



The Acts of St. Lucas

FEBRUARY
2026



The seal of St. Luke

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

February 18th

LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 18 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Main Sanctuary

[Lenten Wednesday Services](#)

7:00 pm Holden Evensong Main Sanctuary



Ash
WEDNESDAY

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Ecclesiastes 3:20

If you saved your palms from last year, please bring it in so we may use it to create ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 18th. You may place the palms on the table to the right of the bulletin table. Thank you.

Jan. St. Lucas Income Statement

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| Income | \$8,990.70 | (mo.) |
| Expenses | \$38,002.03 | (mo.) |
| Net | \$ -29,011.25 | |

\$24,530.00 is needed per month to meet our 2026 budget.

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

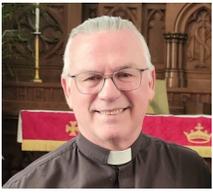
April 4 Easter Vigil

Saturday 4:00 pm Lower Church

April 5 Easter Sunday

9:00 am & 10:30 am

Main Sanctuary



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Paul D. Myers III

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.—Genesis 1:31

I Hate Winter...and Yet

Every year for many years, our family would hold an “I Hate Winter” party. It coincided with my father-in-law’s birthday, which gave us a reason to gather; but we always attached this moniker to it. We would wear our best Hawaiian shirts and have a cookout on the porch. It was our time to remember—and hope for—warm summer days with all the outdoor activities.

But seeking for the summertime at the expense of the winter is to minimize the value of winter. I was reading about the environmental effects of winter and learned a few things. The layer of snow that winter usually brings actually protects plant roots from freezing below ground, as well as protecting sub-ground animals. Snow also replenishes the ground water and lakes and rivers as it melts. Snow reflects sunlight back into the atmosphere, helping the earth to stay cooler overall.

These benefits contribute to protecting our planet’s fragile ecosystem and helping us see God’s immeasurable creativity in giving life to the earth. God’s good creation offers us all we need to survive, and even thrive, on this planet. Our call to be good stewards of our home is a call to honor God’s creativity, and to help the world see the beauty in the balance God has set up.

Even though I wish for warm weather and say “I hate winter” sometimes, I understand and lift up God’s creation as a blessing that is amazing to behold. I pray that we all—myself included—become more mindful of all God has done for us in creating this beautiful world, and that we take the necessary steps to ensure that beauty for our children.

Peace be with you on your journey.



ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN OUTREACH MINISTRY



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

OUTREACH MINISTRY GENERAL REQUEST LIST:

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:

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile - Meet and Greet with staff 2/4/2026
Mobile Health Unit UT-
Maria de La Luz- 2/5/2026 meet and greet for a community channel

ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN OUTREACH MINISTRY

Matthew 25:31-40

St. Lucas Outreach Ministry Approximate Info/Statistics for January 2026:

During January 2026, an average of approximately 60 lunches per day were served in the Cindy's Corner Café on open days. For many in our neighborhood, the Café has long been an important part in helping to manage their food security. In light of recent financial and supply instability, the Café has become even more important as a food source for those in need to get a prepared/wholesome meal. The weather has wreaked havoc on the Café being open during January. Hopefully, things will settle down and return to a more even keel going forward! **Thank you!**

Outreach Ministry Contact Info:

419-243-8189 – Ext . #3
stlucasoutreach@gmail.com

Outreach Ministry General Request List:

The following items are being requested to help our guests-Thank you:

- *Gently used coats – there is a **critical need** for student size coats (Pre-K to High School/ Adult ages).
- *Socks – there is a **critical need** for socks of all sizes.
- *Gently used tennis/sport/athletic shoes – Adult sizes. Refurbishing & **fundraising**.
- *Laundry soap.
- *Canned meat: Chicken, beef, and/or pork – Any/all size cans are welcome.
- *Aluminum cans (empty) for recycling & **fundraising**.
- *Hygiene items – soap for bathing, shampoo, adult diapers, feminine products, deodorant, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, wipes, etc.
- *Baby/Infant/Toddler items for **Baby Gate** (diapers – all sizes, wipes, anti-diaper- rash creams, etc.).
- *Blankets of all sizes – **critical need**.
- *Gloves, mittens, scarves, hats, etc. – **critical need**.

