



The Acts of St. Lucas

OCTOBER
2026



The seal of St. Luke

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

St Lucas celebrated 140 Years on Sunday September 27, 2026

There was 1 Sunday service where we all celebrated serving our Lord. The service began with Pastor Emeritus, Martin Billmeier "spurring" the congregation during the Thanksgiving for Baptism. We had special musicians play which added to the choir's anthems and our hymns. Pastor Sarah Schaaf from the NWO Synod, gave the Homily. There was a delicious dinner served after the service, and tours of the Archives and Pipe Organ in the sanctuary.

It was a wonderful celebration! Many thanks to all who helped make it happen.



140th

CELEBRATION



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PASTORAL ACTS

Pastor Paul D. Myers III



Psalm 100

¹ *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.*

² *Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.*

³ *Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are the Lord's; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.*

⁴ *Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise. Give thanks to God; bless God's name.*

⁵ *For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever and God's faithfulness to all generations.*

All We Do Is for God

One of the things that strikes me as we move from Summertime into Fall is our never-ending joy as we celebrate Reformation, All Saints Day, Advent, and Christmas. We are entering into a time of reverence for God and for our lives of faith, which God has graciously given us. All we do and say in these seasons helps us remember God's love for us.

But for some, it seems routine. We've done it all before. We rehearse the same stories, sing the same hymns, and pray the same prayers that Christians have done for centuries. How are we to be filled with joy if that's all we do?

The key, I think, is to reframe what we are doing. Rather than simply offering our time to the "services" of worship, what if we offered ourselves to God? We are not simply worshipping (though that is certainly what we are doing) but are giving our whole selves to God to magnify what God has already done for us. We are bringing real, honest praise to the one who lived, died, and rose again to revive a broken world and to fill it with the joy, love, and peace we seek.

When we serve in our individual and collective ministries, we are not only serving our neighbor but God. We are the sheep of God's pasture; we belong to God—heart, mind, body, and soul. So, when we serve, we hold God's Spirit within us and find strength and passion to serve fully.

No matter what we do, no matter how we worship or serve or pray or sing, when we do it for God, it is joyous. God honors the gifts we offer as we do all for God's glory. Let this be your guide and strength and joy as we enter into these seasons of celebration.

Peace be with you on your journey.



By Deb Reis

Healing Ministry: Supporting Wholeness and Well-Being

When we hear the word **healing**, we may immediately think of being cured of an illness or recovering from an injury. Yet within Christian healing ministry, healing has a much broader meaning.

Healing is about **wholeness**, supporting the body, mind, emotions, and spirit while recognizing God's loving presence throughout life's joys, challenges, illness, grief, and transitions.

At St. Lucas, our Healing Ministry offers a compassionate, prayerful presence for those seeking peace, comfort, encouragement, and spiritual support. Our ministry is not a substitute for medical care, mental health services, or professional treatment. Instead, it offers **well-being and spiritual support** that can complement the care a person is already receiving.

What Is Healing Ministry?

Jesus' ministry was filled with compassion. He listened. He touched. He prayed. He comforted. He restored hope and reminded people that they were seen, valued, and loved.

Our Healing Ministry seeks to continue that spirit of compassionate care.

Depending on the setting and the individual's wishes, a healing encounter may include prayer or blessing, anointing with oil, laying on of hands or a gentle healing touch, quiet reflection, or simply having someone listen and be fully present.

Nothing is forced. Permission and respect are central to what we do.

Sometimes the most meaningful gift we can offer another person is simply to say, through our presence, **"You do not have to carry this alone."**

Healing, Wholeness, and Well-Being

Healing does not mean curing.

A person can be living with a chronic illness and still experience greater peace. Someone grieving a loss may discover moments of comfort and hope. An exhausted caregiver may find a few quiet minutes to breathe, pray, and reconnect with their own spirit.

Healing may feel like physical comfort, emotional release, renewed hope, spiritual connection, reconciliation, acceptance, or a deeper sense of peace. This understanding of wholeness reminds us that every part of our lives is interconnected. Caring for our spiritual and emotional well-being can be an important part of caring for the whole person.

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A Complement to Medical Care

Healing Ministry does **not diagnose illness, prescribe treatment, or replace medical or mental health care.**

If someone is experiencing a health concern, we encourage appropriate evaluation and treatment from qualified healthcare professionals. Healing Ministry can walk alongside that care by offering prayer, presence, encouragement, and spiritual support.

Creating a Sacred Space

Before offering healing ministry, our practitioners take time to quiet and center themselves in prayer. We seek to approach each person without judgment or expectation, trusting that our responsibility is not to "fix" another person but to be compassionately present.

