prayer, but when she discovered Healing Touch, it became clear that God was leading her toward something greater. She witnessed firsthand how this work could restore the body, uplift the spirit, and provide peace for those in need.

For Deb Reis, the journey began as a burned-out critical care nurse searching for more. Was there more to healing than just medicine and procedures? That question led her to Healing Touch Program (HTP), where she found a deep spiritual connection in Healing Touch. She later discovered Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry (HTSM), which aligned the practice with Judeo-Christian teachings, prayer, and the mission of Jesus.

As faith would have it, Jeannie and Deb crossed paths, and both felt an unmistakable calling to share this work with the church community.

A Healing Ministry is Born

In a divine twist of fate, they connected with Pastor Martin, who welcomed their vision of bringing healing ministry to St. Lucas. It made perfect sense—after all, St. Luke was a physician and healer in the early Christian church, and what better place to rekindle the ancient tradition of prayer, hand-laying, and oil anointing?

Together, with the support of church members and those seeking a deeper connection to faith and healing, they introduced Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry to the congregation. People came with open hearts, eager to learn, pray, and offer their hands as instruments of God's healing.

The Power of Healing Hands

Since its beginning, the Healing Ministry at St. Lucas has witnessed countless miracles—not always physical healing but often renewed peace, emotional restoration, and a profound sense of God's presence.

Jeannie recalls working with her father, who was suffering from Alzheimer's disease. After using Healing Touch, her children witnessed something incredible: their grandfather, once slumped and unresponsive, would sit up straight and begin speaking again. It was a moment that left them in awe—a living example of how God works through our hands when we invite Him into our healing work.

Through this ministry, we have seen hearts healed, spirits lifted, and faith renewed.

Continuing the Legacy of Christ's Healing Work

As we reflect on these 20+ years of healing ministry, we give thanks to the St. Lucas community and all those who have come forward to share in this sacred work. We follow in the footsteps of early Christians, who were the first to establish healing centers, hospices, and faith-based care for those in need.

Today, our Healing Ministry continues as a sacred offering of love, faith, and divine connection. We invite you to join us, experience healing, or learn how to bring this work to others. Whether through prayer, hands-on healing, or anointing with oils, we remain committed to sharing the message and ministry of Christ's healing power.

May we continue to be vessels of God's healing grace.

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

Blessings, Deb Reis

Stewardship

What does Diversity mean exactly?

We use this word all the time and we probably know what we personally think it means, but not what it means to you or you or you or any of you. In 2007, we adopted the Guiding Principles of St Lucas. These are listed on the back of our church bulletin most weeks. The second item is the only

item that includes the word “diversity” and says, “We embrace diversity and welcome all unconditionally with love.” Reading one item by itself does not have nearly the power of reading items 1. through 5. We use words like commitment, closer relationships with God and with one another,

compassion and forgiveness through open hearts and minds, and #1 on the list, “We believe that Jesus is Lord and Savior.”

There is a verse in Ephesians 4:16: “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Do you think this verse might hold within it the secret to knowing the deeper meaning of “diversity”?

There are many parts in our bodies and we need every one of them to make the whole body. If half of those parts disappeared or is not growing or built up in love, we would no longer be able to live. We could look at St Lucas as a body. We need every person with their particular talent growing and building itself up in love, which creates the diversity we need to survive.

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Song lyrics by Natalie Sleeth, text and music written in 1986, to add to the beauty of Lent: In the Bulb there is a flower. “In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.”



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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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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, 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.