

The Acts of St. Lucas

AUGUST
2026



The seal of St. Luke

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



ST. LUCAS ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING

"140 Years of Serving Jesus"

On March 21st of this year St. Lucas turned 140. We will celebrate our anniversary on **Sunday Sept. 27**. Here is the schedule of events:

10:30: Festive Worship/Special Music. There will be no 9am service on this Sunday.

Noon: Old Fashioned Church Dinner with roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, baked beans and green bean casserole. (\$12 tickets, comp tickets available if in need).

12:45: Tours - St. Lucas Organ Tour, Sanctuary Tour & Explanation, Archives Tour & St. Lucas History.

Reserve on the back of your I Worship Today card. Dinner tickets will be available through authorized tickets salespeople, or in the church office. We are looking for folks to bring desserts to share. Let us know that on your "I worshipped today card", too.

How blessed we are as a congregation to have served Jesus for 140 years!



St. Lucas Cindy's Corner Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church

Come join us for a day of fun at our Annual Parking Lot Party, August 8, 2026 1-4pm.

HEALTH VAN, FOOD, SCHOOL SUPPLIES,
GAMES AND MORE!!!

[St. Johns's Lutheran Church](#)

[708 S. Erie](#)

[Toledo, OH 43609](#)



Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

St. Lucas Volunteer Appreciation Lunch will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 12:30 pm at the Middlegrounds Metropark, 111 Ottawa St., Toledo, OH 43604.

Everyone is invited, as most of us volunteer in some way. Please write on the back of your I worship today card if you will be attending, and how many people.

You can also email – stlucasoffice@gmail.com or call the office – 419-243-8189.



PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Paul D. Myers III



- ¹⁰ *Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.*
- ¹¹ *Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.*
- ¹² *Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.*—Psalm 15:10-12

A New and Right Spirit

“For Native Americans, August marks the season of **Wilhoon**, the season marking the salmon runs of late summer; the **Hopi Snake Dances**, marking a sixteen-day ritual of purification; the **Stomp Dance**, performed by Seminole and other Oklahoma tribes as a time of renewal and purification; the **Sun Dance**, observed by Plains peoples (Arapaho, Cheyenne, Shoshone, Arikara, Crow, Sioux, and others) as a time of penitence and sacrifice; and the **Iroquois Green Corn Ceremony**, a time of renewal involving dances, fasting, offerings, and readings from the code of Handsome Lake.”—The Interfaith Observer

In many religions, there is a time of renewal and recommitment to the values that guide our intentions and actions. Native Americans, Jewish people, Hindus, Christians, and many others take time to be intentional about recognizing where we have forgotten to live lives of good will and generosity toward our siblings in creation, or have neglected our call to care for this world, and to rededicate ourselves to being God’s hands and feet for the sake of community.

In his book *A New and right Spirit: Creating an Authentic Church in a Consumer Culture*, the Rev. Dr. Rick Barger argues that returning to the authentic and spiritual roots of the church will bring our hearts into alignment with God’s desire for creation. We will be better equipped to face the challenges of our world as we seek renewal of our own hearts, as well as renewal of our worship and life together in the world.

I pray that as we seek God’s spirit in prayer, worship, and service, we may be renewed by that Spirit to see our siblings from all walks of life as beloved and worthy of dignity and companionship. As we learn to love one another, despite our differences, we will find our spirits filled with joy and peace; and we will be refreshed in these days of struggle, pain, and emotional distress.

So, pray this psalm daily as a reminder that God is able to renew our spirits and strengthen us.

Peace be with you on your journey.

HEALING MINISTRY NEWS

Finding God's Healing Presence in the Quiet: Healing Ministry at the Taizé Service

One of the most beautiful aspects of our Taizé service at St. Lucas is the invitation to slow down.

Amid busy schedules, constant demands, and everyday distractions, Taizé offers what many of us long for: a sacred space to simply be still in God's presence.

The gentle music, Scripture, candlelight, silence, and periods of quiet reflection create an atmosphere where hearts become open to God's peace in a unique and profound way.