We listen.

We ask permission.

We honor personal boundaries.

We pray.

And we trust God with the outcome.

An Invitation

You do not need to be ill to receive healing ministry.

Perhaps you are experiencing stress, grief, uncertainty, caregiving fatigue, a difficult transition, or simply a desire for greater peace and connection with God. Healing Ministry can provide a quiet place to pause and receive support.

As Scripture reminds us: **"Be still, and know that I am God." — Psalm 46:10**

Sometimes healing begins in that stillness, in a prayer, a gentle touch, an anointing, a blessing, or the compassionate presence of another person.

At St. Lucas, our Healing Ministry walks beside you, supporting **wholeness, well-being, hope, and connection with God's healing presence.**

Blessings & Peace,

Deb



Cindy's Corner Café

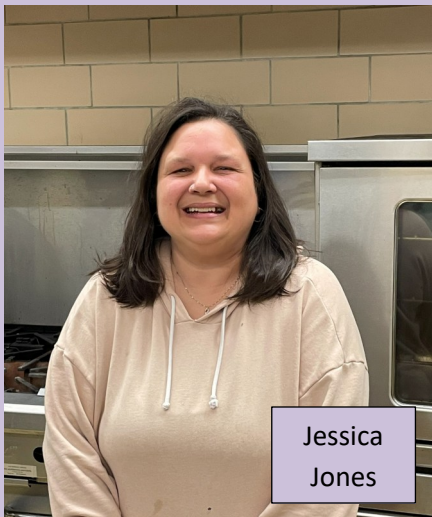
At St. Lucas Lutheran Church –

News from the Café & Kitchen

Hello...Fall has arrived! Are you looking forward to all the special things that fall brings to us! In this newsletter, we are going to introduce a familiar face with a new job in the Café. Also, be sure to read about two big Café events coming up in November! The Café continues to be a busy place.

Thanksgiving Feast 2026 at Cindy's Corner Café will take place on Wednesday, November 25, 2026 from Noon until 1:00pm in the St. Lucas Gym. This meal, a longtime favorite event for our friends and guests, promises to continue the tradition of bringing a full Thanksgiving meal with turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salads, and desserts to share with everyone in the St. Lucas neighborhood. All are welcome!

**Approximate
number of lunches
served during
September 2026
(18 days):**
1,296



Jessica
Jones

Please mark your calendars to attend the Annual WELCA

Pork & Sauerkraut Supper

Friday, November 6, 2026 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm
(Carryout 5-6pm & Dine-In 6-8pm) in the St. Lucas Gym.
Supper includes: Pork, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, salad, applesauce, roll & butter, apple cake, and coffee/tea/kool-aid. Additionally, beer and wine will be available. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults/teens (13 and older), \$8.00 for 5-12 years old, and Free for children 4 and younger. Tickets are available from WELCA members, the church office, and Pastor Paul.

Cindy's Corner Café at St. Lucas Lutheran Church

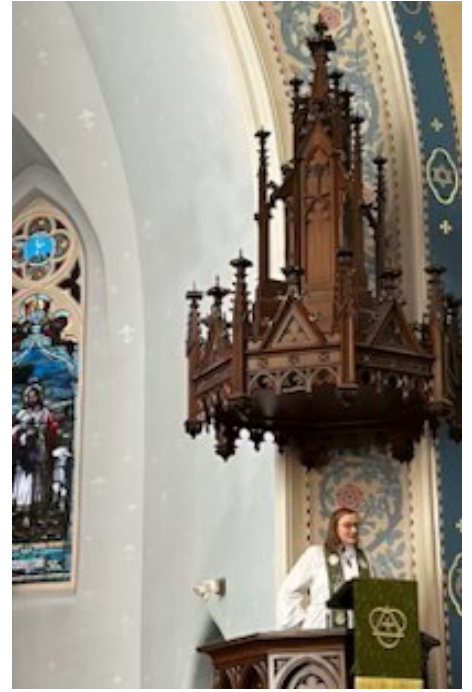
Featured Servant: Jessica Jones

(Jessica's picture is above on the left)

1. Name? **Jessica Jones.**
2. What is your favorite part of serving in the Café? **My favorite part of serving at the Café is the people. I really enjoy interacting with the guests, getting to know them and creating a welcoming experience. I love being able to brighten someone's day, even in a small way.**
3. What is your primary job in the Café? **Cooking and cleaning up.**
4. How long have you served in the Café? **Five 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 fur baby (Gabby) who just turned 16. I Love Bravo TV (Housewives). I have been all over the USA...my favorite place is Hawaii.**
6. How often do you serve in the Café? **Once a week or when filling in for Melissa.**
7. What are some of your favorite Café meals/meals that are served in the Café? **Chicken Alfredo and Spaghetti!**
8. Anything else you would like to share? **I love the people that I have met working here!**

Starting in October 2026, Jessica will be substituting for Melissa Demski when Melissa is unable to be in the Café.