Outreach Ministry Events/Happenings/Info:

***FREE LAUNDROMAT DAY – Clean Duds!** Do you (or someone you know) need a place to get your clothes washed? **How does getting them clean for for FREE sound?** If this sounds like a great idea, please consider taking the clothes you would like to have washed (please bring your own laundry soap) to the **Reynolds Laundromat, 521 South Reynolds Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615** on the **third Thursday of each month from 3:00pm to 7:00pm**. Wash your clothes for FREE...yep, you read that correctly, **FOR FREE!** This month's free Laundry day is **Thursday, February 19, 2026 from 3-7pm!** **Please share this information!**

More Laundromat News!



Thanks to the owners of the **Broadway South Shopping Plaza** and the efforts of **Ramon Perez** and the **Old South End Community Action Committee** (which Theresa Johnson and other members of the St. Lucas Outreach Ministry help), the **Marathon Laundry** is now open in the Plaza right next to the church.

Please let our neighborhood friends know!

OTHER ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

Volunteers Needed!

For many years, Cindy's Corner Café has been helped by volunteers from the **Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services**. However, recent changes in regulations from the Federal Government are preventing us from obtaining these volunteers at the present time.

Therefore, St. Lucas needs your help. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, cook, and serve lunch from Tuesday through Friday each week. The hours are flexible and nearly any schedule can be accommodated. **Do you have a flair for or love of cooking? Or, maybe you would you simply like to help others? This is your chance to shine!** Do you have friends or neighbors who might be interested in this kind of activity? **Please reach out and ask them!**

Volunteers are also needed to check in guests from Noon to 1:00pm Tuesday – Friday. This check in is for statistical/records keeping purposes and is used to help the ministry apply for grants and other financial assistance to fund the Café.

Make an impact in the church neighborhood by assisting in Cindy's Corner Café! You can volunteer on the back of your I Worship Today Card, call/email the church office (419-243-8189 / stlucasoffice@gmail.com), call/email the Outreach Ministry Office (419-243-8189 – Ext. #3 / stlucasoutreach@gmail.com), and/or speak directly with Melissa Demski, Kitchen Manager.

You can be the hands and feet of Jesus as St. Lucas feeds the hungry in Toledo's Old South End!

St. Lucas Outreach Ministry Needs:

Emergency Blankets (waterproof and windproof) and **Emergency Ponchos** (waterproof, windproof, and one size fits all) are needed for the homeless people in our neighborhood. Generally, the best way to get these may be to order them from Amazon (or other online store), or purchase them from a local store and bring them to the church/deliver to the Outreach Ministry Office, 2nd Floor of the Sunday School Building (Office open 10:00am to 2:00pm Tuesday – Friday). These items will go a long way toward helping our guests!

Brightly colored yarn for prayer squares to share with our guests and neighbors!

Ongoing Fundraising:

Crushed Aluminum Cans to sell for recycling to fund the Outreach Ministry. These may be brought in and deposited in the clear tote in the church Narthex or brought to the Outreach Ministry Office on the 2nd Floor of the Sunday School Building (Office open 10:00am to 2:00pm Tuesday – Friday).

Used Athletic Shoes – to be sold for refurbishing so that others may make use of them. Drop them off at the Outreach Ministry Office, 2nd Floor of the Sunday School Building between 10:00am & 2:00pm, Tuesday – Friday.