On the third Saturday of every month in the summer, members of the St. Lucas Healing Ministry Team are available to offer healing prayer, anointing with oil, and the laying on of hands for anyone who desires additional prayer and support.

Healing prayer is not only about physical healing. It is also an opportunity to bring before God whatever may be weighing on your heart, stress, grief, anxiety, illness, difficult decisions, family concerns, or simply a desire to experience God's loving presence more deeply.

As healing ministers, we begin each encounter by quietly centering ourselves in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, our words, and our touch. When appropriate, we anoint with oil as a symbol of God's healing presence. Gentle laying on of hands, offered with permission, becomes an outward expression of Christ's compassion and love.

The beauty of offering healing ministry during a Taizé service is that it naturally flows from the spirit of worship itself. The peaceful environment helps quiet the mind and open the heart, allowing many people to experience a deep sense of comfort, hope, and renewal.

Scripture reminds us:

"Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)

In that stillness, we may find a renewed sense of peace, a lighter heart, or simply the quiet assurance that God is present with them.

Whether you are seeking healing for yourself, praying for a loved one, or simply longing for a few moments of peace in God's presence, we invite you to experience the Healing Ministry during our Taizé service.

Blessings,
Deb



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Climate Change - anonymous

God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over ... all the creatures."

—Genesis 1:26

Many studies maintain that the earth's climate is changing. The average temperatures are rising, weather patterns are adjusting, and the ice caps are melting.

I can see some climate-related changes in my native city of Moscow. Our winters have become milder, and the summers are much hotter. As a result, vegetation and animal life in the city parks has changed. In my childhood I never saw the birds that I see today. Human influence might be a factor causing this recent change.

As Christians, what's our responsibility? The biblical story of creation names us as stewards, or caretakers, of God's creation. Our dominion over creation shouldn't be understood as a license to exploit it. The Bible is clear that we must protect the environment from sinful greed.

Have you ever been asked to look after someone else's expensive home while they were away? The owner welcomes you, saying, "Make yourself comfortable, take whatever you want from the refrigerator, and enjoy yourself!" But this hospitality doesn't mean you can trash and destroy the property or let your friends do that.

We should seek to fulfill our stewardship calling through wise decision making in our consumption. We should also actively participate in recycling and take up other environmentally friendly practices in our communities.

Our Father, thank you for this beautiful earth you have entrusted to us. Help us to learn how we can become better stewards of your creation. Amen.





Cindy's Corner Café

At St. Lucas Lutheran Church –

News from the Café & Kitchen

Hello! Once again this month, we are pleased to continue the section of Cindy's Corner Café at St. Lucas Church – News from the Café & Kitchen: The **"Featured Servant at the Café"** where we introduce workers who make the Café meals and help serve them. This month we are featuring a special young person (yes, teens help out too)! Please let these folks know that you appreciate their efforts!

A big thank you to everyone who has donated in some way to the Café & Kitchen! As you can see by the number of meals served during July 2026 (1,197), the needs in the St. Lucas neighborhood are great! Your efforts and contributions are greatly appreciated!

Approximate
number of lunches
served in the Café
during
July 2026 (19 days):
1,197



Katlynn Demski



Serving
up a
delicious
Chicken
Dinner
for lunch
on Friday,
July 24,
2026

Cindy's Corner Café at St. Lucas Lutheran Church

Featured Servant:

Katlynn Demski

(Katlynn's picture is on the left above)

1. Name? **Katlynn Demski.**
2. What is your favorite part of serving in the Café? **Serving people the food.**
3. What is your primary job in the Café? **I switch back and forth between serving food and doing dishes.**
4. How long have you served in the Café? **Two 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 dog named Hazel and my favorite show (TV) is S.W.A.T. I like to go on walks.**
6. How often do you serve in the Café? **I serve during the summer (school is out) and during special events.**
7. What are some of your favorite Café meals/meals that are served in the Café? **Mac & Cheese and Goulash.**
8. Anything else you would like to share? **I am grateful for this opportunity to work in the kitchen!**