140TH CELEBRATION CONTINUED



This Easter lily was blooming on Sunday!!



ST. LUCAS 140TH CELEBRATION



What's happening at St. Lucas

VOLUNTEER LUNCH AT MIDDLEGROUNDS PARK



VOLUNTEER LUNCH CONTINUED



SPOTLIGHT ON ST. LUCAS



“Antigone in the language of the King” held at Pacific Palisades Castellammare at the Getty Villa.

Anna Ponce’s son Matias played the Aztec King.

She flew out to California to see the play in September.

OCTOBER WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Elder Steve Seaton

9:00 Elder Gary Stofan

10:30 Elder Patrick Codden, Jill Hojnacki

Sept 27 only Patrick Codden, Faith Wolfram

Lector Mike Biscay

Greeting Ushers Russ Wells, Dee Myers

Offering Ushers Deb LaJeunesse, Pat Bair

Acolyte Faith Wolfram

Camera Steve Seaton

Healing Station

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVANTS

4:00 Harold Petoskey

9:00 Kathy Carver

10:30 Patrick Codden, Faith Wolfram

Lector Tim Teague

Greeting Ushers Sally Ortiz, Kelly Curtin

Offering Ushers Fritz Bloedow, Pam Hoch

Acolyte Jill Hojnacki

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THRIFT SHOP SERVANTS

Wed 9/30

Thur 10/01 **CLOSED**

Fri 10/02

Wed 10/07

Thur 10/08 **CLOSED**

Fri 10/09

Wed 10/14 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 10/15 Sally Ortiz, Amy Speelman

Fri 10/16 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 10/21 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 10/22 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 10/23 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Wed 10/28 Susan Lang, Hildegard Ruelke

Thur 10/29 Deb Hurley, Amy Speelman

Fri 10/30 Deb Hurley, Tonya Cason

Subs Deb Hurley 419-409-9967.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

Oct. 01 @ 10:00 Christian Ed.

Oct. 06 @ 1:30 Food Pantry

@ 7:00 Executive Committee

Oct. 08 @ 6:30 Safety Meeting

Oct. 13 @ 9:30 WELCA

@ 7:00 Council Meeting

Oct. 20 @ 6:30 BUC Meeting

Oct. 21 @ 2:00 Healing Board

Oct. 27 @ 10:00 Café Board

@ 1:00 Outreach Board

@ 6:30 Evangelism

Outreach News

The Outreach office is closed on Fridays:
Open by appointment only.

1st. WEDNESDAY GUIDED

MEDITATION October 7 @ 9:00 pm

Martin Billmeier

The hour of healing and meditation will begin on October 17th at 3:00 pm. **Before** the 4:00 service, instead of during the service.

Come for quiet, personalized healing and prayer.



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, Pat Beaty, Seir Reis, Bob Alley, Joseph Kane, Joseph Hunter, Jeff, Bill & Jeannie Dennler, Neil Neukam, Kathy Kane, Theresa Johnson, The Dennler Family, Nona Gronau, Sandy Harden, Bonita Herrick, Elsie, Georgia.

VISITATION LIST (RARELY OUT)

Cheryl Ivy,
Carole Mack, Joyce Mease

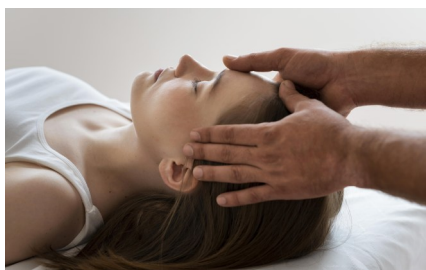


Healing Service Schedule

Every third Saturday of the month with personal healing from 3:00-4:00 in the main sanctuary.

The healing service will begin at 4:00 in the lower church.

Sat October 17



October Birthdays

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

Lavonda Dawson	6
Anna Ponce	8
Gary Stofan	10
Karen Flowers	13
Kate Gladieux	19
Annette Mason	21
Rick Mason	21
Sharon Stofan	25



HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY!



Ed & Kathy Kane	3
Roy & Vicki Deeds	10
Dino & Sally Ortiz	20
Dan & Faith Wolfram	20
Ron & Kathy Carver	28
Kelsy & Corrine Pritchard	29

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



Since Oct. 1999

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.