*the spring of 2025, the St. Lucas Outreach Ministry Advisory Board voted to adopt **Matthew 25:31-40** as its Biblical guiding point for the St. Lucas Outreach Ministry. Those working in the Outreach Ministry make every effort to turn the words of Jesus into actions with positive outcomes for our guests, friends, visitors, and neighbors. Please keep this ministry in your daily prayers. Thank you!*

Matthew 25:31-40 – The Sheep and the Goats

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ **“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”**

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Elder Harold Petoskey

9:00 Elder Sharon Stofan

10:30 Elders Jill Hojnacki, John Kern

Lector Susan Lang

Head Ushers Russ Wells, Pat Bair

Offering Ushers Kelly Curtin, Sally Ortiz

Acolyte Faith Wolfram

Camera Steve Seaton, Pat Wilson Sarah Sigurdson

Healing Station Annette Mason

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

FEBRUARY THRIFT SHOP SCHEDULE

Wed Feb 04 Susan Lang, Lorraine Willoughby

Thur Feb 05 Sally Ortiz, Amy Speelman

Fri Feb 06 Hildegard Ruelke, Tanya Cason

Wed Feb 11 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur Feb 12 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri Feb 13 Deb Hurley, Tanya Cason

Wed Feb 18 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur Feb 19 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri Feb 20 Deb Hurley, Tanya Cason

Wed Feb 25 Susan Lang, Sharon Olmstead

Thur Feb 26 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri Feb 27 Deb Hurley, Tanya Cason

Subs are Jan Hoffman 419-740-2302 or call Deb Hurley 419-409-9967.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Feb 03 @ 10:00 am Outreach Board Meeting

7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Feb 05 @ 10:30 am Outreach Board Meeting

Feb 10 @ 7:00 pm Council Meeting

Feb 12 @ 6:30 Safety Meeting

Feb 17 @ 9:30 am WELCA,

11:00 am Thrift Shop Board Meeting

6:30 pm BUC

Feb 24 @ 6:00 pm Evangelism Meeting

Feb 25 @ 2:00 pm Healing Board Meeting

DARTBALL SCHEDULE

Monday February 2

Messiah @ St. Lucas

Monday February 16

St. Lucas @ Tirinity

Contact Russ Wells

419-480-7638

Wednesday Evening Devotion Schedule

9pm

February 04 Martin Billmeier (guided meditation)

February 11 Su Opanky

February 18th is Ash Wednesday.

It will be live streamed.

All the Lenten services on Wednesdays will be live streamed, so there will be no 9:00pm devotions until after Easter.



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, Angie Basilius,

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



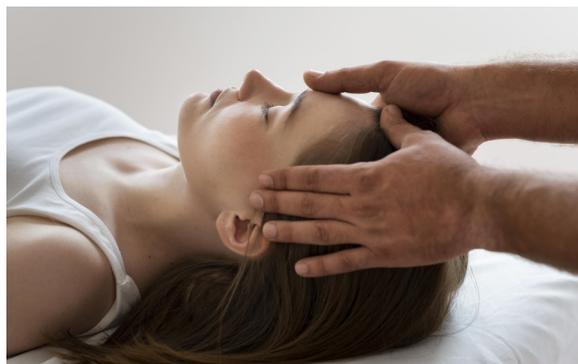
Hour of Reflection Schedule

Every third Saturday of the month in the sanctuary

From 3:00-3:45 pm

Sat February 21

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



Happy February Birthday

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

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|------------------|----|
| Sharon Olmstead | 1 |
| EricaRae Herrick | 7 |
| Matt Rodnicki | 7 |
| Dave Jerman | 9 |
| Barb Beaverson | 11 |
| Harold Petoskey | 11 |
| Pat Bair | 11 |
| Theresa Johnson | 13 |
| Kellin Hammer | 16 |
| Carol Gallagher | 18 |
| George Brasel | 22 |
| Lanny Milligan | 24 |



HAPPY FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY!

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| Gary & Sharon Stofan | 14 |
| Ken Sikorski & Dan Markley | 16 |
| Jim Bischoff & David Kroll | 22 |

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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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

Parish Office Information

Tuesday-Friday—9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
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 Pastor Myers Email: pastorpaulstlucas@gmail.com
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 Bishop: Rev. Daniel Beaudoin
 Website: www.nwos-elca.org



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.

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***