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Elder Harold Petoskey

9:00 Elder Gary Stofan

10:30 Elder LaVonda Dawson, Patrick Codden

Lector Lee Jagodzinski

Greeting Ushers Russ Wells, Kelly Curtin

Offering Ushers Deb LaJeunesse, John Kern

Acolyte Lee Jagodzinski

Camera Steve Seaton, Gary Stofan

Healing Station Pat Bair

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Elder Kate Gladioux

9:00 Elder Kathy Carver

10:30 Elder Rick Charchol, Annette Mason

Sept 27 only Patrick Codden, Faith Wolfram

Lector Kelly Curtin

Greeting Ushers Pat Bair, Sally Ortiz

Offering Ushers Fritz Bloedow, Susan Lang

Acolyte Jill Hojnacki

Camera Steve Seaton, Sarah Sigurdson

Healing Station Pat Bair

THRIFT SHOP SERVANTS

Wed 8/05 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 8/06 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 8/07 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 8/12 Lorraine Willoughby, Susan Lang

Thur 8/13 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 8/14 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 8/19 Sharon Olmstead, Susan Lang

Thur 8/20 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 8/21 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 8/26 Sharon Oldmstead, Susan Lang

Thur 8/27 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 8/28 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Subs Deb Hurley 419-409-9967.

MEETINGS

Aug 04 @ 1:30 pm Food Pantry

7:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Aug 11 @ 9:30 WELCA

7:00 Council Meeting

Aug 13 @ 6:30 Safety Meeting

Aug 18 @ 11:00 Thrift Shop Board

6:30 pm BUC Meeting

Aug 25 @ 10:00 Café Board

1:00 Outreach Board

6:30 Evangelism Meeting

Aug 26 @ 2:00 Healing Board

Outreach News

The Outreach office is closed on Fridays:
Only open by Appointments.

9:00 pm WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS

Aug 05 Annette Mason (Guided Meditation)

For the summer months, we will only have evening devotions on the first Wednesday of the month.



ST. LUCAS PRAYER LIST

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Hospitalized

Recovering from Surgery

Chloe Spenser, Kate Gladieux,

Kathy Kane

GENERAL HEALTH

John & Christa Kern, Dave Jerman, Lorraine Willoughby, Phil Chambers, Kathy Jackowski, Ken Sikorski, Pat Beaty, Angel Pringle, Seir Reis, Suzy Ray, Bob Alley, Paul Schnapp, Joseph Kane, Joseph Hunter, Ed Bloedow, Jeff, Bill & Jeannie Dennler

VISITATION LIST (RARELY OUT)

Cheryl Ivy,

Carole Mack, Joyce Mease

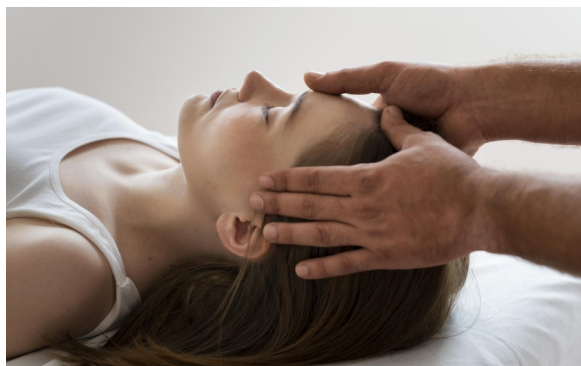


Healing Service Schedule

Every third Saturday of the month (July-August) in the lower sanctuary

during Taizé worship

Sat Aug15



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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

Jensen Hammer	01
Heidi Dorgiewicz	09
Jim Bischoff	12
David Kroll	15
Lori Ritter	18
Kathleen Kane	21
Ed Bloedow	21
Kathy Carver	23
Sarah Sigurdson	24
Emmitt Williams	25
Dee Myers	26
Larry Flowers	29



HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY!

Tim & Deby Teague	11
Gerald & Lorraine Willoughby	19
Bill & Jeannie Dennler	26

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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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,
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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.